
Harold Martin School

October 20, 2006

Parent Flash



Next Week

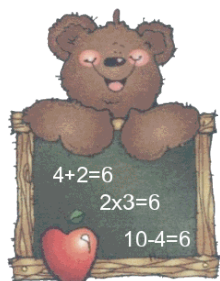
Early Dismissal Days

October 26 and 27

School dismisses
at 12:00

NO PM Kindergarten

NO SCHOOL on
November 7
Parent Conference Day



TECHNOLOGY

Our technology is changing rapidly as we look for more effective ways to communicate with parents and the community. When I arrived seven years ago in Hopkinton, I established an email list done manually. I simply asked parents to send me their email addresses, I kept them in an Excel file and I simply pasted the addresses into the “bcc” section of an email and hit “send”. Now our Email List is automated, and it is simple for me to reach hundreds of parents with a single email. All three schools have Email Lists and it is probably the most effective way we correspond with all of you.

This being said, there is still a wealth of information on our district and school web site. Let me give you some links to specific sites that you may want to bookmark:

- <http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/>
This page, the Principal’s Pages,

will keep you updated on the most crucial news items, plus links to recent articles in the press on HMS, the most recent Parent Flash now in pdf form, and the monthly lunch menu.

- <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/calendars/month.php?user=hms>

This link, also accessible through the “Events Calendar” tab on the above mentioned web address, takes you to the official HMS web calendar. From there you can also see calendars for Maple Street School and the Middle High School. In addition, one can configure this page to see all of the calendars at the same time.

- <http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/flash.html>

Do you want to see back issues of the *Parent Flash*? I find that new parents to the community check this page out often to get a feel for HMS.



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- <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/> and click on "News & Info"

From this link you can find School Board agendas and meeting meetings, text of upcoming Board policy proposals, bus routes, district newsletters, our K-12 Curriculum Guide and more.

- <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/> and click on "Calendar"

You can download our district calendar as well as head to links for each of the monthly school calendars.

- <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/sau/facilities.html>

From this address, you can access all of the information you need regarding the study of our facility needs.

I hope you will give me feedback on the type of information you would like to see on the web site. It is not difficult to keep the site updated, and it would be helpful to know if we are meeting your needs.

One final reminder: as of last year, the district instituted a new, relatively lengthy permission slip for all trips that our students take away from our property. Many parents have expressed angst in having to fill out this form every

time there is a field trip, but the reality is that medical and contact information change so frequently that we have to update it when there is a field trip. In the last couple of weeks, we have had an occasional student without a permission slip and we have feverishly tried to contact a parent minutes before the trip to receive at least verbal permission. Please have the permission slips in, in plenty of time. Thanks.



Enjoy the weekend with your family,

Bill Carozza
Principal

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
at Harold Martin School
Multi-Purpose Room
October 23-27, 2006**

Monday: Stained Glass Leaf Pictures

Tuesday: Puppet Making

Wednesday: Witch Puppets

Thursday: "Crystal Journey Performance"

Friday: Field Trip to Carter Hill Orchard

Thursday is our first **early release day**. The Program will operate from noon to 5:30. Martha Dana will be with us for an hour-long presentation with her hand-made puppets and storytelling. The Staff at TSNH cordially invites any students in grades K-6 who aren't registered with our Program to attend performance which will begin promptly at 2 p.m. **If your child is not registered with the Program, they must be accompanied by you, their parent or guardian, or another designated adult.**

******* HELP OUR SCHOOL *******

Please log on at www.boxtops4education.com/super. For each registration, Harold Martin can earn **7 box top credits**. This could go a long way in providing extra school supplies for our students. Just type in "Harold Martin" and select NH and our school will show up on the drop down list; select it and register and we get the credit! We have had a great number of box tops received at school and we've got a team of people to cut and bag them for us, so please keep them coming! Any questions please contact Marcia Clark at 746-3428. The offer ends October 31st so please hurry!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Events listed under Community News do not necessarily indicate endorsement from Harold Martin School or the Hopkinton School District but are provided as a community service.

Fall Festival, October 31st, 5:00-7:00 pm at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton: Come dressed up in your costume and join in the fun for a wholesome, safe, family alternative to the traditional Halloween. Games, candy, music, storytelling, hotdogs & popcorn. Costume parade at 6 pm. Please no scary or gory costumes. \$2.00 donation: proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child ministry. For information, call Countryside Community Church at 603.746.4043.

The PTA welcomes you to join fellow Hopkinton families at the Manchester Monarchs game on Saturday, November 18 at 2:05 pm. Flyers with full information will come home this week. Tickets are \$10.00 each and must be ordered by Monday, October 23. Contact Nancy Skarmas (746-5948 or skarmas@comcast.net) for more information.

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Notes From the Music Room

Kindergarten – We are off to a busy start. The children have **learned the rules** of safety and success in the music room. They have enjoyed playing a variety of **rhythm instruments**. They are doing a great job **echo-singing** various melodies. The children have been internalizing the music and movement concepts of heavy and light with a hilarious song about mice and monsters. This concept will be further represented with a presentation of Haydn’s *Surprise Symphony*.

1st Grade – We are having so much fun together! We have integrated a little spelling, marching, and instrument playing with the song, *There’s a Beat in My Feet*. The primary musical concept has been the **major scale**. The children listen and move to ascending and descending scale patterns and play the descending scale on xylophones.. The children have even learned to **pattern a melody** by patting knees, hips, shoulders, etc. and then transfer the pattern to the xylophone.

They are doing an amazing job with the concept of note order! They have also echoed various rhythm patterns on rhythm sticks.

2nd Grade – The year began with a brief introduction to **Dixieland music**. This included listening to the style of the music, identifying the typical Dixieland band instruments and “meeting” the great Louis Armstrong who was from New Orleans and got his start with Dixieland music. The 2nd graders have also been focusing on hearing, creating, reading, and playing some basic **rhythm patterns** on hand drums and other percussion instruments. These patterns include quarter notes, quarter rests and eighth notes...

3rd Grade - The 3rd graders have reviewed their early knowledge and experience with basic **rhythm patterns** and have gone on to reading and playing patterns that contain 16th notes. They are also able to listen to rhythm patterns and identify the correlating written patterns. Additionally, the term “**ballad**” was introduced with the song, *The Ballad of John Chapman*, which is both fun to sing and informative. The children also celebrated the birthday of **George Gershwin** at the end of September with some activities related to his life. **Creative movement** is encouraged and developed with song activities such as *Seven Jumps* and *Switch on the Music*.