
Harold Martin School

November 16, 2007

Parent Flash



BASKETBALL

Three years ago, Steve Chamberlin our Middle/High School Principal, created “Clash of the Titans” as a way to raise money for Special Olympics in New Hampshire. The last three years, Hopkinton faculty has “taken on” various groups in a benefit basketball game that has probably featured more laughs than great athleticism (especially if you watched me play.)

Happy Thanksgiving

*from Harold Martin
School.*



Tonight the faculty takes on Hopkinton parents in another great contest that begins at 7 PM in the High School gym. 1st Student Transportation (our bus company) is also sponsoring a challenge at half time. For a small fee, you can take chance at winning big bucks:

- Those that can hit a shot from 3/4 court will receive \$1000.
- A shot hit from 1/2 court gets \$200.
- A 3 pointer will earn \$100.

I hope to see you and your family tonight.

Bill Carozza,
Principal Harold Martin School

Ladybug Award

The results are in! The students of HMS have selected *The Secret Science Project that Ate the School* as their favorite Ladybug Picture Book for 2007!

During the past month, students have been listening to the ten books that were nominated for the Ladybug Award. On Wednesday, they cast their ballots. The voting indicated it was tough to chose this year - with eight different books being chosen as the favorite in various classrooms!

Our totals for each book will be sent off to the **Center for the Book** at the NH State Library, where they will be tallied with other schools across the state of New Hampshire. The Center for the Book will announce the winner for the state in mid-December. More information about the award can be found at this website:
<http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/ladybug.html>





NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The holidays are rapidly approaching and so are the HMS **winter concerts**. It is a special time of celebration that you won't want to miss! The children work hard to prepare some wonderful songs to offer as a gift straight from their hearts.

Please put the following dates on your calendar; **December 10th** will be the concert date for **grades 2 and 3**, and **December 11th** will be the date for the **kindergarten and 1st grade** concert. The concerts will be held in the HMS multi-purpose room at 1:30 in the afternoon. Children should be dressed in festive, yet comfortable clothes. Hope to see you there!

It's been a busy time in the music room. The **kindergartners and 1st graders** have been singing and dancing to songs about the apples and leaves and fall festivals. Their musical focus has been **ascending scale patterns and gaining vocal confidence**. They had a great time exploring the contrast of heavy and light sounds with the game, "Mice and Monsters." A visual presentation of Haydn's *Surprise Symphony* was also a favorite.

The **2nd graders** have been doing a lot of **movement to music**. They are also getting acquainted with how to say the words, "**thank you**" in eight different languages as part of a song which they are preparing. They have been working on **identification of the notes** "C, D, and E" on the staff and playing them on xylophones. They have also been working on **rhythm patterns**.

The **3rd graders** have been practicing their **rhythm skills** and note **identification skills**. They decoded a message by listening to rhythm patterns, identifying the patterns visually, and spelling words with the letters that corresponded with the patterns. They enjoyed reviewing their musical concepts with games like, "Spider Web" and a friendly note placement race.

Recently, we have all transitioned to a focus of concert preparation. The children are now working hard on their songs. You won't be disappointed.



FROM THE PTA

Fun Fair Coordinators Needed

The PTA is looking for a group of people who would be willing to assist with Fun Fair preparations. Fun Fair is an annual event the PTA runs every spring. It is a carnival with games, booths, prizes, food, an auction and more.

Planning usually starts in **January** and we are looking for a few people with a little bit of time that want to get involved in this fun event. Ask a friend to join you, meet new people and spend some time volunteering and having fun. No previous experience planning or running events is necessary. For questions or more info, contact Julie Morris at 746-4137 or juliemorris@tds.net

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.



Musical Program

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

at Harold Martin School
Multi-Purpose Room
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Week of November 19-23, 2007

THANKSGIVING WEEK

Monday: Basket of Thanks

Tuesday: Turkey Cookies

Wednesday: No School

Thursday: No School

Friday: No School

For more information
about TSNH, contact Linda
Ottery at tsnh@comcast.net or
529-2186.



The *NH Antiquarian Society* will host “**Banjos, Bones, and Ballads**” with folklorist **Jeff Warner** on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

Jeff will entertain with traditional songs, rich in local history, that help us to understand the people that built our country. Banjo tunes, sailor songs, and humorous stories highlight this informative program for the whole family.

This program is free and open to the public and is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

The Antiquarian Society is located in the Long Memorial Building at 300 Main Street in Hopkinton, NH. For more information, please contact NHAS at 746-3825 or email to:nhas@tds.net

CALENDAR DATES

11/21-23 NO SCHOOL

12/5 First Term report card
send home



12/6 Kindergarten Field Trip
(All K comes in the AM)

12/10 Grade 2 & 3 Winter
Concert at 1:30 PM

12/11 Grade K & 1 Winter
Concert at 1:30 PM
(all K comes in the PM)

12/26-1/2 NO SCHOOL

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