

Harold Martin School

November 17, 2006

Parent Flash



Only two days of school
next week —
Monday and Tuesday



Happy Thanksgiving

Mystery!!

Last June....someone left a sheet of **plywood** at HHS. The target has been **painted** as requested and it needs to be picked up—now.

Can you help us solve *the mystery*? Call Jim Kociuba at the High School—746-4167.

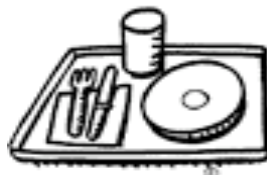
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Yesterday, we were greeted by a state inspector who comes every year to check out our kitchen facility and program. The kitchen staff, led by Director Pat Raymond and assisted by Bonnie Harlow and Peggy Hill, were in the midst of preparing our annual Thanksgiving Turkey meal. While they were startled by the surprise visit, the crew certainly shined. They received a 100% inspection and the inspector said that it was the cleanest school she had ever seen. The kitchen team was certainly proud as a result.

Our three kitchen ladies, who have formed the same trio for many years, are unheralded. My guess is that most of you don't know their names, but they are legendary figures here at HMS. They are kind to all, they certainly are flexible, (today's late lunch due to the Capital Center field trip, for example), and they love partnering with classrooms to serve special meals. They are sure that every child receives a meal, they adapt beautifully to those who have food allergies, and in the last year they have added an alternate meal to the menu every day. Have you been to our Parent Lunch which is held every year? Talk about flexibility. If you get the chance, throw out a quick email, or pass along a kind word one to one of the kitchen staff members, thanking them for everything they do. They may work behind the scenes, but Pat, Bonnie, and Peg are essential members of our staff! Have a wonderful weekend. We will not have a *Parent Flash* next week, so on behalf of our entire staff, have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza
Principal



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 11th
will be the concert date for grades 2 and 3

December 12th
will be the date for the kindergarten and 1st grade concert.

The concerts will be held in the HMS multi-purpose room at 1:45 in the afternoon. Hope to see you there!

season of gratitude by learning the song, "Thankful for the USA." They also employed their rhythm skills by accompanying a medley entitled, "Freedom March" which included, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "When the Saints Go Marching In." The students played hand drums and rhythm sticks while reading the rhythm patterns on a sheet of music. That was quite an accomplishment! The 2nd graders also learned about dynamics in music, (singing and playing softly, "piano" and singing and playing loudly, "forte.")

The 3rd graders practiced their **rhythm skills** in a variety of ways. As teams, they engaged in the game, "Rhythm Tic-Tac-Toe." They also decoded a message by listening to patterns, identifying them and spelling words with the corresponding letters. We also explored rhythm patterns found in names of people and states.

PTA Student Telephone Directories

This will be the last chance for getting your child included in the telephone directory addendum. We will be sending out a page with contact information of the students that were missed the first time around to be inserted in the directories. If your child was NOT included in the PTA Telephone Directory and you would like them to be, or if there was an error in the info listed, please contact Julie Morris at 746-4137 or by email at hopkintonschoolspta@yahoo.com before Monday, November 20.



November has been a busy time in the music room. The **kindergartners and 1st graders** have been **singing and dancing** to songs about the fall, leaves and Thanksgiving. "Five Fat Turkeys" is a favorite! The 1st graders have accompanied themselves on the xylophones, and worked on identifying note order in descending scale patterns.

2nd graders commemorated **Veteran's Day** as well as the



Hopkinton PTA Monarchs Game
We have 8 tickets that people are not able to use for this Saturday's game. If you would like to purchase any or all of the tickets, please contact Julie Morris at 746-4137. It is a 2pm game at the Verizon in Manchester. Thank you!

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.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing

December 2nd 4PM

Please join us for this traditional fun start to the Christmas festivities. For those of you not familiar with this event—we gather around the Hopkinton Village Christmas tree, the **town band plays**, and we **sing** Christmas Carols from song sheets while the Christmas Tree lights are turned on for the first time. Then we walk over to St. Andrew’s Church Parish House (*change from last year—please note new location*) for **hot chocolate and home-made goodies**. This is a family event, wonderful for all ages, and will be held regardless of the weather.

Sponsored by the Hopkinton Women’s Club and the Hopkinton Rotary Club



Holiday Concert
by the
Hopkinton Town Band

Wednesday, December 2nd
7PM at Hopkinton High School

Christmas pieces, including *Sleigh Ride* by Leroy Anderson, carols, and both solo and ensemble presentations make up the musical variety for your pleasure. For further information call 746-4380.

Countryside Community Church

Invites you to participate in the annual Operation Christmas Child project. The goal is to send 500 or more shoeboxes filled with gifts that will bring joy to the lives of children in parts of the world that are experiencing great trouble and difficulty.

If you would like to participate call Countryside Community Church for more information: 746-4043.



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

at Harold Martin School
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
Week of November 20-24, 2006

- Monday : Dreamcatchers;
Balloon Relay Race
- Tuesday: Dreamcatchers—
continued; Questions!
- Wednesday - Friday:
Thanksgiving Recess

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
TO ALL!**

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



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