
Harold Martin School

November 2, 2007

Parent Flash

AN ADDITION TO THE PLAYGROUND



Join Principal Bill Carozza, officers of the PTA, and fellow parents for the next

"Coffee with Carozza"

This informal chat will be held Tuesday, November 13, 8 AM in the HMS Library.

No School for Students

Monday and Tuesday

11/5 & 11/6

This week we were proud to accept a gift from Hopkinton Girl Scout Troop 2362 of seven hexagonal **picnic tables** built for an outdoor classroom. The materials were paid from our playground fund and the work was completed by eight wonderful Girl Scouts: *Jessica Mellen, Judith Marklin, Emma Geiger, Liz Bernier, Morigan Bernier, Nina Gagnon, Maya Bloom and Kaitlin Dougherty*, who are all age 12 and current members of the seventh grade class at the Hopkinton Middle School. This project is their annual large service project.

Their troop leader, Janet Bloom, wrote the following piece as background:

Last winter, the girls of Troop 2362 were asked to build a couple of tables for the playground committee at The Harold Martin School. The playground committee would buy the materials, and the girls had to build and stain the tables.

When presented with this as a project, the girls immediately said YES! and began brainstorming.

They did not want long tables and benches, since they thought the little kids would tip over and get hurt. So they decided on hexagonal tables. With some help, they found plans on-line for hexagonal tables. They decided to build enough for one classroom of kids, so they would need four tables. But they remembered that teachers usually take two classrooms at a time outside, so they needed a total of 7 tables to fit 40 students plus 2 teachers.

Given that there were 7 tables, it was not long before they figured out that a rainbow of colors would be wonderful. Then, that changed a bit to six colored tables, and one multi-colored table so that little kids could have a color wheel table. So, the project was all set. Now, they needed help to get the wood and cut the wood, so they enlisted the help of their fathers and mothers, and the project was off and running!

During the spring/summer, the wood was picked up by the parents and cut by some of the fathers in the troop. Then, starting in August, the girls began taking the bus to a central location in town to stain wood after school once per week for several weeks, putting the base coat on all of the wood.

On the Columbus Day weekend, the girls and their families assembled and put colored stain on all of the tables during two long days of work. During these two days, the girls learned to use power screwdrivers to put the wood together with wood screws, and power nut drivers to assemble the various parts of the tables with bolts.

In the past couple of weeks, the girls have spent several afternoons putting the final coats of stain on the tables, and the tables have now been delivered to the Harold Martin School.

The girls would like to thank the playground committee for the materials, and for believing in their ability to build the tables, and their parents for all of their help and guidance in constructing these tables.

I encourage families to check out the tables this weekend and bring a picnic lunch while you're at it! Have a wonderful weekend.

Bill Carozza
Principal



The Big Picture

Kindergarteners have been exploring color in art. Students looked at the shapes and **primary colors** in Piet Mondrian's artwork and created their own collage of red, blue, and yellow rectangles. By reading the book *Mouse Paint* students learn that the **secondary colors** - purple, orange, and green - are made by mixing the primary colors. We are now reading *Hello, Red Fox* which introduces **color opposites**. Students displayed their cutting skills while creating strips of alternating color opposites.

First graders started the year with a texture study. After creating 'texture see' in the background, students painted a "V" tree just as Marty Kelly did in his book *Fall Is Not Easy*. Students then added 'texture feel' to their trees with torn paper leaves. We continued looking at texture in Eric Carle's *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*. Students transferred different 'texture feels' from the classroom into 'texture see' with crayon rubbings. The textured papers were cut up to create a mixed-up animal.

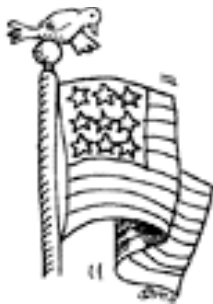
Second graders have been focusing on **realistic** and **abstract** art. Students created realistic **values** and **textures**

with pencil while observing sunflowers. Using what they had learned about sunflowers, students developed paper manipulation skills through an abstract torn paper collage. Students have also explored **3-D forms** while creating a totem necklace from Model Magic and rolled paper beads. The necklaces were assembled in a **symmetrical pattern**.

Third graders began the year reviewing the Impressionist artist Claude Monet. Students looked at how Monet mixed **color opposites** to create **fall colors**. They experimented with mixing fall colors in their own paintings of leaves. Recently the students have been studying pods through observational drawing and printmaking. Students printed their pod stamps using an **analogous** color scheme, in either a **regular** or **random** pattern.



The **Silver Palette** is a team award one class earns each month for meeting the expectations in the art room. Congratulations to **Mrs. Boyko's first grade class** for earning the September Silver Palette! Way to go!



This year we will celebrate **Veteran's Day** together on Friday, November 9, just before the true observance of the holiday the following Monday. We encourage all children to wear *red, white, and blue* that day.

While this year we will keep the celebration modest, next year we would like to invite men and women who are actual Veteran's of the armed forces to join us for a ceremony. If you know of someone who would be interested in this, feel free to contact Principal Carozza.



PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday—Nov. 15th

If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, return the picture packet to school. If your child missed picture day, please complete an order form and return with your payment on 11/15.

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.



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 5-9, 2007

POTATO WEEK

Monday: No School
Tuesday: No School
Wednesday: 1 Potato, 2 Potato, Dance Lessons
Thursday: Potato Bar
Friday: Edible Potato Head, Music Lessons

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

The NH Antiquarian Society's 17th Annual Art Show & Sale "Tomorrow's Masterpieces" is open now through November 10th. Featuring forty of the region's finest artisans, this juried event offers original works in oil, watercolors, acrylics, pottery, glass and fiber arts. "Tomorrow's Masterpieces" is open during Museum hours - Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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