
Harold Martin School

November 30, 2007

Parent Flash



PTA Family Night at MainStreet BookEnds

Friday, November 30

Please join us at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner for holiday stories read by teachers from both Harold Martin and Maple Street Schools.

Story time will start at 6:30 PM

Elm Brook Park....
The Star Party is ON for tonight. It looks like it will be clear, but probably cool and breezy.

The NH Astronomical Society is coming and will set up their telescopes on the beach. Come join us 7:00 to 10:00.



OUR WEB SITE



When I started in the district eight years ago, there was no listserv, parents and teachers rarely communicated via email, our web site was fledgling, and technology was not a tool we used nearly as much with our students. Clearly, times have changed. Now, how many of you pay your bills online, do your shopping on the Net, and read much of your news via an online site?

In addition, it appears that Hopkinton parents are in favor of interacting digitally with their school district. Email has long overtaken phone calls as the main form of communicating and the hits on our web site are very healthy. Recently when I asked HMS parents to respond to an online survey regarding our "Safe Routes to School" grant application, I received more than 50% of HMS parents responding. I would have never have received this high a response from a paper survey.

Still, our HMS web site needs significant upgrading. Currently, the Principal pages are the only dynamic link on the HMS side of the Hopkinton School District site. I

adjust the pages every week and add the Parent Flash in PDF form, important dates or announcements, the lunch menu, and PTA minutes. Our Technology Committee is conducting a review of the entire district site and later this year, we should have a major overhaul. In the meantime, I am always looking for suggestions on how to make the HMS component more useful. Please email me.

As reminder, with the snow season upon us, the easiest place to look for school closings or delays is Ch. 9, WMUR-TV. In addition, you can check out their web site for closings at: <http://www.wmur.com/closings>. As long as my Internet service is working at home, I also send out an email early in the morning if there are any changes to the HMS schedule. For this, you have to be part of our Listserv.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bill Carozza

With **snow** in the forecast, remember to send all the "accessories" for recess—hat, mittens, snow pants and boots. They make recess so much more fun!



The Big Picture



Students in **kindergarten** concluded their color study by illustrating an animal from the book *Hello, Red Fox* (Eric Carle), and painting the background the **color opposite**. Students applied their color knowledge while learning how to use **watercolor** paints. By mixing **primary** and **secondary colors**, we created bright watercolor papers and, when dry, wove black strips of paper in a **pattern** to create a checkerboard.

First graders took home their **Ankonam cloth**. This was made for a person who is going on a journey or needs courage.

Patterns of **lines, colors, and shapes** were used to decorate each square. The squares were then glued together in a **pattern** to look like a quilt. Students have also completed their weather drawings for the Concord Monitor newspaper.

Second grade is currently concluding their Native American studies. After looking at **useful (functional)** and **decorative art**, students created a pinch pot from earth clay and glazed with common Native American colors. Before there was an alphabet, Native Americans used symbols to

communicate. After drawing symbols in oil pastel, students used watercolors to mix **color opposites** (to make the paper look brown), and crumpled the paper to add **texture feel** to their pictorial story.

Third graders created a **mixed media collage** of their dream tree house. Using oil pastels and watercolors, students created a tree and landscape, and then used a variety of **media** to construct their tree houses. After looking at Native American examples, students designed their own Thunderbird, using traditional **colors** and adding detailed **patterns**.



The **Silver Palette** is a team award one class earns each month for meeting the expectations in the art room. Congratulations to **Mrs. Grady's third grade class** for earning the October Silver Palette! Awesome job!

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.

SHOPPING BAGS

Greener Hopkinton bags are on display in the school office along with order forms. The bags are \$5 each and are decorated with student art work by David Kratz, Jay Spahr, and Paige Scammon. Buy a bag and help Hopkinton become a plastic-bag free zone!

Craft Fair

Saturday December 1 is the Angel Craft fair at the Contoocook United Methodist Church. The time is 9AM-2PM and this year we had added a children's room. Children can come and shop for friends and family members. There is no price over \$3 and free gift-wrapping is available. Children will be well supervised while the grownups do their own shopping. Thank you.

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*Community News Continued
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

Hopkinton Public Library

A family concert with The Paul Bourgelais Trio playing Latin American music will be held at the Hopkinton Town Library on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 pm. The concert entitled "Soca Y Sol," features trio members, Paul Bourgelais, Mike Alberici, and Paul Silverman, on guitar, woodwinds, and steel pan as they bring the exciting music of Latin America to Hopkinton.

This free concert is made possible by a grant from The Hopkinton Public Library Foundation.

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**
Week of December 3-7, 2007

- Monday: Feeding our Feathered Friends, 1st course
- Tuesday: Feeding our Feathered Friends, 2nd course
- Wednesday: **SPECIAL PROGRAM:** The Meaning of Hanukkah with Ken Barnes
- Thursday: **SPECIAL PROGRAM:** A Visit from the Real St. Nicholas with Charlie Chatterton
- Friday: Holiday Wish List

Hopkinton Recreation Programs

Breakfast with Santa

On December 15 from 8-11am come to Columbia Hall and have breakfast with Santa. He has come all the way from the North Pole to spend time with us in Contoocook/Hopkinton. This is for children and adults of all ages! Cost of breakfast is \$3.00 per person. There will be crafts for kids and fun for all.

Holiday Lights Contest

Whether you have a peaceful holiday scene or you light up the night sky, enter your home in the contest! Judges from the Recreation Committee will review each nominated house.

Call 746-2915 to enter your house. Deadline for entries is December 12 at 5pm. Judging takes place on December 13 between 6-8:30pm and December 14 as backup. This is a **FREE** event for all Hopkinton and Contoocook residents. Winners will be recognized with signs in their yards and acknowledged through local media.

Tumbling Tots

A month into this program and it is a hit!! Come see what kids and adults are raving about. This is an opportunity for children ages 2-5 years old (walking) to fine-tune their developmental motor skills, while interacting with other kids their age. Our instructor is trained in the art of physical movement focused on aerial choreography and has worked in the circus all over the world. Although there will be no aerial movements taught here, your children will have physical activity while having a fun, energetic time. Parents are welcome to assist their children and are encouraged to be a part of the session. Classes are held at Columbia Hall every Thursday from 10am – 10:45am & 3pm – 3:45pm. Cost is \$3.00 per class. Please call 746-2915 for more information

