
Harold Martin School

December 1, 2006

Parent Flash



Movie Night Is Tonight!

At Maple Street School 6:30 PM

The feature is
Disney Pixar's
"CARS"



FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

Will be sent home on
Wednesday, December 6th

WINTER CONCERTS

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**, and **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. (In the event of a snow day, we will reschedule the missed performance to Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Children should be **dressed in festive**, yet comfortable attire. (No tee-shirts or jeans, please.) Most importantly, the children should wear their beautiful smiles.

After the concert, the students will walk back to their classes with their teachers. Parents may check out their children in the classroom. Hope to see you at the concert!



Weirdly Warm NH

My brother from College Station, Texas emailed me last night to say that our temperature differential was an unusual 30 degrees. And, I received an email from my college son saying that he and his roommate have the fan on full blast in their dorm room and it's nearly December 1. In his words, "can you say global warming?"

I'm not qualified to argue that point, but I can say that the warm temps last night matched the feeling at **Gibson's** bookstore. Many Hopkinton residents came out for our first PTA fundraiser there and spent quality time with their kids hearing a number of our teachers read stories in a corner of the store and shop for presents. It's important to provide opportunities for families to get together, especially in the cause of **literacy**. Thanks as always to the PTA leadership for their hard work in developing this new concept.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza
Principal



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.

Breakfast with Santa

The Hopkinton Recreation Department will be hosting a breakfast with Santa to raise money for the Hopkinton Human Services Santa Fund on Saturday **December 9th** from 7:30 – 10:00 AM at Columbia Hall (14 Maple Street).

Children from 1 – 92 should join Santa for breakfast and help support our local community at the same time. Adults \$10 and youth 12 and under \$6. See you then and remember to bring your camera! For more information contact the Hopkinton Recreation Department at 746.2915 or go online to www.hopkinton-nh.gov and click on "Recreation."

The NH Antiquarian

Society celebrates the holiday season with storyteller Leslie Blandings as "**Mrs. Calabash**" on Saturday, **December 2, 2006** at 2:30 PM. This family program will feature "Calabash & Company" presenting a holiday Storygami program that includes **storytelling** as well as an **origami project** for all attendees. This is a program for children of all ages—children please bring a parent or adult friend! Admission is free and open to the public. The Antiquarian Society is located at 300 Main Street in Hopkinton, NH. For more information, please contact NHAS at 746-3825 or nhas@tds.net. Please plan to join us before the holiday tree lighting for this fun-filled program!

Also, the Antiquarian Society's holiday exhibit, "**A Real-Life Advent Calendar,**" featuring objects from the NHAS collection will be open through December 22nd. Advent calendars are available for sale at the Society. NHAS is open Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

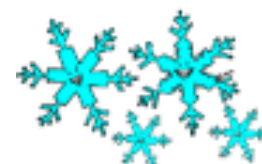


NEXT WEEK AT
**'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**
at Harold Martin School
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
Week of December 4-8, 2006

- Mon: Reindeer Bags
- Tues: Gift Tags & Snoopy Dogs
- Wed: Ornament Pins and Bells
- Thurs: Candy Canes and Trees
- Fri: Wreathes and Music Lessons with Mrs. Stillwell

Girl Scouts Wrapping Project

Hopkinton Girl Scout Troop 023 will be offering a complimentary holiday **gift wrapping service** for senior citizens on **Saturday, December 2** from 11am-2pm in the Community Room at Hopkinton Town Library. If you are able to donate holiday gift wrap, tape or package embellishments please call Nora Forziati at 746-4239 or drop off at the library that morning.



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All Aboard for Handmade Holiday!

Support the restoration of the Contoocook Train Depot. Visit Handmade Holiday, a local **Artisan's Fair** at the train depot, **Dec 1, 2 and 3**. A portion of the proceeds will help the Depot in securing a full size train! Plus, see the handy work of our many talented local friends and parents.



Cub Scouts Pack 77 will be conducting a hat and mitten drive to help out those in need in our community. We are asking for people who would like to participate to send in hats and mittens of all sizes to Harold Martin School. Collections will be picked up on December 15th and be delivered to Hopkinton's Human Resources Department for distribution.



The Hopkinton Town Library invites you to a **Children's Holiday Concert** by

The Paul Bourgelais Jazz Trio featuring **Mike Alberici** on saxophone.

Saturday, December 16, 2006, at 1:30pm
Music, games and activities for children ages 6-10.

A **second concert** will follow at 3pm for Adults
Offering jazz compositions by Gershwin, Ellington, Jobim and others.

Concerts are free and open to the public.

Bates Community Room Hopkinton Town Library

For more information call 746-3663 or visit our web site at Hopkintontownlibrary.org

WANT TO BE A SCOUT?

All boys in grades 1-5 are eligible to join Cub Scouts! If you are interested in joining, or just want to find out more about scouting, contact Lynnette Carney at 746-6563, or carneyl@aol.com, or Steven Knight at stevenjknight@comcast.net or 746-2716.



USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Saturday, December 2nd 8-12

Hopkinton High School in the Cafeteria
Proceeds benefit the Class of 2008

The Junior class is holding a fundraiser on this coming **Saturday** from 8-2 in the Cafeteria at the High School. We have collected used sporting goods from families around town, and plan to sell them for low prices. We hope to raise a little more money to help fund the upcoming junior senior prom.

Need a ski helmet?

If there is enough interest, the PTA may place a second order for GIRO ski helmets for kids and adults. The prices are about 40%-50% off of retail, and less than the cost at LL Bean Outlet. Please contact Natalie Duval at 746-3920 or cpspalding@tds.net (subject line "helmets") for an order form by next Wednesday, 12/6.



THE PACE OF PE



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students have changed their warm up routine from a Follow the Leader style activity to a more cooperative, independent form relay. Ask your child to explain the difference between the two styles.

The relay style warm ups end with jogs around the MPR for **cardiovascular endurance**. The children started with three laps around the MPR and are now up to four. These jogs will increase each month until the students are able to complete seven jogs- about a ¼ mile distance- Whew!

Grade One

First graders have begun a **Manipulatives Unit**. The children are developing an understanding on how to control a variety of objects in many different ways. Using a bean bag, the children worked on tossing and catching skills using two hands, one hand, and alternating hands.. Using hula hoops, the children tried to find that “special wiggle” that enables them to keep the hoop spinning around their waist, on one arm, and around their neck. They also used the hula hoop like a jump rope and then formed patterns on the floor with the hoops in order to hop and jump in and out of the hoop patterns. Lastly, the students

manipulated scooters to move forward, backward, and sideways across the MPR floor. Using scooters enhances muscular strength, balance, and motor planning skills.

Grade Two

Grade two students are continuing their focus on **Fitness**. The children are now learning how to properly perform specific exercises to increase muscular strength, flexibility, and endurance. These exercises were then incorporated into the games and activities that the children played.

In the game of Scooter Tag, the students needed to travel on their scooters using their arms, legs, or a combination of arms and legs to propel themselves and move around the MPR. When tagged, the children were required to perform a healthy exercise to get back into the game.

While playing Run the Gauntlet, the children needed to avoid being touched by a rolling ball by jumping and dodging away from the ball. If touched, the children had to perform one of a series of exercises to become an active player again.

In the game of Fitness Tag, colored nerf balls were assigned various exercise tasks. When a student was tagged by the ball, s/he performed the corresponding exercise and continued to play in the game. These games were certainly active and allowed the

students to enhance their personal levels of fitness.

Third Grade

The third graders continued with their **Soccer Unit**. Now that they have had significant time to practice the basic ball skills of dribbling, passing, trapping, shielding, tackling, and aiming for accuracy, the focus this month was on player positions, basic rules, and general field play.

Students learned about the goalie and the goalie’s special privileges. In addition to stopping the ball from scoring, the goalie may use their hands on the ball, clear the ball with a drop kick, by rolling it, or by throwing the ball with one arm.

The students learned how to start a game with a Kickoff, how to put the ball into play from the sidelines by using a Throw-In, and how to use “Free Kicks” after other field violations occur. To culminate this soccer unit, the children applied their skills and knowledge while playing on small sided teams in the game of Mini Soccer. They truly became “awesome” soccer players! Nice work, third graders!! ☺



This month’s PE Super Star Awards go to: Mrs. Boyko’s morning kindergarten, Ms. Nichols’ first grade, Mrs. Walsh’s second grade, and Mr. Tilley’s third grade! Awesome work! ☺