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# Harold Martin School

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## Parent Flash

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December 14, 2007

### "School transition"

*discussion at the next  
PTA meeting*

Concerned about your child's transition from Harold Martin to Maple Street or from Maple Street to the Middle/High School? Please join us for our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, January 10**, at 6:30 pm in the preschool room at Harold Martin. All three school principals will be on hand to discuss current transition programs and to answer parent questions. *As always, babysitting will be provided by HHS National Honor Society members.*

Contact Kathy Donohoe, PTA president, at 746-3502 or [teamdonohoe@comcast.net](mailto:teamdonohoe@comcast.net) with questions or suggestions.

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### Happy Holidays from the Music Room

The children packed a lot of love and concentration into their concerts. I am so very proud of all of them. I am very thankful for the tremendous teacher and parental support in encouraging their efforts.

The **kindergarteners** had their 1<sup>st</sup> experience standing on risers and singing together as an entire grade level. There was much excitement and distractibility, but they managed to focus and channel their enthusiasm into their singing. They knew their lyrics and melodies and shared them straight from the heart.



The **1<sup>st</sup> graders** were amazing. They had just the right combination of spiritedness and diligence. They were really intent on doing their very best for you and it came through loud and clear. The children and their teachers were also flexible in some scheduling and logistical changes that took place in the weeks prior to the concert. Great job, everyone!



The **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** class may be a little smaller in number this year, but certainly not in sound and quality. They are eager learners who "ate up" our little language study in relation to their song, *Many Thanks*.. Children also shared other languages that they are familiar with. It was a lot of fun.

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Speaking of having fun, they also liked coordinating their artwork with the cumulative song, "Trim the Tree." Thank you, Mrs. Emerson.

I would love to keep the **3<sup>rd</sup> graders** another year. Can they swing or what? I know they definitely put everyone, "In The Spirit!" They are fun to work with and so willing to try new things. The Spanish language came naturally to them. The song, *Peaceful Night* was at a level of sophistication that would have been beyond many groups their age, yet they did a tremendous job. I wish we could have had more time to demonstrate their learning to you. I know that they will do an awesome job when I introduce the recorders to them.



F.Y.I., all children who are ready, willing, and able to play *America* and/ or *Yankee Doodle* on the recorder by Flag Day are invited to perform at the Flag Day ceremony. I'm guessing that we will have quite a few participants.

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**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**

Week of December 17-21,

**SECRET GIFTS**

Monday: Candle Jars

Tuesday: O Fudge!

Wednesday: Balsam  
Bonanza

Thursday: Cookie  
Decorating

Friday: Holiday Party with a  
Special Guest

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!**

For more information about TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at [tsnh@comcast.net](mailto:tsnh@comcast.net) or 529-2186.



**Save the Date!**

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 15** at 6:30PM for the return of Lynn Lyons. Lynn presented "Quickly Calmer" last year and this year she will present "**Worried About Your Worrier.**" This seminar applies to helping all kids become more resilient and confident in the face of change and transition.

Babysitting will be provided by the National Honor Society students from the high school. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Morris, MSS Volunteer Coordinator at 746-4137 or [juliemorris@tds.net](mailto:juliemorris@tds.net)



**Reaching for the Stars  
Needs You!**

Reaching for the Stars is the enrichment program at Harold Martin School. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and explore in a fun environment. The program is for students in grade 1-3 and runs for 6 Fridays from 2:35 – 3:45, March 14<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

*There are many ways to help!*  
Contact the program coordinator  
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746-4239.