
Harold Martin School



December 15, 2006

Parent Flash

PTA

Need some help with dinner during this busy season?

Come and join us at *Uno Chicago Grill* on Fort Eddy Rd. in Concord on Wed., December 20th. Uno's will donate a portion of the proceeds from your meal (dine-in or take-out) to the PTA. Flyers will be going home today with all HMS students. Just give your server the certificate from the flyer or mention the PTA fundraiser for the Hopkinton schools.



FAMILY FUN

I want to invite all of you to attend **"Clash of the Titans II"**, next Friday night when Hopkinton School District staff take on a team from Hopkinton Town employees in a game of **basketball** to benefit New Hampshire Special Olympics. The event will begin at 7 PM in the Hopkinton High School gym **on Friday December 22**. There are a number of prizes available including two "Make a Shots". Make a shot from $\frac{1}{2}$ court and win \$100. Make a shot from $\frac{3}{4}$ court and earn \$1000!

Last year we had an incredible crowd and it was a wonderful family event. I will be playing along with Peg Baron, Bonnie McAuliffe and others from HMS. Principals Mike Bessette and Steve Chamberlin will be playing in addition to others on their staffs.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bill Carozza
Principal



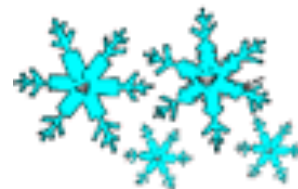
INCLUSION ASSISTANT NEEDED

Harold Martin School is seeking part-time Inclusion Assistants to work with children with significant disabilities. These persons would help include children into the workings of the classroom to the students' fullest extent.

In two cases, the persons hired would transition with the child to 4th grade at Maple Street School in Hopkinton next school year. Each position is approximately **15 hours per week**.

Interested candidates should contact Betsy Wilder, **Harold Martin School** Administrative Assistant for an application at (603) **746-3473**.

The positions begin on January 2, 2007.





**Notes From
the
Music Room**

Happy December to you all. Words can't express how very pleased I am with all of the children and the beautiful job that they did at the **holiday concerts**. People often ask me if the concerts are a stressful time for me. Frankly, I look forward to them. It's a highlight of the season and puts the holiday celebrations in motion. I always encourage the children to approach the concert as a time to share a special gift from their hearts with their friends and family. They certainly put their hearts into it and we are all the richer for it. Thank you for the privilege of working with them.

Back in the music classroom, the children have been learning the **"team effort"** of singing as a group. They worked on focusing their attention on a director and listening to others and the accompaniment. They worked on memorizing all of their lyrics and developing their sense of pitch. They also developed concert etiquette and singing confidence, taking turns volunteering to sing for their class members in small groups, while the others practiced being polite listeners.

The **1st graders** had fun learning a simple "grape-vine step" to go along with their Hanukkah song.

Also broadening the cultural experience, the **2nd graders** did a wonderful job learning some Spanish words for the song, *Cancion de la Navidad*. Their pronunciation was amazing.

The **3rd graders** learned to distinguish between the words "melody" and "medley," and learned the difference between a "medley" and a "partner song." Partner songs require a great deal of concentration as two different songs are sung simultaneously - kind of like push-ups for the brain. I was very pleased with their efforts with the partner song, *Goin' on a Sleigh Ride* as well as their other songs.

Finally, the concerts are a team effort on the part of the staff as well. The teachers and assistants support and encourage the children in many ways from rehearsal scheduling to programs. I am especially grateful to Mr. Carozza for his tremendous help with sound equipment, his artful guitar contributions, and his love for the children and music.



**Recycle Your Christmas
Tree this Year!**

Do you live in Hopkinton? Would you like to **recycle** your Christmas tree this year? Instead of putting your tree on your car roof and hauling it to the transfer station to have them burn it, this year Hopkinton's Cub Scouts will turn it into **wood chip mulch** and compost instead! For just **\$5**, you can do something for the environment and help out Hopkinton Cub Scout Pack 77.

We will collect trees on 2 weekends: Saturdays/Sundays, December 30/31 and January 6/7. Just put your tree outside, attach payment, and call Mark at 344-5553 to give us your address. Thank you!

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