
Harold Martin School

December 7, 2007

Parent Flash

PTA FAMILY MOVIE



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Santa Clause 3 Rated G

Friday, December 14
at Maple Street School

Doors open at 6:15,
movie will start
promptly at 6:30PM

Admission – Donation
of one canned good
per person requested
for Hopkinton Food
Pantry.

Snacks will be sold

Please bring:
- A blanket and pillow
or something to sit on -
- Your parents or
another adult

Questions? Contact
Michelle Benson, PTA
Movie Coordinator at
746-6607

It's no surprise to anyone that we believe the arts are a crucial part of our school curriculum. One danger of the current assessment guidelines brought forth to each state from the federal No Child Left Behind legislation is that the arts could be truly left behind as districts scramble to improve areas that *are* tested, namely, reading, writing, math, and science. I am on a statewide group sponsored by the Department of Education to look at ways to support districts in keeping the arts front and center in their schools.

Music has been an area of emphasis so far in 2007. Folk musician Jeff Warner kicked off the year with a concert on our first day. Today we had a wonderful concert from Suzuki Strings, a talented group of student violinists from across the state, with a number of Hopkinton children as members. In addition, we have our annual Holiday Concerts to be held this Monday December 10 for grades 2 and 3 and Tuesday December 11 for grades K and 1. Both concerts begin at 1:30 PM. Music teacher

Edna Marie Griffin is adding some new elements this year including student solos and special instrumentation. As usual, Edna Marie and I perform a couple of instrumentals and we will conduct a festive sing a-long as well. In the classroom, Mrs. Griffin is also utilizing the latest technology with digital recording as part of her rehearsal with students and she has begun digital videotaping student instrumentation as part of the digital portfolio project at HMS.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts as we support the arts together.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal
wonderful weekend!

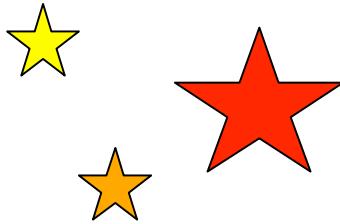
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School transition discussion at the next PTA meeting

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 teamdohoe@comcast.net with questions or suggestions.



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 14th – April 18th, 2008.

There are many ways to help!

*Volunteer to help out in a class.
No planning needed.*

Provide childcare for our parent volunteers.

Share your interest with students by leading a class.

Some ideas:

Contact program coordinator, Nora Forziati at forzi_fam@yahoo.com or 746-4239.



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.

Cub scout pack 77 is conducting it's annual **hat and mitten** drive. Any donations can be put in collection boxes at HMS or MSS until December 14th. Adult and child sized items are welcome.

For more information contact Laura Mackenzie at 746-3836.

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 RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



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! Judges from the Recreation Committee will review each nominated house. Call 746-2915 to enter your house. Deadline for entries are 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/Contoocook residents. Winners will be recognized with signs in their yards and 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

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**
Week of December 10-14, 2007

DECK THE HALLS

Monday: Holly Holders
Tuesday: Santa's Friends
Wednesday: Paper Chains and Doves
Thursday: O Christmas Tree
Friday: Puppet Show, 4 p.m.

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



Due to the NH Primary:

There will be **NO School 1/8**
And
There will be **School on 1/22.**

**Monday's
Holiday Concert**

—if by chance, school is cancelled on Monday due to snow, the Holiday Concert will be on Wednesday.

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