
Harold Martin School

February 16, 2007

Parent Flash

NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Week of February
19-23, 2007

Monday: Presidents'
Shield

Tuesday: Mardi Gras
Celebration

Wednesday: Dream
Weavers; Red Light,
Green Light

Thursday: 3:40-4:40
Special Program

**YANKEE DOODLE
MAGIC SHOW**

Friday: Dictionary
Race; Music Lessons

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Last week I wrote about our annual **School District Meeting** happening Saturday March 10, 9 AM at Hopkinton High School. I hope you all attend and become part of a rich history of democracy in New England. Over 5000 town and school meetings occur every year, according to Frank Bryan, an expert on the New England Town Meeting. He states in his book, *Real Democracy: The New England Town Meeting and How It Works*, that "the fundamental purpose of a town meeting is to make decisions for the commonwealth based on principles of due process and equal protection - but on a human scale." He does regret that attendance at most meetings is only about 20% of registered voters as modern schedules have diminished the centrality of the town meeting model.

Perhaps the quintessential book on America written by a European is *Democracy in America*, penned by the Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville in 1840. He had his own view of the way we run our government. "No sooner do you set foot on American soil than you find yourself in a sort of tumult," de Tocqueville writes. "A thousand voices are heard at once, each expressing some social requirements". He was especially

impressed with New England town meetings where everyone could vote on public matters.

Considering the importance of the decisions that will be made this year, it is crucial that your voice be heard. I hope you'll find a way to be part of this citizen legislature on March 10, 9 AM, at Hopkinton High School.

Have a great weekend,
Bill Carozza, Principal



School Board Candidate Forum

Sponsored by the Hopkinton PTA

Monday, Feb. 19 from 6:30 - 8PM in the Music Room at Harold Martin School for a forum with the three candidates running for school board this term. They are: **David Luneau, Marion Paxton and Peter Yulich** who are vying for one open seat. Come hear their views in order to make an informed election decision in March. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and also meet the candidates in a more informal setting for a few minutes afterwards. *Babysitting will be provided.*

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.

Vacation Week at the Library

The Hopkinton Town Library will be offering the following programs during the February vacation week:

Origami Boxes Workshop
Wednesday, February 28, at 1:00pm

Led by Joelle Gaskill
Learn how to make folded paper nesting boxes. Recommended for grades 2 and older.

Cat in the Hat Read-Aloud
Friday, March 2, at 2:36pm

To celebrate Dr. Suess' and the Cat in the Hat's (the Cat's 50 years old this year) Birthday and to support early literacy programs, a nation-wide read aloud of the Cat in the Hat will start at 2:36pm. Come for good times, good reads and cake! Please bring a children's book for donation to NH Reads AmeriCorps Programs.

Regularly scheduled **story times** and **lapsit** will continue as well: Story Times are Tuesdays at 1:30pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am (recommended for ages 3-5) Lapsits are on Fridays at 11:00am (recommended for ages 2 and under with a participating adult)

Museum passes to the McAuliffe Planetarium are available to be checked out on your library card. The passes are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

The Library is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am - 8pm, Fridays 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-3pm and Sundays 1-5pm.

For more information call 746-3663.

MARDI GRAS PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

February 17, 2007 at 5:00 pm at Harold Martin School to benefit First Congregational Church of Hopkinton mission trip

Quickly Calmer Part II

The PTA will be bringing back therapist **Lynn Lyons** on **Monday, March 12** from 6:30-8 PM at Harold Martin School for another great parent and staff seminar. She will review techniques from the first meeting on how to stay calm during those tough parenting moments as well as answer questions.

Please arrive a few minutes early if you have a question you would like discussed. We will ask people to write down their questions on index cards to be handed in for a discussion of suggestions from Lynn.

From the feedback we have received from people who attended the first presentation, this is one meeting you will NOT want to miss!

Babysitting will be provided by the students from the National Honor Society. Children will not be permitted to be in the room while the presentation is going on.



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