
Harold Martin School

February 22, 2008

Parent Flash

March PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 pm in the preschool room at Harold Martin School. Babysitting will be available. Contact Kathy Donohoe at teamdonohoe@comcast.net or 746-3502 with questions and suggestions.



FEBRUARY 25-29

It's time for another great *Reaching For The Stars* program, which continues thanks to the tremendous support of numerous volunteers. At this point we have 121 students registered, nearly half of our student population. Look for your child's class announcement coming home today.

Destination Imagination also continues to be a wonderful enrichment opportunity for our kids with a strong track record in Hopkinton. Incidentally, they are looking for reasonably clean pizza boxes for DI for a project they are working on. Please send them into the office when you can.

Next week during February vacation the building will be open off and on. My email will be checked daily though, so if there is a need to contact us, feel free to email me at: bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org.

The next few weeks will feature very important opportunities for you to exercise your democratic rights. First, Hopkinton Rotary is sponsoring a Public Forum for **School Board candidates** on Sunday, **March 2** beginning at 3 PM at the Slusser Center. The following Saturday, **March 8** features our annual **School District Meeting** at Hopkinton Middle/High School, beginning at 9 AM. Then, on Tuesday, **March 11**, we will have our Town and School elections, followed by the **Town Meeting** at the Middle/High on Saturday the **15th**, also at 9 AM.

Have a wonderful week and I hope you get the chance to spend some time together as a family.

Bill Carozza
Principal





**Notes From
Music Room**

Please mark your calendars for some up-coming opportunities!! First of all, the annual **Celebration of the Arts** will be held on the evening of **March 26th** at the Hopkinton Middle/ High School. This is a free, family-friendly event featuring arts of all genres presented by students of all ages throughout the district. It is a delightful gift to your senses, including taste – yes, refreshments will be served.

Additionally, the 2nd graders are eagerly preparing for their up-coming musical entitled, “**Weather.**” (Apropos, wouldn’t you say?) This show will be presented to family and friends on the evening of **April 8th** and to the HMS school on the morning of the 9th. This will be a reprise of a presentation done by students 5 years ago, so there is not the typical great need for a costume committee. However, I could use a helper or two who would be willing to spruce things up a bit. If you are available, please call me at school or e-mail me at

egriffin@hopkintonschools.org.

We could also use the following props: a fake (non-breakable) “ancient barometer” with a silver case, a lab-coat, 2

telephones, and something resembling a large thermometer.

Meanwhile, the beat goes on. **Kindergarten and 1st graders** have been singing about love and friendship. As their hearts keep the steady beat within, they have been learning to keep the beat together with drums and other percussion instruments. The **1st graders** were also playing rhythms connected with the names of some presidents and playing along with a President’s Day song. They displayed a lot of creativity in adding movement and lyrics to the song/book, *The Jungle Boogie*.

The **3rd graders** have begun their study of recorders. This has included the preparation of singing a fifties style song about the treble clef, completing a note identification puzzle, and playing a note relay game. The children have already learned the fingering for five notes on the recorder and they are working on 3 songs, including one to celebrate the Chinese New Year. They also played specific patterns to represent key elements of a Chinese folk tale as it was read aloud. It was a lot of fun while reinforcing skills. They are doing a wonderful job!

Please remind your students to come to class prepared with their recorders and ALL of their music every week. (Tuesdays: Helm and Jones and Wednesdays: Grady and Tilley.)

Thank you.

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.

Hopkinton Youth Lacrosse

Last chance to sign up for the recreational youth lacrosse league for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14. No previous experience is required to participate. Registration forms can be found on-line at www.hopkinton-nh.gov. Cost is \$75 per person. Call Rob at 226-2290 or Justin at 746-2915 with any questions.

Hopkinton High School March Music in the Schools Month presents **Jazz Nite** with the Freese Brothers Big Band and the high school and middle school jazz bands Tuesday **March 11** at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. Cost is \$3.00 for adults, students free. Proceeds go to the music scholarship fund.

