
Harold Martin School

February 23, 2007, 2007

Parent Flash

ROBOTICS COMPETITION

For its second year, Hopkinton's Robotics group will be competing next Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Verizon Wireless Arena as part of New England F.I.R.S.T. Last year, the group led by Hopkinton High School teacher Will Renault, was New Hampshire's rookie team and they went to the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, contact the high school.



SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 10, 2007



The weekend after February vacation, on March 10, 9 AM at Hopkinton High School, our annual School District Meeting will be held to decide on our school budget for the next year. Here are a couple of reminders regarding that day:

BUDGET INFORMATION NIGHT

We will hold an informal budget information session sponsored by PTA for Harold Martin, Maple Street, and Middle/High School parents on **Wednesday, March 7, in the HMS Music Room, from 6:30-8 PM.** If you have questions about what will be proposed on March 10 and what it means for your child's education, please plan on attending. I will be on hand along with Dr. Blake, our Superintendent. *Babysitting will be provided.*

SATURDAY SCHOOL

A flyer went home this week offering a "Saturday School" time for HMS students which will begin at 8:30 AM on **March 10, so that parents may attend School District Meeting**, knowing that their children are in good care. You need to send in your permission slip by the Tuesday after vacation so that we can properly plan for that day. If you are missing the slip, please call the school office.

Can you tell that we think it's **important that you attend on March 10?** I hope you can set aside some time on that day to participate in the democratic process.

The HMS office will be open on Monday and Wednesday of next week and email is checked at other times at bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org. I hope you have a chance to relax with your kids. We have a busy spring coming up.

Sincerely,

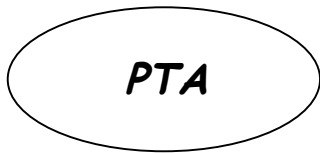
Bill Carozza, Principal



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.

**HYSA Baseball & Softball
Tryouts / Evaluations
Saturday March 17, 2007
Hopkinton High School Gym**



The Hopkinton PTA
invites you to
**"A Night at the
Planetarium"**

Two free shows Saturday,
March 3rd at the Christa
McAuliffe Planetarium

- *Our Place in Space*
6:30pm - 7:15pm
- *Tonight's Sky*
7:30pm - 8:15pm

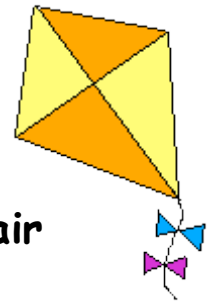


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Quickly Calmer - Part II

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/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. Due to 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.

The next **PTA meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 8, at 1:00 PM** at Harold Martin School. This is a change from our usual evening meeting time. Cindy Dobe, the district's director of technology, will be on hand to talk about internet safety and bullying. Contact PTA president Kathy Donohoe (746-3502 or teamdonohoe@comcast.net) for more information.



Fun Fair

Mark your calendars for the annual PTA Fun Fair to be held on **Saturday, May 12** from 10am-2pm at Harold Martin School. We depend on many volunteers to run this great family event so if you are able to help out in the planning process, please call Julie Morris at 746-4137.



Flyers will be going home closer to the event date asking for volunteers to run booths, make cakes, sell tickets and more



THE BIG PICTURE

All students and parents are invited to the annual **Celebration of the Arts** on **Thursday, March 8th** from **6:00 – 8:30 pm** at Hopkinton High School. Several students from Harold Martin School will have artwork on display. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Kindergarten students identified and painted the differences between three types of evergreen trees: **blue spruce, hemlock, and white pine**. Different sized pieces of mat board were dipped in paint and then printed to create branches and needles. Even though the groundhog did not see his shadow this year, students created self portraits with **shadows**. **Symmetry** was used to glue down the person and shadow.

After looking at the book *If A Bus Could Talk*, by Faith Ringgold, **first graders** reviewed what they knew about Rosa Parks and how she refused to give up her seat on the bus. Since one single rose is a **symbol** that means thank you, students used their **observation**

skills to draw a realistic picture of a rose for Rosa. To contrast the **two dimensional (2D)** picture of a rose, students also created **three dimensional (3D)** roses out of clay.

The **second grade** students have also been reading a book by Faith Ringgold, *Tar Beach*. To match the story, students drew a picture of themselves flying over a **cityscape** of buildings they wished to own. After using oil pastels to add **patterns** to the buildings, students painted **wet-on-wet** watercolors in the sky.

Third graders concluded their **Asian Arts** unit by making clay **Daruma**. Traditionally when bought from a store, the Daruma has two blank white eyes. One pupil is added when the owner sets a goal and the other pupil is added when the goal is accomplished. Students will color one pupil in class. Students also practiced their **observation skills** while drawing their shoes. The shoes were enhanced by using **imaginary** colors.



The **Silver Palette** is a team award one class earns each month for meeting the expectations in the art room. Congratulations to **Mrs. Walsh's second grade** class for earning the February Silver Palette! Lovely job!

Vacation Week
Feb. 26 - March 2

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