
Harold Martin School

March 21, 2008

Parent Flash

The District Web Site

Once in a while, I talk technology and remind you of the advancements we are making in this area as a district. A school's web site is almost old technology at this point, as many years ago nearly every district in America developed a site to keep families informed. However, here are a few components to our web site that you may not know:



Early Release Days

Next Monday and
Tuesday (March
24th and 25th)

School dismisses
at 12:00



1. Head to
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/>
and click on the "News and Info"
page and you'll find:

- All of the recent School Board agendas and minutes.
- Budget items such as the Final Budget Packet for 2008-09 and the Official Warrant, and information about Senate Bill 2.
- The High School's accreditation report, which will give prospective parents a good glimpse into our quality Middle High.
- Our latest bus routes as well as a K-12 Curriculum Guide.

2. I am asked about our school calendar often and you can access that right from the "Calendar" Tab.

3. It may be difficult to make our School Board meetings, but you can listen to them right from the web site by clicking on "School Board" and then the word "here" right in the first sentence.

4. By heading to:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/> you will access information more specific to HMS. Right on that page I will have the March PTA minutes posted (later today), our most recent lunch menu, a link to the latest Parent Flash in PDF form, and a link to join our Email List.

Having access to information has changed dramatically in the last 10 years and navigating the Internet can be daunting. Our Technology Committee is looking at a major upgrade to the site soon and we always welcome suggestions.

Have a great weekend everyone and as always, let me know how we can help you family.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza, Principal.





Notes From the Music Room

We have marched right into Spring. The idea of March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb provided the basis for several songs and movement activities. It also inaugurated the **K-1** focus on orchestral instruments. We proudly donned our imaginary crowns and paraded about the room to “The Royal March of the Lions” from *The Carnival of the Animals*, by Saint-Saens. We celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day with a variety of songs, jigs, and games. They will be learning to imitate and invent some drumming patterns as well as read some basic patterns comprised of quarter notes and rests.

The **first graders** are continuing their study of *The Carnival Animals* with a new section every week. The study includes listening to the selection while engaged in a movement activity, discussing the elements and instrumentation and then listening again while coloring a page that shows the featured animals and instruments. In addition to “The Royal March of the Lions,” the children are experiencing,

Hens and Roosters, and *Mules*. It is a fun way to develop some auditory discrimination and listening skills. The children have sung some songs that focus on instruments and instrument families and have discussed related instrument posters.



The **2nd graders** have done a fantastic job learning the songs for their up-coming musical presentation, *The Weather Show*, which will be performed at H.M.S. at 6:30 on the night of April 8th, and then at 8:30 the following morning. They have received their assigned parts and will begin the process of focusing on stage presence, movement, spacing, and projecting in smaller groups. We will also be spending more time on the script and sequencing.

The **third graders** have been working hard at note identification and the fingering for their first seven notes on the recorder. They have completed a number of activity sheets that incorporate note identification into a little story. They have also been working on 5 songs, with options for degrees of difficulty. They review segments of the songs by playing them when certain characters or objects are

mentioned during a read-aloud story, such as, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. As mentioned earlier, actual practice and progress on the recorder is a matter of individual interest. Next month, we will begin a friendly competition among the classes. Each class has the opportunity to earn points by coming prepared and by demonstrating ability on any of the songs that have been issued. The class with the most points will have an ice cream party in June. Please remind your student to bring their recorders to music class, as that is an easy way for the class to earn points collectively. (Tuesdays for 3H and 3J, and Wednesdays for 3G and 3T.)



"Celebration of the Arts" on March 26th, at Hopkinton High School from 6-9 PM.

Please come and help us celebrate the arts in Hopkinton!!

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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.

The **NH Antiquarian Society** will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a wine and finger food social followed by the meeting and program. Please RSVP by March 28 and plan to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Drinks will be provided. The evening's program, "**Hopkinton Cogitations**" begins at 7:00 pm. This program is the second in an occasional series of talks about Hopkinton given by those born and raised in town. Featured this year are long-time residents Rose Hanson, Donald Houston, and Ted Story. Please join us for a fun evening. The public is invited to attend.

Cub Scout Pack 77... is looking for boys in grades K-4. All boys currently in grades K-4 are welcome to join. Join in for Cub Olympics, summer camp, Pinewood Derbys, and other fun adventures. An informational meeting and signup will be held **Friday, April 4 at 6 pm at the American Legion Hall** on Bound Tree Road. Stay for our monthly pack meeting at 6:30 pm and watch our crossover ceremony as well as a performance by the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow. Questions, contact Bill Tworek at nh.pack77.cubmaster@gmail.com, or Lynnette Carney at carneyl@aol.com or 746-6563.

HYSA REMINDER

The evaluations for the Minor level (kid pitch baseball) will be held on Monday, March 24 from 1pm – 3pm at the high school gym.

All who registered for HYSA Minors will be on a team, even if they cannot attend the evaluations. These evaluations are simply to help with team selection.

SCHEDULE:

12:15 - 12:45 Sign in
12:45 - 1:00 Warm-ups
1:00 - 3:00 Evaluations

WHAT TO BRING

- *Sneakers/Indoor Shoes
NO CLEATS
- *Baseball glove
- *While not required, athletic cups are recommended
- *Bats will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own bats if they prefer

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Bats may be taken on the bus provided they are in a bat bag. Students are responsible for their own equipment. Equipment may be stored in their individual classrooms during the school day.

TRANSPORTATION:

Students from HMS may take Bus #97 to the High School after school provided they have a note from home.

PICKUP:

If there is a problem with picking your child up at 3:00 please call Martin Marklin at 746-5452 to make other arrangements.

**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**
Week of March 24-28, 2008

Monday: Early Release Day:
SEE Museum Field Trip
NO KARATE LESSONS
Tuesday: Early Release Day:
BEACH DAY!!!
Wednesday: Growing Crystals
DANCE LESSONS
Thursday: Oowey Gooley
Friday: Hurricane Bottles
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For more information about TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at tsnh@comcast.net or 529-2186.

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