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# Harold Martin School

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March 7, 2008

## Parent Flash

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### School District Meeting At HHS

March 8, 2008

*The Honor Society will  
provide babysitting,  
starting at 9:00 AM*

Greetings from the corner office where the snow is blocking part of the window. It is an unforgettable winter. Yet, much is happening at HMS, despite the weather.

Tomorrow is our annual **School District Meeting**, beginning at 9 AM at Hopkinton Middle High School. This is the event that will determine our budget for the 2008-09 school year. It is important that everyone who can attend, does attend. If you have any questions about the Meeting, feel free to call or email me today. I hope to see you there.

OUR NEXT HMS SPIRIT DAY...is going to be on Monday, March 17. You guessed it, we will be wearing the color **GREEN** for St. Patrick's Day.



Wednesday afternoon featured our annual **Read Across America/Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration**. The entire school gathered in the Multi Purpose Room as I read *Green Eggs and Ham* and each student by class raised creative signs that represent

various words in the book. We sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss and then P.E. teacher Beth Henderson led the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in a special *Green Eggs* dance. It is a classic Harold Martin School tradition.

As part of our Safe Routes to School Grant, we'll be having a special **bike safety** course given to our students, most likely on May 1. I'll have more details out to everyone soon.

We are truly excited to have **Kathleen Deady as our visiting Author** this year. She will be here on March 13 to work with our children during the day and also for an evening performance at 6:30 in our music room. Please be part of our raffle for teacher made gourmet frozen dinners. Additional raffle tickets will be sold that evening from 6:10-6:20. For more information on Kathleen, head to: <http://www.kathleendeady.com>



This year's edition of **Reaching For The Stars** begins Friday, March 14, in one week. More great courses and volunteers and most of our school's students will attend.

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There's a wonderful opportunity for all parents coming up April 4. On that day "**Rachel's Challenge**" will be presented at the high school. Here's more information from the Chris Kelley, Assistant Principal at the Middle High School:

*We are excited to inform you of a powerful program that is coming to Hopkinton Middle and High School. "Rachel's Challenge" is a program named after Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School tragedy. Rachel was a remarkable young woman who believed that acts of kindness and compassion could start a chain reaction of kindness that could have an impact on the world. She wrote, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same." This school assembly and training is based on her acts of kindness and the contents of her six diaries. Though the program includes some information about the tragedy, its effect is to motivate and to spread kindness.*

*Craig Scott, Rachel Scott's brother, will be the guest speaker for this event. Mr. Scott was also a student at Columbine High School at the time of the tragedy. This event will take place on Friday, April 4, 2008. Mr. Scott will be speaking to our students in grades six through twelve in two separate*

*presentations. The first presentation will be for grades six through eight and second will be for nine through twelve. Parents who wish to see this program will have the opportunity to do so by attending an evening presentation also given by Mr. Scott. The evening presentation will take place in the school's auditorium and start at 7:00 PM.*

This proves to be an enlightening experience even for those of you who have only HMS students. Please consider attending. For more information, check out: [www.rachelschallenge.com](http://www.rachelschallenge.com)

Have a wonderful weekend and let's hope for a full week beginning Monday.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal



### The Big Picture

All students and parents are invited to the annual **Celebration of the Arts** on **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**Kindergarteners** have been busy creating **three-dimensional** snakes. We used paper mache over newspaper to create a **form** and then painted the snake one **background** color. After identifying **patterns** in the classroom and on clothing, students painted a **pattern** on their snake.

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 place they wished to own. After using oil pastels to add **patterns** to the buildings, students painted **wet-on-wet** watercolors in the sky. We also looked at examples of subway artist Keith Herring's pictures and created our own action pictures. Like Herring we used bright **colors** to make **simple shaped** people, and added **line** to create **patterns** or show action or sound.

**Third Graders** created dragon circles using oil pastels and watercolors. Students added **patterns of lines, colors, and shapes** to the dragons and then painted the dragon **cool colors** and the background **warm colors** (or visa versa). Students also practiced their **realistic observation skills** while drawing their shoes. The shoes were enhanced by using **abstract colors**.



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

In conjunction with the **100th day of school**, the students and teachers at Harold Martin School, Hopkinton NH, were once again challenged to collect hundreds of food items for the Hopkinton Food Pantry. Each classroom collected donations between February 4-13. and **685 food items** were collected by the 14 classrooms. The Hopkinton Food Pantry serves 50 families in the Contoocook-Hopkinton area and gives out approximately 150 cans per week.

*The Harold Martin staff wishes to thank all the Hopkinton families who generously donated to this annual school event.*



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 7:30PM in the High School Auditorium. Cost is \$3.00 for adults, students free. Proceeds go to the music scholarship fund.

**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.*

**NEXT WEEK AT  
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'N HOME  
CHILD CARE PROGRAM**  
at Harold Martin School  
Multi-Purpose Room  
2:30-5:30 p.m.  
Week of March 10-14, 2008

- Monday: Basketball Shoutout;  
KARATE LESSONS begin
- Tuesday: Blow Art
- Wednesday: Wiggle Your Toes;  
DANCE LESSONS
- Thursday: Spring Mobile;  
Keep on Sewing
- Friday: Egg Hunting;  
MUSIC LESSONS

For more information about TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at [tsnh@comcast.net](mailto:tsnh@comcast.net) or 529-2186.

**Hi, this is Pam Keilig**

As part of being a member of the National Honors Society I chose to do a service project to collect donations for the Concord SPCA. There is a collection box at HMS with a list of the necessary supplies needed

On the box I'm placing a poster of the items that the SPCA

needs, or suggests for donation. For dogs they need peanut butter, stuffed toys (anything used), rubber toys, advantage (flea medication), frontline, and 6ft leather leashes as well as liver treats. These are all suggestions, and any items would be appreciated. They don't want dry food, they want wet, canned food. For cats: non-clumping litter, cat toys, pillow cases, advantage, KMR kitten formula, ceramic bowls, wet canned kitten food. They also need items for rabbits and ferrets.

*The Beech Hill Players  
Present*

**CHARLIE AND THE  
CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Hopkinton High School  
Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

All Tickets \$7.00

Tickets will be sold at the door and in advance at Bella and The Hopkinton Independent School.

**FROM THE  
HOPKINTON REC DEPT.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Join the Hopkinton Recreation Department as they welcome back the Easter Bunny! On Saturday, March 22, join us at Houston Fields for the festivities! The Bunny will arrive at 11am and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:30 am.

Children up to third grade can participate in the hunt. The event will be held at the High School if there is too much snow on the ground. Please check the website or 746-2915.

**Recreation Committee  
Openings**

The Hopkinton Recreation Department is looking for dedicated community members to volunteer their time on the recreation committee.

Responsibilities include: attending monthly planning meetings, volunteering for community recreation events and providing feedback from programs and activities. The individual should possess a passion for recreation and desire to enhance lives through recreational programs. Please contact the Recreation Director at 746-2915 or [parkrec@tds.net](mailto:parkrec@tds.net) for more information.



**Stars on Ice Tickets**

The Hopkinton Recreation Department has secured a limited amount of tickets to see Stars on Ice starring Sasha Cohen at Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester. The show will make one stop in NH on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Normal price is \$25 per ticket. Our discounted rate for Hopkinton/Contoocook residents is \$15 per person. Call 746-2915 today to reserve your tickets.

**Spring Cleaning Indoor  
Yard Sale**

The Hopkinton Recreation Department is giving you the opportunity to get rid of the clutter in your home. On Saturday, March 29 from 9am – 12pm, come to Columbia Hall to sell your stuff. Eight-foot tables will be available for \$10 and will be selling fast. If you don't want to sell anything, be sure to come on out and shop for the bargains! Call 746-2915 to reserve your table today!

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