
Harold Martin School

March 9, 2007

Parent Flash

PTA Family Movie Night

Join us for the
movie "Hoot"

Rated PG

recommended
for ages 8 and
up

Friday, March 9th at
6:30 PM in the Maple
Street School
Gymnasium
\$1 per person or \$5
maximum/family



Hopkinton School District Meeting 2007; tomorrow, Saturday, March 10, 9 AM at Hopkinton Middle/High School

Tomorrow is one of the most important days of the year for school children and their parents. Beginning at 9 AM at Hopkinton Middle/High, we will discuss, debate, and vote on the funding that supports the education of our over 1000 students in the district. I truly hope to see you there, and if you have any last minute questions, I will be checking email into the evening tonight and I will respond to each of you. (email: bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org) I cannot overestimate the importance of your attendance at tomorrow's meeting. It is exciting to note that thanks to our non-Hopkinton resident volunteer staff members, we will be providing our Saturday School for 81 children during the meeting right here at Harold Martin School.

On page 3 see the article written by our Superintendent, Dr. Brian Blake, which appeared recently in the *Bow Times*. It nicely summarizes the components of the budget, which is the subject of tomorrow's meeting.

I hope to see all of you in the morning.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza
Principal



Quickly Calmer - Part II

Join us this **Monday night March 12** from 6:30 to 8pm at Harold Martin School for the second seminar by therapist **Lynn Lyons**. This is one you will not want to miss even if you were not at her first presentation. Come learn techniques on staying calm during those tough moments with children as well as a chance to ask questions, so come a few minutes early to write your questions down for Lynn to answer. Parents, grandparents, guardians and staff are all invited. Babysitting will be provided as children will not be allowed in the seminar. Please call Julie Morris with any questions at 746-4137.

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 Junior Service League
of Concord presents

The Glass slipper

Friday, March 16 at 7:00 PM and
Saturday March 17 at 11:00 AM
at St. Paul’s School Memorial
Hall. For more information call:
225-8283.

New

**APRIL VACATION CAMP
At Mt. Kearsarge Indian
Museum – Warner NH
April 23 - 27, 2007**

Travel during school vacation
without leaving New
Hampshire! Each day we will
“visit” a different part of the
country and explore the Native
American cultures of that
region with: hands-on crafts,
music and stories, outdoor
fun, games, and more. Cree,
Abenaki and Navajo visitors
will add insight to the
traditions of these places.

Grades 2 - 6, Limited to 12
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am -
3:00
Drop-off 8:30 - 9:00 am
Extended Care 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Questions, contact Camp
Director, Ruth Smith at 456-
2600 or**

mkim.education@tds.net



**RECREATION
OPEN HOUSE**

Come to our Recreation Open
House tonight, March 9th from
6:30 – 8:30 PM at Columbia Hall
(14 Maple Street). There will be
a 7:00 PM presentation made by
the Recreation Director and the
Recreation Committee regarding
the Recreation Department
operating budget and programs.
A question and answer session
will follow the presentation.

Throughout the evening program
information and registration
forms will be available for spring
and summer programs (including
Summer Camps) and some of our
program leaders will be present
to answer questions about their
activities.

If you have questions regarding
the Recreation Department
budget and would like them
answered or you would just like
to sign up for our summer camps
and other programs then please
attend this meeting.

See you Friday night!

Rob Mattes
Recreation Director
603.746.2915

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

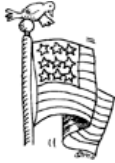
For complete information, head
to:
[http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/
principal/HYSABaseball.htm](http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/HYSABaseball.htm)

HMS PUBLISHING CENTER

Publishing Center is looking for
one interviewer and one typist
(job descriptions follow). If you
can volunteer to help us out,
please contact Vickie Baronas at
746-3582 or at
baronas35@tds.net

Interviewer—The job of the
interviewer is to meet with the
students one-on-one, conduct an
interview to gather information
for an author biography and help
each student create an illustrated
cover for his/her book. The
volunteer will be assigned to a
single classroom for the
remainder of the school year.

Typist—The typist types each
student’s story by entering text,
without worrying about
formatting, and emailing the file
to an editor. Typists do not need
to print, nor will they be
responsible for corrections. The
volunteer typist will be assigned
a single classroom and will be
given only books for that class.
This is an ongoing, at-home
commitment through May.



HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Warrant contains nine articles, seven of which will require discussion, deliberation, and voting. The other two, articles 1 and 9 are “boilerplate” articles designed to ensure that reports of agents, auditors, and committees are heard and to transact any other business that legally comes before the voters at the meeting.

Article 2 asks the voters to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372,000.00 for the replacement of the HVAC system, replacement of approximately 48 single pane windows, and increase the parking area all at the Harold Martin School, and increase the security and add one modular classroom unit to reduce overcrowding at the Hopkinton Middle/High School. These items have been deemed by the School Board to be crucial to the safety and health of our students and staff and based on the District’s Facility Committee Final Report. Of the money being requested in this article, \$100,000 will come from the School building Repair and Maintenance Trust. The rest of the money will be raised through taxation. The cost to the taxpayer is estimated to be .35 per

thousand based on the current valuation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article, although the School board strongly endorses it.

Article 3 is the article for the operating budget of the District. This year, the Budget Committee has recommended a budget of \$14,970,359.00, while the School District recommends a budget of \$15,110,755.00. This year, the School Board was fiscally conservative and focused on reducing expenses while maintaining the quality of the curriculum and programs that the voters have come to expect in Hopkinton. The School District experienced significant increases in mandated and contractual obligations including employer contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System. To balance these mandated increases, the School District made significant reductions by reducing the number of elementary school teachers by one, reducing supplies and materials, realizing savings through refinancing bonds, and through changing carriers for our Worker’s Compensation and Property Liability Insurance. The budget, as presented by the School Board, is estimated to have no additional tax impact based on the current valuation.



Article 4 asks the voters to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 for the General Contingency Fund to meet the costs of the unexpected that may arise during the school year. If this money is not used during the school year, it goes back against the tax rate the following year. Both the School District and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article 5 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$55,938 for repairs and maintenance to all three school buildings. The money is to be withdrawn from the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund, so there is no cost to the taxpayer. Some of the items scheduled for repair or replacement include exterior doors, floor tiles, stoves and refrigerators, and door locks. Both the School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article 6 asks voters to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000.00 to be added to the Educating Educationally Disabled Children Trust Fund. If approved, up to \$50,000.00 would be transferred to the Trust Fund from the end of year undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2007. The reason for this article is that the District is responsible for all expenses regardless of budgeted amounts. This fund helps to cover any unanticipated special education costs. Since the money comes from the end of year

surplus, there is no impact to the taxpayer. Both the School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article 7 is a petitioned warrant article, meaning that 25 or more voters signed a petition for this article to be placed on the warrant. The article asks the School District to essentially freeze the number of employees to the number of positions in effect on January 1, 2007, and if reduced at the District Meeting, maintain that lower number of employees. According to the School District's legal counsel, this article is only advisory to the School District. The School District does not recommend this article.

Article 8 is also a petitioned warrant article asking voters to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the School District to purchase audio equipment and require the School Board to record all Board and District meetings and post the audio files on line for a period of six months. The School Board considers this article advisory only and does not recommend it. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

In addition to the warrant articles discussed, deliberated and voted upon at the District Meeting, voters will also be asked to elect a **School Board member, Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for the School District at the polls on March**

13th. There is also a petitioned warrant article on the ballot on March 13th to adopt the SB2 form of voting in the district.*

** For more information on SB 2, go to:
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org>
/ and click on the "News and Info" tab to the left of the page.*



Author Visit—Thursday, March 22

Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Community presentation and "famous" tie raffle
at 6:30 PM at HMS



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