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# Harold Martin School

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May 4, 2007

## Parent Flash

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### Plants Needed for the Fun Fair!

Now that spring is finally here we can start thinking about our gardens -- and the Fun Fair! **The Plant**

**Table** is currently seeking donations of perennials, annuals, and shrubs to sell at the May 12 Fun Fair.

If you'd like, we'll even do the digging for you! If you have any questions or need pots, please contact

Heather Mitchell at 746-5352 or heather\_j\_mitchell@yahoo.com.

#### Drop off at 7:30 AM

This is just a friendly reminder that parents need to drop their children off no earlier than 7:30 as there is no adult coverage of the playground until then. Truly, the kids dropped off before 7:30 may be unsupervised until then.

Thanks.

### *Next year at HMS:* A year of change

Student populations shift from time to time and in New Hampshire we are experiencing a dip in student enrollment, especially in elementary schools. Hopkinton is no exception and as a result, the decision has been made to eliminate one 2nd grade position and one kindergarten session for next school year, 2007-08. As a result, there are a number of teachers making a shift in their classroom assignments. Here's the scoop:

- Sandy Boyko will be moving from Kindergarten to First Grade.
- Kathy Pepper will be moving from First Grade to Second Grade.
- Deb Jones will be moving from Second Grade to Third Grade.
- Becky Perkins will be moving from Second Grade to Fourth Grade.
- Lori Aubertin will be moving from Third Grade to Fifth Grade.



Thus, here is the teacher configuration for grades K-3 for the 2007-08 school year:

**Kindergarten:** Dott. Blanchard and a new ½ time hire

**First Grade:** Maddy Kaplan, Kathleen Forgiel, Linda Nichols, and Sandy Boyko

**Second Grade:** Linda Walsh, Isobel Yonemura, and Kathy Pepper

**Third Grade:** Terry Grady, Dot Helm, Dave Tilley, and Deb Jones

Fortunately, we had two retirements at Maple Street School this year, which allowed us to transfer two teachers from HMS to MSS.

We now focus our attention on student placement for next year. One of the potential benefits of the teacher transfers is that a few students will be able to “loop” with the same teacher into the next grade. By having the same teacher two years in a row, both the child and teacher are able to dispose with the usual “get to know me” stage. The knowledge that a teacher has about a child that she has already had in her classroom is invaluable. Yet, we know for many reasons, having

the same teacher two years in a row may not make sense for a particular child. Today we are sending home another note to children in the classrooms of the "looping" teachers (Sandy Boyko, Kathy Pepper, and Deb Jones) asking for your feedback on whether you think it makes sense for your child to continue with the same classroom teacher for two years in a row. Keep in mind that we cannot guarantee any parent request, but that we will do our best.

It has certainly been a difficult few weeks preparing for this change and many challenges ahead, but the staff has been professional throughout and ready for the next step. As always, please contact me with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza



Have you sent in your Parents Day Lunch reservation for May 10<sup>th</sup>?

**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.*

**Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Dance** to be held on Friday, May 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion, Bound Tree Road, Contoocook. \$12/couple. Call 783-1748 for reservations as space is limited.



**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 May 7-12, 2007

- Monday: Braided Bracelets
- Tuesday: Butterfly Puppets
- Wednesday: Roto-Copters
- Thursday: Plate of Promises
- Friday: Gumdrop Corsages

**SATURDAY: Come by our table at the Fun Fair. Make a craft, try your hand (and voice) at Karaoke. Pick up a brochure to register your child for next fall.**

For more information about TSNH, contact

Linda Ottery at [tsnh@comcast.net](mailto:tsnh@comcast.net) or 529-2186.

**Fisher Cats Tickets**

Tickets are still available for PTA Family Night at the Fisher Cats baseball game on **Friday, May 18th**. The game begins at 6:30 pm and is followed by a fireworks display. You can send in your order form by Monday, May 7th, or contact Kathy Donohoe (746-3502 or [teamdonohoe@comcast.net](mailto:teamdonohoe@comcast.net)) to reserve your seats.

**Fun Fair - Saturday, May 12 10am-2pm**

Many **volunteers** are needed to run booths and games this day. Flyers went home with your child last week asking for your assistance. If you have not sent in your form, please do so as soon as possible or contact Julie Morris at 746-4137 or [hopkintonschoolspta@yahoo.com](mailto:hopkintonschoolspta@yahoo.com).

**Cake Walk**

One of the games at Fun Fair gives out cakes to the winners for prizes! We are looking for people to **donate cakes or cupcakes**, either home-made or store bought. Please contact Lynnette Carney at 746-6563 or [carneyl@aol.com](mailto:carneyl@aol.com) to donate a cake.

