
Harold Martin School

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Parent Flash

THE SUMMER OF CHANGE

From teachers changing classrooms to improvements in our building, this will truly be a "summer of change,"

First off, we bid farewell for now to two of our teachers who have been Harold Martin School stalwarts. Long time second grade teacher, **Becky Perkins**, will be moving up two grades and 7 minutes up the road to Maple Street School, while veteran third grade teacher **Lori Aubertin** is also gliding up two grades to Maple Street. While I know for certain that these two professionals are Maple Street's gain, we are truly going to miss these ladies, for their expertise, their love of kids, and their friendship. We also say goodbye to **Kelli Bruns**, our preschool teacher and director, who is leaving us to spend more time with her young children.



We welcome **two new members** of our team who have arrived from nearby schools. First, **Barbara Houldsworth**, who was in charge of Hillsboro's **preschool program** this year, will be taking over the reins of our preschool. Second, we welcome **April Kent** who will be teaching morning kindergarten. She taught most recently at the Hopkinton Independent School. Both teachers will make themselves available to meet students and parents before the year begins. Welcome!



Our facility is undergoing changes as well this summer:

- We have a new plan for our **morning drop off** in the parking lot to make the environment much safer. Look for details in our Summer Parent Flash in August.
- The original 1958 **windows and ventilation** system in the old wing will be replaced.
- The **front entrance door** and surrounding windows will be replaced.
- As we change various rooms throughout the building, we will be able to create a new **conference room** on the first floor that will provide greater privacy for parent meetings, as compared to the current room in our library.
- We hope to be able to tear down a wall between a small room in the office and the **nurses' office** to create a space that is much closer to state regulations. This will allow more privacy for students in the nurse's

office as well as access to a bathroom.

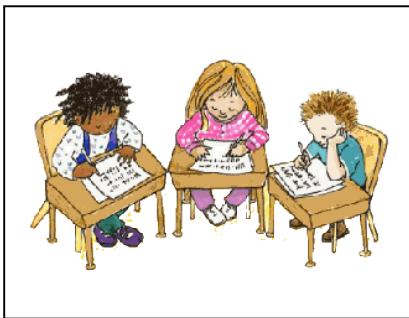
- Have you noticed some areas near the **main entrance** and the adjoining stairs where the carpet is in tough shape? We are looking to replace these smaller areas with tile, which, in addition to looking better, will help keep the area cleaner.

As always, the office will be open most of the summer during the day. Consult the web site and the school answering machine for details. I'm available nearly all days via email at bcarozza@hopkintonschools.org.

Enjoy your summer with your family!

On behalf of the entire Harold Martin School Family...

Bill Carozza, Principal



THE PACE OF P.E.

All students in grades K – 3 focused on a **fitness and jump rope unit**. The unit kicked off with an all school assembly to watch the Newmarket Hot Shots demo team show us various styles of jumping rope—they were were awesome! HMS students were amazed at the abilities of the Hot Shots and were enthusiastic to start experimenting on their own.

Kindergarten and first grade students were given basic information on how to select an individual rope: long enough so that when you stand on it, the handles come up to chest/shoulder height. The students were also given instructions on how to twirl the rope and perform the two basic jumping styles that form the foundation of all rope jumping—singles and doubles. What a fabulous opportunity to work on coordination, rhythm, timing, and cardiovascular endurance!

Second and third graders were encouraged to expand this basic knowledge and use the jump ropes with more challenging skills. Some students could jump within a twirling rope with another student at the same time. Several students are working on "Double Dutch" – trying to jump inside two ropes alternately twirling inward. It's been fascinating to watch the students work independently, yet cooperatively, and creatively on these activities!

To finish the year, **Kindergarten** students are participating in a variety of relay activities. **First graders** are working on an Integrated Arts ocean unit. The children are participating in games and activities relating to their classroom studies of the tide pools and oceans. **Second and third grade students** are engaged in a Kickball Unit—our introduction to baseball/softball type sports.

Thank you all for a fabulous year and I wish all of you a restful, happy summer

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