
Harold Martin School

September 14, 2007

Parent Flash



A SLICE OF HMS LIFE

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering at HMS and you are new to the school, please attend our **Volunteer**

Orientation next Wednesday evening September 19, at 6:30 PM in the HMS Preschool Room, just inside the parking lot entrance. I hope to see you there.



September is always an exciting month in our business. We are rested, the students at our level are nearly always excited to be back at school, and our initiatives start moving forward. Here's a small slice of our life at this point:

Our philosophy of building communities in classrooms and the school in general continues. We aim to have an **assembly** every month, highlighting efforts from our students, and celebrating learning. To kick off the year, we had well known musician (and former HMS Artist in Residence) Jeff Warner perform a concert for the school.

Speaking of "A.I.R.," we are forming our new PK-6 committee, and soon they will be investigating future options for **artists in residence** and getting ready for this year's program.

We are tweaking our **recess policies** with subtle differences such as changing the direction of our soccer goals and placing them on a grassy surface so that we can paint lines around the field. This will also aid supervision of the playground.

We are working on our **digital portfolios** again this year and in addition to including reading videos, we are looking at including writing samples this year as well. Curriculum work continues as we are focusing on our writing curriculum throughout the three schools this year.

We are about to submit an application to the State Department of Transportation related to the "**Safe Routes To Schools**" program. While it's a lofty goal, we hope to build a walkway coming into Harold Martin School so that walkers and bikers can safely enter into our property. A wonderful committee of staff members and citizens, led by parent Natalie Duval, has worked tirelessly to complete the grant in time. Also, thanks to the 133 families who filled out our online survey, we received some solid data.

I encourage you to join our HMS Listserv to receive regular email updates. Head to: <http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/HMSNews.html> to sign up.

Have a great weekend!
Bill Carozza, Principal

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 September 17-21, 2007

Monday: Goldfish B-I-N-G-O
Tuesday: Thummies with Leah;
Sewing with Mrs. O.
Wednesday: Puzzle Day
Thursday: Capture the Wind
with Mrs. M; Sewing
with Mrs. O.
Friday: Capture the Flag; Music
Lessons

JUGGLER WANTED: The ASP is looking for someone in the community who knows how to juggle and would be willing to come over some afternoon to teach the children how. This could be an adult, teenager, or older child. If you're interested, please give us a call. Thanks.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS: We are also constantly in search of special, unique programs to offer this group of 30+ inquisitive, energetic children. If you have a special gift or talent or understanding of something -- like rocks or animals or astronomy or carpentry or just about anything -- and would like to share it with our children some afternoon for about 45 minutes, we'd love to welcome you.

Again, just give us a call.

For more information about TSNH, contact Linda Ottery at tsnh@comcast.net or 529-2186.

MARINE BAND CONCERT

Do to overwhelming public demand "The Presidents Own" Marine Band concert at Hopkinton High School on October 17 is now sold out. Tickets and regret letters were mailed to the public on September 9.

Even though this amazing concert is sold out, there is still an opportunity for non-ticket holders to attend. All ticket holders must be in their seats by 7:15 PM. Any unclaimed seats at that time will be released to non-ticket holders. Thank you for your interest in this extraordinary event!

Mike Alberici
Friends of the Performing Arts

**GREENER HOPKINTON
ECO-FAIR**
Sunday, September 16, 2007
2 pm to 4 pm
HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL

*GUEST SPEAKER: JIM
MERKEL*

H.Y.S.A.
**Hopkinton Youth Sports
Association**
Basketball and Bitty Ball
Registrations
Saturday, September 15th @MSS
soccer field 9 – 11 am
Wednesday, September 19th
@MSS library 5 – 7 pm
Saturday, September 22nd
@MSS soccer field 9– 11 am
Monday, September 24th @MSS
library 5 – 7 pm
**\$25 late fee assessed after
October 1st**