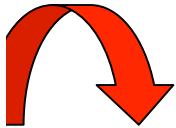

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Parent Flash

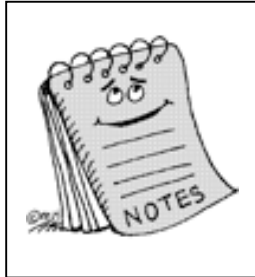
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Correction

October 9th and 10th are non-school days

October 26th and 27th are Early Release Days



The school calendar: It is the device that guides the flow of our year at Harold Martin School and helps families build their lives from August through June. Since we are at the beginning of the year, here's a brief primer on the major elements of the calendar:

Professional Development (PD) days are full days off for students and are designed so that our teachers may engage in training to improve their instructional practice. One PD day a year we have **curriculum collaboration** for staff from preschool to grade 12 so that we can better align our curriculum for students. We are also engaged this year in extensive **assessment training** from **digital portfolios** to using our **MAP testing scores** to help drive instruction. These days fall on October 10 and January 12. We also held one already just after the first couple days of school on August 31.

Our school district has utilized **early release** days through the years. This year we planned four early release days bundled together so that there are two in a row, October 26/27 and March 29/30 as we feel that the work we do on those days will have more continuity back to

back. The focus will be based on building needs right at HMS. We dismiss at Noon on early release days, we do serve lunch, and the buses run their regular schedule, just two hours early. Oh, and by the way, the last day of school is an early release day as well.

We also clear a day every year for **parent conferences**, falling this year on **November 7**. Teachers are available from at least 11 AM to 7 PM for scheduled appointments (many of you signed up already at Open House this week), and you can touch base with other staff as well.

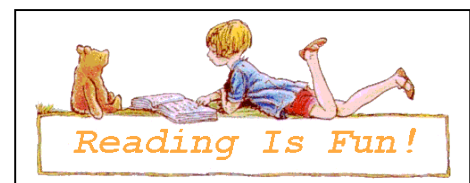
I hope this answers some questions for you. As always, contact me at any time with comments and suggestions about the calendar. We try to be creative in serving the needs of our students and improving our instruction, while we keep an eye on the needs of families.

Enjoy your weekend,

Bill Carozza, Principal

ABSENCE LINE:

If your child is absent, please call us at 746-4030, our absence line.





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.

September 30: Gala Opening Night Reception; 5:00-7:00 PM; \$10 for NHAS members and \$12 for all others. Come and meet the artists!

NH Antiquarian Society News

September 16

The NH Antiquarian Society will host a **tour** of the historic **Pratt/Lerned** home on Saturday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. Architectural historian Ned Pratt will lead this tour of his family’s home. This Georgian Style house which was built in 1791 was the site of the Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to tea on his tour of the northeast in the 1825. The front parlor was remodeled in preparation of this visit with French hand made, hand blocked wallpaper depicting a garden party. Please meet at the Antiquarian Society located at 300 Main Street in Hopkinton. For more information, please call NHAS at 746-3825 or email us at nhas@tds.net.

October 5

NH Antiquarian Society presents **“Gods in Granite: The Landscape of New Hampshire”** with Robert McGrath, PhD at 7:00 PM in the Long Memorial building. For many years, New Hampshire served for countless artists and writers as the most accessible American wilderness to the major metropolitan centers. This illustrated lecture focuses on the influence of artists on our perceptions of the land. This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and is free and open to the public.

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PTA NEWS

Last Chance

If you have not returned your child's PTA **Telephone Directory** Form, please call Julie Morris at 746-4137 to make arrangements to get the information to her. These forms were due back by September 3th but we would like to make sure everyone who wants to be included in the directories is in it. We will keep you posted as to the date these will be distributed to students. Thank you.

PTA Fundraiser Correction - The group ID number listed in the instructions for on-line Cherrydale orders is incorrect. The correct number for Harold Martin School is **103122**. All written order forms and on-line orders are due Friday, **September 22nd**. Thank you for supporting the PTA.

Check out the latest PTA Meeting Minutes at: <http://hopkintonschools.org/hms/principal/pta.html>

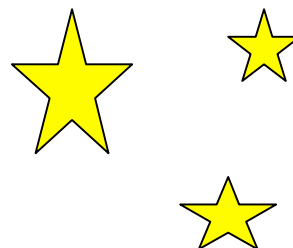
September 30 – November 11

16th Annual Art Show & Sale “Tomorrow’s Masterpieces” features the original works of over 40 area artists.





Monday is Constitution Day



**NEXT WEEK AT
'TWEEN SCHOOL 'n HOME**
at Harold Martin School
September 18 - 22

**REACHING FOR THE STARS
Extra Extra Read All About It!**

CALENDAR DATES

- Sept. 22 PTA Fund Raiser due
- Oct 9 No School
- Oct. 10 No School
- Oct. 13 Class Picture Day
- Oct. 26 Early Release
- Oct. 27 Early Release
- Oct. 29 Daylight Savings Ends

Monday: Sewing 101: The Basics, Grades K-1

Tuesday: Sewing 101: The Basics, Grade 2

Wednesday: Cooking with Mrs. O. and Mrs. G. -- Grade 3

Thursday: 1-2-3 GO!

Friday: Animal Vegetable Mineral; Music Lessons with Mrs. Stillwell

For more information about our Program or to register your child, call Linda Ottery at 529-2186 or email at tsnh@comcast.net

Reaching for the Stars is an enrichment program for students in Hopkinton. To make this awesome opportunity happen for our children we need you! We are looking for parents, grandparents, and individuals in the community to help assist or teach a specialized class on your interest or craft. Please come and join the enrichment committee at HMS at 1:30pm on Friday the 22nd of September. If you have any questions please call Shannan Tawney at 746-3913 or email 4stawney@comcast.net.



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