
Harold Martin School

Parent Flash

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WELCOMING RECEPTION

OPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Hopkinton School Board cordially invites you to join us in welcoming Brian J. Blake, Superintendent of Schools, at a reception on Monday, September 25, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at Hopkinton High School.

Please join us



Today every family will be receiving a special gift in your child's backpack. It's called "**Counselor's Comments**" and it's the creation of our Guidance Counselor, Jackie Kleiner. *See Jackie's note below.*

Occasionally, I get asked about the role of a guidance counselor in an elementary school. Most parents' recollection of a counselor is from high school, and memories of class scheduling and college recommendations. Just in the first couple of weeks of school, Jackie has been a crucial component in children and families making the **transition** from summer to school. She has dealt with a number of students who had some separation anxiety this year, began teaching **Second Step** lessons in every classroom, and has played an important role with families who experienced significant change over the summer. In addition, Jackie and I work together when children (rarely!) make inappropriate choices that need our attention. In short, like all of our staff members, her role is essential in making HMS an inviting, warm, and safe place to be. I hope you will use "Counselor's Comments" as a guide and know that Jackie would love to personally communicate with you as well.

You may have read some press coverage of our plans for digital portfolios. Please mark your calendar for the next PTA meeting on October 5, 6:30 PM in the HMS Music Room. I'll be demonstrating some of the work we have begun on digital portfolios and our vision for the project. In future PTA meetings, we will be discussing the issue of homework as it impacts children and families throughout the grades.

My weekend will be busy, partly dealing with the two cords of wood recently dumped in my back yard. I lost my right hand man to college this fall, but I still have two kids left to give me a hand. It'll be a family affair. I hope you can spend time with your kids as well.

Sincerely,

Bill Carozza, Principal

Be sure to look for "Counselor's Comments" in your child's backpack today. It is a compilation of tips to use if your family encounters certain difficulties that may arise in the elementary years. Feel free to let me know of any issues that I may be able to help your child and family through, at any point during the school year.

Jackie Kleiner
HMS Counselor

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.



Kick Off! A six week after school program for kids in grades K-3 at First Church of Hopkinton is starting Oct.5- Nov. 16. (Kick Off will not meet Oct.23 an early release day). Kick Off offers fellowship for kids through recreation, crafts, food, music and Bible study. All children are welcome! Cost is \$15 per child, \$10 for siblings, with a \$35 family max. Kids take the bus from Harold Martin to First Church. Pick up is 4:30. Please contact Carol Sabol for further information at 228-1250 or kodinsam@comcast.net

September 30 – November 11

16th Annual Art Show & Sale “Tomorrow’s Masterpieces” features the original works of over 40 area artists. Please visit on our website: www.nhantiquarian.org for complete list of participating artists. Open during museum hours: Thursday-Friday 9 am – 4:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

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!

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.

For more information, please contact NHAS at 746-3825 or email us at nhas@tds.net

Here’s a regular **reminder**: Our office is staffed until 3:30 PM, and usually Bill Carozza is in the office after that. However, if Bill is at a meeting and out of the office or building, you can still contact the **SAU office at 746- 5186**, if you have an urgent issue.

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The Publishing Center is getting ready to begin operation for the year and we need many volunteers. A description of the Publishing Center and the jobs available is included below. Even if you have been a part of the Publishing Center before, please read through this, as we have made some changes to each of the volunteer jobs.

We hope you will consider helping out. We have opportunities for in-school and at-home volunteers; for both, this is a great way to get involved at Harold Martin School. If you are interested, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact me at 746-3582 or by email: baronas35@tds.net before Sept. 30.

Thank you,
Vickie Baronas

HMS Publishing Center

The Publishing Center offers Harold Martin School students in grades 1 - 3 the chance to transform their own writing into a bound, self-illustrated book. Kindergartners do not participate, but kindergarten parents are encouraged to volunteer.

There are three different ways to volunteer your time:

Interviewers

The job of the interviewer is to meet with the kids 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. Ideally, each volunteer will be assigned to a single classroom for the entire school year. This is an in-school job with a flexible, one hour a week time commitment from November to May.

Typists

The typist types the student's story by entering text, without worrying about formatting, and emailing the file to an editor. Typists will not need to print, nor will they be responsible for corrections. In addition, if we get enough response, each typist will be assigned a single classroom and will be given only books for that class. This should lighten the load on our typists. Typists will be assigned their own child's classroom when possible. This is an ongoing, at-home commitment.

Editors

We need a few volunteers to receive emailed text from typists, format and proofread stories, then print final copies for binding. Paper and reimbursement for ink cartridges are both available. This is an at-home job, with the exception of delivering finished pages to the school, and requires an ongoing commitment from November through May.
