
Harold Martin School

Parent Flash

September 29, 2006



REACHING FOR THE STARS

Believe it or not, we are already looking for **volunteers** to teach courses for our Enrichment Program "Reaching For The Stars" coming up next spring. If you have an idea for an exciting course or if you have questions, contact our Coordinator, Shannan Tawney at: 4stawney@comcast.net. It is a wonderful program and we need you to help!

NECAP Testing for Third Graders is October 3rd to October 13th.

Be sure your child is well **rested** and arrives to school **on time**.

\$\$ Budget Time \$\$

We don't talk about it too much, and it mostly stays in the background. But this time of year is **budget** season, and it lasts through March when the budget is presented to the town at School District Meeting. The way our fiscal year operates, we start thinking about budget almost when school starts and we are planning for the following year about 12 months in advance.

The reason for the long route is the careful process each school's budget travels. It **begins with teachers** as they estimate what they will need for next year. It then proceeds to **the Principal**, and I examine the requests, likely cut some items, perhaps add a few initiatives of my own, and engage in conversations with staff members throughout the building. It then goes to the **Leadership Team** made up of the school administrators and central office personnel, and then to the **Superintendent**, when each Principal defends his budget.

After the Superintendent finishes his perusal, it heads to the **School Board by mid-November** when they start to examine the budget, and at the meetings they ask questions of the Leadership Team. The public is welcome to attend any of the Board meetings and hear the discussion. By the end of the calendar year, the Board has completed their

deliberations and the **district budget now heads to the Hopkinton Budget Committee**. In January and February, the Budget Committee holds meetings and hearings, and the public can ask questions about the budget. The final destination is the **March School District meeting** when every Hopkinton citizen of voting age can attend, ask questions, make comments at the microphone, and vote.

It's a lengthy process and to some, not the most exciting progression. But the budget is our ticket to continue the excellence in education we have established and our community expects. I encourage you to become involved this year and to ask me questions anywhere along the route.



Did anyone notice the myriad of "60's strewn around the building this past week? It is hard to believe, but our very own **Betsy Wilder** turned 60 years young on Monday and the entire building, both adults and children, celebrated on Monday the birthday of this magnificent woman. Betsy is truly the spirit and heart of Harold Martin School and we are all blessed to continue working with her. Happy Birthday Bets!

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.

INTERNET SAFETY EVENT

On October 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm BeNetSafe.Org in cooperation with the Granite State Distance Learning Network and i-SAFE America, will present an internet safety session to nine locations across the state via videoconference. All members of the community are encouraged to attend this session which focuses on common internet safety related issues such as Cyber Predators, Cyber Bullying, Cyber Security, and Identity Theft.

Peter LaMonica, founder of BeNetSafe.Org along with other BeNetSafe.Org volunteers will be leading the session using the GSDLN's interactive video network to the following nearby locations:

Capital Area Center for Educational Support, 105 Community Dr., Penacook--603-753-6583

Londonderry High School, Library Media Center, 295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry

NH Technical Institute, Library Room 135, 31 College Drive, Concord

NHPTV, 268 Mast Road, Durham

Southwestern Educational Support Center, 438 Washington St., Keene

If you or someone you know would like to attend this session at NHPTV, you can contact me, Susan Adams, sadams@nhptv.org.

The session is free but attendees must register no later than Sept 29th by emailing RegisterOct3@BeNetSafe.Org.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 10/3 NECAP Testing Starts
- 10/9 No School - Columbus Day
- 10/10 No School - Workshop Day
- 10/13 School Picture Day
- 10/26 Early Release Day
- 10/27 Early Release Day

NEXT WEEK AT 'TWEEN SCHOOL 'n HOME at Harold Martin School October 2-6, 2006

- Monday: Bumblebees
- Tuesday: Silly Safari; Let's Sew
- Wednesday: Cooking
- Thursday: Knots; Dancing
- Friday: Autumn Wreaths; Music Lessons

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

PTA

Please join us for the next PTA meeting, **Thursday, October 5**, 6:30 PM in the Harold Martin School music room. In addition to the business meeting, Principal Bill Carozza will be demonstrating digital portfolios and their potential for students. I hope you'll join us.





For Parents!



How to Talk So Kids Will Listen
Thursdays, October 12-November 16
6:00-8:00 PM

This six week video based workshop series will give you practical, effective methods of communication that will make your relationship with children of all ages less stressful and more rewarding. The workshop series will be held at **New Hampshire Technical Institute's Child and Family Development Center**. There is an \$8.00 fee to cover the cost of the workbook. Registration is limited. Call **271-8910** for more information or to register for the series. Limited childcare may be available depending on the needs of participants. There would be a fee for childcare.

**The Child and Family Development Center at NHTI
is Hosting a series of Parent Workshops this fall:**

"Parent-Teacher Partnership—Building and Maintaining Yours" Thursday, September 21
Lisa Ranfos, Director of the Child and Family Development Center

Now that school has begun for your child, the relationship building begins for you, your children and the teachers.

"Advocating for NH's Children" Tuesday, October 24
Jackie Cowell, Executive Director of Early Learning NH

Come learn more about how childcare dollars are spent in NH and how to support NH's children through your actions, your voice and your vote.

"Quickly Calmer" Wednesday, November 29
Lynn Lyons, LICSW

Come learn some of the techniques you can use as you parent through difficult moments

***All workshops are free of charge and
run from 6:00PM – 7:30PM
NHTI Child and Family Development Center
31 College Drive, Concord, NH
Space is limited; please call (603) 271-8910 to register.***



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