



# Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School  
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*Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world.*

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Belt

We have enjoyed a terrific start to this school year! Your children are brightening our days and it has been a pleasure having them back and getting to know the students at Hubbell. A few items to help continue this great start:

**Cultural Fair** - Thursday, September 20th from 5:30 - 7:30. This family event is free and helps build community around the idea of international-mindedness. Hope you can join us!

**PTA Meetings** - The next PTA meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00. Free childcare is provided and we'd love to have your energy and ideas at the meetings.

**International Baccalaureate** - We are thrilled to be serving our students as Iowa's first IB school. Please engage with your child as they work on units of inquiry, develop learner profile traits, and become worldly citizens. Our first units have begun in every grade level and much more detail will come home with your child.

**Traffic Safety** - Please adhere to our drop off and pick up procedures. In addition, I encourage you to walk, car pool, ride bikes, or use convenient locations like the Boulevard Sports or Playhouse parking lots as options to help with traffic congestion. We have adult crossing guards in place at Boulevard Sports, 42nd & Center, and new this year, Roosevelt Footbridge every day. Please consider utilizing these options, especially if your

child is older and can easily walk safely to an off-campus location.

### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER CALENDAR

#### September

Every Wednesday 1:30 dismissal		
3	NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
4	6:00 PM	PTA meeting - library
20	5:30-7:30	Cultural Fair
26	NO SCHOOL	Staff Development
28		Picture Day

#### October

Every Wednesday 1:30 dismissal		
2	6:00 p.m.	P.T.A meeting - library
25	afternoon	Fall Harvest Parties
26	NO SCHOOL	Staff Development

#### Wanted Noon Hour Associate!

We are looking for someone to help supervise students during the noon hour. Duties include, but are not limited to: enforce lunchroom and playground safety rules, problem solve minor rule infractions with students, assist with table clean-up in the lunchroom, and attend work on a prompt and regular basis. The hours of this position are 10:30 - 1:00 Monday thru Friday. If interested please call the office at 242-8414.

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great. If you have a change of email address or would like to begin participating in this paper-saving plan, please call us at 242-8414 or return the below form.

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### **PICTURE DAY** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Picture day is SEPTEMBER 28TH - You must have money enclosed in your envelope on the day of pictures in order to receive a packet. All children will be photographed for the yearbook whether they order a package or not. Watch the Monday Mail folder for picture day order forms.

### **GETTING MESSAGES TO HUBBELL** The Office

Please remember to contact the office if your child is going to be late or tardy. (see new Attendance Policy attached to back of newsletter) If you are calling the office for any other reason, please try to wait until after 9:00 as the office is very busy in the morning. If you have a message that needs to get to your child before the end of the day, please be sure to call the office before 2:30. The teachers check their mailboxes for the last time at 2:45.

### **REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:**

Breakfast is served from 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. If you would like to have your child have breakfast, please have them here before 8:10. The breakfast line closes promptly at 8:10. Thank you!

### **FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE** Mrs. Beebe

**\*\*\*\*\*WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CALL THE NURSE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS\*\*\*\*\***

Parents, please keep your child at home when you notice any of these symptoms:

Vomiting/Diarrhea: Consult your doctor if it lasts over 48 hours or sooner if you have a concern.

Eyes: Drainage or matting in eyes may indicate conjunctivitis (pink eye). You should contact your doctor. Child must be on an antibiotic 24 hours before returning to school.

Fever: Oral temperature 100 or higher. Your child should stay home until temperature is below 100 for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.

Lice/Scabies: Child can return to school after the prescribed treatment has been started.

Rash: Undiagnosed rash or itching.

Chicken Pox: Child can return to school in approximately 7 days from the onset of the rash if all blisters are crusted over and dry.

Sore Throats: Look into your child's throat. If tonsils are swollen, very red and/or white patches present, contact your doctor. If diagnosed with strep, your child must be on antibiotics 24 hours before returning to school.

### **\*\*\*\*\*PARENTS/GUARDIANS\*\*\*\*\***

Vision/height/weight/BMI screenings will begin soon. If you do not want your child to participate in any of these screenings, please contact the school nurse in writing. If we do not hear from you within a week from today, your consent is implied and we will include your child in the screening process.

### **HEARING SCREENINGS**

Hearing screenings will be done on all children this fall. If you do not want your child to participate in the screening program, please notify the school nurse in writing. Parents/guardians will be notified only if the results are abnormal.

### **Flu Shot Clinic**

A flu clinic will be held at Hubbell Elementary on October 16, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Flu shots will be given by Polk County Health Department. The clinics held at Des Moines Public Schools are open to everyone - staff, families, friends, neighbors and anyone in the community. Pass the word and plan on getting your flu shot here at Hubbell this year.

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### MEET OUR NEW HUBBELL STAFF

**Mr Kalyn Cody**  
**-5th Grade teacher**

As a new person around Hubbell, we decided it might be a good idea for me to introduce myself. This is my first year as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and so far everything is going very well. The kids have been very helpful in showing me around the building and helping me to learn the Hubbell Way.

I have been in Des Moines for the last two years working as the Math Leader at Edmunds Elementary and before that I spent two years in Arizona teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. Teaching reading every day has been a bit of a change!

I look forward to meeting all of you (and doubly look forward to remembering some names).

**Ms. Bentley**  
**-Hubbell Counselor**

Many of you know me as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. I am now the new school counselor here at Hubbell. Besides teaching over the years, I have previously been a counselor for four years. I am excited to be back in the counseling department, and am looking forward to meeting with each of the grade levels once every week. I hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year!

### LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Waschle

The Hubbell library is up and running once again and we are all looking towards a wonderful year full of many reading adventures.

Your student has an assigned library day each week and has begun checking out books. There are a few policies that should be followed. The checkout period is for one week. Please encourage your child to return books on time so that other children can read them. Another book may not be checked out until the checked out book is returned or paid for. The charge for lost or damaged hard cover books is based on the cost of the book and the charge for a lost paperback book is \$2.00. Your child is

responsible for the care and return of the books. A backpack or book bag is a helpful way to transport books to and from school. When the book is at home, have that "special place" to keep the library book so it is kept away from pets, younger children, and the danger of damage from spills. It will be easier finding the book the night before library day if it is always returned to your child's backpack each night.

We want all our children to enjoy reading. Read to your child daily or listen to your child read to you. Discussing what you and your child have read can be so beneficial to your child in building a variety of skills. I hope you had a restful summer and enjoyed many happy hours reading together.

Join the Hubbell Birthday Book Club in these ways:

1. Donate a book to the Hubbell library in honor of your birthday.
  - a) Purchase a book of your choice on your own and donate it to the school.
  - b) Pick out a library bound book of your choice from the many catalogues in the library file cabinet and pay for it when the book comes in.
2. Contribute money towards the purchase of a library book chosen by the Hubbell Library Associate and purchased with library funds and have your name listed as a donator.
3. Donate a used book (in good condition).

As a thank you:

1. Your name and birthday will be written in the donated book.
2. Your name will be displayed on our "Hubbell Birthday Book Club" door.
3. A thank you will be noted in the Highlights.

### CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Ethington

Thank you, generous Hubbell Hawks. The art room is well stocked with supplies. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Ethington is looking for volunteers to help laminate artwork for Hubbell students. Collage is located at 1915 Prospect Road and is open 9 to2 on Tuesday, 10-5 on Wednesday, and 9-3:30 on

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Saturday. If you are interested let Mrs. Ethington know through email [lynn.ethington@dmschools.org](mailto:lynn.ethington@dmschools.org). Thank you!

### NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Glynn

Students in fourth and fifth grades may participate in **Hubbell Chorus** again this year, and information letters have been sent home with all interested students. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 25th, and we will do our performance tour in December. Rehearsals are in the music room and begin at 3:00 and end at 3:45. If you did not receive a sign-up note and wish to have one, please contact me. Be sure to return the form on the back of the letter to reserve your spot in chorus!

#### Class Performance Dates

Class performance dates are as follows: November 19<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; December 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades; April 15<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades. All performances are on site in the Maguire Gym. It is a pleasure to teach your children music and I look forward to a great year of making music in the music room!

#### P.E. AT HUBBELL

Mr. Swanson

I look forward to working with your child this year. We'll have a lot of fun as we play games, learn skills, and understand the importance of fitness in our lives.

Please remind your child to wear proper shoes on their P.E. days. Soft-soled shoes bring the required traction needed for safety in class. **Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, or boots are not safe and should not be worn for P.E.** The open toes that are found on most sandals leave your child vulnerable to having their toes stepped on or kicked accidentally, Crocs can come off easily as we run and change directions quickly. If you can help remind them to wear proper shoes on their P.E. days, it will be much appreciated.

#### HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Shirley Brunk and Tom Swanson

Hubbell Safety Patrol is off to a great start. The fifth graders trained last spring and are ready to keep Hubbell students safe. Please remind your students to listen to the directions of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade patrols and to cross the corners safely. We appreciate the help and support of Hubbell parents on the Chamberlain crosswalk, too. Thanks for helping keep Hubbell a safe place.

#### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Ms. Aerisolphal, Mrs. Neumann, Miss Tuttle

Our school year got off to a very smooth start. We are learning and practicing our school routines and Hubbell expectations. We are continuing to listen and follow directions.

Our first I.B. unit will focus on the central idea, "Rules influence how people live, work and play". We will talk about environmental print and take a walk through parts of the neighborhood to look at various environmental signs and learn what they mean. We will learn that rules at school help us work together and stay safe. We will try to always keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves. We will learn to ask good questions to help us become better inquirers.

#### FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Good-Knollinger, Mrs. Hicklin  
And Mrs. Marcovis

Wow, what a busy start to the school year! It was great to see so many of you at "Meet the Teacher" night. We really enjoyed seeing all the new faces, and getting to know you and your students.

1<sup>st</sup> grade is going to be very busy in September and October. We have kicked off our IB unit with the Central idea: Self-identity develops through awareness of personal characteristics. You should be looking for some family activities to be coming home. We will be meeting with and hearing Aaron Quinn and Brandon from Farrell's in Beaverdale speak to us about how we as individuals deal with and think through different situations.

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In writing 1<sup>st</sup> grade has been working on forming both our upper and lower case letters as well as stretching our words to hear the sounds, and writing the sounds we hear. We have also been working on putting capitals only at the beginning of the sentence. You can practice this with your student by having them write 1 sentence about their day at school, and helping them say words slowly and making sure the sentence has a capital at the beginning.

We are beginning reading assessments for the year, and will be completing them in September. We will then begin small group instruction. You can expect to see baggie books coming home in October. Please read the books with your child when they come home and keep completing squares on the Homework "Bingo" sheet. Homework does not have to be sent back to school, we only ask that you return the Homework Bingo sheet on the last day of each month.

In math we will be beginning assessments as well. We will be working on writing our numbers through 120, and work on becoming fluent in our addition and subtraction math facts when adding or subtracting 1, 2, or 3. The activities on the Homework Bingo sheet reflect the math skills we will be working on too.

To close our letter the first grade teachers would like to thank you in advance for all of your support and commitment to Hubbell. Together we can insure your student has a successful 1<sup>st</sup> grade year!

### **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

Mrs. Ward, Mr. Thole, and Mrs. Carlson

The second grade students have been working on the Unit of Inquiry: *How We Express Ourselves*. The central idea is: *People around the world tell stories in a variety of ways*. We have been reading folk and fairy tales from around the world. In math we have been testing and getting ready for our unit on basic addition and subtraction facts. The most important thing to be working on in math right now is to have your child practice their basic addition facts. We have been doing a lot of review and testing in reading as well. Second grade students should be reading 20-30 minutes daily. Also, you can check the calendar for assignments.

You can find the calendar and weekly spelling lists on our website. <http://hubbell2ndgrade.weebly.com/>

### **THIRD GRADE NEWS**

Mrs. Bouslog, Mrs. Finer, and Mrs. Pugh

Third grade explorers are busy making new discoveries. We began by discovering interesting things about our classmates the first few days of school. We are reading an intriguing book about explorers and finding out that people explore for a variety of reasons. As always, there are certain risks that go along with exploring. We certainly do have our share of risk-takers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. We are so excited because our first field trip on September 20<sup>th</sup> to a nearby prairie will help us focus on the early explorers of Iowa and the changes that have occurred over the years as a result of exploration!

This is the first year for planners - a big change to encourage responsibility! We are asking students to read 20 minutes every night, practice spelling and sorting words, and work on mastering a few basic addition or subtraction facts at a time. Parents, please continue checking and signing planners to learn of any important updates *and* to help your child receive rewards for signed planners and completed homework! Third graders are off to a great start!

### **FOURTH GRADE NEWS**

Ms. Babe, Mrs. Majure & Mrs. Schulz

We are very excited about the new school year! This year fourth graders have their first opportunity to join Chorus, take string lessons, and a variety of learning experiences that go with our units. We are working on our first unit of inquiry: *Sharing the Planet*. We will be "feeling the energy" as we look at the different sources and types of energy. We will also be looking at the impact that the renewable and non-renewable sources have on our lives.

Your fourth grader will be working in small groups reading various books. It is important that your child be reading each day with a "right-fit" book. In math we are working on multiplication and division. We are looking at the different properties of multiplication and division as well as

the strategies that help to remember the facts. Keep practicing all those facts - addition and subtraction each night too.

### FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Miss Brunk, Mrs. Beaumont, and Mr. Cody

Hubbell 5<sup>th</sup> grade is off to a great start. The students are working with our building wide Positive Behavior Support procedures and expectations. Keep watching for the Positive Soar Slips that the students receive throughout the day.

Hubbell 5<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to read at least 20 minutes each night and will have spelling lists to study for Friday tests. Fifth graders also will have math homework most Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students will continue carrying a planner home. Please look for it and sign it each day to help us communicate with you.

The first 5<sup>th</sup> grade IB unit is "Conflict can cause changes in people and governments". Fifth graders will be taking a field trip to the Iowa State Capitol during this unit. This will conclude the government part of the unit. Students will share group projects about the colonies and will research a person or event of their choice for this unit.

The fifth grade students will be studying multi-digit multiplication and division for the next few weeks in math class. Each day the students will have a math warm-up that will review and preview math skills.

We look forward to a great fifth grade year. Your child will have many fieldtrips, speakers and experiences this year to supplement our Program of Inquiry.

### K-5 COUNSELING

As Hubbell's counselor, I will be meeting with every classroom once a week. I will be presenting lessons on Friendship and Cooperation, Study Skills, Careers, Personal Safety, Violence Prevention/Problem Solving, Understanding Diversity and Life Changes. Within the Study Skills unit students in third through fifth grades will have lessons to help prepare them for ITBS testing. Fifth graders will have a unit on

Transition at the end of the year to help them prepare for middle school. Our very first series of lessons is called "Happy New Year" which helps students focus on useful skills needed for success in school. All of the elementary guidance lessons have been written using National counseling standards and they are used by all of the counselors throughout the district.

As children get acclimated to a new school year please remember that we are here to help your child/children have happy, successful days at school. We can do this best when we are aware of stressors your child may be experiencing from time to time. Like many adults, children have more difficulty making good choices, listening or working when they are upset. Sharing such information (in person, in a note, or a phone call) helps us understand so we can help your child have a better day. Home and school together play an important role in helping children feel good about themselves, feel safe, and be successful.

If you wish to contact me, please call Hubbell (242-8414). Please leave your phone number and the best time to reach you.

Wishing you the best school year,  
Ms. Bentley, Counselor



Students learned what is expected of them while in the Hubbell restrooms

### PBIS STATIONS REVIEW AT HUBBELL

Hubbell's Positive Behavior plan was reviewed with all the students. Fifth graders presented the behavior expectations at various sites within the building.

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They learned what is expected of them on the bus.



They also learned what is expected of them while on the playground.

### HUBBELL PTA

Shane Schulte, PTA President

Welcome to another exciting year at Hubbell Elementary. We hope your children are finding their way safely to the school each day, eager to learn. The PTA is strong and active at Hubbell Elementary. Each year we raise over \$20,000 to support our teachers and student learning activities. From the HubbellFest in conjunction with Jazz in July, to the Cultural Fest, from Geography Challenge over the holidays to Fun Night and Silent Auction in the spring, there is always something going on at Hubbell Elementary.

As you can image, it takes energetic parents like yourself to help make these events a success, and we truly appreciate the help we get from you during the year. If you're new to Hubbell or interested in helping out, please contact Shane Schulte.

Although we support a lot of activities during the year, it's important that parents are engaged in their children's learning. This means understanding what are children are being taught and how we can help them succeed. We're excited to have a new principal this year, and excited to have the chance to engage with her on how to improve communication between parents and teachers, so we can partner for our children's success. We've tried to change the approach to our PTA meetings, by focusing on what happens in the classroom, and generating a lot of good discussion. If you like to learn more, please try to make a PTA meeting. They're held the first Tuesday of each month, except December, at 6:00pm in the school library.

Thanks again for all you do for our teachers and students. Here's to a fantastic year!



Last year's Cultural Fest was a big success.



The Des Isiserettes performed at Hubbell's Cultural Fest.

**2013-2014 School Year  
PATRON NOTIFICATION  
Between District Open Enrollment  
Iowa Administrative Code 281-17.3(2)**

Parents/Guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

March 1, 2013 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 school year.

September 1, 2013 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2013-2014 school year. To insure that the transfer of individual students does not adversely affect the diversity plan of the District, certain limitations to open enrollment have been established. **Parents of kindergarten students are therefore encouraged to make application requests prior to March 1, 2013.**

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Parents/Guardians of students open enrolled from another school district are eligible for transportation assistance if the household income of the parent/guardian is at or below the federal poverty guidelines for household size. The two districts must be contiguous. Assistance may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend. Information regarding transportation eligibility and a complete copy of the District's open enrollment policy and procedures may be obtained from the Open Enrollment Office, 901 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3506

**Año escolar 2013-2014  
NOTIFICACIÓN DE USUARIOS  
Inscripciones abiertas entre el distrito  
Código administrativo de Iowa (Administrative  
Code 281-17.3(2))**

Padres/tutores considerando el uso de inscripciones abiertas la opción de inscribir a sus hijos en otro distrito de escuelas públicas en el

estado de Iowa deben de estar informados de las siguientes fechas:

Marzo 1, 2013 es la última fecha para solicitudes de inscripciones abiertas normales para el año escolar 2013-2014.

Septiembre 1, 2013 es la última fecha para solicitudes de inscripciones abiertas para estudiantes que ingresan al Kinder y aquéllos estudiantes que están reprobando bajo la definición de "justificada razón" "good cause" para el año escolar 2013-2014. Para asegurarse de que la transferencia de un estudiante en particular no afecte negativamente el plan de diversidad del distrito, ciertas limitaciones para las inscripciones abiertas han sido establecidas. **Los padres de los estudiantes del Kinder son por eso recomendados de que hagan sus solicitudes de inscripción antes del 1o de Marzo del, 2013.**

**TRANSPORTACIÓN:**

Los padres /tutores de los estudiantes de inscripciones abiertas de otro distrito escolar califican para ayuda en la transportación si el ingreso familiar del padre/tutor es en o abajo de las guías federales de la pobreza de acuerdo al tamaño de la familia. Los dos distritos deben de estar adyacentes o colindantes. Ayuda puede ser en la forma de transporte o en la forma de estipendio de dinero. La información al respecto a la elegibilidad del transporte y una copia completa de las reglas de inscripciones abiertas del distrito y procedimientos pueden ser adquiridas en la oficina de inscripciones abiertas (Open Enrollment Office, 901 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3506.)

**SEX OFFENDER NOTICES**

You can obtain information regarding sex offenders in the Hubbell neighborhood by accessing the following web site: <http://www.iowasexoffender.com>

**ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE**

Persons with disabilities who need information about accessibility to the building or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact Carrie Belt at 242-8414.

# **CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS**

Please check out our new website <http://hubbells spanish.weebly.com/>

## **Kindergarten**

¡Hola! Me llamo Maestra Rodriguez. I hope your child has been sharing their new Spanish skills with you at home. If they have, then you probably understood what you just read in Spanish! All Hubbell Kindergarteners should now recognize this as a way to introduce themselves. They can also now identify el papel (paper), el marcador (marker), el lapiz (pencil), el pegamento (glue), los crayones (crayons), las tijeras (scissors), la mochila (backpack), el banco (desk) and la alfombra (carpet). The students enjoyed comparing schools in Mexico to Hubbell. They can also understand and follow basic school rules in Spanish which ties into their current IB unit – Rules influence how people live, work, and play. Please encourage your student to use their new Spanish vocabulary at home as well. ¡Gracias

## **First Grade**

The first graders will be learning vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit – Self-identify develops through awareness of personal characteristics. They will be able to describe themselves and others in Spanish using small sentences. They will also review body parts and colors to say things such as, “Yo tengo los ojos verdes.” (I have green eyes.) Remember to let your child know how proud of them you are when they share these Spanish sentences with you at home. ¡Gracias!

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Yo tengo = I have	Guapo(a) = Handsome
Ella tiene = She has	Bonito(a) = Pretty
El tiene = He has	Feo(a) = Ugly
Yo soy = I am	Bajo(a) = Short
Ella es = She is	Alto(a) = Tall
El es = He is	Fuerte = Strong
Flaco(a) = Skinny	Debil = Weak
Gordo(a) = Fat	Mediano(a) = Medium

## **Second Grade**

The second graders are learning the Spanish alphabet to go along with their current IB unit – People tell stories in a variety of ways to explore feelings, explain the world, or entertain. They are

hearing many traditional stories in Spanish. Please encourage your student to practice the Spanish alphabet at home. They will be bringing home a paper copy to practice from or they can go to the Spanish website mentioned above to practice. They can teach you the ABC chant or challenge them to play one of the alphabet games they learned during class. ¡Gracias!

## **Third Grade**

Third graders will be focusing on landforms and map vocabulary to go along with their IB unit – Exploration and discovery lead to new understandings. They will also review buildings, directions (**norte, este, sur, oeste**) and senses. Car rides are a great time to practice all of these. Encourage them to “teach” you all of the vocabulary words they can see while driving around. ¡Gracias!

## **Fourth Grade**

The current fourth graders IB unit is: The ways in which we harness, use, and conserve energy impact the quality of life. To go along with this, students will focus on vocabulary related to what their own bodies need to make energy and what actions they use that energy for. They are specifically practicing bailar (dance), caminar (walk), cantar (sing), comer (eat), correr (run), dormir (sleep), escribir (write), estudiar (study), hablar (talk), hacer ejercicio (do exercise), jugar (play), leer (read), tocar (touch/play), tomar (drink), trabajar (work) and ver (see/watch). Please ask your child what verbs they know and use them in fun ways at home. Charades is one fun way to practice these new verbs. ¡Gracias!

## **Fifth Grade**

Fifth grade is currently learning vocabulary to go along with their IB unit – Conflict throughout history can cause changes in people and governments. We will be focusing on vocabulary about “las revoluciones” (revolutions) that have occurred in various Spanish speaking countries. Please encourage your student to share what they are learning about these revolutions with you at home. ¡Gracias!

## IB Update

The school is already abuzz with the excitement of new learning! I am excited to be back for my second year as the International Baccalaureate (IB) coordinator and look forward to working with both teachers and parents on our IB journey. As updates on specific units of inquiry and classroom goals will be coming straight to you from teachers, it is my goal to make this a learning page for our community. This page will give you only small doses of what our teachers must know and implement on a daily basis. As you get to know what our program is all about and see the immense amount of effort and extra time our teachers take to learn and implement the IB program, along with the district's standards and benchmarks, I hope you feel an immense sense of pride in the unique education your child is receiving here at Hubbell Elementary.

## What is the Learner Profile?

Each morning your child begins his/her day by saying "*We are the Hubbell Hawks. Inquirers and Thinkers who are Knowledgeable and Reflective; Communicators who are Open-Minded and Caring; Risk-Takers who are Balanced and Principled."* The ten underlined words represent the learner profile.

### **But why is the learner profile so important???**

The learner profile is the heart of the IB program. It provides a common purpose for all IB schools—Primary Years, Middle Years, and the Diploma Program. Students who embody the learner profile traits also embody what the IB program is all about—creating lifelong learners that are truly internationally-minded. IB learners are "active, compassionate, and life long learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right". These caring young people will develop into our future leaders and "will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." (quotes from the IBO mission statement)

Through discussions, read alouds, field trips, soar awards and their continuous connection of the curriculum to other cultures, Hubbell teachers are helping students to develop these set of ideals.

At home, your support of the learner profile is so important. Encourage your child to demonstrate these ideals—discuss them, model them, celebrate them!

If you have any questions regarding our program and curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Jamie Page, IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach  
jamie.page@dmschools.org