



# Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School  
Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

I.B. Unit 3  
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*Hubbell Elementary School  
empowers lifelong learners to  
meet the challenges of  
tomorrow's global world.*

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Carrie Belt

#### General Information

Please remember school breakfast starts at 7:50 students should not be arriving before then. If you child is not eating breakfast then they may enter the building at 8:00. All students need to be in their homerooms at 8:15.

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather the days are getting colder. Students will be going outside for recess so they need winter coats, hats, and gloves

#### IB Unit 3 Begins

Each new unit of inquiry provides a rich opportunity for parental engagement and involvement. Please enjoy the 6 week unit as a way to foster learning connections at home. See the IB Updates section of this newsletter for more information.

#### Happy Holidays

Hubbell enjoys a diverse student and family population that mirrors our fine city. This time of year in particular give our students terrific opportunities to gain understanding and appreciation for peers with different traditions. This aspect of International-mindedness is important for us as an IB school.

### DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY CALENDAR

#### December

6	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
10	7:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Music program
13	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
22-31	No School	Winter Break

NO PTA meeting in December

#### January 2013

2		School Resumes
3	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
8	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - library
10	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
21	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Designated weather make up day

#### February

5	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting
7	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
14	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
18		Designated weather make up day

#### HUBBELL OFFICE HOURS

The office staff will be off during Winter Break. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday. See you on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carrie and Sherrie

#### REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is ill or will be late to school due to doctor appointments, please call the school at 242-8414 between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. to report the absence. Please contact Metro Kids Care directly if your child is not in school or goes home sick - the phone number is 242-8383.

## HUBBELL HIGHLIGHTS

Hubbell Attendance Committee reviews the attendance of all students on a monthly basis. Students with 3 or more absences or tardies will receive a letter from the committee. The committee recommends doctor notes when possible and phone calls when your student will be absent. For further information on the Attendance Policy - please stop in the office and pick up a copy. Thank you.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found bin which is located outside the office under the information table. We will be donating any unclaimed items to the during the holiday break. Thank you.

### TRANSPORTATION

Parents please remember that it is cold now and bus stop waits can sometimes be a lot longer than normal. It is still important to be at your stop on time, but be prepared for possible longer waits on bad weather days. PLEASE be sure your child is dressed warm with hats, gloves and winter coats. Thank you.

### OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents - please help the office keep updated records by providing us with current emergency information.

If you have moved, or have a change of phone number for home, job, or emergency contacts, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you notify the office. You can call or stop in anytime and we will update the information in the computer right away. Over the past month we have had several situations when parents could not be reached because their information is outdated and the kids were unable to provide us with numbers. We appreciate your help with this.

### EARLY OUTS

**REMINDER WE HAVE EARLY OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:30 PM. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS HIS/HER AFTER SCHOOL PLAN. THANK YOU!**

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

1:00 - 7:00 pm

Families, it is very important that if you have a kindergarten age student who will begin school in August 2013 that you attend the Kindergarten Registration day. The district cannot guarantee a spot at your homeschool if you are not pre-registered and they will assign you a student placement at another school. If you have any questions please call the office. Thank you.

### FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Mrs. Beebe

With cold and flu season approaching, students may be bringing medication to school. Please remember that **ALL** prescription and non-prescription medications must be sent to school in the original container. Non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication must include a note from a parent **AND** the doctor indicating the name of the medicine, the dosage, and how many days the medicine should be given. Prescription medicine must be sent with the prescription label attached and requires only written parental/guardian consent. If a prescription medication is to be given, please ask the pharmacist for an extra bottle for school, and send just the amount needed for school use. All medication must be kept in the nurse's office. Students are not permitted to have medication in their possession during the school day. If you have any questions, please call the nurse's office.



Hubbell students thank the PTA for the great books at the PTA book give-away.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Waschle

National Young Readers Week was November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. During this week the PTA gave each student a new paperback book. Many thanks to the PTA for purchasing the books for the students.

Thanks to the PTA and especially Erica Shirk for sponsoring the book fair during conferences. A special thanks to Cooper Kissell, Posy Proctor and Ava Funaro who donated books during the Book Fair.

## NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Glynn



### The Nutcracker Ballet

Hubbell 3<sup>rd</sup> grade music students are studying The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. They will examine how the story is portrayed in the music and how it is told through movement in the ballet. The unit will culminate with a visit to the Civic center on December 7<sup>th</sup> to see the ballet performed.

### Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will be going on tour on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They will sing at Wesley Acres in Des Moines and Macauley Terrace in Johnston.

### December Gifts

On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes will present their music program at 7:00 in Maguire Gymnasium. They will be singing songs and playing instruments. They will also be showing off what they learned about rhythm, ostinatos, and harmony.

### Fall Music Info

On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> the students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades presented their Fall Music performance. Students sang, performed body percussion, played instruments and chanted their favorite music from their first trimester of music classes. A highlight was singing and playing a piece from the Orff volumes called "Ding Dong Diggidiggi Dong."



The 4th grade classes were working on still life drawing in Art.



Art Stop created a sculpture on the Hubbell field.

## CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Ethington

Kindergarten will be learning about and working with clay. Clay comes from the earth. When we work with clay we like it wet and soft so that it can be shaped. We will add texture and pattern to clay. When clay is dry it breaks easily but when baked in a special oven called a kiln it becomes hard. The last step will be adding a glaze to our clay, this also needs to be fired in the kiln.

1<sup>st</sup> grade will be making pinch pots out of clay. Our pinch pots will have a design along the edge and be glazed. We will also be learning about the Chinese New Year! 2013 is the Year of the Snake. We do the Chinese calligraphy symbol for snake and make a Chinese lantern.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Graders have been learning about kachinas of the desert southwest. They created and drew their own kachina and are now making one out of clay. These will be painted and decorated.

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are working hard on their Pop Art Sandwiches. After winter break they will learn about the artist Henri Matisse. They will create a multi-media project that will include printing, watercolor pencils and cut paper. The Des Moines Art Center has a wonderful painting by Matisse! Check it out!

4<sup>th</sup> Graders learned about the artist Norman Rockwell and are doing Mainstreet USA drawings. This is Mrs Ethington's favorite 4<sup>th</sup> grade project. Students will be writing a poem to go with their drawings.

5<sup>th</sup> Graders are studying Vincent Van Gogh and doing a painting in the style of Starry Night. They will use tempera paint and mix a lot of their own colors. The paintings will have a point of interest, a moon, at least 5 stars, and movement in the sky.

### NEWS FROM PE

Mr. Swanson

What's happening in PE these days? Hubbell's students continue to get their exercise and learn about its benefit to the body through fun games and activities during their class time. You can help by making sure that your child gets to participate by wearing appropriate shoes for their own safety on their PE days. Just a reminder that boots of any kind can be unsafe and are not suitable for PE class.

Winter months sometimes lead to inactivity for our students. One way to help with this is to combine television with exercise. Suggest to your child activities like stretching, exercises, running in place, rope jumping, etc. while watching television. Combining these two should make exercise more fun and beneficial!

### HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Shirley Brunk & Tom Swanson

The Hubbell Safety Patrols are busy keeping your children safe at the street corners. Thank you for

encouraging your children to listen to the patrol's directions and safely cross our intersections especially during these slick and snowy months.

Also help keep Hubbell students safe by encouraging your children to safely walk their bikes and carry their skateboards by the building and along the Hawk Walk where there are so many people. Thanks for supporting the safety patrols.



The Hubbell third graders recently participated in Star Prairie.



EY volunteers and Hubbell fourth graders posed for a photo at the conclusion of the afternoon.



Roosevelt Dance Squad performed at a PBS assembly.

## HUBBELL HIGHLIGHTS



Biz Town workers

### BIZ TOWN

Shirley Brunk, Kalyn Cody & Paula Beaumont

Hubbell 5th graders spent Tuesday, November 20th running JA Biztown. This was the final activity for their unit on marketplaces of the world. They learned about the world of work, writing checks and advertisements.



The fifth graders went on a guided tour of the Iowa State House. They learned many details about their state government and the history of the state. This was a perfect ending to their unit on conflict and changes it causes in people and governments.

### SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

You can obtain information regarding sex offenders in the Hubbell neighborhood by accessing the following web site:

[Http://www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com)

### HUBBELL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

Erica Shirk, 2012 Chairperson

Thank you, thank you to all who helped to set-up and run the Scholastic Book Fair: Jake Lederman, Carrie Young, Jen James, Corinne Goode, Michelle Champion, Chris Waschle, Estella Whitman, Elizabeth Martin, the clean-up crew and to all the shoppers!

We earned almost \$1800 dollars toward the school library.

The fair will be held again during conferences in the spring. If you wish to volunteer, I would love your help. Just contact Erica Shirk at (718) 715-3336 or [eoshirk@g-mail.com](mailto:eoshirk@g-mail.com)



Beauty and the Beast was resented at a recent all school assembly.

### ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

Persons with disabilities who need information about accessibility or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact the Director of Student and Family Services, (515) 242-7714

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# **CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS**

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

## **Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten students will be learning colors and shapes. Fun ways to practice at home are to talk about colors in Spanish while coloring and also playing *I spy*. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

<b>LOS COLORES</b>	
Yellow = Amarillo	Green = Verde
Orange = Anaranjado	White = Blanco
Red = Rojo	Grey = Gris
Pink = Rosa	Black = Negro
Purple = Morado	Brown = Café
Blue = Azul	Cream = Crema

## **First Grade**

The first graders will be learning calendar and weather vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit – People recognize important events through celebrations. They will compare their own celebrations to those of children in Spanish speaking countries. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

<b>TIEMPO</b>	
Hace buen tiempo=It's nice weather	
Hace mal tiempo=It's bad weather	
Hace frío=It's cold	Hace calor=It's hot
Hace viento=It's windy	Hace sol=It's sunny
Está nublado=It's cloudy	
Está lloviendo=It's raining	
Está nevando=It's snowing	

## **Second Grade**

The second graders will be learning family vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit– People develop and maintain relationships for a variety of reasons. Please use the list below to practice talking about your family at home. ¡Gracias!

<b>LA FAMILIA</b>	
Mama= Mom	Tío=Uncle
Papa=Dad	Tía=Aunt
Hermano=Brother	Primo(a)=Cousin
Hermana=Sister	Bebe=Baby
Abuelo=Grandpa	Sobrino=Nephew
Abuela=Grandma	Sobrina=Niece

## **Third Grade**

Third graders will be focusing on water vocabulary to go along with their IB unit – Water is a limited resource that is unevenly distributed. They will be focusing on verbs and will even begin the basics of conjugating verbs during this unit! The third graders will come up with their own list of water verbs to learn. This list will be available online at <http://hubbells spanish.weebly.com> as soon as it is made. Please feel free to practice this vocabulary by using the website with your child. One other fun way to practice at home is to play charades and *Simon Says* with the new verbs.

## **Fourth Grade**

The current fourth grade IB unit is traditions reflect beliefs and values of a culture. To go along with this, students will learn about traditions that are common in Spanish speaking countries and share traditions common for their own family. They will also focus on calendar vocabulary and family vocabulary. Please practice family vocabulary at home if you have a chance. ¡Gracias!

## **Fifth Grade**

The fifth grade students will be practicing verb conjugations to get ready for middle school Spanish. They will also use previously learned vocabulary to practice the correct use of adjectives. Remember to ask your child to share these Spanish skills with you at home. ¡Gracias!

**ser - to be**

yo	<b>soy</b>	nosotros	<b>somos</b>
tú	<b>eres</b>	vosotros	<b>sois</b>
él/ella/Ud	<b>es</b>	ellos/ellas /Uds	<b>son</b>

**tener - to have**

<b>Presente</b>	
yo	tengo
tú	tienes
él, ella, usted	tiene
nosotros, nosotras	tenemos
vosotros, vosotras	tenéis
ellos, ellas, ustedes	tienen

### IB Update

This page is designed as a learning opportunity to help you understand what makes your child's educational experience at Hubbell Elementary unique.

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) is a non-profit educational foundation that has been around for over 50 years. The IBO works with 3,485 schools in 143 countries around the world. This means their mission of "creating a better world through education" is reaching over one million students. Hubbell Elementary, with the support of the Des Moines Public Schools, is proud to be able to include our students in this high-quality, research-based educational program.

### *Did you know?*

- ❖ In 2010, Hubbell became the very first authorized PYP (Primary Years Program) school in the state of Iowa.
- ❖ Although Hubbell remains a neighborhood school, we have students both from within the Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) district and outside of the district that open enroll to Hubbell.
- ❖ The only authorized IB schools in the entire state of Iowa are part of the Des Moines Public Schools.
- ❖ Students in the DMPS district have access to 3 of the 4 educational programs offered by IBO: Primary Years Program (elementary schools); Middle Years Program (middle schools); Diploma Program (central campus). The district is exploring the Career-Related Certificate program offered by IBO.
- ❖ The DMPS continues to support the growth of the IB programs in our schools. This year a new position was created with the district, a district IB Coordinator, to provide district support and continuity to all IB schools.
- ❖ There is no "typical" IB school. The IB programs are offered in a variety of different schools—national, international, public, and private schools.
- ❖ Colleges around the world recognize students that graduated with an IB Diploma as being exceptional students well prepared for college-level learning. Many schools provide substantial scholarships to these students and often grant students sophomore status upon admittance.

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

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