



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School
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I.B. Unit 4
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Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL Carrie Belt

Thank you for your support in making Hubbell such a great school!!! I would like to remind everyone that the school doors open at 7:50 for breakfast students and 8:00 for all other students. Classes start at 8:15. If you need daycare for before or after school the office has Metro Daycare applications.

All visitors must sign in the office and get a visitor sticker. The doors to the main hallway are locked which forces all traffic to go through the office. I believe we all have a role in providing a safe learning environment. I encourage you to be proactive with us. If you see someone in the hall check to see if they have a Des Moines Schools ID badge or a visitor sticker; if they don't walk them back to the office.

Please check our lost and found for missing hats, gloves, etc.

We've reached second semester and with that comes our I.B Unit of Inquiry #4 for every grade level. Please work with your child and teacher to enrich this unit through home activities. Look inside this newsletter for more information to help you model your own lifelong learning by exploring this unit with your child. You'll enjoy it!

FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR

February

5 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting

5	3:00 p.m.	2 nd Grade Lego Club
7	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
7	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
12	3:00 p.m.	2 nd Grade Lego Club
14	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
14	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
14	Afternoon	Valentine's Day Party
15		Jump Rope for Heart
18	No School	Presidents' Day

March

1	5:30-8:00	Fun Night
8	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
5	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
12	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Elementary Conferences
	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Book Fair - Library
13	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Elementary Conferences
	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Book Fair - Library
18-22	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!

Monday, February 18th
1:00 - 7:00 pm

All kindergarteners must be 5 before Sept. 15, 2013. Current Hubbell families can pick up registration packets from the school office beginning Feb. 1st. Complete and return by February 18th. You must have a birth certificate, current immunization record, and 2 proof of address when returning your packet.

New families to Hubbell and DMPS must sign up at the Welcome Center - 1301 2nd Ave. Please call 242-7371 or 242-7233 to schedule an appointment or attend the registration at North High School on March 5th & 26th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

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ELL sign up will also take place at North High School - 501 Holcomb Ave on March 5 & 26th. Children must be with parent for this sign up. Families can also call the Welcome Center for an appointment on February 28th. Call 242-8402 and talk to Erika.

Please call the office 242-8414 if you have questions and Sherrie will help clarify.

MESSAGES TO HUBBELL

The Office

Parents, please try to make after school plans with your children in advance. But if you have to call and leave a message for your child, please be sure to do this by 2:30 p.m. to ensure that your student will get the message. The office is very busy at the end of the day and it is hard to reach your child to get a message to them from 2:45 - 3:00. Thank you for your help with this.

LOST AND FOUND

Thank you for your help in keeping our lost and found to a minimum. Kids and parents have done a good job of stopping in and checking for lost items. We still have a few unclaimed items that will be on display during spring conferences - please take some time to look through them. We will donate all unclaimed items during Spring Break.

TRANSPORTATION

If you would like to change your child's afterschool plans for getting home - PLEASE send a note to the office or call the office. Children are expected to take regular mode of transportation unless we have a note or phone call from a parent or guardian. Bus students will be put on the bus if a parent is not here at dismissal and we have not received a note or a phone call. Please call the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

During conferences please take a moment to review your information sheets and update any outdated information. Please provide us with current working phone numbers, emergency contacts and address changes. It is very important that our records are

current. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this info.

Guidelines Regarding Head Lice

Mrs. Beebe

Parents: This time of year head lice occurs more often. Common signs and symptoms to watch for include: intense itching of the scalp, adult lice (that can be very tiny at first) which may be found behind the ears and along the back of the neck, and lice eggs (nits) which can be mistaken as dandruff but don't brush off. Getting lice isn't a sign of bad hygiene or an unclean living environment. It most commonly spreads through close personal contact and by sharing personal belongings. There are many over the counter products for treatment and if symptoms persist you can contact your doctor. The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends a 14 day treatment regime. Please contact the school nurse if you would like a copy of the treatment brochure or visit the following website to download the brochure: www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/headlice_brochure.pdf

Guidelines for students with head lice:

- Students can be screened on an individual basis, but the Des Moines Public Schools no longer does routine mass screenings for head lice
- Parents are encouraged to regularly screen their children for lice. It should be assumed that head lice are in the community and schools at all times. Spend 15 minutes each week on each child carefully looking for head lice or nits. Persons with nits within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the scalp OR live lice should be treated. Careful use of a nit comb can potentially remove all lice. Each child should have his or her own comb or brush. Teach your child NOT to share hats, scarves, brushes, combs, and hair fasteners.
- Any child found to have head lice can finish the school day and be treated that evening at home
- Child's parent will be notified

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- Child must be treated in order to return to school the next day
- "No-nits" policies that require a child to be free of nits before they can return to school are not recommended. Children should not be excluded from school. Head lice can be a nuisance but have not been shown to spread disease.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Waschle

Thanks to Cooper Kissell, Mary Cecil, and Juliana Punelli, who donated books in December and January.

February is Black History Month. A couple of great read-aloud books are *Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes later)* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, and *The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci.



4th and 5th grade Fall Music concert in November



Students sang, performed body percussion, played instruments and chanted their favorite music from their first trimester of music classes.



The Hubbell Chorus went on tour to Wesley Acres in Des Moines and McAuley Terrace in Johnston.



The Hubbell 2nd and 3rd grade students enthusiastically performed music for their parents on December 10th in the Maguire gym. Their selections included rounds, percussion canons and partner songs.

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Glynn

Hubbell Chorus

On December 17th the chorus went on tour and sang for the residents at McAuley Terrace and Wesley Acres. We're not sure who had more fun-the singers or the listeners. One of the residents at McAuley Terrace even taught our chorus a song! Everyone appreciated the chance to share and listen to seasonal songs!

Symphony Trip

The fifth graders will be attending the annual Des Moines Symphony youth concert at the Civic Center on February 26th. To prepare for their trip they will be studying the families of the orchestra as well as the composers and the music.

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Grade 1 and Kindergarten Music Performance

Parents don't forget to mark your calendars for the first grade/kindergarten performance! It will be held on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

Grade 2 and 3 Performance

On December 10th the 2nd and 3rd graders presented their music program in the Maguire gym. They sang songs, and rounds, and played instruments for their parents and friends.

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Lynn Ethington

Hubbell will be represented at the annual Des Moines Public Schools Art Exhibit by 5th graders Precious Daley and Summer Williams and 4th graders James McMahan and Connelly Corcoran. The exhibit will be held February 7-14 in the foyer of Capital Square.

Kindergarten will be learning about creativity, a perfect fit for the art classroom. To connect with their "How We Express Ourselves Unit" they will mix colors and paint hearts in the style of artist Peter Max. We will discuss how we use our "art eyes" and do watercolor paintings of eyes. Using a paper palette they will make a collage for their IB portfolio showing their creative spirit.

1st graders will learn about the artist Alexander Calder, the inventor of the mobile. They will create a stand mobile using pipe cleaners, wire, button, beads, and Model Magic shapes.

The Des Moines Art Center has two great mobiles by Alexander Calder in the foyer. Students should enjoy watching a mobile move and create shadows. This connects with their "How The World Works Unit".

Second graders are finishing up their Personality Drawings that tied into their last unit of Who We Are. They have created symbols and lines to represent themselves and are using oil pastels for color. We are learning how to use the color wheel to help us blend colors.

Third graders are creating multimedia projects based on the artist Henri Matisse. They are using

watercolor pencils, cut paper, and printing for these colorful works of art. The Des Moines Art Center has a wonderful painting by Matisse titled "Woman in White".

Fourth graders just finished drawings of Doodle Insects that included very creative patterns and designs. Pop Art clay pizzas will be our next assignment. If you are interested in helping during the clay unit please let me know at lynn.ethington@dmschools.org.

Fifth graders are going to learn about the artist Peter Max and his iconic posters. He used color, repeated shapes and patterns in his artwork. To tie into their "Who We Are" the students will pick a cause that they feel passionate about and create a poster to support that cause. They will learn about poster design and different lettering styles. These techniques will be helpful to them during their exhibition unit.

NEWS FROM P.E.

Tom Swanson

Hubbell 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are currently enjoying playing volleyball, one of our most popular units, during P.E. class. Our students have learned volleyball rules and skills as we continue to play hard, but still smile along the way! A rope jumping unit is just around the corner for them.

Our kindergartens through 2nd grade students have been enjoying dance and movement to music, as we learn rhythm and footwork. We have also recently worked on catching and throwing, with fitness a priority as always for all our students.

All 4th and 5th Graders to Jump

Anita Babe

Get ready for Hubbell's annual Jump Rope for Heart event on February 15, 2013. All 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate with parental permission. Proceeds from the event will go to the American Heart Association. A large portion of our donation will remain in Iowa for heart disease research. Last year Hubbell jumpers raised about \$3000. This year will mark Hubbell's 31th year of participation. During these years, Hubbell students have contributed more than \$100,000. What an

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outstanding achievement for the Hubbell community!

An information letter and pledge packet should have come home later in January after our kick-off assembly. The PTA will also be involved in making this a successful and fun event.

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL Shirley Brunk and Tom Swanson

We really appreciate the work of the school safety patrol keeping Hubbell kids safe. Thank you patrol parents for getting your students to their duties on time. We appreciate your assistance in getting them off to school dressed warmly for their duty on the corner during this cold winter weather. Thank you patrols for your faithful service during these cold weather days! A BIG thanks also goes out to the parents who help us cross the Chamberlain Street corner.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Ms. Bentley

Hubbell families.
All grade levels have just started our unit on "bullying". The students will be learning about what a bully is, why kids bully, types of bullying, and how to handle a bully. We will have a lot of discussions in class on their experiences, whether they have ever been bullied, or even witnessed it. We will really focus on how it feels to be bullied, and how important it is to have empathy for other people. I have asked the students to be sure to tell you about what we are learning in class, and to ask about your experiences. This is a good opportunity to have some great discussions with your child! We at Hubbell strive to keep our school bully free and an enjoyable learning experience for everyone.

Hubbell PTA News

My how time flies. Winter break is behind us and February is just around the corner. Which means a lot has happened this year and we have a lot more ahead of us.

Geography Challenge

Thanks to the hard work of Jennifer Horner, Jill Heilskov, and Estella Whitman, the Geography Challenge was another successful event. As our

largest fundraiser of the year, it helps the PTA provide funding for Field Trips, Technology Improvements, the Garden Club, and other opportunities to improve our learning environment. This year, parents and friends contributed over \$13,900 to Hubbell Elementary. We had 258 students with perfect scores and 224 students that turned in donations. We gave out 50 gift cards for those that raised over \$100.

The top fundraisers were: Grace Techau (4th), Tessa Bintner (K), Sebastian (Charlie) Deyoe-Snyder (5th), Elizabeth Saunders (4th), and Beau (Graeme) Kempkes (2nd). Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!

Reflections

Reflections held its reception this month and it was a fantastic evening. Our judge works as a docent at the Des Moines Art Center. She said that the judging this year was very very difficult. All of the entries from our students were well done and showed creativity, artistry, passion, and hard work. She was very impressed.

The top 4 entries will be sent to the State level for judging:

Dance K-2; 1st Abigail Rodriguez
Dance 3-5; 1st Claire Davison, 2nd Valerie Rodriguez
Literature K-2; 1st Ian Coen, 2nd Roxanna Ruiz
Literature 3-5; 1st Madeline Failkov, 2nd Noemi Pelaez, 3rd Chloe Neff, H.M. Juliana Punelli
Photography K-2; 1st Thomas Whitman
Photography 3-5; 1st Kobie Long, 2nd Erin Martin, 3rd Tatum Long, 4th Claire Davison
Visual Arts K-2; 1st Graeme Kempkes, 2nd Averie Moeder, 3rd Ava Consorti, H.M Max Karnicky
Visual Arts 3-5; 1st Charlie Deyoe-Snyder, 2nd Shae Cleveland, 3rd Julia Tubbs, H.M Lexi Hankenson

Silent Auction and Fun Night

Fun Night will be held on Friday, March 1st. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for those who order ahead of time. Games and activities will begin at 6:00 p.m., lasting until 7:45 p.m. The Silent Auction will be in the library from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Be looking for fliers coming home soon in Monday mail with more details about these events.

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Many volunteers are needed to make Fun Night & the Silent Auction successful. It takes more than 100 people to make sure it is a safe and memorable night for our Hubbell families. You may soon be asked by your child's homeroom teacher to help run a game, donate prizes, books, hair products, sodas, snacks or Silent Auction items. Please consider giving of your time to volunteer or making donations to the event. Without all of you, Fun Night would not be possible. A special thank you to Krista Long, Jill Loy, Maria Loder, and Megan Brown for coordinating Silent Auction. And another special thank you to Corrine Goode, Susie Billingsley, Kristi Eckard, Sarah Miller, and Jen James for organizing Fun Night.

Safety

The tragedy at Newtown, Connecticut has made us hold our children a little closer. In our last PTA meeting, Principal Belt shared with us improvements to the building that will continue to improve the security of our children. As you've probably noticed, middle schoolers are no longer allowed into the building before classes end. The Main Doors just inside the building by the office will remain closed. All visitors will be required to check into the office before entering the building. The other access doors will remain locked during the day. Other improvements are being considered.

The PTA continues to support our teachers and students so our children get the best educational experience possible. It's not just about bake sales, but about learning about our schools and creating a meaningful discussion between parents and teachers. We'd like for everyone to be a part of the discussion. Please join us at our next PTA meeting, February 5th, 6:00 pm in the Hubbell Library.

Thank you.
Shane P. Schulte

HUBBELL BOOK FAIR
March 12 and 13, 2013
During conference hours
in the Hubbell Library

We will be doing our annual Scholastic Book Fair during conferences this spring. If you would like to

volunteer please contact Erica Shirk at:
eoshirk@g-mail.com.

Thanks so much!!



Thanks to parent, Jake Lederman, students in K-3rd grade have enjoyed Lego Club in the Library.

SEX OFFENDER NOTICE

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 or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact the Director of Student and Family Services, (515) 242-7714

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IB Update

In the last Hubbell Highlights (<http://hubbell.dmschools.org/parents/hubbell-highlights/>), some interesting facts about Hubbell and the International Baccalaureate Organization were shared. One of these facts was that Hubbell was the first elementary school in the state of Iowa authorized to implement the IB Primary Years Program (PYP). This might lead an inquiring mind to wonder just how this came to be! It is with a strong sense of pride that I write about Hubbell's journey to authorization and beyond—its success a direct result of the dedication and hard-work of the Hubbell community.

Hubbell's Journey Toward Authorization

- ❖ 2007-2008:
 - Teachers and parents visited IB schools in Minnesota. Both groups were quite impressed and came back excited to begin our IB journey.
 - Hubbell teachers were sent to IB professional development.
- ❖ 2008-2009:
 - Schedules were created that allowed common planning time with teachers. This time was spent reorganizing district standards and objectives into conceptual units within the IB's framework. From this work, each grade level wrote 6 units of inquiry.
 - The rest of Hubbell staff was sent to IB professional development.
 - Spanish classes were added to the schedule for all of our students.
 - Our amazing IB parent board was established—they worked tirelessly presenting to the school board and community members in order to gain support for the IB program. On April 8, 2008, the school board approved the first IB budget for Hubbell.
- ❖ 2009-2010:
 - Teachers worked hard to write, teach, and reflect upon all 6 units of inquiry, meaning this was the first year Hubbell curriculum fit into the IB framework in its entirety.
 - Application for authorization (a lot of documentation that demonstrated our commitment and ability to provide an IB education to students) was submitted and APPROVED! Hubbell became the first elementary school in Iowa authorized to provide an IB PYP education!
- ❖ 2010-today:
 - IB parent board and PTA have continued to demonstrate their support of teachers and the IB program through events, such as open house and cultural fair, and through their generous support of providing money for supplies, field trips, and speakers that support the units of inquiry.
 - Teachers have continued to show a deep level of commitment through their hard work in teaching and continually reflecting on units of inquiry, teaching styles, and assessments. In addition, teachers have worked to ensure they are meeting the requirements of the common core through the framework of IB.
- ❖ Our next steps:
 - Currently, Hubbell is going through IB Evaluation. Hubbell staff has reflected and analyzed our implementation of the IB program and made a plan for how to continue offering the IB program at a deep and meaningful level for all of our students.
 - On March 28th and 29th we will have the opportunity to gain feedback from IB educators when they come to Hubbell for a site visit. We are looking forward to their feedback and our continued IB journey!

Jamie Page, Hubbell IB Coordinator (Jamie.page@dmschools.org)

CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

Please check out our website <http://hubbellspanish.weebly.com/>

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be focusing on creativity to go along with their current IB unit – People show their creativity in different ways. They will learn about famous Spanish songs, dances and Spanish speaking artists. This will also give them a great way to review vocabulary they have already learned this year.

First Grade

The first graders will be learning sports vocabulary and prepositions to go along with their IB unit – Objects respond to forces in the world around us. Below is a list to help you as you practice at home. ¡Gracias!

DEPORTES	Football=fútbol americano	
Baseball=beisbol	Basketball=basquetbol	
Dance=baile	Gymnastics=gimnasia	
Soccer=fútbol	Swimming=natación	
Tennis=tenis	Volleyball=volibol	
PREPOSICIONES	In front=enfrente	
Above=arriba	Behind=atrás	Below=abajo
Beside=al lado	Between=en medio	On=en cima

Second Grade

The second graders will focusing on the learner profile vocabulary as well as talking about Hispanic leaders to go along with their IB unit– Societies are impacted by leaders of the past and present. Please encourage your child to practice the words below at home with you. ¡Gracias!

Perfil de Aprendizaje	Íntegros=Principled
Audaces=Risk-Taker	Equilibrados=Balanced
Indagadores=Inquierer	Pensadores=Thinker
Reflexivos=Reflective	Solidarios=Caring
Buenos Comunicadores=Communicator	
De Mentalidad Abierta=Open-Minded	
Informados e instruidos=Knowledgeable	

Third Grade

Third graders will be looking at forces of nature to go along with their IB unit – Changes to the Earth’s surface affect living things. They will be using their computer skills to make groups presentations in Spanish as well. Here is a list of vocabulary you could practice at home. ¡Gracias!

FUERZAS DE LA NATURALEZA

Avalanche=avalanche	Drought=sequia
Earthquake=terremoto	Flood=inundación
Forest fire=fuego	Hurricane=huracán
Landslide=derrumbe	Monsoon=monzón
Storm=tormenta	Tornado=tornado
Snowstorm=tormenta de nieve	
Windstorm=tormenta de viento	

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade will be focusing on vocabulary they would need if they were migrating to a Spanish speaking country to go along with their IB unit – Migration transforms people, places and cultures. They will also be reviewing a lot of vocabulary they have already learned as we talk about these countries. Encourage your child at home to use the vocabulary they are learning. ¡Gracias!

FRASES

Where is the _____? = ¿Dónde está _____?
 Good morning = buenos días
 Good afternoon = buenas tardes
 Good evening = buenas noches
 Goodbye = adiós, hasta luego, nos vemos
 Excuse me = con permiso, perdón
 Thank you = gracias
 Your welcome = de nada
 How much is this? = ¿Cuánto cuesta?
 Do you speak English? = ¿Usted habla inglés?
 I speak a little Spanish. = Yo hablo poquito español.

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students will continue 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	soy	nosotros	somos
tú	eres	vosotros	sois
él/ella	es	ellos/ellas	son
Ud		/Uds	

tener-to have

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