



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. Carrie Belt

Mother Nature is reminding all of us that she is in charge; one day its cold the next it is warm. This means COATS, HATS, MITTENS, and winter boots are in order as daily outdoor clothing. We will go outside if the temperature / wind chill is 15 degrees or warmer. Please help your child bundle up in the mornings! If they don't have a coat and it's below 50 degrees, they must stay inside and miss recess time. We really want them to have a few minutes of fresh air and exercise in order to be refreshed for afternoon classes. Thanks for your help! (Also have your child check lost and found if missing things.)

The office staff would like to extend a big "thank you" to our families who have taken time to call the office when their child is sick or will be absent for any reason. As many of you know, if a child is absent and we do not know why, a call is automatically made to find out the reason. It is wonderful to have your cooperation with that.

Parents are urged not to call the school to verify announcements regarding school closings or delays. If you receive an automated phone call from the school please listen carefully to the message, it provides you with all the information you need. Messages are also sent via email. If we do not have your email please send it to the office so we can add you to the distribution list. Here are other procedures to find out about closings/delays:

1. Cable Channel 85 or digital channel 97-3
2. Local television stations
3. www.KCCI.com (look for School Closings - click to view list)

4. www.dmschools.org (district website)

Conferences are March 12th and 13th please plan on attending with your child (teachers will be sending more specific information home). These are opportunities to share classroom successes and see all the hard work your child is doing. Thank you for your support!!

MARCH and APRIL CALENDAR

March

12 & 13	4:00-8:00	Conferences
12 & 13	4:00-8:00	Book Fair - Library
15		NO SCHOOL
18-22	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL

April

2	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
15-19		National Library Week - PTA book giveaway
22		IB Unit 6 begins

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

PARENTS - when sending money/checks to school for lunch or anything, PLEASE put it in a sealed envelope and mark clearly the child's name and what the money is for. Lately we have had to collect for many different things in the office and there have been some mix ups on where the money was to go. Also, when sending checks, be sure to note in the memo - child's name. Lost checks have ended up in the office and we have to try to figure out who it belongs too. Thanks for your help with this.

LOST AND FOUND

A big thank you to all the parents who have taken time to stop in and look through our lost and found bin. Many items have been claimed. We will have

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items out during conferences and kindergarten registration so please take a moment to look through them. All unclaimed items will be donated over the Spring Break.

Human Growth and Development

Mrs. Beebe

This spring, 4th and 5th grade students will participate in the human growth and development curriculum. The 4th grade girls will be given information on the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty. The 5th grade boys and girls will be given information on changes to expect during puberty along with a presentation on HIV/AIDS. Materials for these classes can be reviewed at any time by contacting the school nurse or your child's teacher. A student can be excused from this instruction with a written request from the parent or guardian. Students will participate unless specifically requested not to participate.

BOOK BUDDIES and READER LEADERS

Chris Waschle

Book Buddies and Reader Leaders met in February for the final time this year.

The Reader Leaders and Book Buddies recently went to see *The Boy who wanted to be President* at the Playhouse. We want to thank our wonderful PTA for funding this field trip. Thanks also to Chris McConathy and Peggy Aerisolphal who have helped me with the reading groups here at Hubbell.



Sharing a good book at Book Buddies



Book Buddy book review

LIBRARY NEWS

Chris Waschle

Thanks to Bayiu Fisher, Mary Cecil, Juliana Punelli, RoseTaylor Jack Schwertley and Cooper Kissell for donating a book to the library in January and February.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Enjoy a good book with your student.

COACH SLOTH VISITS HUBBELL

Hubbell students were treated with a visit by Iowa Author Coach Sloth. Coach Sloth played football for the Iowa State Cyclones, The Barnstormers, coached for the Barnstormers, had roles in several movies and has written 3 children books.



Coach Sloth showing the students one of his books.

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Coach played for the Cyclones.

NEWS FROM PE

Mr. Swanson

Mark your calendar for the annual Maguire Relays that will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. In case of rain, it will be held the following day on the 24th. The Maguire Relays are a longtime Hubbell tradition where our students participate in games, fun activities, and races on the playground and field. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be held in the morning, with 3rd- 5th grades participating in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend. More details will be coming as the date gets closer.

EXPRESSIONS FROM ART

Mrs. Ethington

Kindergarten will learn about the artist Paul Klee and his painting Head of Man. They will create their own head with simple shapes and color it in with oil pastels. Warm colors will be identified and used on this drawing. Kindergarten made Earth Day wishing flags for Des Moines Park and Recreation. The flags will be displayed alongside the Principal Riverwalk in April for 2 weeks.

1st grade is learning about the first art ever created, Cave Art. They will be creating their own piece of Cave Art on brown kraft paper. We will use our handprint as a signature, feathers for painting vein lines, splatter brushes for texture, and oil pastels. Symbols will be used on their cave walls.

2nd grade is finishing their unit on Pablo Picasso. They have learned about the art style of Cubism.

In this style they have created a collage of musicians. Picasso was a leader in the art world.

3rd graders have started on their Papier Mache Masks. This is a favorite project of Mrs. Ethingtons! We have built our mask out of a paper plate, cardboard, foil, and lots of masking tape. We will papier mache 3 layers and the paint and decorate them. This takes 6 weeks to accomplish!

4th graders are learning about Pop Art. In the style of Pop Art they will create a pop art pizza out of clay. Their pizzas will be creative works of art with a theme and fun colors. Clay is a material that comes from the earth

5th graders are finishing their posters on a topic that has meaning to them. They have learned about lettering styles and points on making a good poster. This knowledge should help them as they work on their exhibition units. Our next assignment will be a clay project.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Mrs. Glynn

Grade 5 Going to Symphony

On Tuesday, February 26th, the fifth grade class went to the Civic Center to hear the Des Moines Symphony perform. They have been studying the families of the orchestra and will hear music by Bizet, Marquez and Heitzeg. Stephan Heitzeg was commissioned by the Des Moines Symphony to write a composition inspired by the Des Moines Sculpture Park. It is called Symphony in Sculpture. In preparation for that piece the students learned about the sculptures and the instrumentation depicting them in the music.

K/1 Program Reminder

Parents of Kindergarteners and First graders be sure to mark your calendar for their concert on Monday, April 15th in the Maguire gym. It will begin at 6:00 p.m.

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Shirley Brunk and Tom Swanson

A big thank you to all Hubbell patrols for keeping boys and girls safe at the corners. We appreciate all you do to help the younger students with safety

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issues at our busy corners. A special thanks to all of you for hanging in there during all of our cold snowy weather this winter! Thank you to all of the parents who help at the Hawk Walk to keep our students safe!



2nd graders turned 100 years old for the 100th Day of School



Jump Rope for Heart



4th and 5th graders at Jump Rope for Heart

*JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Anita Babe

The 32nd annual Jump Rope for Heart was once again a huge success!! On February 15, about 120 participants raised over \$5,000 dollars for the Heart Association. Lelaina Easton was our top fundraiser this year. Thanks to all who helped to make this annual event sensational.



The Book Worms took First Place in the Battle of the Books competition at Hubbell.



The Book Bandits were a close second.



The Speeder Readers BOB team

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The Raving Readers BOB Team



The Lunatic Readers BOB Team

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Mrs. Waschle

Battle of the Books is a reading program for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders designed to encourage children to read and give recognition to those who like to read. Hubbell had 5 teams of 6 or 7 students competing. The first round of competition was on February 28th. The winning team was and the "Book Worms" (Kobie Long, Clara DeForest Colvig, David Pille, Charlie Deyoe-Snyder, Jackson Neff, Erin Martin and Alex Ody.) They will go on to the regional competition in which they will compete against 10 other west side elementary schools. Congratulations to these students and all the students who participated.

Other students participating in the Battle of the Books Competition this year were: Makenna Dempsey, Elizabeth Saunders, Madeline Fialkov, Hayden Bosman, Stella Logsdon, Olivia Halstead, Rob Goode, Claire Kallestad, Sam Beaumont,

William Tyler, Zekie Miller, Josh Whitman, Norah Egge, LuLu Rongerude, Carolina Crescencio Martinez, Chloe Neff, Mary Staplin, Tatum Long, Jeremy Koger Tyrell Taylor, Briyahn Warner, Lexi Handerson, Drew Sullivan, Mary Cecil and Bayu Fisher.

We are very proud of all the students who participated in Battle of the Books and hope that many more will join in the fun next year. Many thanks to those who helped coach these groups of fantastic readers.

COUNSELOR CORNER

We are concluding our Bullying Prevention lessons which we started in January. We have spent a good deal of time exploring various types of bullying situations. We have discussed what students can do to support the person getting bullied and what they can do to help discourage or stop bullying behavior.

Our next unit is "Anti-bias and Harassment". We will be learning to better understand and appreciate those who have a variety of backgrounds, cultures and life experiences. We will also explore the ways that we look at all kinds of diverse groups and how those people are treated as a result of perceptions.

During the next month we will be working with the Third graders to help prepare them for taking the Iowa Assessments which will be given April 2-April 13. The Fourth and Fifth grades will also review strategies for success in taking the Iowa Assessments. Iowa Assessments are being given this year in place of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Hope Bentley
Hubbell Counselor

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Shane Schulte

Another successful year is coming to a close. Hopefully Spring will grace us soon with warmer weather so the kids can play and the flowers can bloom.

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Silent Auction and Fun Night

On March 1st, Students filled the halls with laughter as they enjoyed our annual Fun Night. We served Walking Tacos and pizza to the masses before we opened up our classrooms with games and activities. If you had a chance to attend, you know the building was filled to the brim with children, friends and family. It was a great time for neighbors to come out of hibernation and greet familiar faces, while the kids got to let off some steam with their friends. All in all, the event rose over \$1000 towards student activities like field trips and teacher support.

Silent Auction was once again a huge success. The library was filled with donations from around the community. We raised over \$6000 that will contribute directly to our children's learning.

Thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who contributed. Please visit our Facebook site for a list of contributing businesses and individuals. Make sure to support those who support our schools and children.

Reflections Winners

Congratulations to all Reflections contestants for their hard work. Several wonderful works were sent to the State level for judging and the winners have been announced! Congratulations to our state winners. 1st through 3rd places will continue on to the National Contest.

Honorable Mention - Thomas Whitman for Ice Flying - Photography

1st Place - Tatum Long for Skiing in Style - Photography

2nd Place - Erin Martin for Magic in Disguise - Photography

Honorable Mention - Ian Coen for The Flying Dino - Literature

1st Place - Madeline Fialkov for A Christmas Tale - Literature

1st Place - Abigail Rodriguez for Many Moments - Dance

1st Place - Claire Davison for The Magic of Momentum - Dance

3rd Place - Valerie Rodriguez for Moments Matter - Dance

Focus on the Classroom

My tenure as Hubbell PTA President is coming to a close. I'd like to thank everyone for the honor and privilege of serving our children, parents, and teachers. We have an amazing school that promises to help every child realize their potential in whatever they choose to pursue. This isn't by accident. It's a result of the hard work of our Principal, our support staff, and our dedicated teachers. It's also largely a result of each of you, as parents, who volunteer your time, in whatever meaningful way, to make our school the best it can be. Our future is bright. I hope our conversations continue to focus on what's happening in the classroom and on what's best for our children. Thank you.

SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

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

<http://www.iowasexoffender.com>

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CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

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

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be studying living things in the desert to go along with their IB unit. They will be focusing on animals, plants, and location of deserts around the World. They will also be learning prepositions of place. Your practice at home makes all the difference. Please focus on prepositions whenever you have a chance. ¡Gracias!

Preposiciones

Arriba=above	Abajo=below
En frente=in front	Atrás=behind
En medio=in middle	Al lado=next to

First Grade

The first graders will learn about the ancient Maya community to go along with their current IB unit – Each place has special features that affect how people live. They will learn about the Mayan number symbols, calendar symbols, and a variety of cultural facts. This will also provide them with the opportunity to put into practice the vocabulary they have already learned as they explore the Mayan traditions.

Second Grade

The second graders will learn nature vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. They will also still be focusing on the learner profile words as many students struggled with this vocabulary last unit. A great way to encourage your student's Spanish skills at home is to take a walk and ask them to find things they know how to say in Spanish. Then they can "teach" you as they talk about various colors, shapes, buildings, people, objects, etc. ¡Gracias!

Third Grade

Third graders will be focusing on time and school schedules. A great time to practice this vocabulary at home is when you check the planner. You can also ask your child what time it is but have them respond in Spanish. Practicing at home gives student the chance to "show off" their skills as well as improve in a place where they feel very comfortable. ¡Gracias!

TIME & SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Clase = class	Lectura=reading
Ortografía=writing	Matemáticas=math
Ciencias=science	Arte = art
Educación física=P.E.	Música=music
Español=Spanish	Recreo=recess
Estudios sociales=Social Studies	
Bachillerato Internacional= I.B.	

¿Qué hora es? = What time is it?

Es la una. = It's one o'clock.

Es la una y siete. = It's 1:07.

Son las dos. = It's two o'clock.

Son las dos y cuarto. = It's 2:15.

Son las cinco y media. = It's 5:30.

Por la mañana = in the morning

Por la tarde = in the afternoon

Por la noche = in the evening

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are learning solar system vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. Please encourage your student to share what they are learning about the way the solar system was viewed by various Spanish speaking civilizations in the past. ¡Gracias!

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students will go further into 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!

-ar verbos

Yo _____o	Nosotros _____amos
Tu _____as	Vosotros _____áis
Él/Ella/Usted _____a	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes _____an

ESTAR (to be)

Yo estoy	Nosotros estamos
Tú estás	Vosotros estáis
Él/Ella/Usted está	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes están

IB Update

What is the PYP Exhibition?

The Primary Years Program (PYP) exhibition is a significant event for all of our Hubbell students. It is a culminating event in which our students are able to synthesize all they have learned as an IB student and share this with the whole school community. During the six-week exhibition unit, our students are actively engaged in identifying, investigating, and offering solutions to real-life issues. Classrooms are abuzz with excitement as students become quite passionate about the issues they have chosen to explore.

Who participates in the exhibition?

As a culminating event, it is students in their final year of the IB program that have the most active role in the exhibition. For Hubbell, this is our 5th grade students that are passionately exploring issues and problems in our community. However, the exhibition truly represents 6 years of learning—6 years of students' IB journey. This amazing celebration is shared with the whole school, as all classes come to learn from our 5th graders. During the six-week unit, our 5th graders will visit many classrooms to share their investigations and the solutions they have explored. At the end of the unit, 5th graders will set up booths in the gymnasium so that the entire school can walk around and see the final products of weeks of dedication and hard-work; in the evening 5th graders will invite the entire school community to share in this celebration.

As a parent, what is my role in the exhibition?

No matter what grade level your child attends, there is a role for you in the exhibition! The entire school community is encouraged to attend the evening celebration of the exhibition. Even if your child has quite a few years before becoming a 5th grader, it is an exciting event that will give you great insight into what your child will need to be able to accomplish before moving on to middle school.

The task of exploring a real-life issue, proposing a solution, and taking action is no easy task to undertake! Our 5th graders (and our teachers!) cannot do this alone and we invite all community members to participate in the exhibition as mentors.

What is a mentor?

As mentioned above, all parents and community members are invited to become mentors for our 5th graders. During the six-week exhibition unit, our mentors meet with a group of students to help them set and reach goals by asking questions, helping them find resources for their investigations, facilitating interviews and setting up visits within the community.

If you would like to participate in this extremely rewarding experience, please contact a 5th grade teacher or me for more details!

Jamie Page
Hubbell IB Coordinator
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SUCCESS 4 SIXTH GRADE

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SUCCESS 4 SIXTH GRADE SUMMER PROGRAM! All 5th graders going into 6th grade next year are invited to attend a fun filled day at their new middle school this summer! This program is free for new 6th graders and activities will include team building, learning how to open lockers, exploring the school and much more! Look for paperwork to come home with your 5th grader in May or contact your middle school's SUCCESS case manager for more information. Each student must be pre-registered in order to attend!

SCHOOL	DATE	SUCCESS CASE MANAGER	PHONE #
BRODY	June 24	ALYSSA ZIMMERMAN	242-8166
CALLANAN	August 1	DAYNA CHANDLER	279-2604
GOODRELL	August 2	LARRY JOHNSON	242-8444
HARDING	August 7	CARI LONG	242-8354
HIATT	July 30	ERIN HEMESATH	242-8128
HOYT	*No Program Due to Construction*	CARRIE CRIST	242-8446
MCCOMBS	June 26	MAUREEN KENNEDY	242-8447
MEREDITH	August 5	JENNIFER MURPHY	242-7792
MERRILL	August 9	CARLA TURNER	242-8361
WEEKS	June 28	STACY CORNWELL	242-8449