



Hubbell Highlights



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

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Carrie Belt

We don't want ANYONE injured!

Greetings Hubbell Families-

The heading says it all! I'm talking about arrival and dismissal drivers in our parking lot. I am pleading with people to follow the guidelines established during arrival and dismissal times when our parking lot is the busiest. We need EVERYONE to follow the guidelines at all times in order to create the safest routines we can.
PLEASE:

- Stay in your vehicle if you're in the line of cars picking students up at the curb.
- Do not call students into the parking lot or into the street when they have to cross between traffic.
- Do not park on Center St. in the bus loading zone.
- If you need to come into the building, please use a designated parking spot.
- Be alert for students at all times!

BIKE SAFETY: According to the Des Moines Public Schools Family Handbook students must be in fourth or fifth grades to ride bicycles to school. There will be a permission form for students and parents to complete if students are riding their bike to school. I realize that bike riding was encouraged in the past for all students. The only exception to this rule will be if parents

are riding to and from school with a student younger than fourth grade.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 21st 3:45-5:30. We will be having a retirement tea for: Ms. Shirley Brunk with 40 years of teaching in the district, Mrs. Melanie Griffith with 37 years of teaching in the district, and Mrs. Mindy Neumann with 23 years of teaching in the district!! Families are invited to come help us celebrate and thank them for their dedication to education and Hubbell. We kindly ask that children are accompanied by an adult.

Finally, I want to thank the Hubbell Community for all of the support you give our school. It's a shame every school in Des Moines does not have the parent, student and community support that Hubbell has. I am truly enjoying my experiences with your children and you.

THANKS!!

MAY AND JUNE CALENDAR

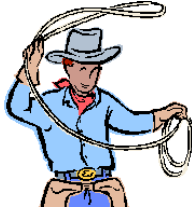
May

6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
7	6:00 p.m. PTA meeting. - Library
8	National School Nurse's Day
21	3:45-5:30 Retirement Tea for Shirley Brunk, Mindy Neumann and Melanie Griffith
23	Maguire Relays - A.M. K-2 nd grade P.M. 3-5 th grade
24	Maguire Relays Rain date
27	No School Memorial Day
30	3:15 p.m. Piano Recital

June

3	5:30 p.m. 5 th Grad Promotion DM Playhouse
4	12:00 p.m. Last Day of School

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Kindergarten Round-Up

Did you miss our round-up in March? Well you can still come in and register for Kindergarten 2013-2014. Just stop in our office anytime between 9:00 - 2:00 Monday - Friday.

- Bring a copy of birth certificate
- Bring a copy of child's immunizations
- Proof of Address

If you have any questions - please call the office 242-8414.

LUNCH MONEY

Please make sure your child has lunch/lunch money for the last week of school and that all lunch loans are repaid. If you are unsure about the amount of loans, you may call the lunchroom at 242-8414. If money is left in your account, it will carry over to the next school year. You can also pay lunch accounts on line now. Just go to the DMPS web page, go to Departments, Food & Nutrition and follow the links. You will need your child's student i.d. number. You can find that on the top right hand side of a report card, on your Infinite Campus page, or call the office and Sherrie can look it up for you.

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM LOST ITEMS!

PLEASE make time to check the bins outside the office. All unclaimed items will be donated. Thanks!

HUBBELL REGISTRATION 2013 - 2014

Registration paperwork is located on the Hubbell webpage and you will be able to start completing and return your paperwork to the office the week of April 29th. If you do not have access to a

printer to print off the paperwork, please feel free to stop in the office and pick up a packet. I will also be sending home your information verification sheets with your student the week of the 29th. It is important that you update the info and return it with your registration materials. Student fees are \$20 for 1st - 5th gr. and \$10 for kindergarten. Please call the office if you have further questions.

MESSAGE ABOUT MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL!

Michelle Beebe

Please pick up any over-the-counter and prescription medications that your child has at school prior to the last day of classes. Any medicine that remains at school after the children are dismissed on the last day will be disposed of by the nurse. If you prefer to have your child's medicine sent home with them, please call the nurse and make arrangements to do so. Thank you.

Human Growth and Development

Michelle 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.

MAGUIRE RELAYS

Mr. Swanson

Thursday, May 23rd is the date of Hubbell School's annual Maguire Relays, named after longtime PE teacher Charlie Maguire. The rain date for the Relays is Friday, May 24th. This all-school field day will include races, relays, and fun games for all the students. Kindergarten through

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second grade events will be held in the morning from 9-11. The students will rotate from station to station, enjoying non-competitive games and activities.

A lunch/picnic time for all the students and their families will be held outside over the lunch hour. Students may order a school sack lunch or bring their own from home. The K-2 picnic will be held after their morning relays starting at approximately 11:10. Our 3rd-5th graders will follow with their picnic at 11:40.

The afternoon part of the relays will start up at 12:10. This will feature 3rd-5th graders who have selected their own fun events in which to participate.

Please remember that students leaving with parents before dismissal time must be signed out in the office just like any other school day.

HUBBELL STUDENTS AT THE DRAKE RELAYS

Mr. Swanson

Hubbell Elementary will enter a team of 5th graders in the upcoming 104th annual Drake Relays. Dajah Baptiste, Antonio Alzheimer, Clara DeForest-Colvig, and Will Tyler will represent Hubbell as they compete against other area schools in the 240 yard elementary school shuttle. Congratulations to these students on making the Hubbell team!



Thanks PTA for some really great books

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Waschle

The state has recently announced **Runaway Twin by Peg Kehre** has won the 2012-2013 ICC Award. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders recently voted on their favorite 2012-2013 Iowa Children's Choice book. The winner at Hubbell was **Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret**. The other top vote getters *The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall* by Mary Downing Hahn, *Mickingbird (Mok'ing-burd)* by Kathryn Erskine, and *I survived Hurrican Katrina* by Lauren Tarshis. The 2013-2014 books are on the library shelves now and look really good. Please encourage your students to read the Iowa Children's Choice books.

Thanks so much to the Hubbell PTA for purchasing books for the semi-annual book give-away which was held April 15th through the 19^h during National Library Week. The students are always so excited to get a brand new paperback book.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, please help your student locate or pay for any overdue library books. If a book is paid for and then found, your money will be refunded. The fine for lost paperback books is \$2.00. The cost of hardback books is based on the age and condition of the book. I will send notes home for any overdue books with the title and cost listed.



"First graders practice dance for their Spring music program, "Making Friends".

MUSIC NEWS

Kim Glynn

Fourth Grade music

Opera Iowa came to Hubbell on April 5th. They did workshops with the fourth grade class on singing styles, writing an opera, costumes, make up and set design.

Spring Program

First graders and Kindergarteners performed their music program on Monday, April 15th in the Maguire gym. Students did a fine job of memorizing music and words and all the actions that went with them.

Grade 1

The first grade class is working on music symbol books as part of their IB unit. Students learned that music notation is universal and it is the language of sound that can be read in any country no matter what your native language is!

The Three Little Pigs

Opera Iowa performed the children's opera, The Three Little Pigs. In preparation, all students learned a chorus to sing along with the opera. They also learned about opera music, Mozart and some of the characters that are in his most famous operas. Some of the characters in "The Three Little Pigs" were named after them!



Opera Iowa's performance of The Three Little Pigs



Opera Iowa presented a workshop on singing styles

PIANO NOTES

Mrs. Holthaus

Mrs. Holthaus' piano students will present their SPRING PIANO RECITAL on Tuesday May 30th at 3:15 p.m.

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Ethington

Kindergarten is learning about Iowa artist Grant Wood. They are doing a landscape in his style, including hills, geometric shaped buildings, rounded trees, and crop lines.

1st grade just finished fun paintings of buildings in the style of artist Paul Klee. In connection with their plant unit they will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe and doing large flower drawings.

2nd grade will be doing rainforest watercolors. They will be inspired by the artist Henri Rousseau. Students will draw from live plants in the art room and hide life cycles within their paintings.

3rd grade is finishing their papier mache masks. We have had a lot of fun creating them.

4th graders are going to the Des Moines Art Center, Thursday April 25th. This will connect with their How We Express Ourselves unit. The

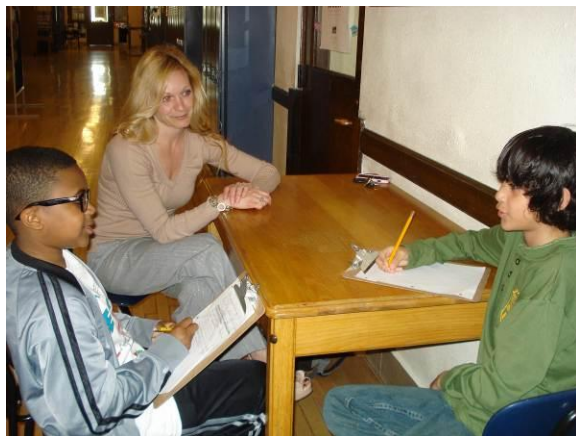
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Art Center is free to the public and open Tuesday-Sunday. I encourage students to go back with their family and explore it some more.

5th graders are making coil pots out of clay and glazing them. They will be creating a pop up environment of a biome of their choice.



5th Grade students held supply drive to help endangered animals that they learned about at the Red Rock Wildlife Reserve.



5th Graders spoke with Jacy Downey about video games and the negative effects they have on everyone.



Two Exhibition groups toured AHeintz 57 Pet Rescue and Transport to learn about animal abuse.



This group studied Endangered Animals.



Pet Rescue and Transport

PATROL NEWS

Mr. Swanson and Ms. Brunk

Continue walking bikes to the corners to avoid problems with walkers on the sidewalk. Also be extra alert as students enjoy the nice weather

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outside. We want to keep our great safety record at the patrol corners.

A big thank you goes out to all the safety patrols. They faithfully covered the corners this year to keep Hubbell students safe. Thanks also to the adults who helped on the corners to make the students cross safely!

During the end of May we will begin training 4th graders to begin taking over student patrol duties for next year. We appreciate your support!!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Hope Bentley

All grade levels just finished a unit on "Anti-bias". They learned about how all people can be alike and different. We discussed how to treat people, despite differences, with respect, caring, and fairness. The fifth graders will now be starting a unit on transitioning into middle school and discussing schedules, tips for success, and their apprehensions or questions. The rest of the school will be starting a unit on "Careers" and looking at various post-secondary opportunities. We will also learn about what it takes to have a successful, fulfilling future, and how decisions we make and our actions now can affect that.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. We did great this spring, our total being \$3100. Thanks to all the teachers and parents that helped.

Erica Shirt
Scholastic Book Fair Chair

NOTES from the Hubbell PTA

Shane P. Schulte

It's been a great year for the Hubbell PTA. We've had a successful year with fantastic events such as the Cultural Fest, Geography Challenge, Fun Night, Silent Auction, Hawk Shop, Garden Club, Lego Club, and our Reflections contest. But it's also been a good year for working with our new principal and teachers to learn more about what happens inside the classroom each day and how we can help as

parents. Thank you to everyone for your help, your support, and your passion for Hubbell Elementary and our students.

We're not quite done yet. We still have Maguire Relays and 5th Grade Graduation coming in May, as well as our monthly teacher appreciation events. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

This is my last year at Hubbell. It has been a great honor to serve as President of the Hubbell PTA. Thank you for the opportunity to do so. I am excited to introduce next year's officers. The Hubbell PTA tradition of excellence will continue in their capable hands.

Kevin Saunders - President
Megan Brown - Vice President (Volunteerism)
Melissa Watson - Treasurer
Sarah Miller - Secretary (Communications)

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SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

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

CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

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

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be learning clothes vocabulary during the next unit. We will look at clothes from the past and present to go along with their current IB unit – Our past and present are connected. I greatly appreciate the efforts made at home to practice and encourage these new Spanish skills. ¡Gracias!

Ropa

Coat = la chamarra	Dress = el vestido
Pants = el pantalón	Shirt = la camisa
Shoes = los zapatos	Sweater = el suéter

Second Grade

The second graders are going to focus on question words and the alphabet for the rest of the year. They will also have opportunities to demonstrate using **all** of the vocabulary they have learned throughout their time in the Spanish program so far. Below is a list of the new vocabulary if you would like to practice at home. ¡Gracias!

Preguntas

¿Qué?=What	¿Quién?=Who
¿Cuándo?=When	¿Cuánto?=How much
¿Cómo?=How	¿Por qué?=Why
¿Dónde?=Where	¿Cuál?=Which

Fourth graders will be focusing on verb conjugation and writing. They will learn the correct endings for all three kinds of verbs! They will also be able to review and practice vocabulary from the whole year. Please encourage your student to continue practicing their Spanish vocabulary this summer by visiting our website. ¡Gracias!

First Grade

The first graders will learn plant vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit – Plants have a role in supporting life on earth. We will then end the year by reviewing everything they have learned so far! Below is a list of vocabulary you can practice at home. ¡Gracias!

Plantas

El tallo=stem	Las raíces=roots
Las hojas=leaves	La tierra=soil/dirt
El sol=sun	El aire=air
El agua=water	Los pétalos=petals
Las semillas=seeds	La comida=food

Third Grade

Third graders will be focusing on technology vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit– Sharing ideas with others can influence their perspectives. The students will once again be looking up words on their own using an online Spanish dictionary. Below is a list you can use to practice at home. ¡Gracias!

Tecnología

Computadora=computer	Impresora=printer
Televisión=television	Celular=cell
Estéreo=stereo	DVD=DVD
Videojuegos=video games	La red=internet

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students will continue practicing verb conjugations to get ready for middle school Spanish. Several students are still struggling with memorizing verb forms so please review at home by using the website. There will be lots of opportunities for them to review everything they have learned throughout their time in the Spanish program at Hubbell. It has been my pleasure to help your student improve their Spanish skills throughout their time at Hubbell. ¡Gracias!

IB Update

Our final unit of inquiry is beginning and the daily count of school days is getting ever closer to 180. It is this time that thoughts begin to drift toward summer and, inevitably, towards next year. For our 5th graders and their parents, these thoughts are much more significant than ever before! *Where will their learning take them in middle school? Will I still see my friends? How will learning be different next year? Will it be difficult? What if I can't open my locker? What does this mean for our IB journey?* These just brush the surface of the many questions running through the minds of our 5th graders and their parents. Not one of these questions has a simple answer—it will be an enlightening and exciting learn-as-you-go journey! I do, however, hope the section below will shine some light on the questions regarding students' IB journeys☺!

The Next Chapter of Your IB Journey

Middle School

The IB journey for our 5th graders doesn't have to end with their final years at Hubbell! All Hubbell students are able to attend Merrill Middle school, which offers the IB Middle Years Program (MYP). If your family does not live within the school boundaries of Merrill Middle School, you will need to complete open enrollment papers. However, Hubbell students are placed at the top of the open enrollment list for Merrill.

Goodrell Middle school, on Des Moines's east side, is also an authorized IB school. Brody Middle school has been working hard for the past few months to prepare for the IB authorization process and will be submitting their application for candidacy soon. Meredith Middle school and Hoover high school are in the midst of completing the IB authorization process in order to offer the Middle Years Program through 10th grade.

High School

IB's Diploma Program is designed for students in their junior and senior year of high school. Currently, the Diploma Program is taught at Central Academy. Students interested in the Diploma Program do need to complete an application, which includes a writing sample, but there is not an entrance exam. While there is no defined criteria a student must meet to be accepted into the Diploma Program, students must demonstrate a willingness to accept the rigors of this challenging program.

If you feel that your student is **"Diploma Bound"** you should consider having your child participate in the Diploma Bound Program, offered to all current 5th through 9th graders in the Des Moines Public schools. The goal of this program is to offer students additional support, coaching, and mentoring as they prepare to enter the Diploma Program. For more information on this program, contact Dr. Simone Alekno at 242-8504 or simone.alekno@dmschools.org.

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