



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School
Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

I.B. Unit 1
September 3rd-October 11th, 2013

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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 26th 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 - We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the library 6:00pm-7:00pm. 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. The inside lane (closest to the sidewalk) is for drop off and pick-up only. In addition, I encourage you to walk, car pool, ride bikes, or use convenient locations like the Playhouse parking lot as an option 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		
2	NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
10	6:00 PM	PTA meeting - library
26	5:30-7:30	Cultural Fair
27		Picture Day

October

Every Wednesday 1:30 dismissal		
8	6:00 p.m.	P.T.A meeting - library
16	2:00-8:00	Conferences
	2:00-8:00	Book Fair - Library
23	2:00-8:00	Conferences
	2:00-8:00	Book Fair - Library
24	afternoon	Fall Harvest Parties
25	NO SHOOOL	Staff Development

Save a Tree

We've begun sending this Hubbell Highlights electronically. If you already receive your Highlights on line, that's 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.

_____ Please e-mail the highlights to me at:

PICTURE DAY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Picture day is SEPTEMBER 27TH - 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.

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GETTING MESSAGES TO THE HUBBELL 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.

MEET OUR NEW HUBBELL STAFF

Kelsey Brown - Kindergarten

I'm new to Hubbell, but not new to the district. I taught kindergarten for two years at Edmunds Elementary. I'm very excited to learn what Hubbell is all about!

Joan Koch - 3rd Grade

This is my 24th year of teaching for Des Moines Public Schools in a variety of roles. The Hubbell staff, parents and children are incredible and have made me feel at home instantly. It is a pleasure to be a Hubbell Hawk and I look forward to a wonderful year in 3rd Grade.

Regan Blume - 4th Grade

My name is Regan Blume and I am teaching 4th grade. In the past, I've taught students with behavior disorders grades 4-5 at Smouse Opportunity School and grades K-2 at Park Avenue Elementary. I graduated college from Iowa State University and in my free time I enjoy going to Cyclone football and basketball games. I am very excited about this upcoming year at Hubbell!

Rick Maruca - 5th Grade

I am so happy to be teaching 5th grade here at Hubbell. I previously taught at Park Avenue and Morris. Being from the Pacific Northwest, I appreciate the distinct seasons here in Iowa.

Julie Carpenter - Special Ed Associate

I have been married to my husband Kevin Carpenter for 30 years and have a son who is 26.

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We live in Adel Iowa. We have a cat and a dog. In my free time I like to garden and shop.

Jo Yochum - Special Ed Teacher

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Cynthia Hernandez-Seifer - ELL

Hola, Mi nombre es Cynthia Hernandez-Seifer y soy a trabajadora bilingüe de Hubbell. Estoy disponible las Martes y Jueves de las 8:00-3:30 para ayudarle con sus preguntas, preocupaciones o lo que necesiten.

My name is Cynthia Hernandez-Seifer. I'm the bilingual worker at Hubbell. I am available Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-3:30 to answer any questions or concerns.

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

The art room has a student teacher this fall! Ms. Kirk is a graduate student at Drake University. She is working towards a Master of Arts in Teaching in K-12 art and will be working in the art room at Hubbell until October. She loves photography, mixed media, and baseball.

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

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

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Tuesday, September 24th, 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 4th: 4th and 5th grades; December 9th 2nd and 3rd grades; April 14th Kindergarten and 1st 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 with them 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 as 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

Anita Babe 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 5th 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.

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

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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First semester Hubbell Ambassadors

HUBBELL AMBASSADORS

This year at Hubbell we have chosen fifth grade ambassadors. Twelve students were chosen to be the ambassadors for the first semester and we will choose 12 different students for the spring semester. Some of the ambassador's responsibilities will be to give building tours to new or perspective students and families, leading special events such as PBIS station review, etc., helping with the SOAR award drawings each week and helping out teachers.

HUBBELL PTA

Kevin Saunders, PTA President

Hubbell is a very special community, not only because of the fantastic students, teachers, and staff, but also due to the active involvement of parents. We encourage you to become part of the Parent Teacher Association at Hubbell. This year we hope to raise over \$30,000 to support learning at Hubbell through student field trips, classroom technology, programs such as the garden club, teacher/staff appreciation, and much more.

Although we support many activities during the year, it's important that parents are engaged in their children's learning. This means understanding what our children are being taught and how we can help them succeed. We're excited to have PTA meetings that promote understanding and dialogue about what happens in the classroom. If you would like to learn more, please try to make a PTA meeting. They're held the second Tuesday of each month, except December, at 6:00pm in the school

library. They will only last an hour and we will share the topic in advance. The Sept. 10th meeting will include: updates on last year's IB authorization visit, an overview of Hubbell's Iowa Assessment scores, and ways to get involved as a volunteer.

Please check out the Hubbell PTA website and our Facebook page for additional information on how to stay connected.

Thanks again for all you do to make Hubbell special. Here's to a fantastic year!

2014-2015 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:

DEADLINES:

March 1, 2014 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 school year.

September 1, 2014 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2014-2015 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, 2014.**

APPEALS:

Within 30 days of a denial of an open enrollment request by the DMPS Board of Education, a parent/guardian may file an appeal with the state board of education only if the open enrollment request was based on repeated acts of harassment or a serious health condition of the student that the district cannot adequately address. All other denials must be appealed to the district court in Polk County.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:

In most cases, a high school student who open enrolls is ineligible for varsity athletic competition during the student's first 90 consecutive school days of enrollment in the receiving district. Some, but not all, exceptions to this general rule of ineligibility are as follows:

1. The sending district does not offer the sport in question.

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2. The sending district was dissolved and merged with one or more other districts.
3. The sending district whole-grade shares with another district for the student's grade level.

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, 1301 Second Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50314

Año Escolar de 2014 - 2015
NOTIFICACIÓN DE USUARIOS
Entre la inscripción abierta de distrito
Iowa Código administrativo 281-17.3(2)

Padres/tutores teniendo en cuenta el uso de la opción de inscripción abierta para inscribir a sus hijos en otro distrito de la escuela pública en el estado de Iowa los padres o tutores deben ser conscientes de las siguientes fechas:

PLAZOS:

01 de Marzo de 2014 es el plazo para las solicitudes regulares de inscripción abierta para el año 2014-2015.
01 de Septiembre de 2014 es el plazo para las solicitudes de inscripción abierta para estudiantes de Kinder y los estudiantes pertenecientes a la definición de "buena causa" para el año 2014-2015. Para asegurar que la transferencia de estudiantes individuales no afecta el plan de diversidad del distrito, se han establecido ciertas limitaciones para abrir la inscripción. **Los padres de los estudiantes de Kinder por lo tanto animamos a realizar solicitudes de aplicación antes de 01 de Marzo de 2014.**

APELACIÓN:

Dentro de 30 días de una denegación de una solicitud de inscripción abierta por la Junta de Educación de DMPS, un padre o tutor puede presentar una apelación ante la Junta de Educación del Estado sólo si la solicitud de inscripción abierta se basaba en repetidos actos de acoso o una condición de salud seria del estudiante que el distrito no puede responder adecuadamente. Todos otros rechazos deben apelarse ante el Tribunal de Distrito en el Condado de Polk.

ELEGIBILIDAD ATLÉTICA:

En la mayoría de los casos, un estudiante de secundaria de inscripción abierta es inelegible para competencias

atléticas de varsity durante primeros 90 días consecutivos de inscripción del estudiante en el distrito de recepción. Algunos, pero no todos, excepciones a esta regla general de inelegibilidad son los siguientes:

1. El distrito enviado no ofrece el deporte en cuestión.
2. El distrito enviado fue disuelta y se fusionó con uno o más distritos.
3. Las acciones de grado conjunto Distrito envía con otro distrito para el grado del estudiante.

TRANSPORTE:

Los padres/tutores de estudiantes abiertos de otro distrito escolar son elegibles para asistencia de transporte si el ingreso de los padres/tutores es igual o por debajo de las pautas federales de pobreza para el tamaño de la familia. Los dos distritos deben ser contiguos. Asistencia puede ser en la forma de transporte real o en forma de un estipendio de efectivo. Puede obtenerse información sobre la elegibilidad de transporte y una copia completa de inscripción abierta política del distrito y los procedimientos de la oficina de inscripción abierta, 1301 Second Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50314

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

The Des Moines Independent Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator Patricia Lantz, General Counsel, 901 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309; phone: 515.242.7837; email: patricia.lantz@dmschools.org.

CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

Please check out our website <http://hubbellspanish.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 are learning vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit – Interdependence within a community is impacted by the roles people play. Below is a list of vocabulary they will be learning:

Teacher = El maestro / La maestra

Principal=El director / La directora

Secretary=El secretario / La secretaria

Doctor=El doctor / La doctora

Cook=El cocinero / La cocinera

Homemaker=El amo de casa/La ama de casa

Worker=El trabajador / La trabajadora

Firefighter=El bombero / La bombera

Plumber=El plomero / La plomera

They will also begin to understand the importance of gender in the Spanish language. Please ask your child to practice their Spanish skills at home as well. ¡Gracias!

Second Grade

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

encourage your student to practice the Spanish alphabet at home. There are 30 letters and will need additional practice at home to master them all. They can teach you the ABC chant or you could challenge them to play one of the alphabet games they learned during class. ¡Gracias!

Third Grade

Third graders are learning vocabulary to go along with their IB unit – Health is affected by the choices we make. The new vocabulary will include many fruits (frutas), vegetables (verduras), proteins (proteinas), dairy (lacteos), grains (granos) and fats (grasas). They will also be practicing how to look up new words in Spanish by themselves as well as starting their very own Spanish/English Dictionary! Asking your child to tell you about what foods they like and don't like in Spanish while at home is just one way to encourage their Spanish skills. ¡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. ¡Gracias!

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students are currently reviewing the food vocabulary they've previously studied and will expand that vocabulary. They will also be expected to use complete sentences with their new expanded vocabulary. Please encourage your student to share what they are learning with you at home. ¡Gracias!

IB Update

Welcome to a new school year! A special welcome goes to all of our new families. We are excited to have you join us on our journey towards a fabulous education! This page of the Hubbell Highlights is a learning page for our community. Each newsletter, I will highlight a different aspect of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and what it means for you and your child. Hubbell teachers put in an immense amount of extra effort and time to ensure your children have a well-rounded education that prepares them for the 21st century. Please feel free, at any time, to contact me with questions about IB and the Hubbell curriculum.

Learner Profile

"Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world." This is our school's mission statement. We believe this mission is very achievable. One way that we work towards this mission every day is through teaching, modeling, and reflecting on the *learner profile*. The learner profile is 10 traits that a truly international person is able to embody. These 10 traits of the learner profile are:

Inquirer: Be an INQUIRER by developing a natural curiosity and a love for learning.

Thinker: Be a THINKER by making decisions and solving problems carefully and creatively.

Knowledgeable: Be KNOWLEDGEABLE by exploring concepts, ideas, and issues to develop an understanding of the world.

Reflective: Be REFLECTIVE by considering how your learning and experiences help you grow as an individual.

Communicator: Be a COMMUNICATOR by respectfully sharing ideas and listening to others.

Open-Minded: Be OPEN-MINDED by appreciating perspectives, values, and traditions of yourself and others.

Caring: Be CARING by solving problems peacefully and keeping your hands, body, and objects to yourself.

Risk-Taker: Be a RISK-TAKER by exploring new things and defending your beliefs.

Balanced: Be BALANCED by getting involved mentally, physically, and emotionally throughout the day.

Principled: Be PRINCIPLED by following adult directions and taking responsibility for your words and actions.

Have a wonderful school year!

Jamie Page, IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach

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