



# Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School  
Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

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!

#### Emergencies

If you have an emergency situation with your child, please contact Hubbell school directly at 242-8414. If there is a district-wide emergency situation,

please do not telephone your child's school as the phone lines will be otherwise occupied. Updated information on district-wide events will be available through the local news media, the Des Moines Schools web site (dmschools.org), and/or the Des Moines Schools Facebook and Twitter page.

#### Weather-Related Closings and Early Dismissals

In the event of severe weather, schools will either be closed for the entire day, begin 2 hours later, or be dismissed 90 minutes early.

Announcements will be made through the local news media, the Des Moines Schools web site (dmschools.org), and the Des Moines Schools Facebook and Twitter pages.

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY CALENDAR

#### January

21	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
23	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
28	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
30	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club

#### February

4	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
6	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
11	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
13	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
14	Afternoon	Valentine's Day Party
18	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
19	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Elementary Conferences
20	3:00 p.m.	3rd Grade Lego Club
21	3:30 p.m.	Jump Rope for Heart
25	3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Lego Club
26	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Elementary Conferences

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## February cont.

27 3:00 p.m. 3rd Grade Lego Club

## March

7 5:30-8:00 p.m. Fun Night  
11 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting - Library  
14 NO SCHOOL  
17-21 Spring Break NO SCHOOL

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!

Weds., March 26, 2014  
1:00 - 7:00 pm

All kindergarteners must be 5 before **Sept. 15, 2014**. You must bring with you a birth certificate, 2 proofs of address, and immunization record. A spot at Hubbell is not guaranteed because you are a neighborhood family. If you have any questions please call the school office and talk with Sherrie at 242-8414.

New families to DMPS must sign up at the **Welcome Center - 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.** Please call 242-7371 or 242-7233 to schedule an appointment or attend the registration at North High School on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

ELL sign up will also take place at North High School - 501 Holcomb Ave on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Children must be with parent for this sign up. Families can also call the Welcome Center for an appointment. Call 242-8402 and talk to Erika.

## 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

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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](http://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
- 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**

Darcy Hankenson

Aloha, and so long. Mrs. Waschle has retired after providing 23 years of service to Hubbell Elementary. She will surely be missed. *You will still see her face around school on occasion, volunteering and helping with special events.*

My name is Darcy Hankenson. I am so excited to be the new Library Associate/Media Specialist. I've been a Special Education Associate at Hubbell since 2011. While I will miss my old position, I am glad to be working with the same colleagues and have the opportunity to work with all of our Hubbell Hawks.

I have a daughter who attended Hubbell and is now at Merrill Middle School. I also have a son who is still a Hubbell Hawk.

I am passionate about our school, our community, and our children. I hope to be a fixture at Hubbell for a long time.

[darcy.hankenson@dmschools.org](mailto:darcy.hankenson@dmschools.org)

### **NOTES FROM MUSIC**

Mrs. Glynn

Hubbell Chorus

On December 12th the chorus went on tour and sang for the residents at McAuley Terrace and Wesley Acres. Singers or the listeners. 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 March 25<sup>th</sup>. To prepare for their trip they will be studying the families of the orchestra as well as the composers and the music.

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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

Grade 2 and 3 Performance

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Kindergartner Vivi Fonseca, 1<sup>st</sup> grader Ava Consorti,

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3<sup>rd</sup> grader Gryzelle Opog, and 4<sup>th</sup> grader Arpan Kapoor. The exhibit will be held February 6-12 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 Pop Artist Peter Max.

1st graders will learn about Cave Art. They will study how the caveman used symbols in their paintings. Students will create their own piece of Cave Art using symbols, texture, and clay hand prints.

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 paper mache masks out of a Chinette paper plate. These masks are a lot of fun and take up to two months to complete.

Fourth graders just finished working with clay to create Pop Art Pizzas. After the clay pizzas dry, they will be fired in the kiln and then painted with watercolors. We learned about pop artist Andy Warhol.

Fifth graders are working on Starry Night paintings. They learned about the artist Vincent Van Gogh and other artists that have done parodies of Starry Night. Students chose an object to be in the foreground of their Starry Night Sky.

### ACTIVITIES FROM P.E.

Tom Swanson

Hubbell students are currently learning about and playing basketball, one of our most popular units during physical education class. They have learned new basketball games and skills as we continue to work hard, but still smile along the way! Our emphasis is on dribbling and shooting the ball properly through various fun activities. These age-dependent games, as well as our height adjustable

baskets, make it easy for kids of all ages to find success!

### All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to Jump

Anita Babe

Get ready for Hubbell's annual Jump Rope for Heart event on February 21, 2013. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 over \$5000!! This year will mark Hubbell's 32<sup>th</sup> year of participation. During these years, Hubbell students have contributed more than \$100,000. What an outstanding achievement for the Hubbell community!

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

### HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Anita Babe 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

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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

#### **Geography Challenge**

Thanks to the hard work of Jennifer Horner and Jill Heilskov, 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 \$14,200 to Hubbell Elementary. 275 students received 100% on the test and 208 students collected a donation.

The top fundraisers were: Elizabeth Saunders, Beau (Graeme) Kempkes, Benjamin Horner, Braydon Page, and Drew Maty. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!

#### **Reflections**

Reflections held its reception this month and it was a fantastic evening. All of the entries from our students were well done and showed creativity, artistry, passion, and hard work.

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

Dance K-2; 1st Esther Staplin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Harrington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avery Stence

Dance 3-5; 1st Claire Davison, 2nd Mary Staplin  
Literature K-2; 1st Harper Egge, 2nd Legend Finer  
Literature 3-5; 1st Sofia Ream, 2nd Madeline Failkov, 3rd Chloe Neff, H.M. Prior VanHeukelom and Norah Egge

Photography K-2; 1st Benjamin Horner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Legend Finer

Photography 3-5; 1st Bianca Lennon, 2nd Chloe Neff, 3rd Katy Grimes, H.M. Idriss Abdullahi  
Visual Arts K-2; 1st Ian Coen, 2nd Olivia Stapleton, 3rd Sophie Knight

Visual Arts 3-5; 1st Nellie Parsons, 2nd Beau Graeme Kempkes, 3rd Megan Heilskov, H.M LuLu Rongerude and Averie Moeder

Film 3-5; 1<sup>st</sup> Levi Hankenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lilly Stence, 3<sup>rd</sup> Abby Rodriguez  
Music 3-5; 1<sup>st</sup> Norah Egge

#### **Silent Auction and Fun Night**

Fun Night will be held on Friday, March 7th. Games and activities will begin at 6:00 p.m., lasting until 7:45 p.m. The Silent Auction will be in the cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You may have noticed that we are not serving dinner this year. We wanted to make this year's Silent Auction bigger and better so we are trying something new by holding the Silent Auction in the cafeteria instead of the library. The dinner served has not been much of a money maker for the PTA but more provided as a convenience. We hope you will still be able to come early and enjoy the silent auction and games and that this won't cause any inconvenience.

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. Please consider giving of your time to volunteer or making donations to the event. You can contact Sarah Miller at sbowermiller@yahoo.com.

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, March 11th, 6:00 pm in the Hubbell Library. We'll hear more about the Roosevelt Cultural District and plans to update the streetscape on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Thank you.  
Kevin Saunders

**HUBBELL BOOK FAIR**

We will be doing our annual Scholastic Book Fair February 19 and 26 during conference hours in the Hubbell Library.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Hillary Richardson at: [hillageiger@gmail.com](mailto:hillageiger@gmail.com).

Here is the Online Book Fair web address:  
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hubbellhawks>

Thanks so much!!  
Hillary Richardson

**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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This page of the Hubbell Highlights is a learning page for our community. Each newsletter, a different aspect of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program will be highlighted. 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 21<sup>st</sup> century. Please feel free, at any time, to contact me with questions about IB and the Hubbell curriculum.

*Jamie Page  
IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach  
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**What is so special about IB programs?**

- IB programs are recognized around the world and ensure an increased adaptability and mobility for IB students.
- The curriculum and pedagogy of IB programs focus on international perspectives of learning and teaching, while insisting that students fully explore their home culture and language.
- IB World Schools must undergo an exhaustive authorization process in order to offer one or more of the programs, which includes a study of the school's resources and commitment to the IB mission and philosophy.
- IB teachers participate in a wide variety of professional development opportunities to constantly update their knowledge and share their expertise with colleagues around the world.
- Many students graduating from the Diploma Program find that it enhances their opportunities at tertiary institutions. The IB works closely with universities around the world to gain recognition for IB programs.
- The core components of IB programs encourage students to participate in creative and service-oriented activities, while at the same time emphasizing the importance of reflection on a personal and academic level.

# **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. 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 learn about the ancient Maya community to go along with their current IB unit. 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 be focusing on the learner profile vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. Please encourage your child to practice the words below at home with you. ¡Gracias!

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

## **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!

	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 son? = What time is it?	
	Es la una. = It's one o'clock.	
	Es la una 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 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. 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!

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

**tener - to have**

Presente

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