



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

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

April

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| 8 | 6:00 p.m. | PTA meeting - Library |
| 14 | 6:00 p.m. | K-1 Music Program |
| 14-18 | National Library Week - PTA book giveaway | |
| 17 | | 5 th Grade Exhibition |
| 21 | | IB Unit 6 begins |

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 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.

HUBBELL HIGHLIGHTS

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, including menstruation. 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

Mrs. Hankenson

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

On March 3, the Reader Leaders and Book Buddies went to see *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* at the Des Moines Playhouse. Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for funding this field trip. Also, thank you to the parent volunteers who went with us and kept the Hubbell Machine running smoothly. Regards to Chris McConathy and Peggy Aerisolphal who have been an integral part of the reading groups here at Hubbell.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Hankenson

I'm settling into the library and loving every minute of it. We had a very successful Book Fair. Thanks to Hillary Richardson for stepping up to chair the event. Also, thanks to our many, wonderful parent volunteers. Hubbell couldn't be the school it is without your contributions.

Thanks to Padeat Lul, Nico Calderon, Ian Coen, Jahdiel Harris, Braydon Page and Sam Pugh for book donations to the library in January and February.

ACTIVITIES in PE

Mr. Swanson

Mark your calendar for the annual Maguire Relays that will be held on Thursday, May 15th. In case of rain, it will be held the following day on the 16th. 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

After spring break, March 24 through April 11 Hubbell will be hosting local Des Moines artist, Concetta Morales as an Artist in Residence. Ms. Morales is most known for her mosaics at the Des Moines Airport. With her help, Hubbell students will be creating four mosaics; two large mosaics in the south and north stairwells, one tall skinny mosaic by the Garden Club grow lights, and a small mosaic outside the art room. There will be an assembly on March 24 and all students will be working on ideas for the mosaics. The fourth and fifth graders will do the actual work of creating the mosaics. We are very excited to working in this medium with such an experienced artist! This residency is funded by a generous donation from a Hubbell Alum.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Mrs. Glynn

Grade 5 Going to Symphony on Tuesday, March 25th, the fifth grade class will go 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 Wagner, Handel, Beethoven and Stravinsky. One of the highlights of the performance will be the first movement of the Bruch Violin concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 played by Laura Carther, a sophomore at Valley High School.

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Music continued...

K/1 Program Reminder

Parents of Kindergarteners and First graders be sure to mark your calendar for their concert on Monday, April 14th in the Maguire gym. It will begin at 6:00 p.m.

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Anita Babe 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 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!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Anita Babe

4th and 5th graders at Jump Rope for Heart

The 33rd annual Jump Rope for Heart was once again a huge success!! On February 21, 135 participants raised over \$5,000 dollars for the Heart Association. Adrianna Roundtree was our top fundraiser this year. Thanks to all who helped to make this annual event sensational.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Mrs. Hankenson

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. The Hubbell Battle of the Books competition was held the week before spring break. Four teams of 6-7 students prepared by reading from a pre-selected list of 40 books and then "battled" by answering questions about the books and correctly identifying authors.

The team that advanced to the regional competition to compete against 10 other west-side schools was coached by Mrs. Rongerude and Mrs. Egge. Team members are: Norah Egge, Lulu

Rongerude, Carolina Crescencio-Martinez, Chloe Neff, Mary Staplin and Eliza Tutty. 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, Layla Sturdevant, Thomas Whitman, Sophia Ream, Sam Pugh, Adrienne Buettner-Cable, Luke Martin, Prior VanHeukelom, Posy Proctor, Cooper Kissell, Liam Stamper, Nicholas Watson, Nick Jackson, Sadie Tyler and Julia Smith. They were coached by Lia Modde, Estela Whitman and Mary Smith. Congratulations to all!

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'S CORNER

Hope Bentley

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.

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HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Kevin Saunders

Silent Auction and Fun Night

On March 7th, students, families and friends filled the halls during our annual Fun Night. Many games and activities provided enjoyment throughout our classrooms. If you had a chance to attend, you know the building was filled to the brim with a good time had by all. Thank you to all who attended and all who volunteered to make it a success!

Silent Auction was once again a huge success. With the move to the cafeteria this year, a larger number of donations were available from all around the community. We raised over \$8000 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.

PTA 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. These winners will be honored at the Iowa PTA Reflections Reception Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Cedar Rapids and their entries will be sent on for NATIONAL judging!!!!!!

- Dance Choreography Intermediate: Claire Davison=1st place
- Dance Choreography Primary: Esther Staplin=3rd place, Avery Stench =Honorable Mention
- Literature Intermediate: Madeline Fialkov=1st place and the only PERFECT Score in the entire competition!!!!!!
- Film & Video Production Intermediate: Lilly Stence=1st place, Levi Hankenson=3rd place, Abby Rodriguez=Honorable Mention
- Music Composition Intermediate: Norah Egge=Honorable Mention
- Visual Arts Intermediate: Graeme Kempkes=1st place

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

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CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

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

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be learning family vocabulary. They will use all of the vocabulary they have learned so far to describe family members as well. Below is a list if you'd like to talk about your family at home. ¡Gracias!

| Familia | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mama= Mom | Tío=Uncle |
| Papa=Dad | Tía=Aunt |
| Hermano=Brother | Primo(a)=Cousin |
| Hermana=Sister | Bebe=Baby |
| Abuelo=Grandpa | Sobrino=Nephew |
| Abuela=Grandma | Sobrina=Niece |

First Grade

The first graders will review prepositions of place while they learn sports vocabulary. Please focus on prepositions when practicing at home. ¡Gracias!

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

Second Grade

The second graders will learn vocabulary to go along with their IB unit– People interact with, use, and value the natural environment in different ways. 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 landforms and map vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. They will also review buildings, directions (**norte, este, sur, oeste**) and senses. Car rides are a great time to practice all of these. Encourage them to “teach” you all of the vocabulary words they can see while driving around. ¡Gracias!

Exploración

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| Bosque = Forest | Montañas = Mountains |
| Desierto = Desert | Océano = Ocean |
| Isla = Island | Península = Peninsula |
| Jungla = Jungle | Rio = River |
| Lago = Lake | Volcán = Volcano |

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are learning solar system vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. They will also focus on personal pronouns. 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!

Pronombres Personales

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Yo = I/me | Nosotros = We/Us |
| Tú = You (friend) | Vosotros = Y'all |
| Él = He/Him | Ellos = They/Them |
| Ella = She/Her | Ellas = They/Them (girls) |
| Usted=You(formal) | Ustedes = You (plural) |

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

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

ESTAR (to be)

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 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.

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. It is a very rewarding experience to work closely with a group of students throughout this journey!

If you would like to participate in this extremely rewarding experience, please contact your child's teacher or me for more details!

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