



# Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School  
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I.B. Unit 3  
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*Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world.*

## NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, and JANUARY CALENDAR

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Carrie Belt

#### General Information

Please remember school breakfast starts at 7:50 students should not be arriving before then. If you child is not eating breakfast then they may enter the building at 8:00. All students need to be in their homerooms at 8:15.

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather the days are getting colder. Students will be going outside for recess so they need winter coats, hats, and gloves. Our district policy is to go outside if it feels like 15 degrees or warmer.

#### IB Unit 3 Begins

Each new unit of inquiry provides a rich opportunity for parental engagement and involvement. Please enjoy the 6 week unit as a way to foster learning connections at home. See the IB Updates section of this newsletter for more information.

#### Happy Holidays

Hubbell enjoys a diverse student and family population that mirrors our fine city. This time of year in particular give our students terrific opportunities to gain understanding and appreciation for peers with different traditions. This aspect of International-mindedness is important for us as an IB school

#### November

17 Unit #3 begins  
26-28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

#### December

4 7:30 a.m. Reader Leaders  
9 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Music program  
9 7:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Music program  
11 7:30 a.m. Book Buddies  
22-Jan 2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break  
NO PTA meeting in December

#### January 2015

5 School Resumes  
8 7:30 a.m. Reader Leaders  
13 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting - library  
15 7:30 a.m. Book Buddies  
19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King  
26 Unit #4 begins

#### HUBBELL OFFICE HOURS

The office staff will be off during Winter Break. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday. See you on Monday, January 5th  
Carrie and Sherrie

## HUBBELL HIGHLIGHTS

### REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is ill or will be late to school due to doctor appointments, please call the school at 242-8414 between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. to report the absence. Please contact Metro Kids Care directly if your child is not in school or goes home sick - the phone number is 242-8383.

Hubbell Attendance Committee reviews the attendance of all students on a bi-weekly basis. Students with 3 or more absences or tardies will receive a letter from the committee. The committee recommends doctor notes when possible and phone calls when your student will be absent. For further information on the Attendance Policy - please refer to your parent handbook or stop in the office and request a handbook. Thank you.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the lost and found bin which is located on the ground floor across from the kitchen. We will be donating any unclaimed items to the during the holiday break. Thank you.

### TRANSPORTATION

Parents please remember that it is cold now and bus stop waits can sometimes be a lot longer than normal. It is still important to be at your stop on time, but be prepared for possible longer waits on bad weather days. PLEASE be sure your child is dressed warm with hats, gloves and winter coats. Thank you.

### OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents - please help the office keep updated records by providing us with current emergency information.

If you have moved, or have a change of phone number for home, job, or emergency contacts, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you notify the office. You can call or stop in anytime and we will update the information in the computer right away. Over the past month we have had several situations when parents could not be reached because their information is outdated and the kids were unable

to provide us with numbers. We appreciate your help with this.

### EARLY OUTS

REMINDER WE HAVE EARLY OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:30 PM. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS HIS/HER AFTER SCHOOL PLAN. THANK YOU!

### FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Mrs. Beebe

With cold and flu season approaching, students may be bringing medication to school. Please remember that **ALL** prescription and non-prescription medications must be sent to school in the original container. Non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication must include a note from a parent **AND** the doctor indicating the name of the medicine, the dosage, and how many days the medicine should be given. Prescription medicine must be sent with the prescription label attached and requires only written parental/guardian consent. If a prescription medication is to be given, please ask the pharmacist for an extra bottle for school, and send just the amount needed for school use. All medication must be kept in the nurse's office. Students are not permitted to have medication in their possession during the school day. If you have any questions, please call the nurse's office.

### GUIDELINES REGARDING HEAD LICE

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 day treatment regime. Please contact the school nurse if you would like a copy of the treatment brochure or

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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

National Young Readers Week was November 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. During this week the PTA gave each student a new paperback book. Many thanks to the PTA for purchasing the books for the students.

The children had so much fun picking out their books. Hubbell Elementary is a school packed with very eager readers. It's a fortunate vantage point I have to see the enthusiasm for reading on a daily basis. ☺

### MUSIC NEWS

Rebecca Hunt

The first part of school has been filled with wonderful experiences in music! Hubbell students have seen and heard wonderful music. Irish musicians performed for an all-school assembly in September, sharing the music and traditions of Ireland. A brass trio from the Des Moines symphony played wonderful symphonic music for the school in October. On November 6th, Des Moines' Synergy Jazz ensemble played for the 4th graders!

#### The Nutcracker Ballet

Hubbell 3<sup>rd</sup> grade music students will be studying The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. They will examine how the story is portrayed in the music and how it is told through movement in the ballet. The unit will culminate with a visit to the Civic center on Friday, December 12th at 12:30pm to see the ballet performed!

#### 2nd Grade Music Program:

On Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00pm, the 2nd grade will present their concert entitled "December Gifts." The program will include songs about many of the holiday celebrations and what the most important gift of all really is! The concert will be held in the Hubbell Gym. Please arrive early to get a seat, and please exit the gym immediately following the concert.

#### 3rd Grade Music Program:

On Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00pm, the 3rd grade will present their music program entitled "Season of Joy!" The program will include songs about the winter season. The concert will be held in the Hubbell Gym. Please wait until the 2nd grade audience has exited the gym prior to finding a seat.

#### Looking ahead: Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will begin on Monday, January 26th from 3:10-3:40. Students will be able to sign up for choir in December. Hubbell Chorus is open to 4th and 5th graders.

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### CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Bash

Kindergarten will be learning about and working with clay. Clay comes from the earth. When we work with clay we like it wet and soft so that it can be shaped. We will add texture and pattern to clay. When clay is dry it breaks easily but when baked in a special oven called a kiln it becomes hard. The last step will be adding a glaze to our clay, this also needs to be fired in the kiln.

1<sup>st</sup> grade will be making pinch pots out of clay. Our pinch pots will have a design along the edge and be glazed. We will also be finishing our self-portraits.

2<sup>nd</sup> Graders have been learning about Graffiti Art and looking at the artist Keith Haring. They are finishing up warm and cool colored action figures in the style of Keith Haring using contour lines.

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders have been creating mosaic flower arrangements using bits of torn paper. They are putting the finishing touches on them and applying a glaze to seal them.

4<sup>th</sup> Graders learned all about weaving and how a loom is used to create large works of functional art. They are weaving their own small rug using a cardboard loom.

5<sup>th</sup> Graders are learning the art of basket weaving using coiling core and yarn. They will be making a small basket over the next few weeks.

### ACTIVITIES FROM PE

Mr. Swanson

What's happening in PE these days? Hubbell's students continue to get their exercise and learn about its benefit to the body through fun games and activities during their class time. You can help by making sure that your child gets to participate by wearing appropriate shoes for their own safety on their PE days. Just a reminder that boots of any kind can be unsafe and are not suitable for PE class.

Winter months sometimes lead to inactivity for our students. One way to help with this is to combine television with exercise. Suggest to your child activities like stretching, exercises, running in place, rope jumping, etc. while watching television. Combining these two should make exercise more fun and beneficial!

### HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Tom Swanson

The Hubbell Safety Patrols are busy keeping your children safe at the street corners. Thank you for encouraging your children to listen to the patrol's directions and safely cross our intersections especially during these slick and snowy months.

Also help keep Hubbell students safe by encouraging your children to safely walk their bikes and carry their skateboards by the building and along the Hawk Walk where there are so many people. Thanks for supporting the safety patrols. *Also, a very special continual thanks for the parent volunteers who so faithfully help our kids cross busy Chamberlain Ave. before and after school!*

### RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM / PBIS

This year Hubbell students have the opportunity to SOAR as they demonstrate learner profile traits throughout the school day. Each week Hubbell teachers are watching all students for a specific learner profile trait that is being targeted that week. At the end of the week, two students from each classroom are recognized for demonstrating that trait and get to have their picture hung up in the front hall! The learner profile traits are:  
Balanced: I get involved mentally, physically, and emotionally throughout the day.  
Caring: I solve problems peacefully and keep my hands, body, and objects to myself.  
Communicator: I respectfully share ideas and listen to others.  
Inquirer: I develop a natural curiosity and a love for learning.  
Knowledgeable: I explore concepts, ideas, and issues to develop an understanding of the world.

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Open-Minded: I appreciate perspectives, values and traditions of myself and others.

Principled: I follow adult directs and take responsibility for my words and actions.

Reflective: I consider how my learning and experiences help me grow as an individual.

Risk-Taker: I explore new things and defend my beliefs.

Thinker: I make decisions and solve problems carefully and creatively.

### FROM the PTA

Megan Brown

Many thanks from the PTA for all of our volunteers' hard work so far this semester. This month is our largest and most important fundraiser, Geography Challenge. I hope that everyone is enjoying the process of helping our children learn about the world around them! Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to consider donating on your child's behalf. Special thanks to Jennifer Horner, Jill Heilskov, and their Geography Challenge committee for making this event a great success!

Our last PTA meeting was on November 11 at 6:00pm. This meeting's focus was continuing to prioritize our "wish list" for Hubbell in order to allocate funding, start volunteer initiatives, and create a strategic plan for upcoming years. We would love to hear from you, whether or not you can attend the meetings, about your vision for our school as we move forward. If you have questions or comments, please get in touch with me at [megan.brown@drake.edu](mailto:megan.brown@drake.edu).

### SEX OFFENDER NOTICES

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

[Http://www.iowasexoffender.com](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 new website <http://hubbellspanish.weebly.com/>

## **Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten students will be learning colors and shapes. Fun ways to practice at home are to talk about colors in Spanish while coloring and also playing *I spy*. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

<b>LOS COLORES</b>	
Yellow = Amarillo	Green = Verde
Orange = Anaranjado	White = Blanco
Red = Rojo	Grey = Gris
Pink = Rosa	Black = Negro
Purple = Morado	Brown = Café
Blue = Azul	Cream = Crema

## **First Grade**

The first graders will be learning calendar and weather vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit. They will compare their own celebrations to those of children in Spanish speaking countries. Below is a list to help you as you practice. ¡Gracias!

<b>TIEMPO</b>	
Hace buen tiempo=It's nice weather	
Hace mal tiempo=It's bad weather	
Hace frio=It's cold	Hace calor=It's hot
Hace viento=It's windy	Hace sol=It's sunny
Está nublado=It's cloudy	
Está lloviendo=It's raining	
Está nevando=It's snowing	

## **Second Grade**

Second 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!

<b>Exploración</b>	
Bosque = Forest	Montañas = Mountains
Desierto = Desert	Océano = Ocean
Isla = Island	Península = Peninsula
Jungla = Jungle	Rio = River
Lago = Lake	Volcán = Volcano

## **Third Grade**

Third graders will be focusing on water vocabulary to go along with their IB unit. They will be focusing on verbs and will even begin the basics of conjugating verbs during this unit! The third graders will come up with their own list of water verbs to learn. This list will be available online as soon as it is made. Please feel free to practice this vocabulary by using the website with your child. One other fun way to practice at home is to play charades and *Simon Says* with the new verbs. ¡Gracias!

## **Fourth Grade**

The current fourth grade IB unit is traditions reflect beliefs and values of a culture. To go along with this, students will learn about traditions that are common in Spanish speaking countries and share traditions common for their own family. They will also focus on calendar vocabulary and family vocabulary. Please practice family vocabulary at home if you have a chance. ¡Gracias!

## **Fifth Grade**

The fifth grade students will be 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	<b>es</b>	ellos/ellas	<b>son</b>
Ud		/Uds	

**tener - to have**

<b>Presente</b>	
yo	tengo
tú	tienes
él, ella, usted	tiene
nosotros, nosotras	tenemos
vosotros, vosotras	tenéis
ellos, ellas, ustedes	tienen

What is an IB education?

Do you ever get questioned about what exactly is unique about your child's education in an IB school? If you have, you know the answer is not a simple one. There is so much that goes into an IB education that it is difficult to sum it all up! Here is our answer to this not-so-simple question. Our curriculum at Hubbell goes beyond filling the minds of our learners with a bunch of facts. We know our students can get all these in just a few minutes with access to google! Instead, our teachers work together to teach concepts. Here is an example of what this means:

\* Fact-based teaching: Students learn about fairy tales and folk tales – the elements of the stories, examples of the stories, how to write their own fairy tale or folk tale.

\* Concept-based teaching: Students read a variety of fairy tales and folk tales in order to understand that storytelling communicates messages and lessons; and that some stories are retold many times and are changed by the culture, time, and the perspective of the story teller.

Another unique aspect of the IB program is it is inquiry-based. Our teachers pose problems and situations to get students asking questions and wanting to explore the concepts. Students explore these through group work and problem solving. Students work together to research, experiment, create, and reflect. For example, in one of our fourth grade units, groups are given wire, a light bulb, a battery, and the task to make the light bulb work. Students experiment, discuss, and eventually complete the task. What better way to learn about the different forms of energy than creating it yourself? Those are lessons students will remember for years to come!

If you would like to hear more about the fabulous education your child is receiving at Hubbell, please feel free to contact me.

Jamie Page

IB Coordinator