



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
		Unit # 4 begins
		February
26		
	3	6:00 p.m. PTA meeting - Library
	5	7:30 a.m. Reader Leaders
	10	6:00 p.m. 4 th Grade Music Program
	10	7:00 p.m. 5 th Grade Music Program
	12	7:30 a.m. Book Buddies
	13	Afternoon Valentine's Day Party
	18	4:00-8:00 p.m. Elementary Conferences
	18	3:00-8:00 p.m. Book Fair
	20	3:00 p.m. Jump Rope for Heart
	25	4:00-8:00 p.m. Elementary Conferences
	25	3:00-8:00 p.m. Book Fair
		March
	3	6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Music Program
	3	7:00 p.m. 1st Grade Music Program
	6	6:30-8:10 p.m. Fun Night
	6	6:30-8:30 p.m. Silent Auction

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March cont.

11	3:00 - 7:30 pm	Kindergarten Registration
13		NO SCHOOL
16-20	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!

Weds., March 11, 2015
3:00 - 7:30

All kindergarteners must be 5 before **Sept. 15, 2015**. 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 2nd Ave.** Please call 242-7371 or 242-7233 to schedule an appointment.

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. Our lost and found bin is located across from the kitchen on ground floor.

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. The school district and all schools are communicating with parents more and more via email and Infinite Campus messenger and automated phone calls.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this info.

HUBBELL PRIDE

We have Hubbell t-shirts in the office for sale. Limited sizes and styles. Stop in the office to make purchase. Thanks!

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 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

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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

February is Black History Month. A couple of great read-aloud books are *Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes later)* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, and *The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci.

Don't forget to visit the Hubbell Library during conferences! Proceeds go towards the purchase of new books for our students.

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Hunt

Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus has started up for 4th and 5th graders. Rehearsals are held Mondays from 3:05-3:40. The chorus will learn vocal exercises, rounds, and sing a wide variety of music. The choir will have an informal performance for family, teachers, and friends on Monday, April 13th.

Ballet Trip

This year, the 3rd grade went to the Nutcracker Ballet showcase at the Civic Center on December 12th. Students learned about aspects of ballet, the story of the Nutcracker, and about the composer, Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

4th and 5th Grade Music Programs

The 4th and 5th grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, February 10th in the Hubbell gym. 4th grade music program begins at 6:00pm. 5th grade music program begins at 7:00pm. Both programs are centered around Black History Month and hope.

Grade 2 and 3 Performance

The 2nd and 3rd grade music programs were both huge successes! The students performed on Tuesday, December 9th in the Hubbell gym.

Students sang solos, played instruments, and had speaking parts about the season of giving and different kinds of celebrations from around the world.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Music Programs

Parents- please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 3rd for K and 1st grade music programs.

Kindergarten program will begin at 6:00pm and 1st Grade program will begin at 7:00pm, both in the Hubbell Gym.

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Emily Bash

Hubbell will be represented at the annual Des Moines Public Schools Art Exhibit by: 2nd grader Tessa Bintner, 3rd grader Reese Copeland, 4th graders Averie Moeder, Megan Heilskov, Jefferson Huynh, Georgia Billingsley, Thomas Whitman, Katy

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Grimes, and 5th graders Chloe Neff, Nellie Parsons and Norah Egge. The exhibit will be held February 19-25 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 learn to use their artist eyes as we view famous artwork and create an artist palette showing how they are creative.

First graders are working on drawings of Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. They look amazing. Starting soon they 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 hand prints.

Second graders are finishing up clay coil pots. They learned how to attach two pieces of clay by scoring and using slip in between. We can't wait to see them as they come out of the kiln from the glaze firing.

Third graders just finished clay bird baths which are on display in the hall outside the artroom. They are beginning work on a graphic illustration of a noun using the spelling of the word they are drawing.

Fourth graders just finished working with clay to create a pinch pot creature. They are on display outside the artroom. They are now working on a parody of Grant Wood's *American Gothic*.

Fifth graders are working on a clay relief sculpture inspired by the cubist portraits by Pablo Picasso. They will begin the glazing process next week and will be on display outside of the artroom once they are complete.

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!

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Dena Finer

Fourth and Fifth Graders will support the American Heart Association by collecting donations then jumping rope on Friday, February 20th after school.

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 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

We had another great Geography Challenge this year, thanks to our January-February Volunteers of the Month, Jennifer Horner and Jill Heilskov, and their committee—great job, everyone! The Geography Challenge made an amazing \$12,032.93 this year, all of which will fund Hubbell field trips,

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technology upgrades, and other initiatives to benefit our students. We are grateful to everyone who assisted and donated, the teachers who encouraged the students to do their best, and especially our students for their hard work on the tests!

This year, Mrs. Bouslog's third-graders had the highest percentage of participation, with 88% of her students submitting donations. The top earner, who will serve as "Principal for the Day," was Riley Wells. Congratulations to Riley and to the rest of our top earners: Benjamin Horner, Brayden Page, Clara Page, Benjamin Harrington, J.T. Dix, and Will Dix!

Reflections

Congratulations to this year's Reflections contest winners, and a thank you and round of applause for all entrants! We are proud of our young artists, writers, and musicians!

The top four entries in each category have been sent to the state level for judging. Special thanks to Jennifer Rodriguez for coordinating this year's contest! We are also grateful to the judges in each category—community members taking the time to show their appreciation of the arts.

Visual Arts Primary (grades K-2): First Place: Ava Consorti, Second Place: Austin Coen, Third Place: Sean Martin, Honorable Mention: Jackson Crimmings.

Visual Arts Intermediate (grades 3-5): First Place: Georgia Billingsley, Second Place: Averie Moeder, Third Place: Graeme Kempkes, Honorable Mention: Megan Heilskov.

Dance: First Place: Esther Staplin, Second Place: Bianca Lennon, Third Place: Canaan Richardson.

Literature Primary (grades K-2): First Place: Nora Neff

Literature Intermediate (grades 3-5): First Place: Sofia Ream, Second Place: Chloe Neff

Photography Intermediate (grades 3-5): First Place: Dorian Esteras, Second Place: Lulu Rongerude, Third Place: Abigail Rodriguez

Music Composition Intermediate (grades 3-5): Tied for First Place: Mary Staplin and Norah Egge

Silent Auction and Fun Night Are Coming Up!

Hubbell's annual Fun Night and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, March 6th. Games and activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will go until 8:10 p.m. The Silent Auction will be in the cafeteria and will go from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Please note that we have moved the time this year in an effort to better accommodate schedules and allow families more time to have dinner before the event. The games and activities will also be ending 20 minutes before the end of the Silent Auction to give more families a chance to get into the cafeteria and bid.

Come join in on the fun! We have a lot of great auction items coming in and the games are enjoyed by all ages! Please visit our Facebook page (Hubbell.Elementary.DSM) to get a sneak peek at the auction items that will be up for bid. Our goal this year is to raise \$8,000. 100% of the proceeds will go towards funding of our student's field trips, additional classroom materials, grounds improvements, and more.

Volunteers are always needed to make an event such as this successful! If you would like to consider giving your time or make any donations to the event, please contact Suzy Coen, Silent Auction Chair at suzycoen@gmail.com or Sarah Miller, Fun Night Chair at sbowermiller@yahoo.com.

February PTA Meeting

Due to a conflict with a music program, the February PTA meeting has been moved to Tuesday, February 3, 6:00-7:00pm. Please join us for a presentation by Jamie Page about Fifth Grade Exhibitions, and for a conversation about your ideas for new fundraising initiatives. As always, thanks to everyone for working together to make Hubbell the best it can be!

Best wishes,
Megan Brown

HUBBELL BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our Spring Scholastic Book Fair February 18 and 25 from 3-8pm in the Hubbell Library.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Hillary Richardson at: hillageiger@gmail.com or 515-360-9149.

Be sure to check out our online fair for expanded reading options.

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hubbell_hawks

Thank you for supporting our school library!!
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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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.

IB Update

What is the PYP Exhibition?

The Primary Years Program (PYP) exhibition is a significant event for all of our Hubbell students. During this six-week exhibition unit, our students identify problems in our community, research a problem, and even take action towards solving this problem. Classrooms are abuzz with excitement as students become quite passionate about the issues they have chosen to explore!

Are only 5th grade parents involved in 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. Mark Thursday, April 16th on your calendars for this event! 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! The 5th grade teachers and some former Hubbell students will be at our February 3rd PTA meeting from 6-7 to provide details on becoming a mentor. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information please contact one of the 5th grade teachers or me!

Jamie Page

IB Coordinator

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CLASE DE ESPAÑOL / SPANISH CLASS

Please check out our website <http://hubbellspeanish.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. 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 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!

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

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 ingles?
 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	soy	nosotros	somos
tú	eres	vosotros	sois
él/ella Ud	es	ellos/ellas /Uds	son

tener-to have

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