



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.

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.

DECEMBER and JANUARY CALENDAR

December

3	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders (4 th &5 th)
10	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies (2 nd &3 rd)
15	6:00 p.m.	2 nd grade Music program
15	6:45 p.m.	3 rd grade Music program
23-Jan 3	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break

NO PTA meeting in December

January 2016

4		School Resumes
7	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
12	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - library
14	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
18	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King
25		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 4th.
-Carrie and Sherrie

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.

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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

HEARING SCREENING

Hearing screenings will be done on Hubbell students during December. Please notify the nurse if you do not want your child to participate in the screening.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

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 visit the following website to download the brochure:

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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hope Bentley

Each grade level is focusing on friendship and cooperation skills. We are learning about good friendship qualities, being open minded to friends who may seem different than us, how to get along better, and how to handle some typical friendship problems. We have gone over gossiping and rumors, letting friends play with others, tattling, and conflict resolution skills such as using "I messages" to share with a friend that you are upset without turning it into a fight. Please ask your child about the lessons and skills that we are learning about.

LIBRARY NEWS

Darcy Hankenson

It is the holiday season! With the holidays come traveling, vacations, and long recesses from school. It is a very difficult time of year for our young readers to keep track of their library books.

Please help your reader by making sure Library books don't go "Over the river and through the woods," or elsewhere during school breaks. I encourage Hubbell students to keep their books in their backpacks so that they are easily found and ready to return to the Library after break. Please help your reader keep track of his book and get it back to school on time so that he may continue to check out books, uninterrupted by lost or overdue book problems.

MUSIC NEWS

Rebecca Hunt

Hubbell students have seen and heard wonderful music so far this year!

Soweto Gospel Choir

4th Graders have been busy listening to and singing music from Africa. On November 5th, the 4th grade went on a field trip to the Civic Center to see the Internationally-renowned 'Soweto Gospel Choir' from South Africa. They sang spirituals, gospels, and folk songs. 4th grade learned how important music was and continues to be for many cultures and societies, especially in the time of the apartheid. Ask your student about the important role music played.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Hubbell 3rd graders 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 11th at 12:30pm to see the ballet performed!

2nd Grade Music Program:

On Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00pm, the 2nd grade will present their concert entitled "December Gifts." The program will include songs about several 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.

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3rd Grade Music Program:

On Tuesday, December 15th at 6:45pm, 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, February 1st from 3:05-3:40. Students will be able to sign up for choir in December. Hubbell Chorus is open to 4th and 5th graders.

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Bash

Kindergarten Has been exploring texture in the Art room to tie in with their *Who We Are* unit about our senses. We have been doing rubbings and working with Clay. We will be making a textured ornament in the next few weeks.

1st grade is putting the finishing touches on a self-portrait based on the book *My Head is Full of Colors*. These tie in with their *Who We Are* unit on self-identity.

2nd Graders Are making a mini community to tie in with their unit *How We Organize Ourselves*. They will design the front of 4 buildings that can be found in a community and then design the interior on the back.

3rd 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. They have also just begun a radial weaving project.

4th 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.

5th 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. Bahe

In P.E., students are all done with physical fitness testing for the fall and are now learning some new games. Along with learning how to play new games, students are working on teamwork and skill development.

The fourth and fifth graders are learning their daily warm-up routine. Kindergarten through third grade is working on throwing, catching, bouncing, bowling skills and learning how to play safely on scooters.

With the winter months approaching, remind your child to have on tennis shoes for P.E. class. If they do not have on tennis shoes, they will be missing out on some fun activities. Along that same note, with cold weather approaching, a lot of kids are not as active because they are stuck inside for the winter months. Please help your child stay active.

Thank you for encouraging your children to listen to the patrol's directions and safely cross our intersections. Patrol students are working hard to keep everyone safe. Also, thank you again to all the volunteers who help keep are students safe on Chamberlain Avenue before and after school. Please remind your child to walk their bikes and carry their skateboards across the Hawk Walk. They also need to carry these items when they are close to the school where there are so many people.

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

In order to get the school year off to a great start, each teacher worked with their classroom to establish routines, expectations, and goals for the year. The students helped create a list of classroom agreements for what was expected behavior and posted these in their room. Each teacher also read a story to their classroom called, The Dot, which is about believing in yourself and encouraging and inspiring each other. Each teacher and student then did a "Hopes and Dreams" sheet about their goals, hopes, and dreams for the year. Please stop by sometime and notice the Hubbell staff's "Hopes and Dreams" posted in the front entryway, and each student's featured in their classroom.

FROM the PTA
Megan Brown

Many thanks from the PTA for all of our volunteers' hard work so far this semester. This month was 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, Kristin Erickson, and the *Geography Challenge* committee for making this event a great success!

At our last PTA meeting, talked about report cards and grading, as well as holiday donations. We try to divide our time at meetings between providing educational and informative materials for families and working on projects, so please let us know if there are things you would like to learn about Hubbell or Des Moines Public Schools in general! We do not meet in December, but will reconvene the second Tuesday of January.

You will hear from PTA soon regarding various donation drives for the holiday season -- for classroom supplies and larger items, as well as gently used toys (puzzles, games, et cetera) for indoor recess during the winter months. Please consider giving in any way you can!

Best wishes,
Megan

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 website <http://hubbells spanish.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!

LOS COLORES	
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!

TIEMPO	
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

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	
Ántegros=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=Knowledgeable	

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

tener-to have

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

Presente

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

IB in DMPS

Did you know that Hubbell was the very first IB elementary school in Iowa? Hubbell began the process of becoming an IB school in 2008 and became fully authorized in 2010. Since, we have welcomed three more Des Moines elementary schools into the IB family! Walnut Street, Stowe Elementary, and Park Avenue have also become IB schools. Moore Elementary, which opened this school year, is in the process of becoming an IB school as well! In addition to being able to provide an IB education to many of our elementary families, Des Moines also provides an IB education all the way through high school! Here is more information about the IB programs available to your child(ren) at the middle and high school levels.

Middle School

All Hubbell students are able to attend Merrill Middle school, which offers the IB Middle Years Program (MYP). If your family does not live within the school boundaries of Merrill, you will need to complete open enrollment papers. However, Hubbell students are placed at the top of the open enrollment list for Merrill, ensuring your child(ren) will be accepted! Goodrell Middle school and Brody Middle school are also authorized IB middle schools! Meredith Middle school and Hoover high school work together to offer the Middle Years Program through 10th grade.

High School

IB's Diploma Program is designed for students in their junior and senior year of high school. Currently, the Diploma Program is taught at Central Academy. Students interested in the Diploma Program do need to complete an application, which includes a writing sample, but there is not an entrance exam. While there is no defined criteria, for a student to be accepted into the Diploma Program, the student must demonstrate a willingness to accept the rigors of this challenging program.

Jamie Page
IB Coordinator