



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.

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.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH CALENDAR

February

4	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
5	3:00 p.m.	Jump Rope for Heart
9	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
11	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
12	Afternoon	Friendship Parties
24	2:30-7:20 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conferences
24	3:00-8:00 p.m.	Book Fair
25	3:35-8:00 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conferences
25	3:00-8:00 p.m.	Book Fair

March

1	6:00 p.m.	4 th Grade Music Program
1	6:45 p.m.	5 th Grade Music Program
4	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Fun Night & Silent Auction
7		IB Unit #5 Begins
11		NO SCHOOL
13		Daylight Saving Time Begins
14-18	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL

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.

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

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.

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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 library books for our students.

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Hunt

Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will begin on Monday, February 1st for 4th and 5th graders. Rehearsals will be held Mondays from 3:05-3:45. The chorus will learn vocal exercises, rounds, and sing a wide variety of music. The choir will perform at several nursing homes on Friday, April 8th during school and have an informal performance for family, teachers, and friends on Monday, April 11th in the music room.

Ballet Trip

This year, the 3rd grade went to the Nutcracker Ballet showcase at the Civic Center on December 11th. Students learned about aspects of ballet, the story of the Nutcracker, and about the composer, Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

Trip to the Des Moines Symphony-5th grade

On March 29th, 5th grade will take a field trip to the Civic Center to see the Des Moines Symphony in concert. This performance is provided by the district to promote music appreciation and connect students to culture and classical music.

4th and 5th Grade Music Programs

The 4th and 5th grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, March 1st in the Hubbell gym. 4th grade music program begins at 6:00pm. 5th grade music program begins at 6:45pm. Both programs showcase music from around the world and honoring Black History Month.

Grade 2 and 3 Performance

The 2nd and 3rd grade music programs were both huge successes! The students performed on Tuesday, December 15th 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. Each grade level performed songs, circle dances, and singing games that demonstrated music concepts learned in class!

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Music Programs

Parents- please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 5th for the Kindergarten and 1st grade music programs. Kindergarten program will begin at 6:00pm and 1st Grade program will begin at 6:45pm, both in the Hubbell Gym.

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Emily Bash

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 different types of masks used in cultural celebrations. They will also be weaving a placemat and use symbols to decorate it.

Second graders are finishing up reflections about their quilts that tell a story. These were in connection to their How We Express Ourselves unit. We looked at Art by Faith Ringgold to inspire the picture stories that students created.

Third graders are connecting to their unit on Sharing the Planet by illustrating and writing an informational accordion book about the water cycle.

Fourth graders are now working on a parody of Grant Wood's American Gothic. Students learned what a parody is and chose to replace the original pair with figures of their choice.

Fifth graders are working on a clay relief sculpture inspired by the cubist portraits by Pablo Picasso. They are trying to show both the side view and front view of a face in their work as well as making parts three dimensional and textural.

ACTIVITIES IN P.E.

Dwayne Bahe

Hubbell students in 3rd through 5th grade have been working hard on learning the rules of badminton, how to serve, how to be safe with metal racquets in their hands and playing games to three

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points against their classmates. For most students, this is the first time they have played the game of badminton. I am very pleased with the fast progress the students are making. For beginners, the skill of using a racquet can be a challenge. In a week or so, 4th and 5th graders will have the opportunity to play badminton after school against students from other classes. I have heard a lot of encouraging comments as students have left the gym after class. I teach the game of badminton because it teaches good eye hand coordination, following the rules of the game, learning safety, fair play and it is a life sport.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade having been working hard on teams learning to work together to build pyramids or other designs they want out of plastic 32 ounce cups. This is a favorite unit year and year out.

Hubbell Safety Patrol

We really appreciate the work of the school safety patrol keeping Hubbell kids safe. Thank you to patrol parents for getting your child to their duties on time. We appreciate your assistance in getting them off to school dressed warmly for their duty. Also, thank you to the parents who help us cross Chamberlain Street corner especially on these cold days.

Jump Rope For Heart

The Jump Rope For Heart fund raising event will be starting in the first week of February. We will finish the by jump roping in class and then head over to the Roosevelt pool to cool off.

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

Megan Brown

Geography Challenge

This year's Geography Challenge was our best yet, thanks to our students studying hard, our teachers helping them learn, our donors supporting student work, and our January-February Volunteers of the Month, Jennifer Horner, Jill Heilskov, and Kristen Erickson! A huge thank-you to the entire Geography Challenge committee for a job well done!

Every penny of the \$14,027 from this year's Challenge will fund Hubbell field trips, technology upgrades, and other initiatives to benefit our students.

This year, we had a tie for highest percentage of participation: Mrs. Bouslog's third-graders and Mrs. Carlson's second-graders, with 100% turning in donations. The top individual student earner, who will serve as "Principal for the Day," is Natalie Rhodes. Congratulations to Natalie and to the rest of our top earners: Brayden Page, Clara Page, Benjamin Horner, and Noah Hanson!

Reflections

Drum roll, please... here are the results of this year's Reflections contest! Special thanks to Jennifer Rodriguez and Emily Bash for coordinating the contest and reception!

Visual Arts Primary: 1st Place: Ari Feeley; 2nd Place: Austin Coen, 3rd Place: Oliver Moehlis, Honorable Mention: Elspeth Miller, Paul Martin.

Visual Arts Intermediate: 1st Place: Graeme Kempkes, 2nd Place: Averie Moeder, 3rd Place: Georgia Billingsley, Honorable Mention: Olivia Stapleton, Lydia Jones.

Photography Primary: 1st Place: Jackson Crimmings, 2nd Place: Darby Esteras, 3rd Place: Alaina Stifel, Honorable Mention: Harrison Loder.

Photography Intermediate: 1st Place: Kathleen Loder, 2nd Place: Avery Campbell, 3rd Place: Harper Egge, Honorable Mention: Ellie Campbell.

Film Production Primary: 1st Place: Nora Neff. Film Production Intermediate: 1st Place: Dorian Esteras, 2nd Place: Hudson Miller.

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Literature Primary: 1st Place: Ben Harrington, 2nd Place: Sam Schmidt.

Dance Intermediate: 1st Place: Esther Staplin.
Congratulations to all of this year's winners, and a thank you and round of applause for all entrants!

Silent Auction and Fun Night Are Coming Up!

Hubbell's annual Fun Night and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, March 4, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Please come and join us for games, activities, and the fun of bidding! We have a lot of great auction items coming in and the games are enjoyed by all ages.

Please visit our website:

<https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/2016/01/02/2016-silent-auction/>

and our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/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.

All 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 give your time or make any donations (auction items, Fun Night supplies such as soda for Pop Walk, candy for Junk Food Jiggle, or hair color for Wacky Hair) please contact Brenda Kliethermes, Silent Auction Chair at bkliethermes@gmail.com or Sarah Miller, Fun Night Chair at sbowermiller@yahoo.com.

February PTA Meeting

Our February PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 6:00-7:00pm. As always, childcare will be provided in the art room. Please join us for a presentation by Jamie Page and our fifth grade teachers about Fifth Grade Exhibitions, and for a presentation by Mary Gordon of the Young Women's Resource Center, a local nonprofit organization that supports, educates, and advocates for women ages 10-21. As always, thanks to everyone for working together to make Hubbell the best it can be!

Best wishes,

Megan Brown

HUBBELL BOOK FAIR

Erin Peterson and Becky Shattuck

We will be holding our Spring Scholastic Book Fair on February 24 and 25 from 3:00-8:00 in the Hubbell Library. Proceeds help provide books for the Library!

Anyone who comes to the book fair can enter into a raffle for a free Family Night Raffle Pac, full of books and school supplies.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up for a shift via our [SignUpGenius](#) page:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845A8A929A64-hubbell2>

We really appreciate the help of our volunteers who make this school book fair possible! Be sure to check out our online fair for expanded reading options.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hubbelllemantaryschool>

Thank you for supporting our school library!!

Erin Peterson and Becky Shattuck

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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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 21st 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 9th 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://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 plant vocabulary to go along with their current IB unit. Below is a list of vocabulary you can practice at home. ¡Gracias!

Plantas	
El tallo=stem	Las raíces=roots
Las hojas=leaves	La tierra=soil/dirt
El sol=sun	El aire=air
El agua=water	Los pétalos=petals
Las semillas=seeds	La comida=food

Second Grade

The second graders will be focusing on 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

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!