



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

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. Don't forget to snuggle up and read with your child over break and work on math facts.

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 2016

3		School Resumes
5	7:30 a.m.	Reader Leaders
10	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - library
12	7:30 a.m.	Book Buddies
16	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 Tuesday, January 3rd.
 -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.

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 wait times 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

HEARING SCREENING

Hearing screenings will be done on Hubbell students in February 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.

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- * 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 just finished working on friendship and cooperation skills. We have learned 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 learn.

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 NOTES

Rebecca Hunt

Hubbell students have made beautiful, fun music so far this year! Each grade level has been concentrating on learning and practicing their grade-specific solfege and rhythm concepts and new musical elements. 5th graders have had fun learning the basics of playing the ukulele! 4th grade will learn recorders in the spring. We also can get excited for Opera Iowa to return to Hubbell in the spring to give a wonderful performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" to the entire school. 5th graders will get to attend workshops put on by the professional singers in the morning that day.

2nd and 3rd Grade Music Programs:

On Tuesday, November 1st, both 2nd and 3rd grades performed lovely concerts about gratitude and giving thanks! The 2nd grade program was at 6:00pm and the 3rd grade program was held at 6:45pm, both in the Hubbell gym. Students enjoyed singing more traditional songs as well as demonstrating to the audience songs and games we perform in music class!

Looking ahead: Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will begin first part of February, 2017. The specific start date is TBD. Students will be able to sign up for choir in January. Hubbell Chorus is open to 4th and 5th graders. The Hawk Choir students can look forward to productive, fun rehearsals every Monday after school, a choir 'performance tour' to several nursing homes/retirement communities, and a pizza party to end the year.

Mark your calendars:

Kindergarten and 1st grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, April 25th.
4th and 5th grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, May 16th.

FROM YOUR SPANISH CLASSROOM

¡Hola! Your student has been learning many new things in Spanish class! Please visit our website <http://hubbellspanish.weebly.com> for a complete list of current vocabulary and fun Spanish practice links at the bottom of each grade. Your student has also been given the opportunity to take home Spanish materials such as flashcards, mini books, wordsearches, etc that they can share with you at home and use for additional practice. Please feel free to email me at any time with any questions or if you need any additional resources. The additional support you give at home as you encourage your child learning another language is very appreciated!

MUCHAS GRACIAS, Maestra **Rodriguez** (email: Jennifer.rodriguez@dmschools.org)

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 clay ornament in the next few weeks.

1st grade just finished learning about the ancient art of Cave painting. They created a cave painting themselves using an animal of their choice and signed it with their handprint.

2nd Graders just finished making a mini community to tie in with their unit How We Organize Ourselves. They designed the front of 4 buildings that can be found in a community. They also recently explored a type of printmaking creating a layered image that they did a rubbing of.

3rd Graders have explored artwork that has cultural traditions. They looked at Molas created by the Kuna Indians and Aboriginal Dot Paintings from Australia. They choice which one they would like to recreate in their own style. We are now looking at the Artwork of Henri Matisse and creating a landscape or pattern portrait using the same wild bold colors that he did.

4th Graders designed a logo for the google homepage showing what is in store for our future. These will be sent in for the Doodle for Google contest. They are just now finishing up an abstract project that uses monochromatic design with high contrast between positive and negative space.

5th Graders have been learning the art of basket weaving using coiling core and yarn. They will be finishing up their basket on their own now as we move on to creating artwork that portrays a social message.

P.E. NEWS

Mrs. **Lukenbill**

In PE we continue to work on rules and sportsmanship. We just wrapped up a unit in bowling where the students learned the fundamentals. We also incorporated math into it.

The fourth and fifth grade students were shown how to score bowling and given the opportunity to try to do it for themselves as they played. The 1st-3rd graders did a bowling addition sheet as they played.

Coming up in January, the 4th and 5th grade students will be evaluating their fitness tests from the fall and setting goals for the spring. They will also be coming up with a plan on how to achieve their goals.

IB in DMPS

Amy Taylor, IB Coordinator

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.

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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.

PTA Highlights

Suzy Coen

As 2016 is coming to a close, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work this school year! Homeroom parents, chairs, committee members, parents who donate their time and/or resources to the classrooms; it is all of you that make this such a great community. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of the Hubbell family. Thank you!

In October we had an outstanding book fair which raised a little over \$1,800.00 to help supply new books and supplies into our library and classrooms. Fall parties were a success and enjoyed by both students and staff. Hubbell apparel was available for purchase in October and will be distributed soon, be ready to sport your Hubbell Hawk gear! There will be extra Hubbell water bottles for sale; details coming soon.

We also kicked off a fun, new incentive program this fall called Hubbell Hawk Points. Earn points for your child(ren)'s class by taking action in the Hubbell community - volunteering, donating supplies, and being active in PTA. At the end of the school year, the classroom with the most Hawk points will be rewarded with a pizza party.

Currently Ms. Page's class is in the lead! Only one point behind is Ms. Koch's class and right behind her in 3rd is Ms. Marcovis' class. Learn more and report your Hawk Points at <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/hawkpoints/>

On Friday, November 11th the Hubbell students took their Geography Challenge exams and did an outstanding job. Results will be tallied soon. As a reminder, this is our largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds go directly to support the educational experiences of the kids.

Please remember that PTA will not meet in December but we will be in touch soon with additional needs for volunteers, classroom supplies, etc. Please help us out in giving anyway that you can! As always, please keep informed of all Hubbell PTA events on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HubbellElementaryDS> or on our website <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/>

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Suzy Coen

PTA President

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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