



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

The office staff would like to extend a big "thank you" to our families who have taken time to call the office when their child is sick or will be absent for any reason. As many of you know, if a child is absent and we do not know why, a call is automatically made to find out the reason. It is wonderful to have your cooperation with that.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

March

30 6:00-8:00 p.m. Skate Night (Skate North)

April

3-7 Iowa Assessments

8 6:00-9:00 p.m. Parent Mixer and Silent Auction at Vivian's, -Kirkwood Hotel

10 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting - Library

20 5:30-6:30 p.m. 5th Grade Exhibition

25 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Music Program
6:45 p.m. 1st Grade Music Program

May

16 6:00 p.m. 4th Grade Music Program

6:45 p.m. 5th Grade Music Program

18 Morning Maguire Relays K-2

Afternoon Maguire Relays 3-5

19 Maguire Relays Rain Date

LOST AND FOUND

A big thank you goes out to all the parents who have taken time to stop in and look through our lost and found bin. Many items have been claimed. All unclaimed items were donated over the Spring Break.

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Beebe

This spring 4th grade girls will participate in the human growth and development curriculum. They will be given information on the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, including menstruation. Materials for this class can be reviewed at any time by contacting the school nurse or your child's teacher. A student can be excused from this instruction with a written request from the parent or guardian. Students will participate unless specifically requested not to participate.

FROM YOUR SPANISH CLASSROOM

Maestra Rodriguez

¡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, word searches, 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.rodriquez@dmschools.org)

LIBRARY NEWS
Darcy Hankenson



Celebrate National Library Week April 9-15, 2017! First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate every year in National Library Week. Thanks for supporting your Hubbell Library. For more information on National Library week or month, you may visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>.

BOOK BUDDIES AND READER LEADERS

Our morning book clubs met in February for the final time this school year. On February 27, the Reader Leaders and Book Buddies went to see Holes at the Des Moines Playhouse. Thank you to the parent volunteers who went with us and kept the Hubbell Machine running smoothly. Regards to Christie McConathy who has been an integral part of the reading groups here at Hubbell.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a reading program culminating in a contest for TAG identified 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. It is designed to encourage children to read and to give recognition to those who like to read. The Hubbell Battle of the Books competition was held Thursday, March 2 in the Hubbell Library. Four teams of 6-7 students prepared by reading from a pre-selected list of 40 books and then "battled" by answering questions about the books and correctly identifying authors.

The **Word Warriors** advanced to the regional competition to compete against 10 other west-side schools where they emerged victorious!! They are now headed to the District Contest at the Central Library on Friday, April 14. Team members are: Lydia Smith, Ellie Jackson, Daniel Fialkov, Alec Fialkov, Brayden Page, and Henry Beaumont. The Word Warriors are coached by Mary Smith. Congratulations!!!

Other teams that competed at Hubbell were:

The Atomic Readers: Nora Pille, Ben Wiedereanders, Norah Egge, Jackson Beerends, Irie Richardson, Elliott Albright, and Max Karnicky. The Atomic Readers were coached by Sarah Egge, Jeff Karnicky, and Lesley Beerends.

The Cliffhangers: Henry-Pete deKok, Julia Knapp, Nia Lawson, Avery Campbell, Olivia Tolpingrud, Sam Boes, and Graham Owens. The Cliffhangers were coached by Christy McConathy.

The Page Rippers: Vincent Leaf, Sam Norris, Maia Kissell, Brylie Moeder, Winston Dias, and Curtis Badio. The Page rippers were also coached by Christy McConathy.

We are very proud of all the students who participated in Battle of the Books and hope that many more will join in the fun next year. Many thanks to those who helped coach these groups of fantastic readers. Congratulations to all!

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Emily Bash

Kindergarten has been learning about what makes them creative and how to exercise their imaginations. Please encourage them to be creative during play and to be imaginative. One great way is to look at the clouds and use their "Artist Eyes" to see things in the shapes.

First graders are finishing a self-portrait to tie is with their Who We Are unit of inquiry and will begin a collage project soon. They will watch a video of Artist and Author Eric Carle creating his painted tissue collages. They will be painting their own colored paper to use in making an animal collage like those in Eric Carle's books.

Second graders are starting a self-portrait in the style of Expressionist artist Edvard Munch. They are using warm and cool colors similar to Munch and painting themselves screaming like his most famous painting.

Third graders are working on radial symmetry, fractions at work in the art room. Their designs are really stunning and show great understanding of Balance in Art.

Fourth graders are beginning work on an Abstract painting. They are choosing a portrait, landscape or still life and altering their drawing to make it abstract. They are very excited to work with paint.

Fifth graders are just beginning a Self-Portrait as well incorporating words to represent themselves as part of their painting.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Mrs. Hunt

Hubbell Hawk Choir has begun! Students in 4th and 5th grade are participating in choir on Mondays from 3:00-3:45pm. The choir season will end with a performance tour to nursing home/retirement communities, a pizza party and an informal concert for family.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will sing in their spring music programs on Tuesday, April 25th in the Hubbell Gym. The Kindergarten program will begin at 6:00pm and the 1st Grade program will begin at 6:45pm. Kindergarten will sing about animals, big and small! 1st Graders will sing about 'things that go!'

On Monday, March 27th the Des Moines' Opera Iowa performance group will perform an operatic version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" for the whole school! 5th graders will participate in workshops with the performers in the morning. "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be performed at 10:00am in the Hubbell gym.

The 4th and 5th Grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00pm & 6:45pm in the Hubbell Gym. Please mark your calendars!

ACTIVITIES in PE

Mrs. Lukenbill

Mark your calendar for the annual Maguire Relays that will be held on Thursday, May 18th. In case of rain, it will be held the following day, May 19th. The Maguire Relays are a longtime Hubbell tradition where our students participate in games, fun activities, and races on the playground and field. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be held in the morning, with 3rd-5th grades participating in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend. More details will be coming as the date gets closer.

HUBBELL SAFETY PATROL

Linda Lukenbill

A big thank you to all Hubbell patrols for keeping our boys and girls safe at the corners. We appreciate all you do to help the younger students with safety issues at our busy corners. Thank you to all of the parents who help at the Hawk Walk to keep our students safe!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hope Bentley

We are concluding our Bullying Prevention lessons which we started in January. We have spent a good deal of time exploring various types of bullying situations. We have discussed what students can do to support the person getting bullied and what they can do to help discourage or stop bullying behavior.

Our next unit is "Anti-bias and Harassment". We will be learning to better understand and appreciate those who have a variety of backgrounds, cultures and life experiences. We will also explore the ways that we look at all kinds of diverse groups and how those people are treated as a result of perceptions.

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Suzy Coen

Fun Night

Thank you to everyone for participating in another successful Fun Night! We couldn't do this without our volunteers, many thanks to everyone who helped. A special thanks to our Chairs for coordinating all of the efforts to make this great event for our school! Games + Activities Co-Chairs: Anne Wright, Leslie Bintner, Nikkol Johnson, Sarah Miller, and Lisa Veldkamp. Concessions Co-Chairs: Ben Spadt and Annie Spadt. Fundraising Co-Chairs: Kristyn Arnold and Christy Stroope. We tried some new things this year including breaking the fundraising efforts into 2 events (see below for more information on the NEW Parent's Mixer!), a raffle focused more on the students, and a glow in the dark dance party! The event raised over \$3000 to support the students of Hubbell Elementary School. We use all of the funds to pay for field trips, school supplies, and technology for classrooms, and we are grateful to all of our hard-working volunteers, donors, and participants!

Upcoming Events!

Skate Party, Take Two! Our first Hubbell Skate Night was such a success that we are going to do it again! Thursday, March 30th from 6-8 pm at Skate North will be our next skate night. The classroom with the most students attending wins a prize! Congratulations to Ms. Tuttle's class for being the winners at the January skate party! If we have over 100 skaters in March, we will also receive a FREE skate night for all Hubbell students in May!

First Annual Parent's Mixer and Silent Auction! Please come join in the fun at our First Annual Parent's Mixer event! Get to know other Hubbell parents, enjoy an evening

out, bid on awesome Silent Auction items, and help raise money to enhance the experience for our students through field trips, school supplies, community events and more! Saturday, April 8th from 6-9 p.m. at Vivian's, downtown in the Kirkwood Hotel. Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000!! The event is \$30/person which includes free appetizers, live music, and more! A cash bar will be provided. Purchase your tickets NOW at <https://squareup.com/store/hubbellpta/> You won't want to miss it!

Spring Elections

PTA elections for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at our next meeting. We are holding elections for all position: President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to run or nominate someone, please notify Suzy Coen at suzycoen@gmail.com by Friday, April 7th.

Keep in Touch with Hubbell PTA

PTA's April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th from 6-7 p.m. in the library. We would love to see you there!

Don't forget to log those Hubbell Hawk Points! Learn more and report your Hawk Points at <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/hawkpoints/>

As always, please keep informed of all Hubbell PTA events on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HubbellElementaryDSM> or on our website <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/>

Thank you!
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>

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

Hubbell mission statement: "Hubbell Elementary School empowers lifelong learners to meet the challenges of tomorrow's global world."

How will we achieve this? Hubbell teachers identify an approach to learning for each of the units of inquiry taught. IB defines these 5 approaches to learning and delineates multiple strands for each; however, our teachers individualize these approaches for specific grade levels. Each strand of the 5 approaches to learning is used during at least one unit of inquiry at each grade level. Below are the approaches to learning and their definitions:

Communication Skills: When teachers are using these skill as their approach to the unit, teachers are focusing on developing students' abilities to communicate thoughts and ideas. This focus includes listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, presenting, and non-verbal communication. Activities in the classroom that tie to the communication skills approach include presenting projects, working in groups, listening and reflecting on presentations, and writing essays and stories.

Research Skills: When using these skills as their approach to the unit, teachers are focusing on developing students' abilities to formulate questions, make observations, plan, collect and record data, interpret data, and presenting research findings. Activities in the classroom include classroom experiments, researching topics/people, create power point presentations, and presenting research.

Self-Management Skills: When teachers are using this approach, teachers are focusing on developing students' gross and fine motor skills, organization habits, time management abilities, and student's ability to make informed and healthy lifestyle choices. Activities in the classroom that tie to this approach include working on long-term projects, gaining a deeper understanding of healthy life style choices, and activities that get kids up and moving.

Social Skills: When teachers are using these skills as their approach to the unit, teachers are focusing on developing students' abilities to accept responsibility for their actions, to cooperate with others, resolve conflicts with peer, make group decisions, and collaborate with others. Activities that tie to this approach include working in collaborative groups, discussing and role playing ways to handle and resolve conflicts, and activities that require students to make decisions (as opposed to the teacher making all decisions about the direction learning is taking).

Thinking Skills: When teachers are using these skills as their approach to the unit, teachers are focusing on developing students' abilities to think about their thinking - to analyze what they have learned, apply their learning, and to evaluate information. Activities that tie to this approach include analyzing research findings, written reflections, and self-evaluations.

As a part of our ever evolving IB journey, staff at Hubbell are undertaking the process of identifying concrete outcomes for each strand at each grade level. This school-wide work is an essential component of our professional development and another example of how Hubbell teachers strive to create the best learning environment possible!

Amy M. Taylor
IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach
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