



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School

I.B. Unit 6

Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

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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

We don't want ANYONE injured!

Greetings Hubbell Families-

The heading says it all! I'm talking about arrival and dismissal drivers in our parking lot. I am pleading with people to follow the guidelines established during arrival and dismissal times when our parking lot is the busiest. We need EVERYONE to follow the guidelines at all times in order to create the safest routines we can. With the construction going on around the school it is important to please follow the following:

- Stay in your vehicle if you're in the line of cars picking students up at the curb.
- Do not park on Center St. in the bus loading zone.
- If you need to come into the building, please use a designated parking spot.
- Be alert for students at all times!

I would encourage you to walk to school the last few weeks as much as you can.

I have some exciting news! Our playground will also be under construction this summer. Say good-bye to the wood chips. Starting the second week in June the wood chips will be taken out, a new cement base will be paved, and rubber mats will be laid. This means that our playground will be shut down for the summer. The process will be complete right before school starts.

Finally, I want to thank the Hubbell Community for all of the support you give your school. It's a shame every school in Des Moines does not have the parent, student and community support that Hubbell has. I am truly enjoying my experiences with your children and you.

THANKS!!

MAY CALENDAR

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| May | |
| 1-5 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| 6 | National School Nurse's Day |
| 9 | 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting. - Library |
| 16 | all day Schoolwide planting day |
| 16 | 6:00 p.m. 4 th grade Music Program |
| 16 | 6:45 p.m. 5 th grade Music Program |
| 18 | Maguire Relays- A.M. K-2 nd grade P.M. 3-5 th grade |
| 19 | Maguire Relays Rain date |
| 23 | 5:30 p.m. 5 th grade Promotion |
| 26 | 1:30 p.m. Hubbell Talent Show |
| 29 | No School Memorial Day |
| 30 | dismiss at noon LAST DAY! |

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM LOST ITEMS!

PLEASE make time to check the bins located outside the school cafeteria near the restrooms.
All unclaimed items will be donated. Thanks!

MESSAGE ABOUT MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL!

Michelle Beebe

Please pick up any over-the-counter and prescription medications that your child has at school prior to the last day of classes. Any medicine that remains at school after the children are dismissed on the last day will be disposed of by the nurse. If you prefer to have your child's

medicine sent home with them, please call the nurse and make arrangements to do so. Thank you.

Human Growth and Development

Michelle Beebe

This spring, 4th grade girls will participate in the human growth and development curriculum. The 4th grade girls will be given information on the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty. 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.

COUNSELING

Mrs. Bentley

Students will be finishing up the last two units for the year. The one we are currently working on is the Career Readiness unit which focuses on identifying unique skills, talents and interests that could possibly lead to future goals and careers. It also emphasizes that each person has their own set of strengths, abilities, and talents, and that the world needs all of these! The last couple weeks of school will be on summer safety issues such as water safety, bike safety, and being "home alone" safety for older students.

MAGUIRE RELAYS

Linda Luckenbill

Thursday, May 18 is the date of Hubbell School's annual Maguire Relays, named after longtime PE teacher Charlie Maguire. The rain date for the Relays is Friday, May 19th. This all-school field day will include races, relays, and fun games for all the students. Kindergarten through second grade events will be held in the morning from 9-11. The students will rotate from station to station, enjoying non-competitive games and activities.

A lunch/picnic time for all the students and their families will be held outside over the lunch hour. Students may order a school sack lunch or bring their own from home. The K-2 picnic will be held after their morning relays starting at approximately 11:15. Our 3rd-5th graders will follow with their picnic at 11:45.

The afternoon part of the relays will start up at 12:15. This will feature 3rd -5th graders who have selected their own fun events in which to participate.

Please remember that students leaving with parents before dismissal time must be signed out in the office just like any other school day. Also, we have been asked to remind parents to leave your pets at home if you will be attending the Relays.

HUBBELL STUDENTS AT THE DRAKE RELAYS

Hubbell Elementary entered a team of 5th graders in the annual Drake Relays recently. Terrance Hill, Brayden Page, Miles Scott, Alex Wood, Walt Rasmussen, and Shaun Reeves will represent Hubbell as they compete against other area schools in the 240 yard elementary school shuttle. Congratulations to these students on making the Hubbell team and representing us well!

PATROL (Word on the Street)

Please continue walking bikes to the corners when on school property to avoid problems with walkers on the sidewalk. Also be extra alert as students enjoy the nice weather outside. A big thank you goes out to all of our safety patrols this year. They have faithfully covered the corners this year to keep Hubbell students safe. Thanks also to the adults who helped on the Chamberlain crosswalk this year. During the latter part of May we will begin training 4th graders to take over safety patrol duties for next year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Hankenson

In February and March I was collecting poetry submissions by our students for Young American Poetry Digest. Also, our GT consultant, Mrs. McConathy worked with our GT students on the project. These 25 students submitted poetry that was well written for their age level and were selected for inclusion in the 2017 poetry book, which will come out next fall:

Ben Ward-McLeran, Lennon Ward-McLeran, Cora Wilson, Blake Scott, Dylan Poe, Nora Neff, Paul Martin, Miguel Lobos-Bearda, Cash Lennon, Nia Lawson, Julia Knapp, Henry Kleithermes, Sylvia Doyle, Oscar Erickson, Sydney Gilmore, Will Dix,

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HP Dekok, J.T. Dix, Gwen Dann, Sabine Carlson, Lemmy Bosman, Elliott Albright, Aubrey Scieczenski, Harper Egge, and Lydia Jones.
CONGRATULATIONS HUBBELL HAWKS!

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Please help your student locate or pay for any lost/overdue library books. The cost of books is based on the age and condition of the book. I will send notices home for any lost/overdue books with the title and cost listed. All books are due back in the library now.

Please plan to visit your local Des Moines Public Library this summer and join the Summer Reading Program. Check out the fun activities offered throughout the summer online at <http://dmpl.org/>

MUSIC NOTES

Rebecca Hunt

Hawk Choir

4th and 5th graders in Hubbell's Hawk Choir will perform at The Rose and Calvin Community on Friday, May 5th. The choir will also have a pizza party and perform for the last time for family in the music room on Monday, May 8th in the music room. It has been a great choir season!

Kindergarten and 1st grade will perform their music programs on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00pm & 6:45pm (separate grade level concerts) in the Hubbell gymnasium.

4th and 5th graders will perform their music programs on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00pm & 6:45pm in the Hubbell gymnasium.

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)

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Bash

As our year comes to an end, students will be working on some exciting things in the Art room. Kindergarten is working on a monochromatic picture (using only one color) after reading about Harold and the Purple Crayon. We will soon be making and decorating paper bag kites. We will go outside and spend our art time flying them. 1st grade just finished collages inspired by author and artist Eric Carle and will be finishing the year looking at and making art from different cultural celebrations.

2nd grade will be ending the year drawing insects. They will be using chalk and watercolor to finish them and adding a poem about insects that they will be writing.

3rd grade is learning about radial symmetry creating a design that looks like a kaleidoscope. They have also been focusing on Emphasis and are creating a few drawings showing their understanding.

4th graders have been learning about abstract art and have been doing a painting showing their understanding. They will be finishing the year learning about the Japanese holiday called Children's Day. They will be creating Carp kites using layered construction paper.

5th graders will be finishing the year making 3 dimensional environments to connect to their unit involving ecosystems. This is one of their favorite projects.

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Suzy Coen

End of Year Recap

It has been another exciting year at Hubbell! Many thanks to all of our wonderful students, teachers, parents, and volunteers who do so much to make Hubbell such a great community. This year we had an emphasis on building community which led to a lot of "firsts" for Hubbell. We had

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our first ever Hubbell Skate Night which was a huge success leading us to also have a second...and third, FREE upcoming event! Who knew that Hubbell had so many kids (and adults!) ready to put on those skates and roll? J We had our first annual Parent's Mixer which not only gave families an opportunity to get to know each other in a casual, adult-only setting, but also allowed us to try a few new fundraising ideas. We had our first ever raffle focused on the kids during Fun Night with an opportunity for everyone to have a chance to win! Also our first free Fun Night so that every child could attend! It has been a pretty exciting journey this year, thank you to all of you who helped on the way.

Parent's Mixer & Silent Auction

The first annual Parent's Mixer & Silent Auction was a great success with over 75 attendees who helped us to raise approximately \$4,000. Be on the lookout for save the dates for next year!

Upcoming Event

FREE Skate Night! We had such an amazing turnout for both of our Skate Nights that Skate North is giving us a FREE event! Thursday, May 11th from 5-8 pm (note the extra hour) at Skate North. Please let us know if your student wants to attend but needs a ride getting there. We want all of our Hubbell students that want to attend to be able to.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the new PTA President, Alison Mattas; Vice-President, Katie Ervin Carlson; Treasurer, Claire Scholl; and Secretary, Brenda Kliethermes!

Keep in Touch with Hubbell PTA

Don't forget to log those Hubbell Hawk Points! POINTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 1ST! 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/Hubbell.Elementary.DSM> or on our website <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/>

Thank you

It's been an amazing year with a lot of great energy, ideas, and enthusiasm and I'm so excited to see it continue with a fabulous group next year! It's been a wonderful opportunity to work with all of you and I'm honored to have served the past 3 years on the Executive Board. Best wishes for a fabulous summer!

Thank you!
Suzy Coen
PTA Past President

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You can obtain information regarding sex offenders in the Hubbell neighborhood by accessing the following web site:

www.iowasexoffender.com

IB Update

Summer is almost here! It is astounding to consider how much learning has taken place within the walls of our classrooms this year. Our thoughts now drift to summer – sun, swimming, biking, vacations.... Inevitably, that leads us to think about next school year. No matter what grade your child will be entering into this August, I would like you to take some time to consider middle and high school. I know this seems so far away, but, then again, it seems like just yesterday this school year began.

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 Middle School, you will need to complete the district open enrollment paperwork. However, Hubbell students are placed at the top of the open enrollment list for Merrill. It is an awesome way for your children to continue with an IB education!

High School and IB

Many more students are entering college than ever before. It is a fact that more and more jobs require a college degree. But did you know that currently over 50% of those that enter college drop out before receiving a degree? It is an alarming fact that many of our nation’s students are not prepared to take on the challenges and expectations of college. Take a moment to consider the table below and consider the benefits an IB education can offer.

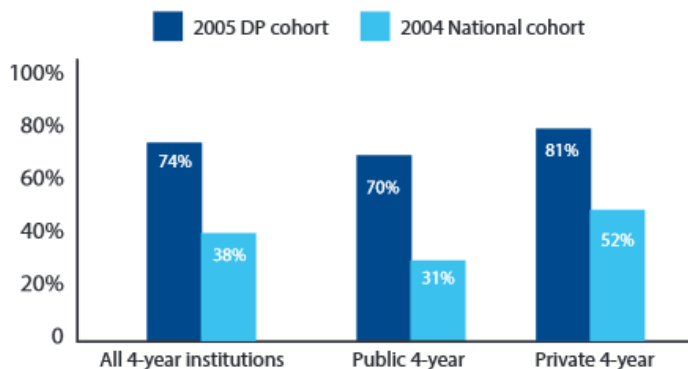


Figure 4. 4-year graduation rates

The first bar (dark blue) represents the percentage of students from an IB diploma high school program that graduate from a 4-year college. The second bar (light blue) represents the percentage of students from non-IB high schools that graduate from a 4-year college. This is great affirmation that what students are learning at IB schools is preparing them well!

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. There is no defined criteria a student must meet to be accepted into the Diploma Program but students will need to ensure they take certain courses in their freshman and sophomore years to meet graduation requirements; students must demonstrate a willingness to participate in a challenging and demanding program. For more information on this program and/or about course considerations for 9th and 10th grade, contact Olivia Howe at Olivia.howe@dmschools.org.