



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School
Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

I.B. Unit 4
February and March 2018

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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 8:00 for all students. Free breakfast is served 8:00 - 8:15. Classes start at 8:15. If you need daycare for before or after school Metro Daycare is available and applications can be completed online.

All visitors must sign in the office and get a visitor sticker. The doors to the main hallway are locked which forces all traffic to go through the office. I believe we all have a role in providing a safe learning environment. I encourage you to be proactive with us. If you see someone in the hall check to see if they have a Des Moines Schools ID badge or a visitor sticker; if they don't walk them back to the office.

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!

We have some exciting news! Hubbell's entrance and main office space will be renovated starting in this spring. As we get closer to the start of

construction we will send more information. In the mean time here is a copy of the plans.

<https://cdn.dmschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Hubbell-final-plans-1.2.18.pdf>

[Hubbell Elementary School Final Plans -
cdn.dmschools.org](https://cdn.dmschools.org)

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Timeline • January 9, 2018 - Board review and approval of final plans • Early spring 2018 - Construction start • August 15, 2018 - Completion

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.

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MARCH CALENDAR

March

2	6:00-7:40 p.m.	Fun Night
2	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Silent Auction
6	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
9		NO SCHOOL
12-16	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

IS COMING SOON!

Wed. April 11th
2:30 - 6:30 pm

All kindergarteners must be 5 before **Sept. 15, 2018**. You must bring with you a birth certificate, 2 proofs of address, and immunization record. A spot at Hubbell is not guaranteed because you are a neighborhood family. If you have any questions please call the school office and talk with Sherrie at 242-8414.

New families to DMPS **must sign up at the Welcome Center - 2100 Fleur Dr.** Please call 242-7371 or 242-7371 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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.

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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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Darcy Hankenson

Reader Leaders and Book Buddies reading clubs have concluded for the 2017/2018 school year. Regards to Christie McConathy who has been an integral part of the reading groups. I am so proud of our readers and our reading culture here at Hubbell.

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.

We have great diversity in our Hubbell Library. I encourage everyone to explore the world through books. Books play a vital role in getting you outside of your comfort zone. That's why I'm supporting the Reading Without Walls Challenge here at Hubbell. Read without walls and see what happens. I bet it will be something amazing!

The Reading Without Walls Challenge

- 1 Read a book about a **character** who doesn't look like you or live like you
- 2 Read a book about a **topic** you don't know much about
- 3 Read a book in a **format** that you don't normally read for fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, etc)

NOTES FROM MUSIC

Mrs. Hunt

Hubbell Chorus

Hubbell Chorus will begin soon! 4th and 5th graders will receive an informational handout and will need to bring back a signed permission slip to participate in chorus. The chorus will learn vocal exercises, rounds, and sing a wide variety of music. The choir will have an informal performance for family, teachers, and friends at the end of the choir season, as well as sing at a nursing home and retirement community in early May. Choir will be held on Tuesdays and begin on Tuesday, February 27th.

4th and 5th Grade Music Programs

The 4th and 5th grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, March 27th in the Hubbell gym. 4th grade music program begins at 6:00pm. 5th grade music program begins at 6:45pm. The 4th graders will be singing music important to American history. 5th graders will sing music from around the world.

Grade 2 and 3 Performance

The 2nd and 3rd grade music programs were both huge successes! The students performed on Tuesday, December 5th in the Hubbell gym.

Students in 2nd grade sang about the importance of giving thanks and having gratitude. 3rd graders performed songs about many holiday celebrations.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Music Programs

Kindergarten and 1st grade programs will be on Tuesday, April 17th. Kindergarten's program will begin at 6:00pm and 1st Grade program will begin at 6:45pm, both in the Hubbell Gym. Kindergarteners will sing about seasons and weather and 1st graders will sing about animals!

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.

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First graders will be creating pinch pots out of clay. They will use tools to add texture to their pots and will be painting them after they are fired.

Second graders are learning about leaders in the Art World. We have looked at Matisse and Picasso and are making a cubist portrait as Picasso would have done.

Third graders have been making paper mosaics and will begin their clay unit soon.

Fourth graders Just finished working on pop art and will get to see a Lichtenstein who we designed our work after when we take a trip to the Des Moines Art Center on February 2nd.

Fifth graders have been hard at work creating a 3-D tunnel landscape of a biome of their choice to tie into their current IB unit.

FROM YOUR SPANISH CLASSROOM

Maestra Rodriguez

!Hola! Your student has been learning many new things in Spanish class! Please visit our website <http://hubbells spanish.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)

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Shay Maxwell

All grade levels are currently working through the academic responsibility unit. We have spent time taking about what the responsibility is of the learner vs. the teacher. Currently students are exploring the difference between Growth and Fixed Mindset and how it impacts the way the student learns. We are talking about challenging ourselves and knowing ways in which we can grow. Some grades are spending time on the Brain and how it works to give them a better understanding of why learning and making mistakes are so important. If

you have time check out the book, "Your Fantastic Elastic Brain" by: JoAnn Deak, PhD. The next unit will start in two weeks and we will begin talking about College, Career, and Educational Pathways.

IB Update

Micaela Tuttle

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 26th 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! If you would like more information please contact one of the 5th grade teachers or me! We are still in need of about 10 more, so please consider giving back and being a mentor!

Micaela Tuttle
IB Coordinator

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Alison Mattas

Geography Challenge

Geography Challenge had another successful fundraising year bringing in over \$15,000! This is the PTA's biggest fundraising event and it could not be done without all of the volunteers who helped organize packets, administer tests, and collect money. Also, a special shout out to our fantastic Geography Challenge Co-Chairs, Kristen Erickson, and Maria Loder for all of their hard work and leadership! We are grateful to all of the Hubbell friends and families who helped give their time, donate money, and encouraged our students to do their very best. Great job to all of our Hubbell students for their hard work on the tests! This year Mrs. Beaumont's classroom had the highest participation and won a class party. The top earner, who will serve as "Principal for the Day", was Dexter Thiessen.

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:

Fun Night! Hubbell's annual Fun Night will be held on Friday, March 2nd. Fun Night is the school carnival — games in the classrooms, crazy hair, etc. This is a free event for the kids but does also include a fundraiser component. Games and activities begin at 6:00 pm and will go until 7:40 pm. For the fundraiser we are going to do the raffle format again this year and are focusing on experiences (e.g., police ride along) and low-cost, kid-friendly items. Concessions will be in the cafeteria. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kristyn Arnold for fundraising at kmarnold23@gmail.com or Sarah Miller, Fun Night Co-Chair at sbowermiller@yahoo.com.

Hubbell Skate Night! The next Hubbell Skate Night will be February 20th at Skate North.

Parent's Mixer and Silent Auction! Our annual Parent's Mixer will be April 21st at Vivian's in the Kirkwood Hotel. This is our second biggest fundraiser and, like all our fundraisers, all of the money raised goes to help fund Hubbell field trips, technology upgrades, resources for the classrooms, and so much more. While this is intended as a

fundraiser, a major mission of this event is to let Hubbell parents meet one another and strengthen our school community. Look for more details for this event to come over the next couple months!

5th Grade Exhibition

5th grade exhibition is coming and they are looking for mentors. Mentoring is a very rewarding experience for both the mentors and students. The time commitment is about 20-30 minutes per week for 6-7 weeks - time is very flexible and the teachers will work with you on when to meet. They will need about 30 mentors who act as a resource for each 5th grade team. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact micaela.tuttle@dmschools.org.

Keep in Touch with Hubbell PTA

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 for everything that you do!
Alison Mattas
PTA

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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