



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.

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

April

17	6:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Music Program
17	6:45 p.m.	1 st Grade Music Program
21	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Silent Auction and Parent Mixer at Vivian's in the Kirkwood Hotel

May

3	5:45-6:30 p.m.	5 th Grade Exhibition
8	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting - Library
10	Morning	Maguire Relays K-2
	Afternoon	Maguire Relays 3-5
11		<i>Maguire Relays Rain Date</i>
22	5:30-6:30	5th grade promotion
31	12:10 dismissal	Last Day of School

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. Students will participate unless specifically requested not to participate.

This Spring the school nurse will present information to all 5th grade boys and girls about the reproductive system and the physical and emotional changes that take place during puberty. Boys and girls will have separate presentations geared to them. Girls will receive information about female puberty and boys will receive information about male puberty.

In addition, information about how illnesses are spread with specific attention to HIV/AIDS will also be presented.

Information and course materials are available for preview. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions or wish to review the course materials. Students will participate unless specifically requested not to participate.

Michelle Beebe RN

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 Month in April. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Month 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 month you may visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>.

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 1 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 **Radical Readers** advanced to the regional competition to compete against 10 other west-side schools where they earned second place in a heart-breaking triple sudden-death decision. 😞 Team members are: Harper Egge, Max Karnicky, Jackson Beerends, Nora Pille, Ben Wiederaenders, Elliott Albright, and Legend Finer. The Radical readers were coached by Sarah Egge, Jeff Karnicky, and Lesley Beerends. Congratulations!!!

Other teams that competed at Hubbell were:



Team Bling: Clara Page, Lemmy Bosman, Paul Martin, Sydney Gilmore, Nora Neff, Sylvia Doyle, and Dylan Poe. Team Bling was coached by Julie Burroughs.



The Silent Readers: Brylie Moeder, Cash Lennon, Aiden Vens, Sam Boes, Comfort Toluwalase, and Avery Campbell. The Silent Readers were coached by Christy McConathy.



The Reading Rebellion: Cora Wilson, Graham Owens, Henry Kliethermes, Blake Scott, Sabine Carlson, and Nia Lawson. The Reading Rebellion was coached by Yasmina Madden and Summer Scott.

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. A big "Thank you!" 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 just finishing up a silhouette against the background of *Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh. Students looked at Van Gogh's work and identified texture and repetition in the application of paint. They used crayons to duplicate this texture in the sky for their own artwork.

Second graders learned about the artist Henri Rousseau. They looked at his tropical landscapes and created their own rainforest that they then painted. We are just getting started with our clay unit.

Third graders just finished their clay unit and will be starting abstract paintings in the style of the Fauves who painted with wild colors and short brushstrokes.

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 learning about the artist and activist Peter Max. They are creating informative posters for a cause in the style of Peter Max.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Mrs. Hunt

Hubbell Hawk Choir has begun! Students in 4th and 5th grade are participating in choir on Tuesdays from 3:10-3:45. The choir season will end with a performance tour to nursing home/retirement communities on Friday, May 4th, and a pizza party and an informal concert for family on May 8.

On Tuesday, March 20th, 5th graders from the entire DMPS district attended the Des Moines Symphony concert at the Civic Center. The field trip was paid entirely by the district to ensure all students were connected to culture and given an opportunity to expand their music appreciation.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will sing in their spring music programs on Tuesday, April 17th 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 seasons and 1st grade will sing about animals!

On Thursday, May 17th, the 4th graders will participate in a special concert and master class with the ensemble "Ranky Tanky." Ranky Tanky is a jazz-influenced band from Charleston, South Carolina whose music is influenced by traditional Gullah music. Gullah music is the music and culture that originated among descendants of enslaved Africans in the low-country region of the southeast United States. They will perform songs from their national tour and put on a masterclass with the 4th grade.

ACTIVITIES in PE

Mrs. Lukenbill

Mark your calendar for the annual Maguire Relays that will be held on Thursday, May 10th. In case of rain, it will be held the following day, May 11th. 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!

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Shay Maxwell

We are concluding a mini unit on Bullying Prevention lessons which we started after spring break. 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.

We have also spent time preparing for Iowa Assessments and reviewing test-taking strategies. All students 3-5 will be taking these assessments and with the right strategies and tools I am confident all students will be able to do their best work.

Our next unit is College, Career, and Academic Pathways. We will be learning to better understand the importance of academic pathways and dreaming for the future. I encourage you to talk with your student and see what dreams they have for their own future.

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Alison Mattas

Fun Night

Thank you to everyone for participating in another successful Fun Night! We couldn't do this without our volunteers so a big thank you to those 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. The event raised over \$2700 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!

Second Annual Parent's Mixer and Silent Auction!

This is our second largest fundraiser which benefits every child at Hubbell. Please come join in the fun at our 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 21st from 6:30-9:30 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/hubbell-pta/> You won't want to miss it!

Spring Elections

PTA elections were held in the April meeting. Please welcome the new executive board for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Kristyn Arnold - President
- Sarah Zdenek - Vice President
- Ben Spadt - President Elect
- Sue Foecke - Secretary
- Sarah Anthony - Treasurer

PTA's May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th from 6-7 p.m. in the library (Free child care!). We would love to see you there!

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!

Alison Mattas
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: "We empower diverse learners through inquiry-based opportunities that promote life-long learning." 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!

Micaela Tuttle
IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach
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