



# 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 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. [Please contact our school counselor or Success worker or the office if your child is in need of these items.](#)

#### 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 gives 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.

### DECEMBER, JANUARY, and FEBRUARY CALENDAR

#### December

6	7:20 a.m.	Reader Leaders
11	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting in Library
13	7:20 a.m.	Book Buddies
24-1/4	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Winter Break

#### January

1-4	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Winter Break
7		School Resumes
8	6:00 p.m.	PTA meeting in Library
10	7:20 a.m.	Reader Leaders
15		End of Semester
17	7:20 a.m.	Book Buddies
21	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Martin Luther King

#### February (Black History Month)

7	7:20 a.m.	Reader Leaders
14	7:20 a.m.	Book Buddies
15	2:00 p.m.	Friendship Parties
27/28		Conferences/Bookfair

#### HUBBELL OFFICE HOURS

The office staff will be off during Winter Break. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.  
-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 out of date 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 1:10 PM. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS HIS/HER AFTER SCHOOL PLAN. THANK YOU!

**STAY HEALTHY DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON**

Mrs. Bolin

During this time of the year when viruses are easily spread to others, please reinforce and practice good health care habits with your children:

- \* Proper hand washing - wash all surfaces of the hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds.
- \* Cover your cough - turn away from others and cough into your elbow.
- \* Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth...these are the openings where germs commonly enter your body.
- \* Eat a good breakfast - the nutrients give your body energy to learn, and also boost your immune system to help fight off cold and flu viruses.
- \* Get a good night's sleep - the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends students get 9 to 10 hours of sleep each night.
- \* Eat wisely and exercise regularly - eat five servings of fruits and vegetables daily and limit junk food and soda intake. Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. Exercise 3-5 days a week for 30-60 minutes at a time...play outside and stay active. Restrict time usage of computer, phones, video games, and other electronics.
- \* Consider flu vaccinations for your family; they are still available.
- \* Please keep your students home if they are ill.

**Head Lice Guidelines - From the Iowa Department of Public Health**

What does head lice look like?

Adult lice are the size of a sesame seed (2-3 mm) and can be seen by the human eye. They live in human hair, draw blood from the skin, and lay eggs ("nits") on the hair shaft. Live nits are found less than 1/2 inch from the scalp and are often found at the back of the head at the neck area. Some children may complain of itchiness, but others have no symptoms.

Is your child at risk?

Yes. Head lice will spread as long as children play together. They spread almost completely through human hair to hair contact. Anyone can get head lice. Children in child care, preschools, elementary and middle schools, at community gatherings (such as church, sports teams, etc.) are at risk. Head lice are NOT a sign of being dirty. Head lice are not dangerous and do not spread disease.

What can you do?

Parents are the key to looking for and treating head lice. The Iowa Department of Public Health advises parents 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 with 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, or hair fasteners.

### Treatment Calendar

The treatment days are scheduled to interrupt the lifecycle of the lice. A nit comb should be used to comb the hair and can be bought at most pharmacies.

Day 1: Use medicated Shampoo

Day 2: Comb only; do not wash

Days 3-9: Use regular shampoo & conditioner and comb each day

Day 10: Use medicated shampoo

Day 11: Comb only; do not wash

Days 12-14: Use regular shampoo & conditioner and comb each day

Possible reasons why treatment may not work:

- \* Wrong diagnosis - dandruff, hair products, dust and other objects can appear similar to nits.
  - \* Poor treatment - directions for the treatment product were not followed properly.
  - \* Resistance to treatment - some lice are not killed by the chemicals in over-the-counter treatments (permethrin & pyrethrin).
  - \* Timing - the lice may take a few days to die; nits alone do not mean your child still has lice. Look for crawling lice.
  - \* New lice - children can get head lice again from playmate or family member.
  - \* After the 14-day treatment, if crawling lice are still present, contact your healthcare provider who may recommend a prescription treatment for lice.
- School exclusion:  
There is no need for students to be sent home or to miss school, though treatment should be started before returning to school the next day.  
Thank you in advance for your help and assistance with these important health matters.

Lisa Bolin, BSN, RN  
Hubbell School Nurse

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Shay Maxwell

Each grade level has just begun working on friendship and cooperation skills. We are learning about good friendship qualities, being open minded to friends who may seem different than us, how to work well in groups, how to spread kindness, and how to handle some typical friendship problems. We will go 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. We are getting ready to begin our personal safety unit when we come back in January.

### 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.

**The very best way to keep track of your books is to keep them in your student's backpack!!**

Take some time to read with your kiddos and save some time to read for yourself.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

## 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. 4th and 5th graders showed their progress in their music program on November 13th.

4th Graders will attend the Des Moines Symphony program on March 12. This wonderful opportunity is provided by the district for all DMPS 4th Graders.

Special units coming up for 5th grade include learning to play the ukulele, and 4th grade will spend time learning about African drumming.

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will continue to work on their music standards and start preparing for their music programs.

### Mark your calendars:

2nd and 3rd grade programs will be held on Tuesday, April 16th.

Kindergarten and 1st grade music programs will be held on Tuesday, May 21st.

## SPANISH

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

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## CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Bash

Kindergarten has been exploring texture in the Art room. Students just finished making a clay ornament into which they stamped found objects to create texture. We will be glazing these soon and talking about the physical changes that clay goes through.

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. They will be making a clay pinch pot over the next few weeks and applying their knowledge of variety and repetition as they decorate it.

2nd Graders just finished making two pieces of art inspired by graffiti and street art. They incorporated warm colors in one and cool colors in the other.

3rd Graders have become authors and illustrators as they created a book about the water cycle to tie in with their current IB unit.

4th Graders have been working on pop art inspired by Roy Lichtenstein. They chose a words in which the pronunciation is the actual sound they depict - Onomatopoeia, and illustrated it using primary colors.

5th Graders are working on making tunnel ecosystems to tie into their unit about biodiversity. Students chose a biome to illustrate including the animals and plant life that would live there.

## IB in DMPS

Katie Enos

### IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach

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, was authorized as an IB World school this year. Congratulations Moore! In addition to being able to provide an IB education to many of our elementary families, DMPS also provides an IB education all the way

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through high school! Here is more information about the IB programs available to your child(ren) at the middle and high school levels.

### 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

**Kristyn Arnold**

PTA this Fall has been unique and flexible. Thank you for that. We chose to move the November meeting to December to allow the 4th and 5th grade music concert to move in order to allow voting on Election Day. (High-five!) Leading up to the concert a special vote was held to check off an item that moved from the long-time wish list to a necessity... Replacing the sound system in the gym using funds raised in the previous school year. That kind of teamwork is one of the reasons Hubbell is a multi-faceted rock star team for education.

Other PTA activities this Fall have included Cultural Festival, Fall Parties, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation during Conferences, Box Tops for

Education, T-Shirt Order, Skate Night, and the largest fundraiser of the year - Geography Challenge! The sign-up geniuses filled with volunteer commitments is how we are able to hold events and fundraisers, both equally valuable.

The December 11th PTA meeting will bring everyone up to speed and the January 8th meeting will have some important conversations and decisions. As always, please attend if able and stay 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/>

Grateful to do this together!

## 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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