



Hubbell Highlights



An International Baccalaureate World School
Mrs. Carrie Belt, Principal

I.B. Unit 4
February and March 2019

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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!! Students are working hard on their CPR Caring Principled and Reflective. Free breakfast is served 7:15-7:30. Classes start at 7:30. If you need daycare for 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!

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 - 9:30 start time and breakfast will be served 9:15-9:30. or be dismissed 2 hours early at 12:25.

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.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
IS COMING SOON!**

Wed. April 10th
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.

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

****NO MORE EARLY OUT WEDNESDAYS AFTER SPRING BREAK****

March

18-22 Spring Break NO SCHOOL
25-26 Teacher PD NO SCHOOL -
Professional Development days for Staff

April

9 6:00 p.m. PTA meeting - Library
10 Kindergarten Registration
16 6:00 p.m. 2nd Gr. Music Program
16 6:45 p.m. 3rd Gr. Music Program

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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 **1:45 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 **after 2:10**. 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.

NURSE'S NOTES

Mrs. Bolin

How much sleep should my child be getting each night?

Sleep is essential for all of us, especially our children. Between school, homework, and scheduled afternoon/evening activities, our schedules are jam packed. Not enough sleep (sleep deprivation) can lead to difficult behaviors and health problems. A good bedtime routine and adequate sleep can help improve your child's immune system, behavior, and school performance.

Recommended amount of sleep for children:
Preschoolers (3 to 5 years) 10 to 13 hours (including naps)
Grade schoolers (6 to 12 years) 9 to 12 hours
Teens (13 to 18 years) 8 to 10 hours

The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages:

- * Making sleep a family priority
- * Keeping a regular bedtime routine, with a consistent bedtime
- * Staying active during the day
- * Monitoring screen time - No screens in children's bedrooms & turn off screens 1 hour before bed
- * Giving teens more, not less sleep
- * Avoiding too many evening activities
- * Recognizing sleep problems- snoring, sleep apnea, loud/heavy breathing
- * Talking to your child's primary care provider about any sleep problems or concerns

Borrowed clothing: If your child has borrowed clothing from the nurse's office this year, please launder and return it when possible. No matter what the age of your child, it is a great idea to keep an

extra set of clothing in their backpack or locker...food and drink spills, bathroom accidents, or falls into puddles at recess can happen at any time. If you have a Kindergartener that will be attending Hubbell for the 2019-2020 school year, please bring their immunization record to Kindergarten Registration on April 10th from 3:30 to 6:30. Even if your child still has boosters to obtain over the summer, it will help me to start processing their immunizations to date.

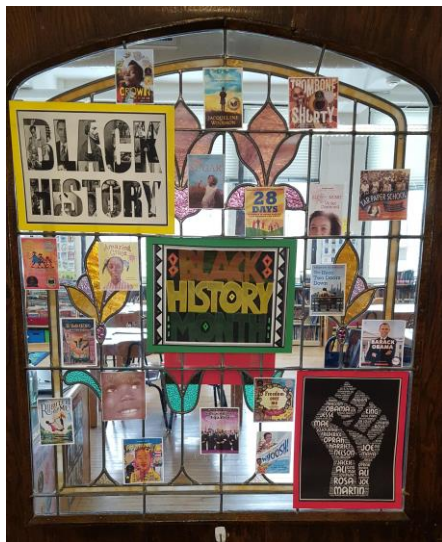
Thank you,
Mrs. Bolin

LIBRARY NEWS

Darcy Hankenson

Reader Leaders and Book Buddies reading clubs have concluded for the 2018/2019 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 has begun for interested 4th and 5th graders. This year, the choir will rehearse a shorter amount of weeks to prepare for a performance at an Iowa Wild hockey game! The choir will sing "God Bless America" before the puck drops on Friday, April 12th at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend the game to support our Hubbell singers. Attendees must purchase game tickets.

4th Grade

4th grade has begun our study of spirituals and gospel music, and will soon begin to learn African drumming.

5th Grade

5th grade has been busy learning the ukulele! The classes have learned how to play a C-major scale and strum along to songs with several chords. 5th grade will spend time after spring break on a special spoken word/rap unit, composing their own short spoken word or rap pieces.

2nd Grade and 3rd Grade Music Programs

The 2nd and 3rd grade music concerts are on Tuesday, April 16th in the gym. The 2nd grade will perform at 6:00pm and the 3rd grade will perform at 6:45pm. Both grade levels are singing about spring, all things vernal, and protecting our planet.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Music Programs

Kindergarten and 1st grade programs will be on Tuesday, May 21st in the gym. Kindergarten will sing about seasons at 6:00pm and 1st grade will delight the audience at 6:45pm.

CREATIONS FROM THE ART ROOM

Emily Bash

Kindergarten Have been hard at work combining cut shapes to create a cityscape. Their skyscrapers are so colorful and fun.

First graders just finished studying Eric Carle and his process for making his illustrations. They created one of their own using his techniques.

Second graders are just finishing up rainforest paintings inspired by the artist Henri Rousseau.

Third graders just completed their clay project. They combined pieces of clay to create a miniature bird bath.

Fourth graders are just beginning a zentangle project using pattern, line and value to create a black and white piece of art.

Fifth graders Has just begun their clay project, a cubist style mask inspired by Pablo Picasso

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.rodiguez@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. During this unit we will explore different career pathways and how they relate to our interests.

GYM-NEWS-IUM

Linda Lukinbill

It has been a fun couple of months in PE. In the upper units we have tried out pickle ball, which is kinda like combination of tennis and ping pong. We also got a small introduction to la crosse skills, throwing and catching the ball with the la crosse sticks. The lower units have been playing games that involve throwing, catching, and rolling balls along with chasing and fleeing type games.

WORD ON THE STREET -Safety Patrol

Linda Lukinbill

The safety patrol members are doing a pretty good job of keeping our students safe this year. With this frigid weather we have been having lately, make sure your patrol member is bundled up completely if they have duty.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who donate their time before or after school to help with crossing guard duty on Chamberlain. It is GREATLY appreciated! We still need volunteers for after school crossing guard on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you would be interested send me an e-mail at linda.lukenbill@dmschools.org

IB Update

Katie Enos

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 taking action towards solving this problem. Classrooms are abuzz with excitement as students become passionate about the issues they have chosen to explore!

Are only 5th grade parents involved in exhibition? No matter what grade level your child is in, 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 25th on your calendars for this event! Even if your child has a few years before becoming a 5th grader, it is an exciting event that will give you great insight into what your child will 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 attend and show their support.

Katie Enos
IB Coordinator

HUBBELL PTA NEWS

Kristyn Arnold

Fundraising and Engagement are the two intentional actions of the Hubbell PTA. We are thrilled with the success of Geography Challenge bringing in over \$19,000! Thank you to the chairs and volunteers who worked together for the massive effort that is our largest Hubbell fundraiser. This is truly cause for celebration!

There is one more opportunity for fundraising this year and it is high engagement!

ONERUN - April 27, check-in 8-8:45am; run 9:00am

This is the first ever district-wide fundraiser. For the schools, this is free money - the only thing you have to do to push funds to your school is register

and show up. To the sponsors, this is a wide-reaching opportunity, not just to one school but the largest school district in the state of Iowa! Let's make Des Moines #1 in funding education!

Register here:

<http://www.dmpsfoundation.org/events/> Please help spread the word!

For questions, to volunteer, or become a sponsor, Contact: Kristyn Arnold kmarnold23@gmail.com

Other opportunities:

5th grade EXHIBITION - Meet with your group once a week for about 15-20 minutes to discuss planning and keep them on track. Groups will meet a week or two before spring break begins until April 25th. They will have a community connection done during their research stages - this can be done outside of school or have someone come in and share their expertise. Exhibition night will be April 25th from 5:30-6:45. Contact: Katie Enos Kathleen.enos@dmschools.org

OPEN CHAIR POSITIONS - Please consider a specific role in next year's PTA. Open positions include: Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Cultural Festival, Box Tops, and Geography Challenge (in 2020, learning opportunity in 2019)

To stay informed:

<https://www.facebook.com/HubbellElementary.DS>
M or <https://hubbellpta.wordpress.com/>

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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