

Hubbard Happenings

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**UPCOMING
PTO
MEETING
SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY
JAN 27th
9:00 AM**

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Molly Dinning

Dear Hubbard Families,

Happy New Year! 2012 promises to be a terrific year for Hubbard School. As we start our New Year's Resolutions, I encourage you and your child to take time out every day to enjoy stories and books together. Pre-School and kindergarten students would love to read and listen to nursery rhymes, fables, and fairy tales. First and second grade students love joke books, riddles, and tongue twisters. Third graders can start to enjoy longer more involved books like chapter books and novels. When you spend this time with your child, ask them specific questions about the characters, the plot of the story, and how they think it connects to their life. Fifteen minutes of daily reading is the most positive educational boost you can give your child.

Whenever it is possible during these cold winter months, the students will have outdoor recess. Please remember to send your child to school with mittens and a hat. Students who walk home from school or to their carpools are reminded to stay on the sidewalks and off the neighbors' properties often. Please reinforce this at home. Also, dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

Hubbard School has been nominated by the State of New Jersey as a candidate for the Nation Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

We are excited to receive this honor and look forward to the application process. If we are selected, (we will not know until next Fall) we will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the official recognition ceremony. It is a wonderful achievement to receive this nomination. Thank you to everyone who helps to make Hubbard School such a wonderful place: students, parents, teachers, staff members, and the Ramsey Community.

We have many exciting events coming up at Hubbard. Kindergarten and Pre-School Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. We have our One School One Book Kick Off on January 17th. Get ready to find out what our new school wide book will be! Kid's Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, January 27th. This year, the Ramsey Education Foundation is sponsoring a week long science residency for the students of Hubbard School. That will kick off Monday February, 27th. We are also looking forward to the Hubbard Games Day on March 3rd! For a listing of all school events please visit our Hubbard School Calendar at www.ramsey.k12.nj.us select Hubbard School.

For More Information
Visit
www.ramsey.k12.nj.us

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From the Principal's Desk (Cont.)

If you are looking for ways to become more involved at Hubbard School, please attend the next PTO meeting and volunteer to serve on one of many interesting committees. The meetings are held monthly in the Hubbard School Cafeteria.

As a final reminder, please have an adult walk your child into the main office to sign into school when arriving after 8:55. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Molly Dinning

Hubbard Holiday Sing





Our Classroom Happenings

Preschool Update

January 2012

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families enjoyed the holiday break! The preschool students have been very busy this winter.

Before we left for the holiday break the children put on two fantastic holiday shows! The boys and girls worked very hard to learn songs, dance moves, and to create some special holiday projects. After returning in January, the Hubbard Preschool classes have been continuing their study of letters. During the first week of January the classes studied the letter "Q" and reviewed their numbers.

We asked a lot of questions and made a name quilt. During "G" week we did activities for Good Night Moon. We learned about giraffes and gorillas. We participated in a school wide celebration of Martin Luther King by making our own class box of crayons. They are on display in the hallway.



Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Schinski

Readiness Kindergarten Happenings Update

Happy New Year! The Readiness Kindergarten class is excited to be back in school at Hubbard, and ready to learn new things! During the first week back, the class received a visit from Mr. H, from the Letter People, who taught the class about the letter "H" and help us review our home addresses. Later in the month, the class looks forward to meeting with our third grade buddies from Mrs. Stewart's class again. The two classes always enjoy teaming up to complete activities together.



In the science lab, the Readiness Kindergarten scientists have some great experiments to look forward to in January! The class was recently introduced to animal habitats, and we will be building upon that knowledge to learn about some new animal topics in the upcoming weeks.

During the month of January our Hubbard School Pride theme will be "acceptance". The Readiness Class attended the assembly presented by a third grade class demonstrating character education trait. Throughout the month, our class will be looking for examples of acceptance in the stories we read and in our Hubbard School Community.



Our Classroom Happenings (Cont.)

Kindergarten Happenings Update!

The kindergarten children had a busy holiday season. We enjoyed sharing many versions of the Gingerbread man story. We also sampled gingerbread and participated in a variety of Gingerbread activities.

The holiday sing was the first time most of the children were on stage...how exciting! We sang three songs and participated in many others. We even made our own instruments.



Our word of the month is charity and we practiced by making holiday gifts for our families.



As 2012 commences, we will begin to get ready for First Grade!

- Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade Happenings Update!

Happy New Year from First Grade!! Here's a look at what we have been working on in 2011 and what we have in store for 2012!

The First Grade classes had wonderful holiday fun! Our December Holiday lessons helped us to learn the many ways people around the world spend their holidays. It was fun to learn about all the different customs that each culture has to celebrate the season!



Thank you to all of the parents who donated toppings for our cookie decorating day. The students had fun designing and decorating their 2 cookies, then eating one for snack and taking the other one home to show off to their family!

Our Pajama Day on the last day before the holiday break was a huge success! We enjoyed being in our pajamas, watching Frosty the Snowman movies and eating popcorn.

In the New Year we began Social Studies by studying the community and important people in our town.

The Mayor is going to be visiting us in January to tell the children about what he has done to make Ramsey a better place. We will also continue our American Symbol book with group discussions about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. emphasizing his peaceful approach to problem solving. We'll include all of this information in a page for our American Symbols Book.



Our Classroom Happenings (Cont.)

In Math, we are learning about geometry, and plane shapes like squares, triangles, rectangles, circles and geometric solid figures like cylinders, rectangular prisms, cones, spheres and cubes. We will also be learning to tell time to the half hour and hour, and then we will be working with money. This is a great time of year to begin counting groups of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.



Science Lab is a blast as we continue our Geology Unit, working as geologists as we explore different types of rocks and their characteristics.

Here's to a happy and successful 2012!

-The First Grade Teachers

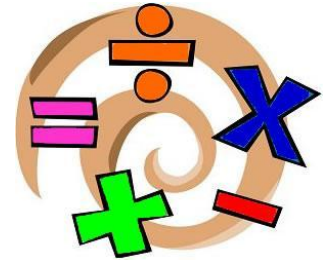
Second Grade Happenings Update!

Happy New Year from the Second Grade! We went out with a bang and picked up right where we left off!! The second graders closed the year with a great holiday sing! Thank you to all the parents who helped with holiday celebrations during the month of December. The Second Graders also enjoyed visiting each Second Grade teacher to hear a holiday story.



The Second Grade has been learning about Martin Luther King Jr. We have learned so much about freedom, justice, and tolerance from Martin's Big Words!

We have been hard at work practicing our addition and subtraction facts. Not only are we mastering our facts in three minutes or less through practice and games, but we have been working hard at using that knowledge to make regrouping an easier task. You should see how well we can regroup two digit numbers using both addition and subtraction! Soon we will be



learning about geometry, fractions, and time.

The Second Grade will begin practice for our play very soon! Mrs. Korduba is hard at work designing something new and exciting for us. Be on the lookout for the theme very soon!



Space...the final frontier!! Well, for the second graders it is our next unit to explore in Science. We will learn so many new things about the universe, and the place we call home. And speaking of home, we are still exploring the United States in Social Studies. We are hard at work learning about the regions and have been doing a lot of travelling... without ever leaving our classrooms.

-The Second Grade Teachers

Our Classroom Happenings (Cont.)

Third Grade Happenings Update!

Hubbard's 3rd graders are off and "ringing" in 2012 with resolutions for the New Year! The teachers are so impressed with the students and their ambitious list of goals. Conquering their multiplication tables, reading different genre's and even writing neater are just a few of the many resolutions that these students are aspiring to accomplish in 2012.



Life Skills for 3rd graders is all about our new Character Education characteristic "Acceptance". To help with this endeavor the students will become more familiar with the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, whom exemplifies the trait of acceptance. The teachers will be having their students discuss and role play this trait all month. Finally, the students will review links on the Smart-board and complete projects to celebrate Dr. King and this important trait.

Next, the 3rd graders are continuing to learn their multiplication facts at a great rate of speed. Thank you to the parents who are quizzing in the car or at the orthodontist's office! Those small moments here and there will pay off! Speaking of small moments, the students are continuing to write many more poems and stories in writers' workshop. Those writing skills are carrying over into *Social Studies*, where the students are studying the cultures of India, Kenya, Japan, Mexico and China. The Third Graders are working hard to get ready for the "Celebration of Cultures". Hope to see you then!



The Third Grade Teachers

PTO's Proud Accomplishments

Holiday Craft Fair

We are so excited to announce that this year's First Annual Hubbard Holiday Craft Fair was a huge success. The day was filled with smiles, music, laughter and sparkles... so many sparkles. We know without a doubt that none of it would have come together without the help of so many people. A huge thank you to the Custodians. And of course thank you to Mrs. Dinning for your patience and attendance at this, our debut. The day would not have been the same without your clapping and your smile.

And without question not one kid would have been able to make a single craft without the hard work and dedication of our MOMS!!! So a big shout out to Laura Nagy, Maureen, O'Hara (with special thanks for sticking around all day!), Jenn LaTorre, Mary Liz McGuire, Chrissy Giannini, Jenny Edelson, Maureen Nelson, Sondra Kaufman, Marie Allegro, Laura Sobel, Kerry Gursaly and Janet Frietag. Also, thank you to the many St. Paul's student volunteers. See you next year ladies!

Randi Grunstein, Leslie Manfredoia, Kristen Shovlin, Stacey Stoler
2011 Holiday Craft Fair Chairs

PTO's Proud Accomplishments (Cont.)



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Pumpkin Fair

Hubbard's Pumpkin Fair took place on Monday, October 24th and once again it was a great success. The fields of Hubbard School were turned into 3 pumpkin patches for the afternoon. The students enjoyed the complimentary face-painting, which was a huge hit as always. Shop-Rite of Ramsey again donated the delicious "Halloween" donuts and apple cider which helped make the event even more festive. The pumpkins were purchased from DePiero's Farm.



The Great Monster Pumpkin weighed 36 lbs and was won by Ethan Kolenut from Ms. Schinski's Kindergarten Readiness class.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out and help at the event. A special thanks to the teachers for helping the students guess and all the wonderful staff of Hubbard School!

The Pumpkin Fair Committee
Maura Boyd, Sara Carolan, Karen Marchisin and Susan Raisch.

KIDS STUFF COUPON BOOKS 2012



This year's **Kids Stuff Coupon Book Sale** was Hubbard's best year yet, thanks to all the support from all the Hubbard families, teachers, and office staff. The Hubbard PTO fundraiser raised over **\$5000** from coupon book sales, 50% of which goes directly to our school to help buy supplies, equipment, and school aids for our children.

Heidi Martin
Kidstuff Coupon Book Chairperson

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE.....

SIX ANNUAL HUBBARD GAMES DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd from 11AM -3:00PM



Join us for the Six Annual Hubbard Games Day. As always, that means more games, more food, and more fun for all! It's a great family day where the children play games and win prizes. The adults have the opportunity to meet other Hubbard families and win terrific raffle baskets. Everyone gets to enjoy yummy carnival food such as pizza, hot pretzels, cotton candy, popcorn, home baked treats and more! There is even face painting and a bounce house.

Games Day is made possible by the volunteers from each class in the school who donate their time to run the games, hand out prizes and prepare, sell and serve the food. We rely on the participation of all Hubbard families to make this day a success. **100% family participation is our goal!** Children love the community spirit when their parents or even grandparents help out at this fun event.

Please remember that Games Day is a family day. We have been asked to emphasize that all children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult. So bring family and friends and have a great time! Let's all help to make our Six Annual Hubbard Games Day a success and a great time for all!

Author Visit





Get Ready Hubbard! We are excited to announce that author Margie Palatini will be visiting us on April 19th. The PTO will offer her books for purchase prior to her visit and she will be signing the books and meeting with the kids to discuss writing and storytelling.



**Send in your Box Tops for Education!
The next collection is**

Friday, February 24th

Please keep cutting your  and send into your child's classroom. The class with the most  wins an ice cream party at the end of the year!



**We hope to earn \$1,500 this year.
Top 3 Classes so far.....**

**Mrs. Kelly
Ms. Klein and Assor tied for 2nd
Mrs. Finnegan**

See the Poster in the Cafeteria for all totals.

Hubbard Games Day 50/50 Cash Raffle



Tickets on sale now!

Tickets will be available at the next PTO meeting and Kid's Bingo Night (both Jan 27th). You may also contact the PTO Board.

Winning ticket will be drawn the morning of Games Day.
10:00 am – March 3, 2012
You need not be present to win.

No tickets will be sold at Games Day – you must get yours before March 3 for this “off-premise” 50/50

Ticket price - \$2

Please help support this PTO fundraiser and take a chance to win some extra **CASH** for yourself! Winner receives 50% of all money collected from ticket sales.

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Simply return the form below in your child's backpack, along with a check made payable to Hubbard School PTO for the total amount of gift cards that you would like to purchase. Please label it Grocery Gift Card order. The cards will be distributed in your child's backpack by the next school week.

Forms can also be found by following this link:

<http://www.ramsey.k12.nj.us/hubbard/cwp/view.asp?A=3&Q=317866>

then click [Grocery Cards](#) or they are also found at www.ramsey.k12.nj.us in the Backpack Papers of Hubbard School tab and in Forms/Flyers sections of Hubbard School PTO section.

If you have any questions please contact:

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NAME _____

PHONE _____

CLASSROOM _____

SHOP RITE \$ _____ (\$100 and \$20 increments)

STOP & SHOP \$ _____ (\$100 and \$20 increments)

TOTAL \$ _____

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