

# HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## January 7, 2010

January 13

PTA Family Night At Fuddruckers 4-9pm

January 14

Hearing and Vision Screening

**JANUARY 18**

PTA Board Meeting 6:30/PTA General Meeting 7pm

January 21

**SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

**JANUARY 22**

Hearing and Vision Re-Screening

**JANUARY 25**

**SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HOURS EARLY/END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD**

January 28

**SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/ PROFESSIONAL WORK DAY**

**FEBRUARY 10&11**

Barnes & Noble Night 6:30-8:30pm

**FEBRUARY 12**

**3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**FEBRUARY 15**

**SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

March 1-5

**SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/PRESIDENT'S DAY**

March 9&10

Kindergarten and New Student Registration 9:30-3pm

March 16&17

MSA TESTING GRADES 3 - 5

**JUNE 21**

MSA TESTING GRADES 3 - 5

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (to make up for 3 inclement weather days, Dec.21,22&23)**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of volunteers for Hearing & Vision Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will need 4 volunteers in the morning and 4 volunteers in the afternoon. If you can help, please let Mrs. Smith in the Health Room know by sending her an email at [heather\\_k\\_smith@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_k_smith@hcpss.org), or calling 410-880-5890.

Hearing & Vision Re-screening is scheduled for January 21st. We will need 4 volunteers to stay until noon.



## **HES and Barnes & Noble Bookfair!**

Save the date (January 28<sup>th</sup>) from 6:30-8:30pm and join us for a great night of stories and fun at the Long Gate Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located at 4300 Montgomery Rd. Ellicott City. Students, depending on their grade, will be involved with different types of patriotic activities. Further information will be sent home. A percentage of your purchases will benefit our school. Hope to see you there!

## **Information for Parents Who Drive Their Children to School**



Here are a few reminders for you to keep in mind.

1. The school opens at **8:45** and the day officially begins at **9:00**. Children are not supposed to be dropped off at school before **8:45**. They should arrive between **8:45 and 9:00**.
2. After 8:45 staff members will be outside at the main crosswalk and in the upper parking lot helping to escort children to school.
3. Please use the **upper parking lot when dropping of students**. The bottom parking lot is for school buses only. Even if there are no school buses or very few school buses here, please drop off in the upper lot until staff directs you to use the lower lot.

Thank you very much for your continued support in keeping Hammond a safe school.

## **DRESSING FOR COLDER WEATHER!**

Parents please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Students will still be going outdoors for recess (unless temperature falls below 20). There are other times that students may be required to go outside, fire drills/evacuations and occasionally P.E. Long pants, coats, hats and gloves are necessary to be comfortable outdoors.



## **Howard Count Department of Recreation Offering After-School Indoor Soccer at HES**

Boys and girls **7-8 yrs old** can learn fundamental skills such as dribbling, trapping, shooting, passing, and team play. Meet in the gym; shin guards are required. For more information, call Matthew Knoerlein at 410-313-4705. **This is for 6 weeks, starting January 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursdays 3:35-4:35 for \$44).**

## REPORTING STUDENT ILLNESS



This school year schools are being asked to collect more information about student illnesses. As part of the Health Department's tracking of Influenza Like Illness in Howard County, schools are required to report numbers of student illnesses and symptoms.

**If your child is absent from school please contact the school using the email address set up specifically for reporting illness at [hessabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:hessabsence@hcpss.org) or the safe-to-school line 301-725-9250 on the first day of the absence and provide the following information:**

- \* Your child's name
- \* The date
- \* Symptoms of influenza like illness: i.e. fever greater than 100° F, cough, sore throat

An absence note is still required for every absence within 24 hours of the child returning to school.

- \* **Students must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.**

## PTA NEWS

### SMALL TALK GERMAN CLASSES, STARTING JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>!

After school German Classes to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the HES PTA.

There is still time to sign up for our Small Talk German class. Class is offered to students K through 5th grade.

Six weeks/\$60.00. 100% of the course fee will be donated to the PBTf and the PTA. Please visit

[www.firstgiving.com/Evasauer1](http://www.firstgiving.com/Evasauer1) . Classes will be held Thursdays after school starting January 14, 2010.

For more information and registration forms visit our website at: [www.mysmalltalk.com](http://www.mysmalltalk.com)

### HES PTA 2010 Family Night Opener at Fuddruckers

Mark your calendars and join the feast at **Fuddruckers, Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 9pm.**

Bring your family and friends and help raise money for the Hammond Elementary PTA. Enjoy the World's

Greatest Hamburgers made with 100% USDA fresh ground beef, exotic hamburgers, specialty chicken

sandwiches, great side dishes, kid friendly menu and homemade desserts. Fuddruckers is located in Columbia on

Dobbin Way near the intersection of Dobbin Road and Route 175. Look for the **Fuddruckers Family Night**

flyer coming home today! Thanks for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES – PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE INFORMATION FAIR

“Children On Board,” Howard County’s annual Preschool/Child Care Information Fair sponsored by the Howard County Office of Children’s Services, will be held at the Ten Oaks Ballroom located at 5000 Signal Bell Lane in Clarksville, on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Admission is free. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Howard County Food Bank, in support of the Office of Children’s Services “Feed the Kids” initiative.

“Children On Board” will provide parents; guardians, grandparents and child care personnel with a “one stop shop.”

Information on childcare and pre-school programs will be available, along with personal contact with teachers and program directors. Representatives from community service organizations that provide programs and services to Howard County’s young children will be on hand to furnish information to parents. The new 2010 Early Childhood Education Guide will be distributed free to all participants. For more information, please contact the Howard County Office of Children’s Services at 410-313-1940, or by email at [childcare@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:childcare@howardcountymd.gov).

### HOWARD COUNTY AUTISM SOCIETY AND AMC THEATRES AT COLUMBIA MALL

The Howard County Autism Society and AMC Theatres at Columbia Mall will present a special needs movie showing of Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel on Saturday, January 9, 2010. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at the door.

Doors will open at 9:30am and the movie will start promptly at 10:00am with no trailers. The volume will be kept down and the lights will be kept up. Sensory breaks are encouraged. All families and friends with special needs are welcome.

For further information, contact Marianne Ross at [rossfda@hotmail.com](mailto:rossfda@hotmail.com).

## AYRA BASEBALL

Do you have a child between the ages of 5 and 18 years old interested in baseball? If so, the Atholton Youth Recreation Association (AYRA) would love to have him or her join us in enjoying America’s favorite pastime. AYRA Baseball offers recreational and travel baseball programs for beginning to advanced players throughout the greater Columbia area.

Registration for the Spring 2010 season is now open at [www.ayra.com](http://www.ayra.com) until March 1. We hope to see you on the ball diamond!