

HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 21, 2010

JANUARY 22

JANUARY 25

January 26

January 27

January 28

January 29

February 3

February 4-18

FEBRUARY 10&11

FEBRUARY 12

FEBRUARY 15

March 1-5

March 9&10

March 16&17

JUNE 21

SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HOURS EARLY/END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/ PROFESSIONAL WORK DAY

GT preview test for 3rd and 4th grade students already nominated

Final Volunteer training session for this year 9:30am in Media Center

GT testing for 3rd grade students already nominated

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

GT testing for 4th grade students already nominated

Seasonal flu mist administered by Health Department to students that return consent form by 1/22

Report cards sent home

Gianni's Pizza Sale

3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/ PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/PRESIDENT'S DAY

Kindergarten and New Student Registration 9:30-3pm, Wednesday 3/5 until 6:45pm

MSA TESTING GRADES 3 - 5

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



HES and HMS Help for Haiti

The recent devastating earthquake in Haiti has had a significant impact on people around the world. Governor O'Malley has encouraged Maryland residents to support the ongoing earthquake relief efforts. Hammond supports this effort by participating in the MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education) Kids Care Campaign. Our students are in the process of making several different personally designed buttons in technology class with Mr. Gordon that show support for Haiti. These buttons are for students, staff, parents and community friends to purchase at a minimum of \$1 each. Our counselor, Mrs. Kelly will be instructing curriculum lessons related to "giving to those in need." **Doing something positive provides students a sense of empowerment, promotes compassion and builds a sense of community.** We will be accepting cash and checks for the buttons made payable to the American Red Cross. These buttons will be available for sale starting Tuesday, January 26th. *ALL monies will be donated to the American Red Cross in support of the Haiti relief effort.*

SEASONAL FLU MIST SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 29TH AT HES

The Howard County Health Department will be administering the seasonal Nasal Mist to all students at HES that turn in their consent form (sent home Wednesday, 1/20) by Friday, January 22nd.

FYI FOR STUDENTS ALREADY NOMINATED FOR GT TESTING

Testing dates for students **already nominated for G/T testing** are as follows: students **currently in fourth grade - Thursday, January 28th**, students **currently in third grade - Wednesday, January 27th**. Students will also have a chance to preview the format of the test on **Tuesday, January 26th**.



HES and Barnes & Noble Bookfair!

Save the date (January 28th) 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 coming home today. A percentage of your purchases will benefit our school. Hope to see you there!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULING PickATime

PickATime will be available to schedule parent/teacher conferences starting January 26th at 9am through February 4th at 9pm. Parents with internet access will be able to go on-line to take care of scheduling all their parent/teacher conferences, print out their schedule and have an email reminder of their appointments sent to them. To access this program, please click on the scheduling link on our school's website (hes.hcpss.org). After February 4th, please cancel or reschedule your appointments by calling 410-880-5890. If you do not have internet access, please call the school at 410-880-5890 to schedule your conferences. In order to access this program, you will need your child's student ID number. This ID number will be on a sticker at the bottom of the page of the pickATime information sheet (coming home today). Unfortunately, a student ID number cannot be given over the telephone.

KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars and help spread the word! Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held March 1-5, from 9:30am – 3:00pm. Wednesday, March 3rd registration will be held until 6:45pm.

HOWARD COUNTY ELEMENTARY BAND

One of our 5th graders, Eva Sauer, has been selected to participate in the Howard County Elementary Band. Students from all over the county auditioned in hopes of being selected for this prestigious group. Not only did Eva Sauer make the band, she scored among the highest of all the clarinet players in the whole county. Amazing! We know she will do a great job representing our school in the band. Congratulations Eva!



HES ANNUAL PIZZA SALE!!!

Order forms and a letter of explanation will be going home on Feb. 4th. Orders and payment should be returned by **Thursday, February 18th**. For safety reasons we do not want any students soliciting orders door to door – sell to family members and friends. This sale is designed to provide convenient and fast meals to families during busy nights. Please make checks payable to Hammond Elementary and staple payment to the order form. Thanks in advance for your support! Order pickup will be Thursday, March 4th, from 4-6pm in the Media Center.

FREE TICKETS TO SIX FLAGS

During the week of January 11, 2010 your child brought home a letter and a reading log to participate in the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club. This is an optional program. This is ***due no later than Thursday, February 18, 2010.***

2010 Memory Book

The 2009-2010 HES Memory Book is coming together!! If you have any pictures of 2009-2010 HES events that you wish to submit, please copy them to a disc and send them into school to your student's homeroom teacher. We would be happy to view any of your selections, but are specifically in need of: 1st Day of School and Grade-level field trip pictures. Students received a flyer and order envelope in their Thursday folders. The cost is \$22.00 for our fabulous 80-page yearbook filled with photographic memories of this year's HES events. To order, please send a check or cash in the attached envelope to your child's homeroom teacher. All orders must be received by February 19th, 2010.

HES PTA CARNIVAL PRE-PLANNING MEETING

THE HES PTA is holding a Spring Carnival pre-planning meeting on 1/27 at 7pm in the Media Center. The Carnival is tentative for Friday, June 11th. We need volunteers to make this event happen. If you are interested in participating in Spring Carnival planning, please come to this meeting or email your contact information to caal130@comcast.net.

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the theme for National African American History Month 2010 is: "The History of Black Economic Empowerment;" and
WHEREAS, we find in the lives and voices of Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, Benjamin Banneker, and others who, by rising above slavery, brutality and bigotry, became great American champions of liberty, equality and dignity; and
WHEREAS, the power, beauty, and unflinching words of poets and writers like Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Toni Morrison, and Lucille Clifton challenge every American to live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, visionary leaders like Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King Jr. possessed a clarity of purpose and were instrumental in exposing and addressing the issues that threatened this country's founding principles; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first person of color to be elected President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that, despite our progress, racial prejudice still exists in America and that we must be vigilant in responding to discrimination wherever we find it; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System is committed to promoting understanding, opportunity, and efforts to build a society where every person of every race and ethnicity can realize their potential; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System recognizes the importance of educating students about the struggles for equality that are part of America's history so that this generation, and those that follow, will not take our hard-earned freedoms for granted; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System has partnerships with many civic and educational organizations such as the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which promotes the academic achievement of over 400 young men at seven Howard County high schools through the Alpha Achievers Program;

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education hereby designates February 2010 as African American History Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this document serves to reinforce our commitment to recognizing the significant contributions of African Americans and to ensuring that all children see themselves in the Howard County curriculum.

Ellen Flynn Giles, Chairman

Board of Education of Howard County

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent

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