

HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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February 4, 2010

February 4-18

Gianni's Pizza Sale

February 5

Club photos (safety patrol, chorus, band, orchestra, Chesapeake bay)

February 9

GT Parent Orientation for students entering HMS 2010-2011 7-8pm (snow date 2/16)

FEBRUARY 10&11

3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 12

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/ PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 15

SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 18

PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm

March 1-5

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

March 2

Class pictures (individual photos can be requested)

March 5

Interim Reports sent home

March 9&10

MSA TESTING GRADES 3 – 5 (reading)

March 16&17

MSA TESTING GRADES 3 – 5 (math)

APRIL 1

SCHOOLS CLOSED 3HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD

APRIL 2-11

SPRING BREAK/SCHOOLS CLOSED

April 15

Science Fair 6:30-8pm

April 20

HMS Parent Orientation 6pm

May 10

4th grade field trip Lady Maryland

May 12

2nd grade field trip Baltimore Museum of Industry

May 19

Enrichment Fair 6-8pm

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS



We would like to share information on ways to be alerted to school delays and closings during inclement weather.

There are several different ways to check for school delays and cancellations; you may go to

www.schoolsout.com and scroll down to Howard County Public Schools to check for any alerts. You may also sign up to receive emails or text messages, alerting you to any school changes. You may also sign up for HCPSS news at www.hcpssnews.com to receive school news and emergency closings. Parents may also call the HCPSS Information Hotline at 410-313-6666. Other sources of information; TV: WMAR, WBAL-TV and WJZ-TV. RADIO; WBAL-AM (1090), WCBM-AM (680), WIYY-FM (97-9), WPGC-FM (95.5). All of the above information is in the School Calendar/HCPSS Handbook (back page) that was sent home with your child the first week of school. Please do not call the school for information as the staff is operating on a delay, as well as the students.

HES ANNUAL PIZZA SALE!!!



Order forms and a letter of explanation were sent home today. 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.

HES and HMS Help for Haiti

Our students have made several different personally designed buttons in technology class with Mr. Gordon that show support for Haiti. A new line of designs will be available soon, made by the remaining 4th and 5th grade students. These buttons are for students, staff, parents and community friends to purchase at a minimum of \$1 each. We will be accepting cash and checks for the buttons made payable to HES or to the American Red Cross. *ALL monies will be donated to the American Red Cross in support of the Haiti relief effort.* **So far we have received \$1900. in support of the Haiti relief effort. We are so thankful to be a part of such a giving community!**



G/T Parent Orientation

The G/T Parent Orientation for parents of students who will be new to Hammond Middle School in the 2010-2011 school year will be held February 9th, from 7:00-8:00pm in the HMS media center. Parents can learn about middle school G/T content classes in the areas of English, science, math and social studies, as well as G/T seminars offered at HMS. Questions? Please contact Ms. Robyn Page, G/T Resource Teacher, by phone at 410-880-5830 or by emailing Robyn_Page@hcpss.org. A snow date of February 16th has been set for this orientation.





School Pictures

Class pictures (individual photos can be taken if requested) are scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd. The picture envelope will be sent home Monday, March 1st.



HES and Barnes & Noble Bookfair Huge Success!

Barnes and Noble was a HUGE success! Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding performances. Thank you for all of your support. Without your support this night would not have been possible.

KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars and help spread the word! Registration for the 2010-11 school year will be held March 1-5, from 9:30am-3:00pm. Wednesday, March 3rd registration will be held until 6:45pm. To register for kindergarten, children must be five years old by September 1, 2010. Please be sure and register your child during this week, and if you know a neighbor whose child will be attending kindergarten for the 10-11 year, please encourage them to register their child as well. The parent or guardian must present the following information at the time of registration: child's birth certificate, record of immunizations, proof of residency (in form of a lease, a deed, or house contract) and a recent utility bill (water, gas or electric), and a photo ID of parent or guardian.

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.



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 18th.

From the Guidance Department

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

The Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) presents: "Helping Children Learn How to Learn: The Family Has the Power!" This will take place on Thursday, Feb 18th at Althoton High School (6520 Freetown Rd., Columbia) from 6:30 - 8:30pm. This is for parents with students in grades K-12. Free transportation, and childcare. For reservations contact: Ms. Patricia Andrews at 410-313-667 or patricia_andrews@hcpss.org.

PTA NEWS

SMALL TALK SPANISH CLASS



Small Talk Spanish is starting February 17, 2010. Classes are every Wednesday right after school through March 3rd 2010. Our theme is "ALL AROUND CLOTHES" Please visit our website at www.mysmalltalk.com for additional information and registration forms.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 *The Tooth Fairy* on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Tickets are \$6 and should be purchased at the door. Doors 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, rossfda@hotmail.com.

HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS SUMMER CAMPS

How will your child remember the summer of 2010? Start making those memories. Meet representatives from Howard County Recreation & Parks Summer Camps during the Baltimore's Child Camps and Summer Programs Fair at the Glenwood Community Center on Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 11am - 2pm. Free admission.

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
Howard County Public School System