

HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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March 4, 2010

March 4	GIANNI'S PIZZA PICK-UP 4-6 PM MEDIA CENTER
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 OPEN ALL DAY (Previously marked on calendar as 3hr early dismissal)
APRIL 2-11	SPRING BREAK/SCHOOLS CLOSED
April 15	Science Fair 6:30-8pm
April 17	HES 5K/1 mile run/walk
April 20	HMS Parent Orientation 6pm
April 22	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS (Previously marked on calendar as Professional Development Day)
May 7	1 st grade field trip Aviation Museum
May 5	Parent Kindergarten Orientation 7pm
May 10	4 th grade field trip Lady Maryland
May 12	2 nd grade field trip to Baltimore Museum of Industry
May 14	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS (Previously marked on calendar as Professional Work Day)
May 19	Enrichment Fair 6-8pm
June 23	Last day of School



GIANNI'S PIZZA PICK UP TODAY 4-6 PM MEDIA CENTER

Please pick up your Gianni's pizza today, **Thursday, March 4th**, 4-6pm in the Media Center. Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

Howard County has made changes to the school calendar to make up school days missed due to inclement weather. April 1st (marked on the calendar to dismiss students 3hrs early) will now be a full day of instruction for students. April 22nd and May 14th (marked on the calendar as schools closed for students/professional development day) will now be full instructional days for students. This information is also posted on the Howard County website; www.hcpss.org.

TESTING SCHEDULE

MSA Assessments will be administered the mornings of March 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. It is asked that every effort be made to ensure that students are in school during these days. Once assessments have begun, we will not call children out of the assessment to go to appointments. Your children will complete assessments by approximately 12 noon, depending on the testing schedule for the day, so please plan accordingly. As a reminder, it is always important for students to get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time, and it is even more important that they do so on standardized testing days. Hammond has a history of excellent test scores, due to the wonderful collaboration that we have between home and school for our students' education. Thank you in advance for helping us to continue this outstanding tradition.

HES and HMS Help for Haiti New line of Buttons Available!!



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 are available now**, made by the remaining 4th and 5th grade students. **You may view the new line by going to the HES website; hes.hcpss.org.** 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**. *ALL monies will be donated to the American Red Cross in support of the Haiti relief effort.*



FREE TICKET TO BOWIE BAYSOX GAME

Today your child is bringing home a letter and a reading log to participate in the Bowie Baysox Reading Program. This is an optional program. This is ***due no later than Friday, March 26, 2010.***

HES 5K/1 MILE RUN OR WALK



Mark your calendars; the 2nd annual HES 5K/1 Mile Run or Walk will be Saturday April 17th at 9:30. Please stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions email sserpico_hcpss.org.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers for their much-appreciated help during Kindergarten Registration week. A special thank you to Mrs. Abunassar for coordinating the volunteer schedule and for being here every day. A big thank you to the following volunteers; Mrs. Cavalier, Mrs. Schinner, Mrs. D'Costa, Mrs. Friedman, Mrs. Stohlman, Mrs. Krutz, and Mrs. Takeuchi. Thanks so much for your time!

PTA NEWS



HES PTA Announces 2010 Spring Carnival

Mark your calendars and get excited for the annual HES PTA Spring Carnival, which will take place on Friday, June 11th from 5-8pm. Planning has begun and we are looking forward to having another spectacular event. Expect the best in games and attractions like Turbo Tubs, Obstacle Course, Cake Walk, World Sports Challenge, Strikers, Magic and more! **The Planning Committee is seeking an "apprentice" to join the meetings in preparation for organizing next year's event.** Please remember, the success of the carnival is dependent upon your involvement; we need your support to make it happen. More carnival information will be posted at www.hespta.org/springcarnival2010.html. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Amy Shugar at sheashug@comcast.net or (301) 470-4196.



STUFFED ANIMAL AND HAPPY MEAL TOY DONATIONS

Are your closets overflowing with stuffed animals and happy meal toys? The PTA Spring Carnival Planning Committee is collecting **gently** used stuffed animals and **new** happy meal toys (still in their wrappers) to use at the Spring Carnival. Donation boxes are in the school lobby just waiting for your donations. If you have any questions please contact Pat Johnson at (301) 725-4954 or patjohnson1@comcast.net. Thank you.

Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night is an opportunity to embrace the multiple cultures HES. With their HES passports, the students will make discoveries about the foreign languages, musical instruments, dances and much much more. The committee needs your help; if you are interested in volunteering; please email HESMulticultural@gmail.com or call Ravinder Sandhoo at 301-490-0630. Please join us on Friday, March 26, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 to celebrate and experience the diversity of HES.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE

Learn About Herbs at Tai Sophia Institute

Tai Sophia Institute will hold their annual Herbal Medicine Show on Monday, March 8, 2010, from 4:30-6:30pm. Free samples will be available along with helpful information about how herbs can support your wellness. Treat your senses to the tastes, scents, and textures of a wide array of herbal preparations and herbal foods. Over a dozen themed tables will showcase staying healthy with herbs through the seasons, everyday herbs, kitchen/culinary medicine, historical herbal preparations from the 1800s, Native American herbal traditions, and more. The event is free and will be held at the Institute's main campus. For more information and directions, visit www.tai.edu or call 410-888-9048 ext. 6616.

WESTERN HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration for Western Howard County Youth T-Ball, Baseball and Softball for Spring for boys and girls ages 5-18, has begun and will continue through March 2010. The T-ball and Baseball age determination date is April 30, 2010. The Softball age determination date is December 31, 2009. For more information please visit www.whcsports.com and click on the "Registration" tab. You can also contact Jean Shea at 410-313-4626 (TTY410-313-4665) or jshea@howardcountymd.gov.