

HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 18, 2010

March 24	HES/HMS School Construction meeting @ HMS 7pm
March 26	Multicultural Night 6:30-8:30pm
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 9:30am
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 6	5 th grade Tree Planting Trip ½ day am
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

SCIENCE FAIR 2010

The Science Fair is April 15th. Do a project. Have some FUN! The Science Fair is a great night of experiments and discovery. Pick a topic that interests you and join the fun. Science packets with instructions are available from your teacher or Mrs. Oswald.



HES/HMS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

A meeting is planned regarding the renovation of the Elementary and Middle School in Hammond Middle School Media Center. The HCPSS Director of Construction, will conduct this meeting. We would like to inform you prior to the meeting, contractors will be placing a temporary fence and trailer on the elementary side of the building. This will not interfere with the safety of our students or their instructional program. We are very pleased with the preliminary plans and procedures that HCPSS has in place to assure that our students are safe and that there will not be interruptions to their learning environment.



for March 24th at 7pm
Bruce Gist and his staff

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.

Parent Orientation at Hammond Middle School

There will be a Parent Orientation for parents of 5th graders going to HMS next year. The Orientation will be on April 20th from 6-7pm in the Middle School Cafeteria.

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.**

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROUND OF MSA TESTING

The HES Staff would like to thank everyone for another successful year of MSA testing! Our students arrived on time, ready and prepared to work. Thank you for all of your effort to make this happen.



FREE TICKET TO BOWIE BAYSOX GAME

Please continue to read and update your 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_hcps.org.

PTA NEWS



Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night is an opportunity to embrace the multiple cultures represented at HES. With their HES passports, the students will make discoveries about the people, countries, foreign languages, musical instruments, dances and much much more. The committee needs your help; if you are interested in volunteering; please email HESMultural@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.



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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAPITOL DEBATE SPRING AND SUMMER CLASSES/CAMPS

Capitol Debate will host spring after school classes in Debate, Public Speaking and Mock Trial starting the week of April 19 for students grades 3 - 8. Cost: \$200. Enrollment for summer camps is also open now. Camps will be held at Loyola College in Columbia from July 26 August 6, 2010. For more details/times and to apply, go to www.capitol-debate.com, call Ronald Bratt at 443-538-4992, or mail to Bratt@capitol-debate.com.

CEDAR LANE SCHOOL -13TH ANNUAL WALK FOR OUR STARS

Cedar Lane School presents the *13th Annual Walk for Our Stars* at 10:00am (rain or shine) on April 24, 2010 at Maple Lawn Community Center, 7600 Maple Lawn Boulevard in Fulton. Come join us for this fun, non-competitive run, walk, or stroll. All money raised will be used toward the purchase of specialized equipment for students with disabilities at Cedar Lane School. For further information, contact Cedar Lane School at 410-888-8800.

HOWARD COUNTY AUTISM SOCIETY

The Howard County Autism Society and AMC Theatres Columbia Mall will present a special needs movie showing of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$6 per person. 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.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SUMMER FISHING PROGRAM

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will hold *Hooked on Fishing 2010* in July and August. The *Hooked on Fishing* summer clinics are an introductory 5-day fishing program for boys and girls 8 – 15 years old. DNR Education staff teaches the 3-hour daily class in the morning (8:00 – 11:00am) or afternoon (12:00 – 3:00pm) at parks throughout Maryland. DNR supplies all equipment and bait. For more information and registration forms, go to www.dnr.maryland.gov/education/hofnod.html.