

HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 15, 2010

April 15	Science Fair 6:30-8pm
April 17	HES 5K/1 mile run/walk 9:30am
April 19,20,21	SAT 10 testing
April 20	HMS Parent Orientation 6pm cafeteria
April 21	PTA Family Night J&P Pizza 4-10pm
April 22	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS (Previously marked on calendar as Professional Development Day)
April 26,27,28,29	5 th grade Science Testing
April 30	Talent Show
	3 rd grade field trip Ellicott City
May 1	HES PTA Yard Sale 9-1 rain date May 2nd
May 5	Parent Kindergarten Orientation 7pm
May 6	5 th grade Tree Planting Trip ½ day am
May 7	1 st grade field trip Aviation Museum
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
May 26	Field Day Rain Date 6/2
June 4	5 th grade Simulated Congressional Hearing
June 11	5 th grade field trip Mt. Vernon
	Spring Carnival 5-8pm
June 21	5 th grade Farewell 9am
June 23	Last day of School



SCIENCE FAIR 2010

The Science Fair is a great night of experiments and discovery. Please join us tonight April 15th from 6:30-8pm!

TESTING SCHEDULE

Parents of students in grade two please note the dates for SAT 10 testing (**April 19,20,21**). Parents of 5th graders please make note that Science testing will take place on **April 26,27,28,29**. Please make every effort to have your child attend school on these dates and try not to schedule any appointments for your child. Please also make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast the morning of testing. 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 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

You may view our designs by going to the HES website; hes.hcpss.org. These buttons are for students, staff, parents and community friends to purchase at \$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.**

HES 5K/1 MILE RUN OR WALK



The 2nd annual HES 5K/1 Mile Run or Walk will be Saturday April 17th at 9:30am. If you have any questions email sserpico_hcpss.org. You can still register for the event anytime between now and race morning (no t-shirt guarantee). To register, there are forms in the front office or online at www.hespta.org. Hope to see you there!

CAR AND BICYCLE SAFETY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

We would like to remind all parents to please drive safely when driving on school property. We have had a number of parents driving too fast for student and staff safety. We would also like to remind parents to have students wear their bicycle helmets while riding their bikes. Thank you for your cooperation with these important safety reminders.

THANKS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCIENCE FAIR!

The Hammond community would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations for the Science Fair participation prizes: Pepperjacks, J&P Italian Restaurant, Columbia Brunswick Bowling Lanes, The Gardens Ice House in Laurel, Airapetian Family and NASA Goddard, Maryland Science Center, Baltimore Museum of Industry, Pizza Hut, Hammond Elementary PTA. We greatly appreciate your support and commitment to our students.

PTA NEWS

PTA Nominating Committee Chairperson

The HES PTA is seeking a person who is willing to be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. This person would be the point of contact for HES parents or teachers who wish to be nominated for the PTA Executive Board. If you are willing to serve as the chairperson, please contact Mrs. Armstrong for more information at 410-880-5890 or caa1130@comcast.net.

PTA SPRING CARNIVAL FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Mark your calendars! The HES PTA Spring Carnival Food Drive Contest begins on April 26th. The kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are going to compete to see who can donate the most food items between Monday, April 26th and Friday, June 4th. Collection bins will be in each pod and at the end of the collection period, the grade with the most food items collected will win a Popsicle Party with Mr. Vanisko! Food items to be collected include canned food items (preferably with pop tops), peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, cereal, rice, tuna and canned meat, paper products, diapers, baby formula and baby food. The donated food items will go to the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS). These are tough economic times and everyone who donates will be a winner because you will be helping a person in need who lives in Laurel. Thank you for your support!

CLEAR OUT YOUR BASEMENT – TURN YOUR TREASURES INTO CASH!

The Hammond Elementary Yard Sale is fast approaching. The sale is scheduled for May 1st from 9-1 (rain date May 2nd). Spaces are \$15 for 2, \$5 for each additional space. Spaces are allocated in the order the applications are received, so get your application in quickly. Forms are available at www.hespta.org, and are due by April 22nd to the Hammond Elementary front office (please mark envelope “yard sale”). Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can return your confirmation (this will include parking pass(es)). If the self-addressed stamped envelope is not included, your form will not be mailed to you, and you must pick it up from the school before the yard sale. Please contact Cathy Barrett at barrett5clan@verizon.net or 301-604-1971 if you have questions.



TALENT SHOW 2010!

Talent Show 2010 is coming! “Tonight’s Gonna be a Good Night” so get your acts of greatness ready. Mark those calendars for **Friday April 30th**. **Mandatory** dress rehearsal is Wednesday 4/28. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Stohlman at stohlman33@verizon.net

KidzArt Spring Registrations Now Being Accepted

Registration is now open for the final KidzArt session at HES. This program is a creative enrichment class where students explore their own vision using varied artist-quality materials such as pastels, pen & ink, watercolor and chalks. Classes will run for one hour after school on Tuesdays, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1. To register on-line or for more information visit www.kidzartmd.com or call (410) 489-0323.

SMALL TALK

Small Talk is calling **ALL FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS!**

Class is open to all students grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Six week program \$85.00. Fourth and Fifth graders take a 10% discount! Class runs WEDNESDAY April 21st through June 2nd. Visit our website at www.mysmalltalk.com for registration forms and confirmation letters. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our "ALL AROUND THE CLASSROOM" session at HES.



Get a taste of Spanish before you

PTA Family Night Returns to J&P Pizza, Wednesday, April 21st!

Please join us **Wednesday, 4/21** for “*Family Night*” at **New York J&P Pizza** located nearby on Ice Crystal Drive. Bring your family and friends between **4pm and 10pm** and enjoy a good meal and a good time. J&P offers a wide variety of pizza, subs, salads, pasta and steaks, along with a selection of seafood, veal and chicken dishes. New York J&P Pizza will donate 10% of sales to the Hammond Elementary PTA, so spread the word!

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.

