

# HAMMOND NEWS



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## May 27, 2010

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| May 27             | Family Life Preview 5-6pm (for parents of 5 <sup>th</sup> graders)  |
| May 28             | Kindergarten in house field trip/ Catoclin Wildlife 9:30-10:30am  |
| June 4             | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Simulated Congressional Hearing<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> grade in school field trip/ Mad Science 11:15am – 1:15pm |
| June 7             | 4 <sup>th</sup> grade poetry recital 9:30am HMS cafeteria   |
| June 7-10          | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Family Life (taught in school)  |
| June 9             | Volunteer Tea 9:15-10:15am cafeteria  |
| June 10            | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade Author's Tea 12:30-2pm  |
| June 11            | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip Mt. Vernon 7:45am – 3:45pm<br>Spring Carnival 5-8pm<br>Kindergarten end of year picnic 10am      |
| June 14            | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade move up/farewell ceremony 9am   |
| June 15            | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade picnic 10:15am – 3:15pm<br>PTA Family Night at Chik-fil-A 4-9pm   |
| June 16            | End of year picnic 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades 9:30-12pm   |
| June 17            | End of year picnic 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 9:30-12:30pm and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade 12:30-3:30pm                                      |
| <b>June 14- 18</b> | <b>The entire week of June 14 – 18 will be full instructional days for students</b>   |
| <b>JUNE 18</b>     | <b>Last day of School for students and staff</b>  |

## **LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT REGARDING LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR HES & HMS**

This year's severe winter has resulted in the school year being extended to June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This has shortened the amount of time to complete construction projects scheduled for this summer. To ensure projects scheduled for HES and HMS are completed by the first day of school next fall, both schools will be dismissed for summer on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The project schedule is very tight and depends on the construction crews working 12-16 hour workdays. The three school days and the added weekend will provide the crews with the equivalent of 10 additional workdays to complete the project. The decision to close schools early was not made lightly. Closing the schools early was the most viable option and supported our interest in completing the projects on time. We believe it is better to sacrifice days at the end of the year rather than jeopardize opening the schools on time in August. We appreciate your understanding and think you will be pleased with the transformation over the summer.

### **SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARING**

The Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is the culminating activity for fifth grade social studies in the Howard County Public School System. Throughout the year, students study four units of instruction: Colonial America, The American Revolution, Building a New Nation and We the People. The SCH is an authentic performance-based assessment where students demonstrate their understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Students display their expertise on topics ranging from colonial life and government to the contemporary rights and responsibilities of citizens in our country. Our SCH will take place on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, with our Opening Ceremonies beginning at 9:15am. Sessions will run all day, so please join us and watch your child in action!



### **ATTENTION - PARKING NEAR CONSTRUCTION FENCE**



NO ONE is permitted to park in front of the construction fencing. Doing so blocks the access of workers entering and exiting the construction site. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Springtime brings many after school activities, including swim team practice at Hammond Park Pool. Every student that will be participating in after school practice, must bring in a general permission slip alerting us that they will be going home a different way than usual. In case of pop up thunderstorms (or any other reason that will cancel swim practice), we will only make a general announcement regarding cancellation at the end of the day. You will be responsible for having a back up plan in place in the event of cancellation, that your child will be familiar with that does not involve the school. We will not be able to call into classrooms with specific directions for all children that a cancellation might affect. Thank you for your understanding.



## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF TRANSFERRING STUDENTS**

Parents, if you have a student that will be transferring out of HES over the summer, please let the front office know by filling out a "request for student records" form, available in the front office. After June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our office will be located at Gorman Crossing Elementary. Our phone lines will be forwarded after that date.

### **THANKS FOR A FANTASTIC FIELD DAY!**

Mrs. Serpico and Mr. Pfeffer would like to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for making Field Day a successful event for all of our students. You are the best!

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Spring Carnival Advance Ticket Sales**

Look for the Advance Ticket Sales Flyer coming home in today's folder. Advance ticket orders are being collected beginning Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Filled ticket orders will be sent home by the end of the school week.

Advance ticket orders will be accepted until Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. *If you have any questions please contact Trish Miller at (301) 604-8919 or [jerry\\_tricia@comcast.net](mailto:jerry_tricia@comcast.net).*

### **Parent Volunteers Needed for Spring Carnival**

The HES PTA Spring Carnival Planning Committee has been working "overtime" to stage a successful event for our children and community. However, without parent volunteers to staff the booths, the Carnival cannot run as planned. Please help us make this a great occasion and support our efforts by volunteering to work a booth for an hour. Parent Volunteer Sign-up forms can be downloaded at [www.hespta.org/ParentCarnivalVolunteerForm.pdf](http://www.hespta.org/ParentCarnivalVolunteerForm.pdf).

We are grateful to those of you who have already volunteered. We are in the process of organizing the volunteer assignments and will send/post more detailed information confirming volunteer locations, times and check-in instructions. Thanks for your support! Inquire with Amy Shugar at [sheashug@comcast.net](mailto:sheashug@comcast.net) or (301) 633-8874.

### **GOT SHADE? The HES PTA Spring Carnival Planning Committee is seeking some!**

If you own a pop-up canopy that you are willing to lend for the Spring Carnival on June 11<sup>th</sup>, please contact Amy Shugar at (301) 633-8874 or [sheashug@comcast.net](mailto:sheashug@comcast.net). Thanks in advance for helping.

### **2010 HES Spring Carnival Poster Contest**

All poster submissions have been collected! Every entrant will receive 10 free tickets to the carnival, and all grade winners will receive an additional 10 tickets!

### **PTA SPRING CARNIVAL FOOD DRIVE CONTEST**

The Spring Carnival Food Drive Contest is entering its final week. So far, HES has collected over 2000 food items for LARS! Everyone should be congratulated for their efforts!! At this point, the Fourth Grade is in the lead with over 750 food items collected! The Fifth Grade is in second place, with the Third and First Grades battling for third place. Anyone can still win; so next week is an important week. The contest ends on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and the grade with the most food items collected will win a popsicle party with Mr. Vanisko!! Thank you for your support and keep those food items coming!

### **Attention all Betty Crockers!**



The Cake Walk is just over two weeks away, and we know that the kids love cake! For those new to the HES community this is one of the most popular events at the carnival, and you don't have to be a baker to donate...just visit your local supermarket or bakery for some eye-appealing treats. Simply bring in your donations to the front lobby area before or after school. **NEW THIS YEAR:** If you bring in 2 items, you'll receive 4 carnival tickets. 3 items = 9 tickets. 4 items = 16 tickets. **NOTE:** The more you donate, the more tickets per cake you receive! So get out those aprons! If you have any questions, please email [rgjanush@verizon.net](mailto:rgjanush@verizon.net).

### **Finalé Family Night at Chick-fil-A, Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

We will be having our final "PTA Family Night" fundraiser for this school year **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** at **Chick-fil-A** in Laurel, on John Hopkins Road. Bring your family & friends between **4pm & 9pm** and enjoy a good meal and a good time. Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of all purchases made by Hammond families to the HES PTA. Look for flyers coming home soon.