

April 09, 2015



HAMMOND TIGER TALES

Hammond Elementary School provides a safe, nurturing learning environment that fosters individual success through academic excellence, and appreciation of diversity, to ensure lifelong learners.

Important Dates*

April 14	PTA Family Restaurant Night Kloby's 11am – 10pm
April 15	Author Aaron Reynolds visits HES
	5th grade Parent GT Orientation HMS 6-7pm
April 23	Stem Night 6-7:30pm
	K – Field Trip Savage Library (Braxton, Blackwell & Strine)
	3RD grade field trip Smithsonian
April 25	PTA Spring fun run 9am
April 29	K – Field Trip Savage Library (Cavanaugh & DeHaan) 10 -12pm
April 30	PTA Multicultural Night
MAY 1	SCHOOLS CLOSED/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
May 5	4th grade field trip Annapolis 9am – 2pm
May 7	2nd grade – In house field trip/Incredible Insects
May 13	Spring Instrumental Concert
May 21	Field Day (rain date 5/28)
May 22	HES PTA Talent Show
MAY 25	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY
May 27	1st grade field trip/Air & Space Museum
June 4	Enrichment Fair
June 5	Parent Volunteer Luncheon 11am – 2pm
June 10	5th grade Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH)

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable, restful Spring Break! It has been nice to have our students return and share their adventures and activities with family and friends.

As we move into nicer weather, we would like to remind our families that dogs and other pets are not permitted on school property during the student day. This is a systemic policy in place for the safety of students, staff, and parents, particularly those who may have allergies/medical conditions or be fearful of furry friends. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding!

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Author Aaron Reynolds To Visit HES April 15

Continuing the tradition of bringing fun & exciting authors to HES, we are proud this year to welcome author Aaron Reynolds. Students will be familiar with Aaron's popular graphic novel series *Tiger Moth*, as well as his many picture books, including the 2013-14 Black-Eyed Susan award-winning book – *Creepy Carrots!* As part of his visit, Aaron will be signing books. For students that do not yet own a book by Aaron Reynolds, your PTA will be teaming up with Barnes & Noble for book sales.

STEM/SCIENCE FAIR – APRIL 23rd

The STEM/Science Fair is a great night of experiments and discovery. Please join us on Thursday, April 23rd. The Science Fair will be from 6:00-8:00pm. STEM activities will start at 6:10pm and end at 7:20pm. The students that signed up for the STEM activities will receive a ticket for 2 specific activities. Only students that have a ticket can attend the STEM activities due to space limitations.

Maryland Summer Centers

The Maryland Summer Centers for Gifted and Talented Students is celebrating its 48th year this summer. Programs are available for Gifted and Talented students/advanced learners currently in grades 3 through 12. Subject areas include Ecosystem Education, Engineering and Robot Design, Fine and Performing Arts,

Creative Writing, Physics of Wind and Solar Power, Space Engineering and Robotics, as well as Biotechnology and Forensic Science. Some Centers offer a residential experience and others are held during the day only.

ALL Centers offer partial or full financial assistance!

For more information and to begin the NEW ONLINE APPLICATION process, please visit the Center website at : www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters.

Application instructions are attached.

The application deadline for most centers is April 17.

Pennies for Patients

The Collection Drive started on March 16th.

Hammond Elementary is participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Program.

Pennies for Patients is a service learning program in which kids collect spare change to help children with blood cancer and gives your child the opportunity to raise funds for blood cancer research and services for patients. This cause has special relevance for children and their families as leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children under the age of 20. By collecting funds, students learn quickly that every bit can make a big difference. Hammond Elementary raised over \$2000.00 last year to support children fighting cancer and we hope to top that amount this year! Thank you for any change you can spare!



2014-2015 YEARBOOK!

The Yearbook is once again for sale online. The flyer has already been sent home with details and instructions to place your order online. The deadline for ordering is April 30th.

NEW! Whiz Kids Science After School With Little Scholars LLC

**Grades K-2 / 7 classes
starting Apr 23 / \$125**

Grab your goggles and lab coat – we are on a scientific discovery mission! Explore the world of science through everyday objects such as toys, food, and nature. Learn how the things we use in our daily lives are a part of science. There are some explosions, a few creations, and a whole lot of discoveries. Don't miss out on this mission! Info:

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