

April 23, 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*

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| April 23 | Science Fair/Stem Night 6-7:30pm |
| April 25 | PTA Spring Fun Run 9am |
| April 28 | 3RD grade field trip Smithsonian |
| 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 |
| | Spring Choral Concert 7pm |
| May 13 | Spring Instrumental Concert 7pm |
| 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 |
| | 1st grade Authors Celebration 12:30 – 2pm |
| June 5 | Parent Volunteer Luncheon 11am – 2pm |

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

During this time of the year, our PTA works to search for volunteers who may want to hold an office, chair a committee, or serve as a "worker bee" with a variety of tasks. Our PTA works diligently to provide special programs to students (i.e., cultural arts visits, Fall Festival, Bingo Night, 5k Run/Walk, Multicultural Night, Talent Show, etc.). They also demonstrate great kindness to staff through various appreciation gestures, including providing breakfast and lunch several times a year, coordinating the staff recognition program, and celebrating staff on special occasions such as retirement. In order to continue these programs that build relationships amongst students, staff, and parents, the PTA needs your help. Please consider an opportunity for the upcoming year as there are many needs, and there is always a place where your talents can be utilized as frequently as your schedule permits (even if it is just once). For questions, contact Kerry Ukstins at kukstins@ymail.com Thank you!

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STEM/SCIENCE FAIR – APRIL 23rd

The STEM/Science Fair is a great night of experiments and discovery. Please join us tonight, 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.



SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

It has been a wonderful year of music at Hammond! Please join us for our Spring Choral Concert, scheduled to take place on **Thursday, May 7th** at 7:00pm. All 4th and 5th grade chorus students will meet in the general music room at **6:30pm**. Concert attire for Ladies: Plain white, short-sleeved blouses, black skirt with hose or dress slacks and dress shoes. Gentlemen: Black slacks, shirt or plain white short-sleeved dress shirt and dress shoes.

SPRING INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT MAY 13

The HES Spring Instrumental Concert will take place in the Hammond Middle School Gym. Students should report to school at 6:30pm. Please join us for a night of musical magic!

SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS



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 Wednesday, June 10th, with our Opening Ceremonies beginning at 9:15am. Sessions will run all day, and we will send home each group's performance time. Please join us and watch your child in action!

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.**

Coffee & Conversation

The Howard County Board of Education regularly holds *Coffee & Conversation* sessions at schools throughout the county. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

The next *Coffee and Conversation* with the Board of Education will be held: Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11am, at Waverly Elementary School Media Center; 10220 Wetherburn Road, Ellicott City.

University of Maryland

iEngineer@UMD a summer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp for rising 4th and 5th grade girls. This one-week commuter day camp is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn more about STEM through a variety of fun, hands-on activities. Monday, July 6th – Friday, July 10th, 9am - 3pm. For more information and to apply, visit <http://wie.umd.edu/k12/ieengineer>