

August 28, 2014



## *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\***

SEPTEMBER 1	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/LABOR DAY
September 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month/National Fruit & Veggies Month
September 7	National Grandparent's Day
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 11	Patriot Day
SEPTEMBER 12	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL WORK DAY
September 15	Back to School Night Kindergarten and First grade 6-7pm
	Back to School Night Second grade and Third grade 7-8pm
September 18	Back to Band & Orchestra Night 5:15
September 18	Back to School Night Fourth and Fifth grade 6-7pm
	Back to School Night Fourth and Fifth grade GT Math Overview 7pm
	Second through Fifth GT Program Overview 7:30-8pm
September 22	Family Day/A day to eat dinner with your kids
September 24	Individual School Pictures
SEPTEMBER 25	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/ROSH HASHANAH
September 29	School Improvement Presentation 7-8pm
October 16	Math Curriculum Presentation 7-8:30pm
October 27	1-2-3 Magic Presentation 7-8:30pm

### **PAWS OF PRIDE**

Our first week of school has been exciting as both students and staff learn more about one another and begin to build a community of learners within each classroom setting. This year brings continued change as we focus on key school improvement initiatives in the areas of Engagement, Performance, and Rigor. Please carefully review our Important Dates section of the newsletter and mark your calendars, as there are many opportunities to come and learn more about our efforts.

Kimberlyn Pratesi, Principal

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEWSLETTERS and e COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

In order to be more environmentally friendly, we are trying to cut back on our paper consumption. **If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter, please complete the form at the bottom of this page, and send it in to your child's teacher. This is the only week that everyone will receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.** The Newsletter is done bi-monthly and will be posted on our HES website (hes.hcpss.org). We will be sending a notice via the HCPSS News, when the Newsletter is posted, with the link. If you wish to sign up for HCPSS news go to [www.hcpssnews.com](http://www.hcpssnews.com). The system offers subscribers the option of receiving messages in three languages: English, Spanish, and Chinese.

**I WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE HAMMOND ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER**

\_\_\_\_\_**NAME CHILD'S TEACHER**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Our Newsletter** is taking on a different color this year! We have decided to go lime green! Please make sure that you look for the lime green Newsletter (if you are requesting a hard copy of it). Please fill out cut off on the front page if you wish to receive it, and send in to your child's teacher. The bi-monthly Newsletter will be sent out via the HCPSS alert system (instructions to sign up are on the first page).

### **\*Forms Sent Home**

Parents, if you have not done so, please return all forms that have been sent home with your students. It is imperative that we have your child's information on file. We appreciate you filling out this very important paperwork.

### **A Message from PE**

Mrs. Serpico and Mr. Quirk would like to remind parents that students must wear tennis shoes to participate in physical education activities.

### **Hammond ES 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**

We are recruiting for the HES 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus. All 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested should turn in their chorus contract form as soon as possible. If you have lost your form, please see Mrs. Armstrong or go to her website

at <http://www.hesgenmusic.weebly.com/> to print a form.

We look forward to working with your student and having a terrific musical year!!

### **Howard County Children's Choir Auditions**

The **Howard County Children's Choir** will hold auditions on **September 11th at Northfield Elementary School**; a wonderful opportunity for students who love to sing! An email was sent home on Wednesday with details regarding auditions and participation criteria. If you are interested in having your student audition, please contact Mrs. Armstrong at [christinia\\_armstrong@hcpss.org](mailto:christinia_armstrong@hcpss.org) as soon as possible. I will need to recommend them to the HCCC committee and begin working with all interested students next week to prepare them for the audition.

### **Sign-up for Band!**

To all fourth and fifth grade students! Don't forget to sign-up for the HES band program. Registration information was sent home on Monday. On Wednesday, fourth grade students had a chance to hear all of the band instruments. Please sign-up as soon as possible! You may sign-up using the enrollment form sent home on Monday, or you may sign-up online:

<http://hesbands.weebly.com/>

Fifth grade band registration is due FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th. Fourth grade band registration is due THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th. Mr. Henley hopes to work with your student in band this year!



### **School Pictures**

Individual student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Look for the flyer coming home one-week prior. The picture envelope will be sent home Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Cub Scout 373**

Cub Scout Pack 373 is hosting an Information Session for prospective scouts on September 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be a Pack meeting open to guests on September 26th at 7:00 PM. Both events will be in the multipurpose room at New Hope Lutheran Church directly across from the Kings Contrivance Village Center. Boys starting 1st through 5th grade this year are eligible to participate. Pack Meetings are held monthly at this Church and the annual fee is \$65. E-mail [Cubmaster373@gmail.com](mailto:Cubmaster373@gmail.com) or visit <http://cspack373columbia.scoutlander.com/> for more information.

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