

February 26, 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\***

<b>March 2</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade – In house field trip/MD Historical Society 9am-12:45pm</b>
<b>March 2 – 6</b>	<b>Kindergarten Registration 9:30am-2: 30pm Wed, 3/4 until 7pm</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>School Spirit Day – WACKY – TACKY (wear mismatched clothing)</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip /Mt. Vernon 9am – 3pm</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>School Spirit Day – DOUBLE TUFFY</b>
<b>MARCH 27</b>	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD</b>
<b>MARCH 30 – APRIL 6</b>	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip – Baltimore Museum of Industry</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Author Aaron Reynolds visits HES</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Multicultural Night</b>
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade – In house field trip/Incredible Insects</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Spring Instrumental Concert</b>
<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip/Air &amp; Space Museum</b>

### **“PAWS OF PRIDE”**

Friday, February 6th, schools were closed for students while staff attended professional development meetings. These sessions offer valuable learning opportunities to our staff as they cover topics such as implementing the Common Core Curriculum, utilizing data to inform instruction, building inclusive classrooms, and engaging students in instruction. This year, several of our staff members were selected to facilitate sessions for peers throughout the county. Congratulations to Laura Duggan (First Grade Instructional Team Leader), Maggie Flannery (Special Education Teacher), Pam Freedman (ELL Teacher), Stephanie Luddy (Fifth Grade Teacher), Kristian Rutledge (Second Grade Instructional Team Leader), Laura Smith (Reading Specialist), Pam Sneddon (First Grade Teacher), and Susan Tesoriero (First/Second Grade Teacher) for representing the HES team!

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### **It's Time to Register for Kindergarten**

Registration for students entering Kindergarten in August 2015 starts on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-2:30pm, and until 7pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents or guardians are to register students at the school serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. The following documents are needed for registration:

\*Child's birth certificate or passport

\*An authorized record of immunizations

\*Proof of residency in the form of a lease or deed and a utility bill

\*Photo ID of parent/guardian  
If you have a child currently attending an HCPSS PreK program, *there is no need to reregister your student for Kindergarten.*

### **Tips From Tuffy**

How do we encourage strengths in our children and at the same time encourage perseverance in the things that are difficult?

As a parent, one way you can instill perseverance in your child is by using goal-setting strategies. Start small! Help your child plan out realistic strategies that will help him/her achieve a reachable goal.

If reading is something that your child struggles with, you

could encourage him/her to read for 15 minutes a day while you sit beside him/her and take turns reading a paragraph, page or chapter. If science is the area in which your child struggles, perhaps the goal could be an "honorable mention" in the class science fair.

Remember, this would require you (parents) to guide your child through the experiment and be there to answer any questions your child might have through the scientific process.

Remember to applaud your child's efforts! Achieving small goals in areas that don't come easy will motivate your child to persevere and will keep him/her excited about working towards accomplishing bigger goals!

### **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. Please return your order form, that was already sent home, by March 23<sup>rd</sup>!

### **Mrs. Smith is still looking for volunteers**

to read with students for an hour once a week. If you are interested, please click the Signup Genius link for dates and times that are available. Feel free to email Mrs. Smith at Laura\_M\_Smith@hcpss.org <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48afab2daaf85-reading>

### **Coffee & Conversation**

The 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 next meeting will be held: Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm at Lake Elkhorn Middle School Media Center 6680 Cradlerock Way in Columbia.

### **Scouting for Food**

Scouting for Food will be held on Saturday, March 14. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts who attend this school will be out in your neighborhood on that day to collect your donations which will go to one of 25 food pantries we service in the county. A bag will be dropped off at your home a few days before. Please remember to put your donations by your front door or your mailbox by 8 a.m. on March 14. Thanks for your generous donations. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/npdsff4u>.