

January 15, 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\***

January 16	Club photos for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students
January 17	Bald Eagle Appreciation Day
JANUARY 19	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
January 20	Vision & Hearing screening Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
JANUARY 22	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
JANUARY 23	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD
January 27	Holocaust Memorial Day
January 28	Winter Concert – Beginning Instrumental Concert 7pm
February 3	Math Night k, 1 & 2
February 5	Math Night 3, 4 & 5
FEBRUARY 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEV.
FEBRUARY 12 & 13	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/ CONFERENCES
FEBRUARY 16	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/PRESIDENTS/ DAY
March 2 – 6	Kindergarten Registration 9:30am-2:30pm Wed, 3/4 until 7pm
March 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip /Mt. Vernon 9am – 3pm
MARCH 27	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD
MARCH 30 – APRIL 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

### **“PAWS OF PRIDE”**



During the winter months, we make every effort to have the children participate in outdoor Recess. The decision whether to go outside is based on systemic guidelines that consider temperature, wind chill, precipitation, and blacktop/field conditions. In order to have the children be comfortable on days that we are able to get out for fresh air and movement, we ask for your support in assuring that your child has appropriate clothing, including a coat, hat, and gloves. If your family has any needs with these items, please kindly contact Mrs. Pratesi by email or call 410-880-5890. Please be assured that your request will be handled in a sensitive, confidential manner. Thank you.

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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.*

### **Road to Kindergarten**

**Workshops**—The Howard County Public School System's Office of Early Childhood Programs, in partnership with the Howard County Transition to Kindergarten Workgroup, is pleased to present *The Road to Kindergarten*, an informational workshop to support families of children headed to kindergarten. The purpose of the session is to help make the process of entering kindergarten less stressful and more exciting! Howard County parents with children who will be **five years old by September 1, 2015** are invited to come with questions and concerns pertaining to the kindergarten process.

Each workshop will offer information for the upcoming kindergarten year, such as kindergarten registration, school readiness and kindergarten curriculum. Workshops will be held at several locations throughout the county. Doors open at 6:10 p.m. Information sessions are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For details about dates, times, and locations, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/kindergarten/road2Kflyer.pdf> If you have any additional questions, please contact Kris Woodson at [kris\\_woodson@hcpss.org](mailto:kris_woodson@hcpss.org) or (410)313-5693.

### **Mrs. Smith is Looking for Volunteers for Reading Program & Book Closet**

Mrs. Smith is starting a program for students to work on reading fluency after winter break. She is looking for volunteers to read with students one on one. It requires an adult to read aloud with a child for 15 minutes a day to model good fluency. She is looking for volunteers who can give an hour of their time one day a week. They will work with four students for fifteen minutes each during this time. Feel free to send questions to Laura Smith, reading specialist, at [Laura.M.Smith@hcpss.org](mailto:Laura.M.Smith@hcpss.org) Mrs. Smith is also in need of volunteers to help organize the book closet. If you can help with either, please send her an email!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We Need You! We need volunteers who have a job or hobby in a STEM related field. What is a STEM related field? STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and

mathematics. This year we are once again having a combination STEM Night/Science Fair. We need parents who have a job or hobby in a STEM field to host a session about their job or hobby. This session should include an interactive activity for the students. Activities can be simple and only last a half hour. Here are some examples from last year: A parent from NASA made small air powered rockets with the students. A parent who worked with conveyors taught students about conveyors and then the students built model conveyors. STEM Night is on Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. If you are interested or need more information please contact Mr. Walsh by emailing [greg\\_walsh@hcpss.org](mailto:greg_walsh@hcpss.org)

### **VISION & HEARING**

Vision and hearing screening is Tuesday Jan 20th. All students in K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be screened. Only students new to Md public schools in 2-5<sup>th</sup> will be screened. If you feel a student in 2-5th should be screened please speak to me asap 410-880-5893 Mrs. Frick.

### **MITTEN TREE**

Hammond Elementary is starting a mitten tree! Students can donate new or gently used mittens/gloves by bringing them to school and dropping them off in the 4th grade pod. Students will have their name displayed on a certificate! These mittens/gloves will be donated to LARS for the needy right here in Laurel. If you have any questions please email [larae\\_guide@hcpss.org](mailto:larae_guide@hcpss.org) and/or [greg\\_walsh@hcpss.org](mailto:greg_walsh@hcpss.org)

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