

January 29, 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*

February 3	Math Night K, 1 & 2 / 7-8:15pm
February 5	Math Night 3, 4 & 5 / 7-8:15pm
February 5	Report Cards issued
FEBRUARY 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEV.
FEBRUARY 12 & 13	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/ CONFERENCES
February 13	School Spirit Day – WEAR RED
FEBRUARY 16	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/PRESIDENTS/ DAY
February 23	5th grade – In house field trip/Mad Science
March 2 – 6	Kindergarten Registration 9:30am-2: 30pm Wed, 3/4 until 7pm
March 12	School Spirit Day – WACKY - TACKY
March 25	5th Grade Field Trip /Mt. Vernon 9am – 3pm
March 26	School Spirit Day – DOUBLE TUFFY
MARCH 27	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD
MARCH 30 – APRIL 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK
MAY 1	SCHOOLS CLOSED/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
MAY 7	2nd grade – In house field trip/Bug Lady
MAY 25	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY

“PAWS OF PRIDE”



With the winter weather, we find that more families are electing to drive their children to school. Although we continue to encourage bus riders to take the provided service in the morning as it assures timely arrival and reduces the congestion in the car loop, we respect each family's decision as to whether students will be transported by car. If you do decide to drive your child to school, please understand that students' need to be in the classroom by 9:00am when instruction begins. If you are unable to drop your child off on time, you will need to park your car and walk your child into the building for sign-in and a late slip. Thank you.

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FROM THE GT OFFICE

The G/T Summer Institute for Talent Development course catalog is now available online at

<http://www.hcpss.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/>

Please visit this website for more information.

It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Registration for students entering Kindergarten in August 2015 starts on Monday, March 2nd and runs through Friday, March 6th from 9:30am-2:30pm, and until 7pm on Wednesday, March 4th. 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 For details about dates, times, and locations, visit

<http://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/kinergarten/road2Kflyer.pdf>.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Kris Woodson at kris_woodson@hcpss.org or (410)313-5693.

Tips From Tuffy

On Writing and Being Ready to Learn

"This writing business; pencils and what-not. Over-rated, if you ask me. Silly stuff. Nothing in it." ~A.A. Milne

Authentic experiences make the best stories. Is your child going on an awesome trip, having friends over for a sleepover, building a snowman, helping you shop at the grocery store??

They can put all of these experiences in writing in creative ways with your help. Kindergarteners, if able, can write short sentences or they can draw pictures of the event and tell you what to write. Kids love seeing their words in print.

Older students could write details of an event as they remember it. Maybe they had a favorite part they'd like to write down! They can create an article of their sporting event or a menu from the items they helped you pick out at the store. Children may experience sentiments similar to the thoughts of beloved author A.A. Milne, but whether your children love to write or don't much care for it at all, encourage them to put pen to paper a few times a week in order to boost their skills and confidence in class and beyond. Who knows, you may have the next great children's author in your midst!!

Mrs. Smith is still looking for volunteers

to read with students for an hour a day. 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>

FREE TICKET TO BOWIE

BAYSOX GAME

Your child brought home a letter about participating in the Bowie Baysox Reading Program. Your child needs to read 4 books and fill out the paper that was sent home in order to get a free ticket to the Bowie Baysox game. The ticket is good for the game on Saturday, May 16. The form is due no later than March 25. After the deadline, information will be sent home about how to order discounted tickets for additional family members. This program is optional.

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