

June 19, 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\***

<b>June 19, 20</b>	<b>Schools close 3 hours early (12:30pm)</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Last student day 2<sup>nd</sup> grade picnic 9am – 12pm Report cards mailed home</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>School and Offices closed</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Kindergarten Orientation – 10:30am New Student Orientation – 1:45pm Open House for all returning HES students – 2:45pm</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Back to School Night Kindergarten and First grade 6pm</b>
	<b>Back to School Night Second grade and Third grade 7pm</b>
<b>September 18</b>	<b>Back to School Night Fourth and Fifth grade 6pm Back to School Night Fourth and Fifth grade GT Math Overview 7pm Second through Fifth GT Program Overview 7:30pm</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Parents/Guardians – A letter will be sent home regarding your child's placement for 2014-2015</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>First day of school</b>

### **Dear Hammond Community,**

Please join me in congratulating our Assistant Principal, Mr. Aaron Tark, for his promotion to principal of West Friendship Elementary! Mr. Tark will assume his new position on July 1st. He will truly be missed by our students, staff, and parents, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to serve with him this year at HES!

Joining the HES team from Veterans Elementary is Ms. Lisa Ciarapica. Ms. Ciarapica is an experienced Assistant Principal who has served in this role at Swansfield Elementary as well as Veterans. Ms. Ciarapica looks forward to working with our community, and Mr. Tark and she will have an opportunity for dialog so the transition runs smoothly.

### **HAVE A SPECTACULAR SUMMER!!**

Mrs. Pratesi, Mr. Tark, Ms. Ciarapica, the teachers, and the entire staff of HES wish all of our students and families a safe, relaxing, and wonderful summer vacation. We hope you have many opportunities to relax, BUT remember to read, write and practice your math skills! Have a super break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 25th.

Kimberlyn S. Pratesi  
Principal

## **KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2014-15 school year will continue through the summer months. Summer Registration will be held on Wednesdays from 9am-1pm (starting July 9th). To register for kindergarten, children must be five years old by September 1, 2014. Please be sure and register your child, and if you know a neighbor whose child will be attending kindergarten for the 2014-15 year, please encourage them to register their child as well. The parent or guardian must present the following information at the time of registration: child's original birth certificate, record of immunizations, proof of residency (in form of a lease, a deed, or house contract), a recent utility bill (water, gas or electric), and a photo ID of parent or guardian.

### **Tips From Tuffy**

*Focus on: Ready to Learn*

### **Summer Reading**

Want to keep your child reading at an age appropriate level over the summer? Find out your child's reading level from her teacher and then visit these sites to see what books to check out from the library or download to a tablet this summer!

[http://www.scholastic.com/bo-  
okwizard/](http://www.scholastic.com/bo-<br/>okwizard/)

[http://home.comcast.net/~ngi-  
ansante/index.html](http://home.comcast.net/~ngi-<br/>ansante/index.html)

Also, reading is fun to learn and can be enjoyed through different types of media. Encourage your child to read anything from comics to cereal boxes to news sites for kids like:

<http://htekidsnews.com>

[http://www.timeforkids.com/  
news](http://www.timeforkids.com/<br/>news)

<https://www.dogonews.com>

Happy Reading!

### **FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

This is a reminder from the Health Room, that all medications and supplies **must** be picked up by a parent or guardian before **Friday, June 20 at 2:00 pm**. Any medications that are not picked up will be disposed of according to HCPSS policy. Medication forms for the 2014-2015 year have already been sent home. If you need one it can be found on [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org), under forms. Please contact the health room on 410-880-5893 if you have any questions. Medication Forms need to be dated and signed by the physician **after** July 01, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Tyler from the Health Room is requesting that **all clothing items** lent to students please **be returned**. Thank you for returning your borrowed items!

### **FROM THE MATH DEPT.**

Check out the apps shared for PreK-2 and Grades 3-5 for the summer!

21 Apps for preK-2 grade

[http://ipadapps4school.com/2-  
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pre-k-through-2nd-grade-  
teachers-to-try-this-summer/](http://ipadapps4school.com/2-<br/>014/06/02/21-good-apps-for-<br/>pre-k-through-2nd-grade-<br/>teachers-to-try-this-summer/)

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21 Apps for 3-5 grade students

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### **Recreation and Parks**

is hosting a Creative Arts Camp at Murray Hill Middle School and Dunloggin Middle School.

Camp is offered June 30-Aug. 1 for students ages 6 -14. Our talented and experienced staff will create a positive environment where campers can refine their skills or explore new experiences in the arts. Low camper-to-instructor ratios allow opportunities for small group and individual instruction. Campers will showcase their talents with performances and Gallery Show every Friday. To register by phone, please call 410-313-7275. For more information, please contact Kori Jones at [kjones@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kjones@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4609.

### **National Aquarium's Annual Grade A Student Night**

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm.

Students must have 3 A's (or equivalent) in any marking period. Free for student w/report card; one adult also free. Other family members are \$5. Register at [www.aqua.org/gradeastudent](http://www.aqua.org/gradeastudent), or call 410.659.4200.