

June 4, 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*

June 4	Enrichment Fair 6:30 – 8pm
	1st grade Authors Celebration 12:30 – 2pm
June 5	Parent Volunteer Luncheon 11am – 2pm
	All student books due to in to Media Center
June 10	5th grade Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH)
June 16	2nd grade end of year picnic 9:15am-11:15am
*JUNE 17	SCHOOLS <u>OPEN</u> FULL DAY
	5th grade end of year picnic 10:15 – 3:15
	1st grade end of year picnic 9:15am-12:15pm
*JUNE 18	ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE 2 HRS EARLY (1:30 HES)
	4th grade end of year picnic 10am-12pm
	Kindergarten end of year picnic 10:00am-11:15am
	3rd grade end of year picnic 9:15am-11:45am
*JUNE 19	LAST DAY/SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY (12:30 HES)
	5th Grade Closing Ceremony 9:15am-10:30am
August 21	Kindergarten Orientation 10:30am
	Grade 1-5 New HES student Orientation 1:45pm
	Open House for all returning students 2:45pm
August 24	First day of school

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there are just about two weeks left in the school year! Although there are many special events planned over the upcoming period, please know that we continue to focus on academics and expect that students give their best effort in the learning environment. We would appreciate your support in sharing with students that they should "finish strong" and make positive choices during the school day. Please kindly review the behavioral expectations and remind students that our 3 Rs: Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn should continue to be exhibited until our very last day. Thank you!

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SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

The Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is the culminating activity for fifth grade social studies in the Howard County Public School System. Throughout the year, students study four units of instruction: Colonial America, The American Revolution, Building a New Nation and We the People. The SCH is an authentic performance-based assessment where students demonstrate their understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Students display their expertise on topics ranging from colonial life and government to the contemporary rights and responsibilities of citizens in our country. Our SCH will take place on Wednesday, June 10th, with our Opening Ceremonies beginning at 9:15am. Sessions will run all day, and we will send home each group's performance time. Please join us and watch your child in action!

From the Health Room

Medication Pick -up!!!
Medications must be picked up from the health room by 12:30 PM on June 19, 2015. All medications not picked up by 12:30 June 19th will be disposed.

Summer Reading Program at Howard County Libraries

Parents keep your students reading by joining the Summer Reading Club! Children that read over the summer begin school ready-to-learn! Read or listen to books, newspapers, or magazines (including those from your school reading list). Pick up your game board when you register at any [branch](#) beginning May 18th. You may register online at hclibrary.org/locations/ or by visiting ANY Howard County Library branch!

Tips from Tuffy

Summer is a great time to talk about goal setting with your child. Setting goals helps a child feel responsible for their own success. What types of goals would your child like to achieve for the summer? Learning to swim or ride a bike? Taking the family dog on a walk every day? To be successful, a goal needs to be attainable, realistic and have a set time frame for completion. What types of goals would your child like to set for next school year? Learning their times tables? Making a new friend? What needs to be done in order to reach the goal? Review the goals every week and see if anything needs to be changed in order for the goal to be achieved. Make sure to celebrate all successes, no matter how small! Every step in the right direction is a positive step!

Are you planning on moving?

If you plan on moving from the Hammond Elementary District please let the front office staff know as soon as possible so they can prepare a transfer packet for you to take to your new school. If you have moved within the school year to **another Howard County residence** please provide the office with your new proof of residency (utility bill and deed/lease) and your child's health records and cumulative school records will be forwarded to their new Howard County School. If the final mailing (report cards and supply lists) is returned to our school as "*undeliverable*" or "*forwarding has expired*" you will be asked to provide new current proof of residency before the beginning of the school year 2015-2016. Thank you.

Calling All Musicians! MRHS MUSIC CAMP

The Marriotts Ridge High School music camp will be held July 20-24. This is an exciting opportunity for Orchestra and Band students who want to keep making music over the summer. It is musically intense, but with a lot of fun - and it is right here in Howard County! Come for the whole day or just one session. Any questions, please contact Mr. Reinhardt Timothy_reinhardt@hcpss.org. Please see attachment for Summer Camp Flyer!