

March 12, 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\***

March 18	Class pictures
March 21	PTA Basket Bingo Doors open at 6pm
March 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip /Mt. Vernon 9am – 3pm
March 26	School Spirit Day – DOUBLE TUFFY
MARCH 27	School Spirit Day – Wacky Tacky Day
	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD</b>
<b>MARCH 30 – APRIL 6</b>	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK</b>
April 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade field trip – Baltimore Museum of Industry
April 15	Author Aaron Reynolds visits HES
April 13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – In house field trip/Maryland Historical Society
April 23	Stem Night 6-7:30pm
	K – Field Trip Savage Library (Braxton, Blackwell & Strine)
April 25	PTA Spring fun run 9am
April 29	K – Field Trip Savage Library (Cavanaugh & DeHaan)
April 30	Multicultural Night
MAY 1	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING</b>
May 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – In house field trip/Incredible Insects
May 13	Spring Instrumental Concert
May 22	HES PTA Talent Show
MAY 25	<b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY</b>

### **“PAWS OF PRIDE”**

We would like to congratulate our third and fourth graders for completing the reading and math portions of the PARCC assessments. The children persevered through the process with great attitudes and determination - we are really proud of their efforts! Our fifth graders will finish their testing window next Wednesday. Students who were absent will be given an opportunity to "make up" the session prior to Spring Break. As the school receives further details regarding results, we will communicate with our families. Thank you again for your support in encouraging your child and assuring a good night's rest and breakfast prior to each testing day!

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## **Tips From Tuffy**

March can be a tough month with all the testing to get through. Encourage your child to do his/her best, knowing that no one is perfect and that doing one's best is the real achievement. Learning how to be persistent is an enormous life skill and studies show that a child who shows persistence through difficult situations - both academically AND socially - will have more success later in life than those who simply get good grades. So remember to praise effort given, regardless of the final grade. Tuffy tickets are given out for those working hard and doing their best! We are here to celebrate ALL the gifts and strengths our students add to our Hammond family!

## **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>!



## **Pennies for Patients**

Collection Drive  
Starting March 16th, Hammond Elementary will be participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Program.

**Pennies for Patients** is a service learning program in which kids collect spare change to help children with blood cancer and gives your child the opportunity to raise funds for blood cancer research and services for patients. This cause has special relevance for children and their families as leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children under the age of 20. By collecting funds, students learn quickly that every bit can make a big difference. Hammond Elementary raised over \$2000.00 last year to support children fighting cancer and we hope to top that amount this year! Thank you for any change you can spare!

## **HHS Robotics In Action**

The robotics team at Hammond High School, Ursa Major 2849, will be hosting an open house for students in grades 2-8 this Saturday. and we hope that your students and parents will consider joining us! During this event, guests will have the opportunity to explore what goes into designing a robot, and see how that process translated into Ursa Major's competition robot, Rockem' Sockem'. Our guests will also have the opportunity to create a working paper circuit that will light up their own

unique robot design! Thank you for inviting your community members to joining Ursa Major at Hammond High School from 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th, for this very special event!



## **CLASS PICTURES**

Class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (individual photos may be taken per request). Forms will be coming home today; your portrait order envelope will be coming home on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **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>.

## **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](mailto:Laura_M_Smith@hcpss.org) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48afab2daaf85-reading>

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