

November 20, 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*

November 17-24	HES Bookfair
November 24 – 25	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/Parent/Teacher Conferences
NOVEMBER 26	SCHOOLS CLOSED /Parent Teacher Conferences
NOVEMBER 27 – 30	SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4	Spirit Day/Twin Day
December 11	Holiday Choral and Advanced Instrumental Concert 7pm
December 12	2 nd quarter interims go home
DECEMBER 24-JAN. 2	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/WINTER BREAK
January 8	Spirit Day/Pajama Day
JANUARY 19	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
JANUARY 22	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
JANUARY 23	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HRS EARLY/END OF MARKING PERIOD
FEBRUARY 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEV.
FERUARY 12 & 13	SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

Volunteer Training Website now up!

On behalf of the HES staff, I would like to thank all of our many volunteers who take personal time to support our educational program. Whether you volunteer at home or within the building or for after school events, you are making a difference in the lives of our students. As part of our continuing efforts to support volunteerism, a mandatory training presentation is now posted on the school web site: <http://hes.hcpss.org/support>. Our volunteers will continue to be welcomed in the building until training is complete, but the deadline will be **January 1, 2015**. If you have not participated in the training as of that date, you will not be able to volunteer until you do so. The training also applies to field trip chaperones. Thank you for your support of our procedures, and please also mark your calendars for June 5th as that will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

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Hammond Elementary Book Fair

**Last Day
November 24!**



The Hammond Elementary Book Fair will be open for business through Monday, November 24th. At the Book Fair you will find books for children, as well as books of interest for parents. See how you can contribute books to your student's classroom library with our Classroom Wish List program. Visit our Fair Homepage to learn more about this program and to get a sneak peek at some of the fabulous books that will be available:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hammondelementaryschool2>

This year's profits will go toward funding author Aaron Reynolds' visit to Hammond Elementary. *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds, was the winner of last year's Black-Eyed Susan Award -- the children's choice award for the state of Maryland.

"Our Winter Concert"

is quickly approaching! The date is **Thursday, December 11th at 7 PM**. The concert will take place in the HMS Gym. This concert includes all Chorus students, Advanced Band students, and Advanced Orchestra students. We look forward to seeing many of you there!"

PTA/31 FUNDRAISER! Don't Miss Out!

Want to show your Hammond Pride? Have a favorite high school team? Just want to get some fantastic gear AND support your PTA?

The PTA and Thirty-One are sponsoring a fundraiser for Hammond Elementary! You can get Large Totes, Zippered bags with 7 pockets, bleacher blankets, thermals for carrying your hot/cold things and so much more. PLUS, you can get them personalized with your local team mascot/name, your name/initials, or anything else you can imagine.

Don't waste this opportunity to get some great spirit gear AND help out your PTA!!

There is still time to order...orders are due by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**.

If you cannot find the form that was sent home last Thursday, please click on the following link:

<http://hes.hcpss.org/messages/thirty-one-fundraiser>

If you need help figuring out tax/shipping, feel free to contact Mrs. Edwards by email: kelly_edwards@hcpss.org and she will happily help you figure it out.

If you'd like a sneak peak, check out the display in the front lobby display case of Hammond Elementary.

Multicultural Night Volunteers Needed

For several years, Hammond Elementary has enjoyed celebrating the many cultures that comprise our school community. If you are interested in participating in this year's event, we are holding a preliminary planning meeting on **Tuesday, November 25th @ 6:30pm** in the general music room. See you then!

Wreaths Across America

Howard High fundraiser, this non-profit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. To donate a wreath to adorn a veterans' grave for the holidays and help raise money for the school before December 1st, please go to Wreaths Across America at www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra continues its 37th season with Dvořák, Gershwin and Rouse. On Saturday Dec. 6th, 7:30 p.m. National Symphony Trombonist David Murray performs the Pulitzer Prize-winning Trombone Concerto named for James Rouse.

www.columbiaorchestra.org/hcpss, or call 410-465-8777. **ES, MS, HS**