

November 6, 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 7	Flu Mist Clinic Picture Retake day 9am Coffee & Conversation 9:30-10:30am
November 12	1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip – Brunswick Columbia Bowling Report Cards go home
November 17-24	HES Bookfair
November 18	4 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip – Smithsonian Art Museum/Washington D. C.
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 24-JAN. 2	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/WINTER BREAK
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 PERIOND
FEBRUARY 6	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEV.

### **“PAWS OF PRIDE”**

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 will be posted on the school web site next week. The training was delayed as we waited to hear updates regarding new county procedures for volunteering in the school. 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. Please look for more details forthcoming next week - the training also applies to field trip chaperones. Thank you for your support of our procedures, and please also mark your calendars for June 5<sup>th</sup> as that will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

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### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture Retake Day is tomorrow, November 7<sup>th</sup> at

9am. Retakes are **free** if there is a photographer or lab error (i.e. eyes closed, mouth open), otherwise there is a \$5.00 sitting fee for retakes. You must return the entire portrait package to the photographer on retake day. If your child was absent on that day, please send in a note asking for an envelope from their teacher.

### ***Please Join us for Coffee & Conversation***

**When: Friday, November 7, 2014**

**Time: 9:30 – 10:30am**

*Come join us for informal conversation regarding our school initiatives and program.*

*This event is planned for adult participation. Forms were already sent home. If you wish to attend, please send in your rsvp!*

### **FLU MIST CLINIC FOR HES STUDENTS**

We will be having our FluMist Clinic tomorrow November 7<sup>th</sup>. Only students that have returned a completed consent form signed by a parent will receive the vaccine. Students who receive the vaccine will be bringing home a copy of the consent signed by the Health Department. If you returned the consent requesting your child receive the vaccine but then had it administered elsewhere, please notify the health room at 410-880-5893.

### **Hammond Elementary Book Fair**

***November 17 through November 24***



Be sure to mark your calendars. The Hammond Elementary Book Fair will open for business on Monday, November 17. At the Book Fair you will find books for children, as well as books of interest for parents. Plan to visit during our extended hours event on Wednesday, November 19 -- we will be open until 7 pm. 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.

### **pickAtime Conference Scheduler**

Hammond Elementary is using an internet program called *pickAtime* for parents to schedule conferences again this year. This will give you the choice of date and time that best fits your schedule.

**The window of opportunity for registering for the November conferences will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am through November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm. To access the program you will need to do the following things:**

Click on the pickAtime link on Howard County Public School's main website, [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org). You will need your child's nine digit student ID number to be able to access the program. This ID number can be found on the sticker at the top of the pickAtime letter (being sent home soon) or on your child's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interim Progress Report.

Follow the directions on the pink two-sided pickAtime Parent Information Sheet attached to the letter coming home. If you have difficulty registering at home or do not have internet access please stop by our front office and we will be happy to assist you in using *pickAtime*. If you do not have internet access and cannot stop by the school, please call the school to schedule a conference.