

September 25, 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*

SEPTEMBER 25

September 29

September 30

October 2

October 5

October 6

October 10

October 12

October 15

October 16

OCTOBER 17

October 27

October 29

NOVEMBER 3

NOVEMBER 4

November 7

November 24 – 25

NOVEMBER 26

NOVEMBER 27 – 30

SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/ROSH HASHANAH

School Improvement Presentation 7-8pm

Last day to turn in order forms for Joe Corbi's & Mrs. Field's

Interims issued

World Teachers' Day

Bully Prevention/Blue Shirt Day

HES PTA Fall Festival

HCPSS Community 5k Fun Run

Kindergarten Field Trip – Sharps Farm (rain date 10/22)

Math Curriculum Presentation 7-8:30pm

2nd grade field trip/Howard County Conservancy

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Professional Work Day

1-2-3 Magic Presentation 7-8:30pm

Pick-up for Joe Corbi's & Mrs. Field's 3:30-6pm

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Professional Work Day

SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/Election Day

Flu Mist Clinic

SCHOOLS CLOSE 3HRS EARLY/Parent/Teacher Conferences

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/Parent Teacher Conferences

SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED/Thanksgiving Holiday

PAWS OF PRIDE

Please know that we welcome our parents and appreciate your role in the educational partnership. In order to support an environment that promotes learning and limits distractions, there are some systemic guidelines pertaining to parents visiting school. We ask that you adhere to the following:

*Anyone wishing to visit a school is asked to contact the Principal to explain the purpose of the visit and to establish a convenient time for both the visitor and the school.

*The school will arrange for an escort for the visitor.

*Upon entering a school, all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor badge. Visitors may be required to provide a photo ID before going into other areas of the building.

*Interactions between the visitors and school staff and students will be limited.

*No students are allowed to shadow HCPSS students.

*If a follow-up meeting with school staff is desired, the visitor will schedule it for a mutually convenient time. Please also know that our parents are welcome to join their children for lunch on any day with no advanced notice required.

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION

Please join us on Monday, September 29th from 7-8pm for our School Improvement Presentation. You will learn about our HES vision, mission, and goals for the upcoming year! Please send a rsvp note in with your student if you choose to attend. Hope to see you there!

CHOOSE CIVILITY SYMPOSIUM

Can civility and sports coexist?

Is the pressure to win, the competition for scholarship dollars, and mounting aggression on the court and field eroding the time-honored code of good sportsmanship?

What does it really take to succeed in today's sports environment? Join us for a discussion moderated by NPR journalist **KORVA COLEMAN** featuring former NFL ProBowl lineman **JOE EHLMANN** and a panel of experts. HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, MILLER BRANCH
9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City (410.313.7750; choosecivility.org for details)
Oct 9 Thu 6:30 - 8:30 pm (PANEL); 8:30 - 9 pm (RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING)

FLU MIST CLINIC FOR HES STUDENTS

Don't get sidetracked by the flu.

Flu season is about to begin and it's almost time for our FluMist Clinic!

Where: Hammond Elementary

When: Friday November 7th

Who: Hammond Elementary Students

Why: The CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year.

Lets keep Hammond Flu Free this season.

Consent forms will be sent home approximately two weeks before. More info to follow.



Food Drive

Our Food Drive for LARS has begun! If you have any food items you would like to donate please send them in to school with your child. You can donate any unopened item such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter, canned foods, etc. LARS stands for Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services and they help the needy right here in Laurel. So send in those food items with your child!

HES PTA Fall Festival

Will be held on Friday, October 10 from 4-7pm
Save the date!!! Fall Festival is such a fun event with carnival-type games and concessions!

HCPSS 5K RACE!

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is excited to host Let's Go HoCo, its inaugural 5K-race and 1-mile fun run on Sunday, October 12th in Columbia. The race is a great way to bring together students, families, staff and Howard County community members to promote health and wellness. The race will include beginners, intermediate and professional level athletes.

View event information and register today at

www.hcpss5k.com.

HCPSS SCHOOL POLICIES

Attendance Policy 9010

Regular daily attendance is vital to the continuity of classroom instruction and participation in school activities. Therefore, students are required to be in school or to be attending a school activity each day school is in session. In recognition that situations do arise that necessitate absence from school, the Board of Education allows students to be lawfully absent for a death in the family, illness, a court summons, hazardous weather as determined by the Superintendent, work release, religious obligation, declared State emergencies, suspension, or for other emergencies or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the Superintendent or designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence.