

April 10, 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*

April 14 – 21	SPRING BREAK
APRIL 24	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
May 1	Spring Choral Concert
May 2	HES PTA Multicultural Night
May 8	Spring Instrumental Concert
May 10	PTA Yard sale 8-12 rain date May 11
May 13	5 th grade field trip to National Museum of American History
MAY 16	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
May 20	4 th grade field trip to Annapolis
May 22	1 st grade field trip to Air & Space Museum * extended day
May 23	2 nd grade field trip to BMI
MAY 26	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY
May 29	Enrichment Fair
May 30	Field Day – rain date June 6
June 5	5 th grade Simulated Congressional Hearing
June 18, 19, 20	Schools close 3 hours early (12:30pm)
June 19	5 th grade closing ceremony
June 20	Last student day

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

Our school was well represented at this year's Battle of the Books. All teams worked very hard to prepare for the big night, reading 15 pre-determined books including a wide range of reading levels and subjects. Please congratulate these students for all their hard work. Coaches and members include:

The Book Slayers

Coach: Ravinder Sandhoo & Assistant Coach: Rozanna Oyzerskiy

Nina Borodin / Alexander Callahan / Yasmi Chibber / Daniel Fu / Shaan Sandhoo

The Book Slayers is bringing home a trophy for our school. They came in first place scoring 108 points out of a possible... 108 points!

The Glamorous Genre Girls

Coach: Amy Rappaport & Assistant Coach: Lisa Takeuchi

Audrey Beck / Ella Burian / Molly Flynn / Daril Howard / Allison Takeuchi

Diary of a Hammond Kid

Coach: Yael Goldwater

Meredith Beck / Arianna Goldwater / Jonathan Murray / Jack Ryan / Sydney Stohlman

The Book Keepers

Coach: Julie Donohue

Maggie Dickie / Emma Donohue / Gabrielle Jackson / Hareen Oh / Mary Wassell

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2013-2014 Yearbook

The HES Yearbook is filled with fabulous photographic memories of this year's HES events. The cost is \$16, plus tax and handling. To order:

Step 1: www.schoolpix.com

Step 2: Click on "Second Chance Order Form"

Step 3: Enter Subject Key: 27H7AWUE

Step 4: Enter the number of yearbooks you wish to order

Step 5: Enter student's FIRST & LAST name.

Step 6: Enter student's grade

Step 7: Check out

- Click "Check Out"

- Click "Paypal" – PLEASE NOTE: you DO NOT need a paypal account to purchase a yearbook. You may use your debit or credit card.

- Enter payment information

- Make sure you click on "PAY NOW"

Deadline for ordering is April 30th.

5th Grade Baby Pictures Needed

We are preparing this year's 2013-2014 Hammond Elementary Yearbook. We are dedicating several pages of the book to 5th grade baby pictures. We would like to have your student's baby picture included in our Yearbook. Please use one of the following options for submitting the photograph: Email a scanned baby photo with your child's name in the subject line to Mrs.

Armstrong's email address

at Christinia_armstrong@hcpss.org

send a photograph **in an envelope** with your child's name on the back so that we can return the picture to you.

We need all photographs submitted **NO LATER**

THAN Tuesday, April 22nd.

How to Get Reluctant

Children to Embrace Mathematics

(adapted from the Washington Post article by Mari-Jane Williams published on March 5, 2014)

Here are some suggestions from experts on inspiring kids to love math:

Never say you weren't good at math (even if you weren't). We would NEVER say this about reading because we believe that ALL students need to be able to read. Well, in today's world, ALL students need to be able to use mathematics as a tool in life. By saying that we were lousy in math, we are also saying it is okay to give up.

Celebrate a mathematician.

We celebrate George Washington and Abraham Lincoln every year in February, but how many mathematicians do we honor? What about Issac Newton or Pythagoras? Let's celebrate their accomplishment and how they changed the world.

Teach them that struggling is okay. When our children have trouble on the soccer or baseball field, we tell them to

keep at it because practice will make them better. So why don't we help them persevere when they struggle with mathematics. Struggling when learning math doesn't mean failure. Sometimes our mistakes help us make sense of what we are trying to learn. Working together with other students is one way to help make sense of what is difficult. It is the act of perseverance and continuing to try that is important.

Adopt a more math-centric vocabulary.

Using mathematical vocabulary in everyday life helps students make sense of those topics. For example, remind them that they are doing math when they bake cookies. Ask them to 'rotate' a puzzle piece rather than simply saying 'turn it'.

Weave math into everyday activities. Asking your child to count out the forks or spoons when setting the table or measuring the amount of sugar needed for baking cookies incorporates mathematics into everyday tasks and events. Playing games that involve counting helps as well.

Let them be the experts.

Ask your child to teach you something they are working on in school. They can be your tutor and help you make sense of math concepts. Try giving rewards to your child for being such a great teacher!