

April 24, 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 30	Last day to order Yearbooks
	Spirit Day – Sport Day/wear your favorite team’s logo or colors
May 1	Spring Choral Concert
May 2	HES PTA Multicultural Night
May 8	Spring Instrumental Concert
May 10	PTA Yard sale 8am-12 pm / rain date May 11
May 13	5th grade field trip to National Museum of American History
MAY 16	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
May 20	4th grade field trip to Annapolis
May 22	1st grade field trip to Air & Space Museum * extended day
MAY 26	SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY
May 29	Enrichment Fair
	Field Day – rain date June 6
June 5	5th grade Simulated Congressional Hearing
	3rd grade In-House Mad Science
June 18, 19, 20	Schools close 3 hours early (12:30pm)
June 19	5th grade closing ceremony
June 20	Last student day

“PAWS OF PRIDE”

Bullying Behavior Prevention *Tip of the Month*

Tips on Being an Upstander, Not a Bystander

TIP #1

Be a friend to the person being bullied.

Children can help someone who’s been bullied by simply being nice to them at another time. Being friendly can go a long way toward letting them know that they’re not alone. A bystander can help by spending time with the person being bullied at school. Simple gestures like talking to them, sitting with them at lunch, or inviting them to play sports or other games during physical education or recess can help a lot. Children can also support each other by listening to the person being bullied, and letting them talk about the event. They can call the person being bullied at home to provide support, encourage them and give advice. Bystanders can try sending a text message or talking to the person who was bullied at a later time. They can let that person know that what happened wasn’t cool, and that they’re there for them. A bystander can help by telling the person being bullied that they don’t like the bullying and asking them if he can do anything to help. Bystanders can also help the person being bullied talk to a trusted adult.

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.

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

It has been a wonderful year of music at Hammond!

Please join us for our Spring Choral Concert, scheduled to take place on **Thursday, May 1st** at 7:00pm. All 4th and 5th grade chorus students will meet in the general music room at **6:30pm**.

Concert attire for Ladies: Plain white, short-sleeved blouses, black skirt with hose or dress slacks and dress shoes. Gentlemen: Black slacks, shirt or plain white short-sleeved dress shirt and dress shoes.

The seeds for success in the classroom are sown at home -

Encouraging children to read at home is one of the most powerful ways that parents can support students' learning. Just 15 minutes of reading at home per day can make a difference in students' reading fluency.

Prioritize reading with these tips.

Always have books on hand.

Keep a book in your bag or your car's glove compartment so your child can read in the car. Whether it's NASCAR to NASA, the topic doesn't matter (as long as it's age-appropriate), as long as your child is reading. Read out loud together.

Schedule time to read aloud together, taking turns to read passages. Invite your entire family to participate. Use different voices for different characters, or invite your child to make sound effects for the story. Make it a routine. Consider how to make reading habitual. Your family could have a weekly read-aloud session, or you and your child could read each week before bed. Be a patient listener. No matter how slowly your young learner reads, avoid finishing sentences for your child. Gently correct mistakes, sound out words together, and let your child know you're proud.

Cut the distractions. During

reading time, turn off or put away electronic devices.

Make sure you follow the rule, too. Ask questions. Ask your child about what he or she is reading in school or what you are reading together. Try open-ended questions such as, "Why do you think the character did that?," "What would you do if you were in that situation?," or "What do you think will happen next?" Read beyond books. Invite your child to read menus, greeting cards, movie listings, newspaper comic strips, or directions to a destination. Word recognition is an important step for reading fluency, so consider using strips of paper and tape to label everyday objects in your home to boost your child's familiarity with words.

PTA YARD SALE

The PTA annual yard sale will be held in the HES parking lot on Saturday, May 10th from 8am-12pm (rain date Sunday, May 11th). Despite the recent weather, spring IS coming and you may be planning on doing some spring-cleaning. Save all your treasures to sell and reserve your spot. If you have any questions, please contact our Chair, Tami Schiavone tami.schiavone@gmail.com.

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