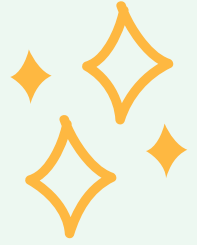




# HES PTA NEWS



Check out this edition of the PTA Newsletter to see about upcoming events in 2025!

*Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar!*

## Upcoming PTA Events:



- January 31, 2025 - Talent Show Act Submission Deadline - Details below!
- January 31, 2025 - Special Guest - PTA Meeting - Executive Director, Special Education
- February 5, 2025 - Chuck-E-Cheese Restaurant Night - 3:00 - 9:00 pm
- February 10-14, 2025 - HES Scholastic Book Fair - HES Media Center

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Sign up to volunteer:**

<https://tinyurl.com/HESbooks25>



Volunteers are needed for next month's book fair! Slots are available for set up, break down, and running the fair. Parents volunteering during the fair itself will help with restocking shelves, assisting students to pick out books and check out, create wishlists, etc. We have listed teachers whose class will be at the book fair each time under the location tab (so you can volunteer during your child's media center time, if you'd like!). All volunteer activities take place in the HES Media Center.

save the dates!

FEBRUARY 10-14, 2025





# SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETING

*HES PTA is hosting Dr. Richard Jeffries, Executive Director of Special Education for HCPSS to address Special Education issues at HES.*

- ✓ Share your concerns
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information



# 31

**JANUARY 2025**

7-8 pm  
HES Media Center



Join us in person or online at:  
[meet.google.com/not-jkgy-cmf](https://meet.google.com/not-jkgy-cmf)

# PTA Board Positions Available!

Are you interested in serving as a member of the HES PTA Board next year? The President and Secretary positions will become available. Please contact [president@hespta.org](mailto:president@hespta.org) if you're interested!

## Role of President:

- Oversees all PTA activities and operations.
- Chairs executive board and general membership meetings.
- Acts as primary spokesperson for the PTA.
- Appoints committee chairs with board approval.
- Maintains communication with school administration.

## Role of Secretary:

- Keeps accurate records of all PTA meetings and correspondence.
- Distributes meeting minutes and important information to members
- Maintains membership lists and updates records

join us for HES PTA  
**RESTAURANT  
NIGHTS**



**FEBRUARY 5, 2025**  
**TIME: 3 - 9 PM**

**CHUCK E. CHEESE'S**

**LOCATION: 936 FAIRLAWN  
AVE, LAUREL, MD 20707**

*Join  
US!*

A sign for a Spring Carnival. The sign is white with a red border and is surrounded by a string of red and white triangular bunting. The text on the sign is as follows:

**Spring Carnival**  
Date: April 5, 2025  
We need volunteers! Please contact  
Faith Hudson for more information.  
Email: [fph176@gmail.com](mailto:fph176@gmail.com)

# Register for Beyond-School Opportunities @HES!

NOW

Winter 2025 Before & After-School Classes at

# Hammond Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



## Chess

### Chess Club After School with Magnus Chess Academy **flickr**

All skill levels are welcome! Learn chess with the world champion's academy! We've taught over 10,000 children to play chess in Howard County, including state champions (though most students are beginners looking to learn a new skill and have FUN). Class time is divided between lessons and practice games. Lessons range from the basic rules to advanced tournament strategies. Participants have the opportunity to play in tournaments. Chess supplies provided. Registrants receive a Chess Kid Gold Membership with the program. Info: Patrick Hughes, 410-313-4622, phughes@howardcountymd.gov.

5-11 yrs Classes: 12

RP3322.205 Hammond ES Feb 4 4-5pm Tu \$259

## Cooking

### Cooking After School with Club SciKidz: Ready, Set, Cook!



Do you love to cook and create things in the kitchen? In this new program, we'll make and taste a variety of recipes ranging from snacks to quick & easy entrees. Along the way, learn and practice useful kitchen skills. Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714, awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 \$20 materials fee

RP3301.202 Hammond ES at Hammond MS Jan 31 4-5:15pm F \$125



## Crafts & Fine Arts

### KidzArt After School **flickr**



Enjoy a fun, unique, confidence-building art experience. Our drawing-based curriculum delivers engaging and educationally rich, creative classes that amaze and delight. Create a new masterpiece each week while exploring a variety of artist-grade mediums every session (oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor, air dry clay, metal tooling, textured papers and more)! Curriculum never repeats so join us for all new projects every session, year after year! Bring a nut-free snack to eat between school dismissal and class. Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714, awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Classes: 7 Materials included

RP0113.203 Hammond ES Feb 3 4-5:15pm M \$185



## What To Do When Schools Are Closed or Have Early Dismissal

[tinyurl.com/hcrpschoolsout](http://tinyurl.com/hcrpschoolsout)

No Class When Schools Are Closed or Have An Early Dismissal  
Dec 23-Jan 1 • Jan 20 • Jan 23 • Jan 29 • Feb 5-7  
Feb 17 • Mar 14 • Mar 31 • Apr 14-18

# Register for Beyond-School Opportunities @HES!

NOW

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## Language

### Spanish After School

#### with International School of Languages

ISL provides a well-rounded program to learn and improve your Spanish. Apart from the language, learn about the culture and traditions of countries where Spanish is spoken. Learn greetings and presentations, the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, animals, and more! Activities include conversation, music, flashcards, games, videos, art, and storybooks. Fee includes online resources for continued practice at home. Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or [cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov).

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 Materials included

RP3311.206 Hammond ES Jan 30 4-5pm Th \$155

## Music



### Learn Now Music After School flickr

Budding musicians participate in musical instruction, theory, musical games, special extension curriculum-based activities, musical listening excerpts, and more! Fee includes rental instrument and required curriculum (music). Take instruments and music home in between classes to enjoy. A rental agreement must be signed, and instruments must be returned in the same condition at the last scheduled class. Parents are responsible for the return cost and/or replacement of any unreturned/damaged instruments. Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or [cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov).

Grades K-5 Drums Classes: 6

RP3360.211 Hammond ES Feb 10 4-5pm M \$165

Grades K-5 Viva Violin Classes: 6

RP3360.212 Hammond ES Feb 10 4-5pm M \$165

## Science, Technology & LEGO®

### Minecraft Modders After School

#### with Black Rocket Productions

Customize your own Minecraft world and mod the classic game in this one-of-a-kind class. Learn scripting and logic statements as you create your first mods. Create a wide variety of new elements, gameplay mechanics, and world generating mods to change the way you play Minecraft. Projects are available on a password-protected Black Rocket website to share with friends and family. You must have the Java version of Minecraft to take this class. (Tablet, phone, and game console versions of Minecraft are not compatible.) Returning students can create more advanced projects that build on previous years. Info: Adam Wienckowski, [awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov).

Grades 3-5 Classes: 6

RP3382.212 Hammond ES Jan 9 4-5:30pm Th \$159

### Robo-Fun and Coding with Stemtree

Engineering touches every aspect of our lives, from genetics to structures to software development. To succeed in this field, creative problem-solving skills are essential. Stemtree ignites your passion for engineering by harnessing the magic of robots. Through hands-on activities, basic science, model construction, and computer programming, explore STEM concepts while having a blast. Whether as an intro for younger learners or a knowledge boost for older students, curriculum is modified to match your skill level through is an exciting journey into the world of robotics! Info: [phughes@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:phughes@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4622.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 \$30 material fee

RP3240.207 Hammond ES Jan 22 4-5pm W \$125



### Science Club After School with Club SciKidz

**Adventures in Science:** Journey through the branches of biological and physical science! Navigate the food web by learning about the relationship between predators and prey and exploring what you can learn from an owl's last meal. Continue studying biology while learning about germs: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Conduct an experiment and discover the power of hand washing; and find the best places for germs to live and grow. Then enjoy some physical science while investigating chemical reactions! See how different things interact with one another. Learn the science behind slime! Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or [cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov).

Grades K-5 Classes: 6

RP3374.203 Hammond ES Jan 22 4-5pm W \$125

## Sports

### After-School Soccer

Boys and girls, learn and improve basic skills such as dribbling, trapping, shooting, passing, defending and playing as a team. Coaches use a variety of drills and games to make learning fun and exciting. Info: Curtis Gore, 410-313-4705 or [cgore@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cgore@howardcountymd.gov).

8-10 yrs Classes: 6

RP6701.205 Hammond ES Feb 12 4-5pm W \$105

### CONCUSSION & SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST INFO

Read concussion and sudden cardiac arrest information online at [www.hcrpsports.org/concussion](http://www.hcrpsports.org/concussion) and [www.hcrpsports.org/sca](http://www.hcrpsports.org/sca). Your review of this information is required by law before you are allowed to register for youth sports programs.

## HAMMOND ELEMENTARY



Do you have a special talent, passion, or skill that you would like to share with others?

Need some ideas?

You can juggle, dance, sing, play your favorite instrument, act, fashion design, gymnastics, dramatic reading, martial arts, or magic! If in doubt...register or reach out. *(email below)*

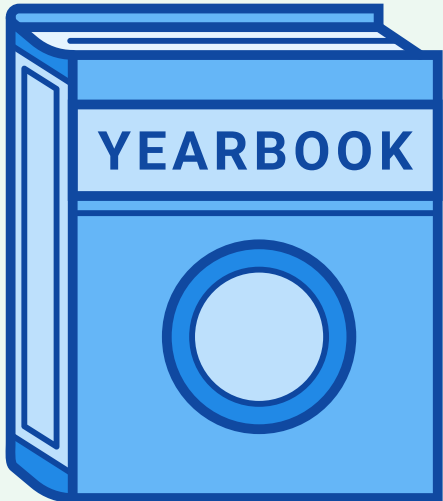
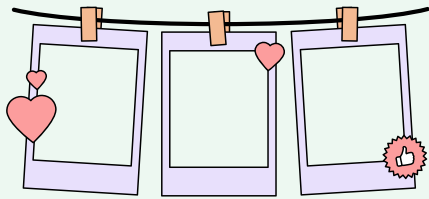
### KEY DATES

Registration Deadline: **DECEMBER 19**

Video Submissions (via email below) for Act Review due: **JANUARY 31**

Dress Rehearsal: **FEBRUARY 26** (5:00-8:00)

Talent Show: **FEBRUARY 27** (6:30)



Link to submission of photos:

<https://tinyurl.com/hesyearbook24>



# HES Talent Show Participants: Don't forget - submit your act!

### GUIDELINES

- Act review provides the students the opportunity to showcase their talent. Act review and dress rehearsal are both mandatory for you to take part in the show
- Any student K-5 interested in performing is welcome!
- Students may be in no more than one act
- All acts must be at least 1 minute and no longer than 2 minutes in length
- Acts with music should submit a link in the sign-up form or email me the .mp3 file if it isn't online or on Spotify
- Group acts are also welcome! All students in a group must be registered separately. They should list the same date/time range for their act review and add the names of the other performers when registering
- Questions? contact us at [ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com)

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Hi Hammond families!

As we embark on our second year creating the yearbook, we're excited to build on our experience and deliver an even more exceptional publication. To make this happen, we need your help! As parents ourselves, we understand the importance of accuracy and inclusivity in the yearbook. To ensure the yearbook is as accurate and memorable as possible, we need your help. As parents, we don't have the same direct access to students as teachers and staff do. **Please share any photos you have of your child at school events, activities, or simply in the classroom and label them with your child's name and teacher to using our submission link or email them directly to [HESTigersYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:HESTigersYearbook@gmail.com).**

Your contributions will ensure that the yearbook is a true reflection of our school community. Thank you for your support!

