

Hammond Elementary PTA

Monthly Newsletter: February 2026



Scholastic Book Fair is Here

Get ready—the **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to **Hammond Elementary School** from **February 9–13**! Students and families can explore bestselling books, favorite characters, and exciting new titles from more than 100 publishers. Best of all, every purchase supports our school. **During the school day, students will visit the Book Fair and shop during their scheduled Media time**, making it easy for every student to participate.

Families can prepare ahead of time by setting up a **Book Fair eWallet**, a cash-free way for students to shop. You can also support **Share the Fair**, a giving program that helps ensure every child has the opportunity to take home a new book.

👉 **Learn more, set up eWallets, and preview books here:** <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hammondelementaryschool1>

PTA will also offer evening hours on Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:30pm so students can shop with their parents.

Restaurant Night

Wednesday, February 18

Kloby's Smokehouse

7500 Montpelier Rd #116, Laurel

15% is donated to PTA

(see flyer for more details)



Tissue Tuesdays

Tuesday, February 24

Help keep our classrooms stocked during the winter season. Please send a tissue box in with your student. Thank you!



Upcoming PTA Activities

The PTA has exciting events and activities coming up—keep an eye out for details. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to the committee chair to get involved.

Read-A-Thon (March 2 – March 27)

Committee Chair: Aubrey Simon / president@hespta.org

- Reading challenge to encourage daily reading and literacy
- Students seek donations through the Read-A-Thon platform and earn funds to redeem in the online store

Multicultural Night (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 8)

Committee Chair: Bao Yen Nguyen / bepissarro@gmail.com

- Evening event celebrating the diverse cultures in our school community
- Family-friendly activities, displays, and shared traditions

STEM Night (Thursday, May 14 – Early Release Day)

Committee Chair: Angela Whatley / aswhatley@gmail.com

- Hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities for students
- Interactive stations led by volunteers and community partners

PTA Treasurer Position Open

The PTA is seeking a Treasurer to serve a two-year term from 2026–2028. This essential role manages PTA finances, prepares budget reports, files required state and federal documents, and supports PTA events and fundraising. No prior experience is required—training is provided, and this is a great opportunity to support Hammond Elementary students and staff. Contact Aubrey Simon at president@hespta.org if you are interested.

Have suggestions for future newsletters? Contact us at communications@hespta.org.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, February 9 – Friday, February 13
HES Media Center

Join us for a world of books, fun, and imagination!

- Explore a wide selection of books for all ages and reading levels
- Find your next favorite story, graphic novel, or activity book
- Evening shopping hours offered on Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, so kids can shop with their parents

Set up an eWallet, Scholastic's digital payment account, to make shopping easier for your child—no cash required! Family members can even contribute funds online.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Parents & Guardians:

We need volunteers to help make the Book Fair a success!
Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2h24n94u>



Click [here](#) to learn how to support students who need help buying books.

HES PTA FUNDRAISER

February 18th

BEER • BOURBON • BBQ

KLOBY'S

SMOKEHOUSE

BBQ RESTAURANT & CATERING

ALL DAY!

11 AM - 9 PM



Important
MENTION THE HES
FUNDRAISER TO SEND
15% BACK TO HES!

VALID ON:

DINE-IN, TO-GO,
BAR, & ICE CREAM

NOT VALID FOR:

CATERING, DOORDASH,
UBER EATS, OR GRUBHUB