

Hammond Elementary PTA

Monthly Newsletter: January 2026



Talent Show

Calling all K–5 students! Does your child love to sing, dance, perform magic, play an instrument, or showcase another special talent? The Hammond Elementary Talent Show is coming up, and we would love to see our students shine on stage! Registration is open now and closes on **February 1**. Video submissions for act review are due by **February 14**, and dress rehearsal will be held on **March 3 at 5:30 PM**. See the attached flyer for additional details.

👉 Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ytndsv46>

Join us for the Talent Show on **March 4 at 6:30 PM / HES Gymnasium**.

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, February 9 - Friday, February 13 / HES Media Center

Our Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner, and we need parent volunteers to help make it a success! Sign up to assist with setup, student shopping times, or checkout. We will also offer evening hours on Tuesday and Thursday so students can shop with their parents. It's a fun way to support our school and foster a love of reading.

👉 Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845AEA72EA7FF2-61353010-scholastic#/>

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 7:15pm - 8:00pm

This meeting will be **online only**. We will be sharing updates on upcoming school events and PTA initiatives.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nti-pwnx-jck>

Or dial: (US) +1 862-930-5912 PIN: 918 919 710#

Restaurant Night

Wednesday, January 7

Mod Pizza

10000 Town Center Avenue, Columbia

25% is donated to PTA

(see flyer for more details)



ClimbZone

Thursday, January 22

2:00pm - 5:00pm (early release day)

13200 Mid Atlantic Blvd, Laurel

20% is donated to PTA

(see flyer for more details)



Quarterly Boosts: Celebrating Our Amazing HES Staff

Quarterly Boosts are simple, thoughtful ways for families to show appreciation and support for Hammond teachers and staff throughout the year. Coordinated by our fantastic **Parent Grade-Level Liaisons**, each grade has its own Boost with details shared through SignUpGenius or the grade-level Facebook page. Check out your grade's Boost today and sign up to help make it a success!

Kindergarten: details on FB page	2nd Grade: link to sign-up	4th Grade: link to sign-up
1st Grade: link to sign-up	3rd Grade: link to sign-up	5th Grade: link to sign-up

Tissue Tuesdays

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

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

Hammond Elementary PTA Presents

TALENT SHOW

Come showcase your skills

March 4, 6:30 PM /

HES Gymnasium

You can perform music, dance, drama, sports,
magic, or other talents!

- Registration required
- Open to all students in grades K-5; each student may participate in one act
- Group acts allowed; all performers must register individually with the same review time
- Video submission and rehearsal (on March 3 at 5:30pm/HES gymnasium) are required
- Music acts must provide a link or MP3 file
- Acts must be 1-2 minutes long

Questions? Contact:

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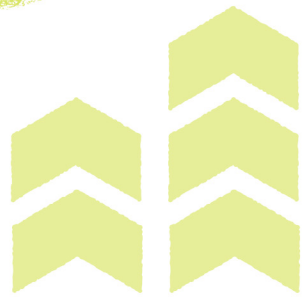
Registration

Deadline is
February 1st!





FUNDRAISING



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING



ORGANIZATION NAME: HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER DATE: JANUARY 7, 2026

ADDRESS: 10000 TOWN CENTER AVE, SUITE C
COLUMBIA, MD 21044

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRaise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>



13200 Mid Atlantic Blvd, Laurel, MD 20708

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL SPIRIT

FUNDRAISER EVENT

JANUARY
22ND
2-5 PM



Winter 2026 Before & After-School Classes at Hammond Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



Chess

Chess Club After School

Silver Knights Chess Academy [flickr](#)

All skill levels are welcome! Learn chess with Silver Knights Chess Academy! Formerly called Magnus Chess Academy, we've taught 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. Students have the opportunity to play in tournaments. All chess supplies are provided.

Info: Patrick Hughes, 410-313-4622 or phughes@howardcountymd.gov.

5-11 yrs Classes: 12

RP3322.605 Jan 27 4-5pm Tu \$265

Cooking

Cooking After School

with Club SciKidz: Culinary Creations

Do you love to cook? Enjoy being creative? Start by making some classics like grilled cheese and sugar cookies, but add a creative twist to turn each into a one-of-a-kind creation!

Discover how using different ingredients and quantities with base recipes (like pasta salad and salsa) allows you to create a dish that is tasty and delicious, and suited to individual tastes. Learn and practice kitchen skills and gain more cooking and baking basics.

Info: Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

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

RP3301.603 Hammond ES Feb 13 4-5:15pm F \$125
at Hammond MS



Crafts & Fine Arts

Abrakadoodle Art Before School

Wild About Art: Get ready to go wild with creativity! In this exciting art adventure, explore the amazing world of animals using different materials to create beautiful pieces of art. From furry friends to feathered flyers and underwater creatures, every week brings a new "wild" inspiration. Experiment with color, texture, and design while creating your own zoo of imaginative masterpieces. Discover why we're wild about art! Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov.

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

RP0137.602 Jan 7 8:10-9:10am W \$125

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!

Info: Adam Wienckowski, awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Materials included

RP0113.602 Feb 3 4-5:15pm Tu \$215



**No Class When Schools Are
Closed or Have An Early Dismissal**
Dec 24-Jan 2 • Jan 19 • Jan 22 • Jan 26 • Feb 4-6
Feb 16-17 • Mar 3 • Mar 20 • Mar 30-Apr 6

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

tinyurl.com/hcrpschoolsout

Howard County
Recreation & Parks



This information is neither sponsored nor endorsed by HCPSS or the school.

Financial Aid: 25-75% financial assistance available for
Howard County residents that qualify. Information: 410-313-7275.

Registration: 410-313-7275, www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
or 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046

Refund Policy: www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/programs

Hammond Elementary

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Language

Spanish After School with International School of Languages

International School of Languages 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.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 Materials included
RP3311.608 Jan 29 4-5pm Th \$155

Music

NEW! Learn Now Music After School: Beginner Ensemble

NEW class structure! It's teamwork, with a beat! Budding musicians, come participate in musical instruction, theory, musical games, special extension curriculum-based activities, musical listening excerpts, and more! Together, play as a band while learning collaboration, timing, and performance skills—all while having a blast. Choose a specific instrument at registration (**drums, guitar, piano, violin, or ukelele**). Fee includes rental instrument and required curriculum (music). Take instruments and music home in between classes. 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.

Grades K-5 Drums Classes: 6
RP3360.618 Feb 2 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 Poppin' Piano Classes: 6
RP3360.618 Feb 2 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 Groovy Guitar or Ukelele Classes: 6
RP3360.618 Feb 2 4-5pm M \$165
Grades K-5 Viva Violin Classes: 6
RP3360.618 Feb 2 4-5pm M \$165



Science, Technology & LEGO®

Reptile Rangers - Scales, Tails and Shells with Medical Me

Join Medical Me staff for a super reptilian adventure! This interactive Reptile Rangers herpetology program is designed for those who are fascinated with snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and all things herpetological. Enjoy activities to engage and educate you about these incredible creatures in a safe and supportive environment. No live animals are used in this program. Info: Patrick Hughes, phughes@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4622.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 \$35 materials fee
RP3336.631 Jan 30 4-5pm F \$179

Science Club After School with Club SciKidz

Participate in six signature **Science Olympiad** events including: Aerodynamics, Gummy Bear Long Jump, Operation Egg Drop, Rock Hound, Straw Tower, and Chemistry Concoctions. Little scientists, come learn and experiment with physics, aerodynamics, engineering, and chemistry. You may even bring home the Gold Medal of Science! Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6
RP3374.602 Feb 11 4-5pm W \$125

NEW! Science Connections: People & Animals with LEGO® SPIKE Prime After School

Join Maria, Sofie, Leo, and Daniel on exciting adventures to see how people and animals make sense of the world! Discover how light helps us see; explore animal "super-tools" for survival; and learn how humans use and protect Earth's energy and resources. Become an inventor as you design clever solutions to share information and stay safe from Earth's powerful forces. Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-2 Classes: 6
RP3255.603 Jan 20 4-5pm Tu \$125

Sports

Kiddie Soccer **flickr**

Ready to play the world's most popular game? Boys and girls meet on the field to learn dribbling, trapping, passing, shooting, defending and playing as a team in a fun environment. Info: Curtis Gore, 410-313-4705 or cgore@howardcountymd.gov.

5-7 yrs Classes: 6
RP6700.604 Feb 12 5:05-6:05pm Th \$109

After-School Soccer **flickr**

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.

8-10 yrs Classes: 6
RP6701.604 Feb 12 4-5pm Th \$109

CONCUSSION & SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST INFO

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