

# Hammond Elementary School



## Tiger Tales

March 17, 2022



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hammond families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to our families 🍀 ! I've enjoyed seeing many leprechauns moving about the building.

Please continue to follow our calendar (see below) for some fun spring activities. On Monday families are encouraged to support the PTA-Sponsored Restaurant Night Fundraiser at **La Palapa Too**. May is already looking to be a very exciting month. We hope you are able to join us for the PTA Spring Fair on Saturday, May 7th. We will also be hosting our Spring Music Concert on May 16th, with Field Day just a few days later on May 19th. Please be on the lookout for additional details for each of those events. Over the next month we are also beginning to plan special activities for our 5th grade students. We are hopeful to release those dates in the next several weeks.

Our staff appreciates our March groupies, the Simon Family. The breakfast treats were enjoyed throughout a couple of days!

Thank you in advance for enjoying our most recent copy of our Tiger Tales.

Best wishes,

Ms. Ciarapica

### MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. Checkout just some of the exciting things going on around HES to honor [Women's History Month](#).

## **CARSON SCHOLARS FUND WINNER**

Carson Scholars Fund, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 by world renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson. CSF seeks to combat the American education crisis by discovering promise and rewarding excellence in our nation's youth through our Scholarship programs. HES is proud to announce **Jude Lidinsky**, grade 5, is the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for his college education. Jude was chosen for demonstrating the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, civic and social responsibility. Congratulations, Jude!!

## **GRADE 5 MARYLAND INTEGRATED SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (MISA)**

Students in 5th grade will take the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) assessment on March 15th and March 22nd. Students who are absent on the testing dates will participate in a makeup session during the March 14th-25th testing window. MISA measures student achievement on the Maryland Content Standards in Science in Grade 5 (testing content from Grades 3, 4 and 5). To learn more about MISA, please visit the [HCPSS Testing](#) page.

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

### **Champions Against Cancer**

At Champions Against Cancer, our mission is to provide support to families in Howard County who have been affected by cancer. We provide financial support in two different ways: college scholarships and needs-based grants. There is a simple application process for both. Here is a link to their website: <https://www.champsagaincancer.org/>, (Links to an external site.) brochures are available.

## **2022 VIRTUAL SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS- YOU'RE INVITED TO JUDGE**

A Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is a performance assessment that culminates our fifth-graders' year of social studies instruction. The students will serve as experts on issues related to the constitution. You will help simulate the role of a Congressional panel by listening, asking the questions we provide you, and giving positive feedback. To be a great judge, you do not need to be a constitutional scholar. It's the students job to teach you. Hammond's SCH will be held on May 26th, more details about the event will be shared with 5<sup>th</sup> grade families as the date approaches. RSVP to Judge: <http://tinyurl.com/2022-Judge-RSVP>

For more information review this [flyer](#) or contact Kim Eggborn: Kimberly\_Eggborn@hcpss.org, 410-313-5678, Follow us on Twitter @HCPSSElemSS

## **CLUB PICTURES**

[Club Photos](#) taken by School Pictures on Wednesday, March 30.

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### From the Health Room:

Has your child had one or both of their Covid vaccines? Regardless of vaccination status, we are asking that all families complete the [HES Vaccination Status Form for Students](#) to collect this information for each of our students. To support the proposed return of contact tracing, please complete the form for each child attending HES as soon as possible.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 or is a close contact to a positive case, please email the following information to the Health Room staff ([Melissa\\_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org](mailto:Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org)) and Front Office ([Lisa\\_Castaneda@hcpss.org](mailto:Lisa_Castaneda@hcpss.org)) regarding your child's absence:

#### Positive Test:

- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination
- Type of Covid test taken (PCR or rapid) **and date**

#### Close Contact to a Positive Individual if not Vaccinated:

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child?
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days

#### Updated Covid Mitigation Link:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2022/01/updated-covid-mitigation-efforts-in-hcpss-schools-jan-3-2022/>

### Health and Safety Precautions

Please complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) with your child every morning. Scheduled volunteers should also complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) prior to entering the building.

For more information about [COVID-19 Health & Safety](#) please visit [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org).

### HES is Still Hiring!

#### Temporary Employee (TE)

**Description:** These individuals provide close adult support to some of our special education students, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

For this special education position, interested candidates would apply through an outside agency that staffs these positions in our schools.

- The position is for 6.5 hour day (6 hours paid with an unpaid ½ hour lunch) from Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:30.
- Contact [R. Tencher](#) and apply through [Social Service Consultants](#)

- The pay rate for this position is \$13.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mapson at [nykia\\_mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:nykia_mapson@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5890 as soon as possible.

### **Recess/Lunch Monitor Position**

**Description:** These individuals supervise students at recess and outdoor/indoor lunch, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

- Begins as soon as possible
- We prefer 5 days (Monday through Friday ) but can discuss part time options
- The hours are 10:45am - 2:15pm
- The pay rate for this position is \$12.50.

[Recess Lunch Monitor Application Link](#) - Please note that this is a long process through HCPSS Human Resources, so please submit your application as soon as possible and contact Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal, at [nykia\\_mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:nykia_mapson@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5890, to let her know you are interested.

**Please feel free to share these employment opportunities with friends, family, and neighbors.**

## **2022 SUMMER PROGRAMS**

- The 2022 Summer Programs Preview, which contains descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information, is available to view and download from the Summer Programs web page <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>
- Come out to Sports Camp the week of June 27 and/or July 18 at Reservoir High School. Camp is hosted by Lime Kiln teacher/Reservoir coach Phil Ranker, as well as other certified elementary and middle school teachers in the county and state. The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun, productive time. Full day and half day options available. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email [phillip\\_ranker@hcpss.org](mailto:phillip_ranker@hcpss.org) for questions!

## **OUTDOOR RECESS, OUTDOOR EATING & COLD WEATHER**

We will offer outdoor lunch as weather and staff coverage permit. Please have a conversation with your child about where you would like them to eat. If your child is eating outside, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather (coat and hat). If you choose to have your child eat inside, all students have an assigned seat.

The decision to go outside or stay inside for recess, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity is the decision of the administrator at individual schools and based on the following criteria:

- Temperature and humidity
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Adequacy of the children's clothing
- Condition of the playground
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle or mist)

- Thunder and lightning

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity **when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit** or the heat index reading is less than 95. Please be sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

## PTA NEWS

### General Meeting Dates

- 5/10: PTA Meeting: Elections, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)
- 6/7: PTA Meeting, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)

### Upcoming PTA Events

- **3/21 Restaurant Night: La Palapa Too** 11am-9:30pm (7500 Montpelier Rd, #101, Laurel)  
Dine-in or take-out welcome! Please order take-out through the website [www.lapalapatoo.com](http://www.lapalapatoo.com) or call (301) 725-3111. Mention Hammond Elementary when you order. (No 3rd party delivery will be credited as part of Spirit Day.)
- **4/22: Outdoor Movie Night: The Lorax** Sign-up sheet coming soon!
- **5/7 Spring Carnival** - Our Spring Carnival will be on Saturday, May 7 at HES from 3-6pm.

More details to come! In the meantime, we're building some exciting baskets to raffle off during the carnival. Do you have any items or services you could donate? It's a great way to support the PTA and advertise your small business! Please contact Lauren at [Laprice13@gmail.com](mailto:Laprice13@gmail.com).

### Cultural Arts

Do you have a passion for the performing arts? The HES PTA is looking for volunteers for a Cultural Arts committee that would bring an in-school event to the study body this spring. The committee would meet virtually a few times in the coming months to research, select, and schedule a performer/presenter. (Previous events include Ukulele Week in 2019 and the virtual Beat Boxer guest last year.) If you are interested, please contact Kristina at [president@hespta.org](mailto:president@hespta.org).

### Grade Level Facebook Pages

Did you know that each grade level has a Facebook group page where parents and families can share ideas, ask questions, and get to know each other? To find the right group(s) for your family, check out the list on the [Family Resources](#) page of the PTA website.

### Open PTA Positions

We have positions opening up for the next school year! Please consider volunteering for one of these roles so we can continue to provide programs and events for our students, families, and teachers throughout the year. We can't do any of it without you! Please contact Kristina at [president@hespta.org](mailto:president@hespta.org) with any questions.

- **Treasurer**:- oversee and report on the PTA's financial transactions; file applicable paperwork
- **Communications VP**: -oversee PTA communications, including email, website and social media

- **Grade Level Liaison** - for the incoming kindergarten class: coordinate meeting various classroom needs (e.g., making a Sign Up Genius for donations of Valentine's Day party supplies), setting up the back-to-school play date, maintaining the grade-level Facebook page



Support the PTA while you shop!

- **Harris Teeter:** Link your VIC card online each Fall at [www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education](http://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education)
- **AmazonSmile:** Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Hammond Elementary PTA as your charity

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 22	Grade 5 MISA Testing
March 24	MD School Survey administered to students in 5th grade
March 24	HES Evening Get Togethers - more info to come!
March 29	HES Evening Get Togethers - Family GoNoodle with Mrs. Frere 6:30 pm <a href="http://meet.google.com/gcg-tayf-siw">http://meet.google.com/gcg-tayf-siw</a>
March 30	<a href="#">Club Photos</a> taken by School Pictures
April 1	End of 3rd Quarter - Schools close 3 hours early
April 6	HES Evening Get Togethers - more info to come!
April 11-18	Spring Break - Schools Closed
April 27	Students Dismiss 3-Hours Early (12:30 pm) **
May 2	Schools closed for students - Professional Learning Day for staff
May 7	PTA Spring Carnival 3pm-6pm
May 12	5th grade students visit their assigned middle school - schedule is TBD

May 16	Band, Orchestra & Choral Performance (afternoon & evening)
May 18	Students Dismiss 3-Hours Early (12:30 pm) **
May 19	Field Day
May 26	Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) for 5th grade
May 30	Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day

\*\* denotes new changes to calendar

You may link here to access the [HCPSS Calendar for the 2021 - 2022 School Year](#).

## CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Transportation

Changes in afternoon transportation should be submitted to your child's teacher in writing (note or email). For changes that occur after 12 pm, please call our front office team (410-880-5890) to communicate the change and they will provide the information to your child's homeroom teacher. Please communicate all changes no later than 2:45 each day to ensure they are communicated to your child prior to dismissal.

[Bus Numbers & Routes](#)

[Car Loop Dashboard Cards](#)

### Are You Moving?

If your family is moving out of the Hammond Elementary district or even just down the street, we still need to know! Please contact the Front Office at 410-880-5890 if you are changing your address over the summer.

### Chromebook Care Webpage

There is a new webpage for students, [Chromebook Care](#), which includes tips on caring for and transporting Chromebooks, as well as student mobile technology support and additional resources.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit the [link](#) to the Howard County Public School System's Community News and Programs page.

