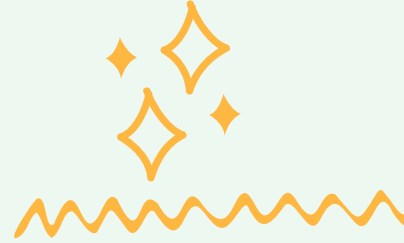




HES PTA NEWS

April 25, 2024



It's almost May - can you believe it? The year is flying by. We have a number of fun events on tap for this month as we get ready to wind down the school year. Teacher Appreciation Week is right around the corner, and Multicultural Night is coming up soon! Tomorrow is the last day to submit a poster for the Multicultural Night Poster Contest and to sign up to showcase your culture on May 17th! Don't miss out!

What's happening this month?

HES Multicultural Night Returns!



Share your culture and celebrate our diversity at HES's annual Multicultural Night! Join us on Friday, May 17th, from 6:30-8:30 pm for cultural tables, food samples, art, music and more! Scan the QR code above for information on how you can participate - you can make a poster, share your cuisine, demonstrate a skill, share music or art, and march in the parade of cultures!

**HAMMOND ELEMENTARY
PTA MULTICULTURAL NIGHT
POSTER CONTEST**

ENTRIES DUE: April 26th, 2024
EXHIBIT START: May 1st, 2024

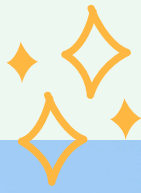
Parents please sign up for food tables and performances by April 19th!

All entries must include:

Theme: Celebrating Unity Through Diversity
School: Hammond ES or HES
Date: May 17, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Place: Cafeteria & Middle School Gym

SCAN HERE

Use your own paper (not larger than 11"x17")-OR- blank poster paper will be available for pick from April 5-12th! On the back of the poster, please include your name, grade, and teacher. Place posters in the collection box at the front of the school from April 5-26th! Prizes will be awarded in all grade levels! Send questions to multiculturalnightcommittee@gmail.com



In Our Appreciation Era

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6TH - MAY 10TH

Theme: In Our Appreciation Era

We are partnering up with HMS to make it easier for families with kids in both schools to do the same thing on the same day! We hope this is helpful :) Questions - please contact Katie Thorn with the subject line "Teacher Appreciation Week" to kathrynthorn@gmail.com. Detailed Sign Up Genius with amazon links will be out by Friday 4/26 on the HES PTA Facebook Page and on your individual Grade Pages.

MONDAY 5/6 - Staff Breakfast in the lounge (donations to include donuts and coffee; PTA sponsoring CFA Minis)

TUESDAY 5/7 - Write a kind note to your child's teacher - this is one of the MOST requested things I hear from our teachers for what they love the most from their students. Please think of Specials Teachers, Support Teachers, our Lunch and Recess Monitors - a little thank you goes a LONG way :)

WEDNESDAY 5/8 - HYDRATION STATION - we will fill the lounge with lots of drink options and snacks - details will be on Sign Up Genius

THURSDAY - Make your teachers a Friendship Bracelet to wear or trade amongst each other. Suggestions: green and yellow; child's favorite colors; teacher's favorite colors; words like "Thank You" or "HES Rocks" or anything else positive your child comes up with



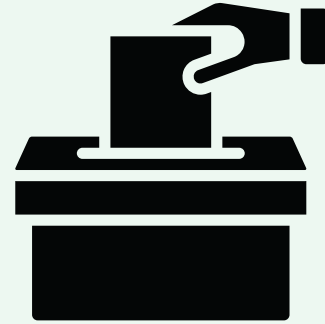
FRIDAY - Staff will be treated to a catered lunch in the lounge. We will possibly be asking for donations for sides.

We will also be looking for help with set up and clean up, decorating etc. Details will go out amongst the grade liaisons. You can also donate financially through the PTA website with the phrase "Teacher Appreciation Week" so it is allocated to fund this project to support the teachers. Any amount goes a long way and is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Board of Education Elections Next Month

The 2024 PTA Council of Howard County BOE Forum was held in person at Howard High School March 16, 2024 with a fast paced series of questions for primary candidates covering a broad range of topics. All PTA members and HCPSS Family members are strongly encouraged to watch the archived forum video on [YouTube](#). Early voting for board members begins on May 2nd. In-person voting begins on May 14th . All candidates had the opportunity to answer any and all questions asked in more detail on the PTACHC website.

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**



PTACHC Nominating Committee Seeking Interested Candidates for Officer Positions and Committees

The PTACHC Nominating Committee is looking for people who may be interested in serving as officers or on committees next school year (2024-2025). If you would be interested in serving with PTACHC as an officer, or if you would like to suggest someone who you think would be a great candidate, please email the nominating committee at nominations@ptachc.org by Friday, May 3rd. Join PTACHC in working together to help make every child's potential a reality. A slate of six officers will be announced no later than May 19th (15 days prior to the June PTACHC meeting). Elections will subsequently take place in person at the June PTACHC meeting on Monday, June 3rd 7:30 pm. For more information visit the [PTACHC website](#).



Important Dates

May 4 5th Grade Dance
May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7 PTA General Meeting and Elections
May 14 School Closed Election Day
May 17 Multicultural Night
May 27 School Closed Memorial Day
June 14 Last Day of School

PTA Elections at May General Meeting

Please join us for the May 7th PTA general meeting at 7:15 pm to elect the new members of our Executive Board! We are pleased to announce that Michele Haltmeyer and Sophia Quirk have volunteered to serve as Treasurer and VP Communications, respectively, for 2 year terms beginning this summer. Come meet them and thank our outgoing officers, Karin Armor Popkey and Sean Larsen, for all of their hard work. We are all excited to be working with Michele and Sophia and look forward to rewarding terms for both of them.

Catch us on the Socials

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you never miss a thing.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057586564529>

<https://www.instagram.com/hammondsppta/>

The Best Nation is Donation....

Allergy Relief Please



Allergy season is firmly upon us and the whole school needs tissues! Please help by either sending them in with your students or dropping them off at the front office. You can also order from Amazon [here](#) and have donations sent directly to school.



Volunteer in a Leadership Position for PTA

Do you want to get more involved in school life and the exciting programming PTA puts on for our community every year? Join a committee now for next year! These are the positions and committees forming now for next year!

PTACHC delegate

Spirit Wear Chair

Restaurant Night Chair

Staff Appreciation Committee

New Families Committee

5th Grade Committee Chair (Attn rising 5th grade parents: this can include a fifth grade dance/activity night or that can be a separate event chair)

Square 1 Art Chair

Book Fair Chair

Ice Cream Social Chair

Trunk or Treat Committee

Skate Night Chair

Talent Show Committee

Spring Carnival Committee

Yearbook Committee

Multicultural Night Committee

School of Excellence Committee

Cultural Arts Chair

Fundraising Chair (to oversee product type fundraisers and coordinate with other fundraising chairs such as Square 1 Art, Readathon, etc.)

Other possible roles for next year if anyone is interested (based on ideas that have been proposed to by various community members):

Community Yard Sale Chair

Readathon Chair

5th grade Dance (if separate from 5th grade committee)

Bingo Night Chair

Some type of grown up/student dance event (small and tall ball?)

Career Day Chair

Military Families Liaison Chair

If there are any committees or events not listed above that you would like to see in our community, please reach out and let us know. Please contact president@hespta.org for more information and/or to sign up for a committee/position.

Volunteer Here



• Monthly Mojo

Sign up here to bring coffee, treats or other surprises to our hardworking staff so they can keep their mojo going. June is still available. Link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/hes-monthly-mojo> Questions? Great ideas for staff appreciation? Reach out to Katie Thorn at kathrynthorn@gmail.com

• Kindergarten

Kindergarten is always looking for volunteers to help out with Tuffy Trade-in and lunch.

- Tuffy Trade in: <https://bit.ly/3GzETQ0>
- Lunch helpers: <https://bit.ly/3uMetrA>

• Fourth Grade

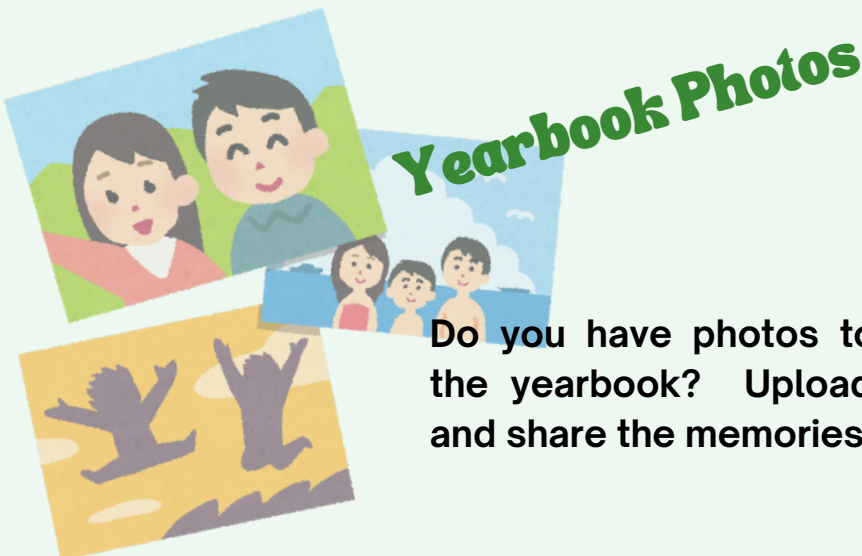
The 4th Grade would love to have volunteers work with students inside and outside of the classroom. Click [here](#) to sign up for the day(s) and time(s) you are available. There will be a new Signup sent out every 4 weeks!

• Class Library Books

Mrs. Moraff needs help labeling the new books we've received for our class libraries. We need a few volunteers to put labels in the books that say they belong to the school. This can be done at your convenience. Please sign up [here](#).

• Field Day

Field Day is May 20th, and we need volunteers to make it great - please sign up for a half day or full day [here](#)! There are still plenty of stations to choose from!



Yearbook Photos

Do you have photos to submit for the yearbook? Upload them [here](#) and share the memories!





A very special thank you to all who helped with the Spring Carnival and volunteered at the event. (All names are in alphabetical order).

Planning committee: Neelam Dholakia, Shelley Hintz, Faith Hudson, Sharre Kim, Melissa Zawadzki

There would be no access to the building (tables/chairs/bathrooms/electricity) without Deborah Derosier and the building maintenance staff who came in on a weekend.

Staff who donated raffle items, volunteered and attended the Carnival: Laura Ashkar, Stefanie Baird, Jess Breedlove, Heather DeVito, Melissa Garthoff, Caroline Haavik, Brittany Jacobs, Katie Leszcz, Cathy McDerment, Jessica Monti, Heather Moraff, Alexa Narron, Joseph Quirk

Parents and family members who helped set up, monitored the inflatables and games and generally handled crowd control: Krista Buckheit, Linda Cameron, Dorothy Clemons, Kathleen Denny, Neelam Dholakia, Moriah Eustice, Gena FitzGibbon, Andrew Garthoff, Emily Griffin, Jaimie Griffin, Kristin Griffin, Michele Haltmeyer, Carman Henry, Shelley Hintz, Yumei Hsaio, Faith Hudson, Emory Hunt, Uto Ifudu, Noah Jacobs, Sharre Kim, Sean Larsen, Ying Li, Jayla Mapson, Tamo Nadiradze, Olivia Nguyen, Nathan Quinn, Aftin Ross, Sylvie Schafer, Korin Sharp, Kim Sullivan, Cheryl Summers, Carolina Tu, Raymond Tu, Seble Tebebu

The Cake Walk could not have happened without cake/dessert donations from: Darniesha Beach, Elizabeth Bradbury, Kathleen Denny, Ruth Gallagher, Emily Griffin, Shelley Hintz, Sarah Krom, Erin MacLennan, Lori MacLennan, Jen Notes, Melanie Reeder, Korin Sharp, Melissa Sheriff, Jihyeoh Won, Melissa Zawadzki

Last but not least, a shout-out to the approximately 50 high school students from Reservoir High School, Oakland Mills High School and Hammond High School for set-up/clean-up and managing the Carnival games on the blacktop.

Budget Report

March 2024 Report

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 15,642.42	\$ (37,907.58)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ (1,230.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,550.00	\$17,412.42	\$ (39,137.58)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 8,754.49	\$ 11,795.51
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,694.06	\$ 2,105.94
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 11,599.94	\$ 19,500.06
Total Expenses	\$ 56,450.00	\$ 23,048.49	\$ 33,401.51

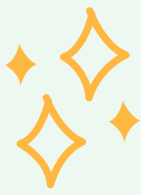


**Show....
Me....
the Money.....**



Do you wonder where your PTA donations go? Here are the highlights of our recent spending. Since January 1st, we have provided a \$2,400 grant to replace the fence around the school garden near the recess playground. We have reimbursed approximately \$1,100 to teachers and staff for classroom supplies and about \$1,200 to host the staff luncheon during parent-teacher conferences. We put down approximately \$2,500 in deposits towards amusements (games and inflatables) and entertainment (magician) for the Spring Carnival coming up next month. We spent \$2,000 in costs associated with the Wizards basketball game (tshirts for our staff team, hotel for the Wizards, concessions for resale at the game, and advertising).

Known upcoming expenses include the outstanding balances, prizes and food and for the spring carnival (estimated \$3,000); an author visit for Literacy Night on April 14th (approximately \$700); and two upcoming field trips for 3rd grade (\$1,200 total).



Sponsors Needed



Are you a local professional or small business owner looking for a way to give back to our community? Become a sponsor for one of our upcoming PTA events! Our generous partners are recognized in many ways, including on our website, social media posts, schoolwide newsletter, inclusion in event programs and signage at events. Reach out today to Melissa at president@hepsta.org for more information.



Community Interest



Cub Scouts Pack 606

Are you and your son looking for an adventure? Join Cub Scouts with Pack 606! Cub scouting is a place to make lasting friendships, play games, camp, hike, learn life skills, give back to the community and so much more! Pack 606 is based at HES and open to all boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Check out our [facebook page](#) to see all the cool stuff we're up to. Email Tom Hanley for more information.

Atholton Boosters Summer Day Camps and Raider Roast

Atholton Boosters are hosting summer camps at Atholton High School this year. Most camps serve grades 5 through 9, however the Poms camp begins at 1st grade. Check out the offerings [here](#). In addition, the Boosters invite you to join them for their annual Raiders Roast, a fundraising dinner at the Meeting House on April 27th. See the invitation [here](#).

Spring 2024 After-School Classes at Hammond Elementary

Register early, programs fill quickly!



Crafts & Fine Arts

KidzArt After School **flickr**

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

Grades K-5 Classes: 5 Materials included
RP0113.706 Hammond ES Apr 29 3:20-4:35pm M \$125



Language

Spanish After School with International School of Languages (ISL)

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.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 Materials included
RP3311.704 Hammond ES Apr 18 3:20-4:20pm Th \$155

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

Howard County
Recreation & Parks



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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! Rental instruments and music are provided and can be taken home in between classes to enjoy. A rental agreement must be signed, and instruments must be returned in the same condition at the last class. Parents are responsible for the return cost/replacement of any unreturned/damaged instruments. Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Poppin' Piano Classes: 6
RP3361.727 Hammond ES Apr 15 3:20-4:20pm M \$165
Grades K-5 Groovy Guitar Classes: 6
RP3361.728 Hammond ES Apr 15 3:20-4:20pm M \$165

Science, Technology & LEGO®

Med School for Kids After School with Medical Me

Come role play, work with models, develop skills, draw, think critically and creatively, and learn about being a doctor. Discover how to use doctor's tools. Learn how the brain, heart, lungs, and other organs work. Info: Patrick Hughes, phughes@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4622.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6 \$35 material fee
RP3336.732 Hammond ES Apr 18 3:20-4:20pm Th \$179

Science Club After School

with Club SciKidz: To Infinity and Beyond

Become an astronaut and astronomer while learning about planets, the sun and moon, galaxies, and space through hands-on activities and projects. From constellations to rockets to astronaut training, you are sure to have a blast. The sky's the limit! Info: Carson Nickell, 410-313-4721 or cjnickell@howardcountymd.gov.

Grades K-5 Classes: 6
RP3375.703 Hammond ES Apr 3 3:20-4:20pm W \$125



No class when schools are closed or have early dismissal.

What To Do When Schools Are Closed or Have Early Dismissal

tinyurl.com/hcrpschoolsout

Mar 25-29 • Apr 1 • Apr 10 • May 14 • May 17
or Jun 27 • Jun 5 • Jun 7 • Jun 10-14

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.

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

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

Tuffy Needs a Glow Up!

You may have noticed lately that our Tuffy costume has seen better days and needs to be retired. Mosquito Authority (our tshirt sponsor at the basketball game) has kindly agreed to make a donation of \$10 per treatment in the name of every HES family that signs up for mosquito yard treatments with them this season. Sign up today!



Tuffy Needs a Glow Up!



Join Mosquito Authority and HES PTA
in raising the funds for a new Tuffy costume!
HES Goal = New Tuffy \$5000.00

April through October for every paid treatment Mosquito Authority will DONATE \$10 to HES in your family's name towards a new mascot costume!

We have negotiated a special rate for all our Hammond families! Use Code "Tuffy2024"

- Only \$69.00 per treatment for Hammond families or their referrals. *
- Stay mosquito FREE this summer and help raise funds for our beloved school mascot.
- \$100 donation = 10 treatments (full season)
- \$60 donation = 6 treatments (summer six pack – June – sept)
- \$30 donation = 3 treatments (schedule anytime)

Mosquito Authority has partnered with us in the past to sponsor Basketball Jerseys, our Spring Carnival and more. We are confident that with this partnership and YOUR participation we can reach and exceed our goals.

Contact Mosquito Authority today.

Joe & Marshall
410 220 2167

<https://www.mosquito-authority.com/locations/baltimore-md/#>



FREE QUOTE

If you currently have service @ a lower rate Mosquito Authority will match your pricing and still donate.



Team AWESOME

Meet the Board

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Email us your questions and concerns - we are here to help!

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