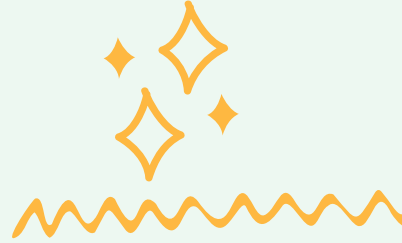




# HES PTA NEWS

February 22, 2024



Hey, HES Families! Our exciting line up of spring events is starting, including our talent show at the end of the month, spring carnival and multicultural night, to name a few. We need your help to make these events great so please check out all of the volunteer opportunities in this week's newsletter. And don't forget to buy your tickets for the Harlem Wizards game! On sale now!

## What's happening this month?

**Talent Show  
February 29th**

Mark your calendars - Hammond's got talent! Come check it all out on February 29th in HES gym at 6:30 pm!



## Get ready for the Wizfit Challenge!

It's time to get fit, have fun, and support our school during the WizFit Challenge. Check your emails and register your students today. Our kids will be getting fit with the world famous Harlem Wizards in their PE classes in the coming weeks! They may learn some cool basketball moves along the way, and raise money to support all of the wonderful programs PTA puts on each year. They can earn fun prizes for sharing their progress with friends and family. And they'll graduate on the Harlem Wizards Game Day with in person celebrations with the Wizards players.



# The Harlem Wizards Are Coming to Town!

Get ready for a thrilling night of tricks, hoops, and alley oops! The Harlem Wizards are coming to town to take on the HES and HMS staff in an exhibition basketball game Monday, March 18th, at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at Hammond High School. Tickets are on sale now! \$18 for general admission online ahead of time, \$25 at the door. Don't miss out! Premium ticket purchasers get a meet and greet with the players and can even warm up or play in the halftime show with the Wizards!



## 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 below 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!





## Spirit Wear Store

The HES Spiritwear store has now closed. Orders should be delivered the week of March 5th.



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**Sudipta  
Bardhan-Quallan**

Keep an eye out for a PERMISSION SLIP and informational flier in your student's TAKE HOME FOLDER.

**Website:** [www.sudipta.com](http://www.sudipta.com)

# Important Dates

February 28 Talent Show rehearsal  
February 29 Talent Show  
February 29 HES Author Visit  
March 12 PTA General Meeting  
March 18 Harlem Wizards Game  
March 20 Restaurant Night The Charmery  
March 25-April 1 School Closed Spring Break  
April 13 Spring Carnival  
April 16 Restaurant Night Chick Fil A  
May 4 5th Grade Dance  
May 7 PTA General Meeting and Elections  
May 14 School Closed Election Day  
May 17 Multicultural Night  
May 27 School Closed Memorial Day  
June 11 Last Day of School

## The Best Nation is Donation....

HES is still in need of donations of tissues, hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes. Please help replenish these vital supplies 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.



## A message from the Health Room

Please consider donating new and used pants and (clean) underwear to the Health Room! All sizes are welcome! Send a donation labeled HEALTH ROOM in with your child. We appreciate it!

## 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/hammondespta/>





# Volunteer Here



## • **Harlem Wizards Game Day Volunteers**

Let's put on the most exciting community event of the year - HES/HMS teachers vs. the Harlem Wizards! We need volunteers to sell/scan tickets, usher, man the souvenir table, and help Tuffy make a special appearance. VOLUNTEERS GET IN FREE. Your responsible high school students may also volunteer for select positions and earn SSL hours. Sign up [here!](#)

## • **Lost and Found Help**

Do you have some time to reunite all the orphaned coats and water bottles in the Lost and Found with their rightful owners? Contact Faith at [fph176@gmail.com](mailto:fph176@gmail.com) if you can help tame the beast.

## • **Monthly Mojo**

Sign up here to bring coffee, treats or other surprises to our hardworking staff so they can keep their mojo going. April and June are 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](mailto: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](#).

# Budget Report

## January 2024 Report

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 7,864.53	\$ (45,685.47)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ (1,250.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,550.00	\$ 9,614.53	\$ (46,935.47)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 3,372.26	\$ 17,177.74
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,684.06	\$ 2,115.94
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 4,746.63	\$ 26,353.37
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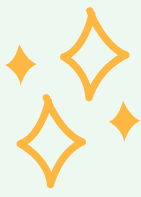


## Join the PTA Executive Board

We have two positions up for election in May: Treasurer and VP Communications. The Treasurer plays a key role in the PTA dealing with all financial aspects of running the organization including dealing with state and federal tax obligations. This elected position has a 2-year term, and requires roughly 1-2 hours of work weekly at home.

The Communications VP maintains the PTA website, assists with the biweekly newsletter, and sets up the Zoom portions of monthly meetings. This elected position has a 2 year term and requires roughly 1 hour of work weekly at home.

If you or anyone you know is interested in either position, please contact [president@hepta.org](mailto:president@hepta.org) for more information.



## 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. Upcoming events include our February Talent Show, March basketball game with the Harlem Wizards and our beloved spring carnival! Reach out today to Melissa at [president@hepsta.org](mailto: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.



# Team AWESOME



## Meet the Board

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

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