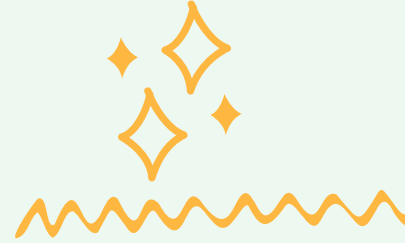




HES PTA NEWS

February 8, 2024



Hey, HES Families! There is still time to influence the school budget for next year. Please check out the PTA website for important information about how the budget will impact our students and how your voice can be heard. This month also marks the beginning of our exciting line up of spring events, including our talent show at the end of the month, spring carnival and multicultural night, to name a few. 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!



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Cuts Affect HES

HCPSS's proposed budget for next school year includes many cuts in funding, including the planned elimination of the third grade strings program, reduction of GT seminars, reduction of CEUs for second grade, and an increase in class size (per pages 21, 231-232 of the proposed budget - see link above).

If you want to speak out against this, you can send an email and/or testify at the next budget hearing meeting. Please refer to the PTA website here for full details on whom to contact and how to register to testify. The next budget meeting is February 15th - sign up by February 14th at 4:30 pm.

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 Open Now!



Time's running out! The HES Spiritwear store has extended our order date to Saturday, February 17, 2024! Get your Spiritwear order in now before it's too late!

Click the link above or scan to order:



HES AUTHOR VISIT - 2/20/24 4TH AND 5TH GRADES

Heather L. Montgomery



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



Website: <https://heatherlmontgomery.com/>

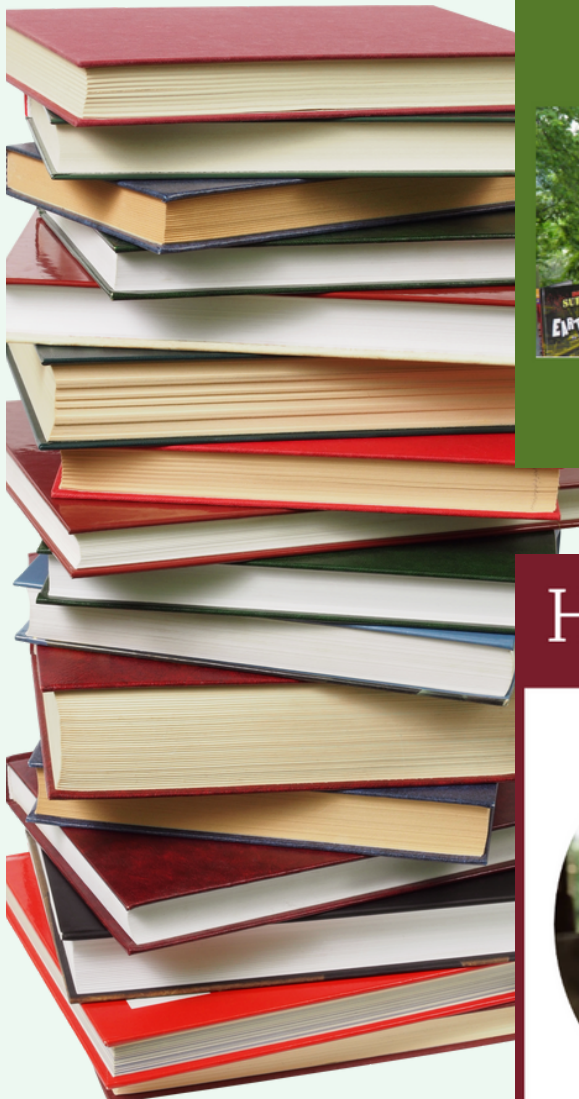
HES AUTHOR VISIT - 2/29/24

Sudipta Bardhan-Quallan



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Important Dates

February 7-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
February 8 Harlem Wizards Tickets Go On Sale
February 19 Restaurant Night Panera in Fulton
February 19 School Closed Presidents Day
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

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/hammondsp/>

Restaurant Night

Join us for Restaurant Night at Panera in Fulton on Monday, February 19th, 4-8 pm. Online and app orders use code Fund4U. 20% of sales benefit the HES PTA.



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!



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 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

• **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!

Thank you to our Volunteers!

Thank you to our Winter Concert volunteers: **Amanda Rodgers, Kristina Kunkle, Jamie Barrios, Hildana Dantew, Adelaide Manu, Lindsey Greer and Melissa Green Parker.**



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
Total Expenses	\$ 56,450.00	\$ 10,802.95	\$ 45,647.05



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 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 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. Email [Tom Hanley](mailto:Tom.Hanley) for more information.



Team AWESOME



Meet the Board

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