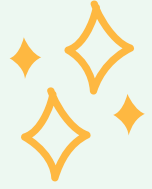




HES PTA NEWS

March 21, 2024



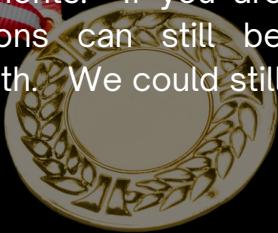
What a week, HES! We graduated from WizFit and had a great time doing it! Then we topped Monday night off with a spectacular game between the Hammond All Stars and the Wizards. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did - my face hurt from smiling by the end of the night! The fun isn't over yet though - we still have our spring carnival and Multicultural Night coming up! Be part of the fun and sign up today!



What's happening this month?

We Met the Wizfit Challenge!

We got fit and had fun doing it - and we raised a lot of money for the school to boot! Although we didn't quite reach \$10,000, we got VERY close - we raised \$9,709 as of Wednesday March 20th. Keep your eye peeled for the (rescheduled) Pajama Day and Crazy Hat Day announcements. If you are feeling generous, donations can still be made online until March 25th. We could still make it to Pie the Principal!

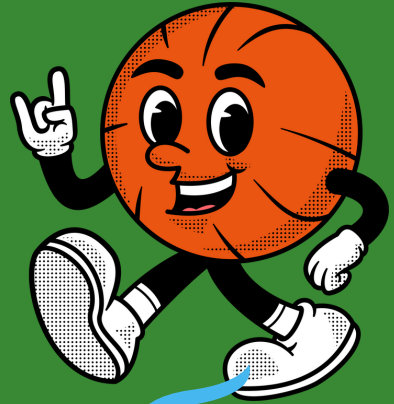
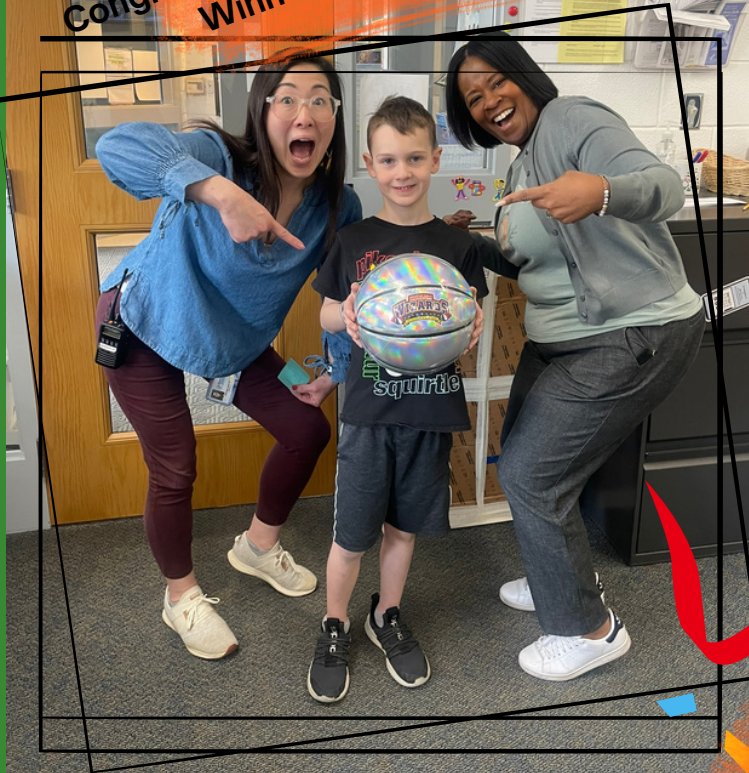




Graduation was awesome! We won prizes for our dancing, our effort and how well we paid attention!



Congratulations to our Platinum Ball Raffle
Winner, 2nd grader, Logan!



Awesome job, Liam Casby, the
school's top WizFit fundraiser!





Special thanks to our home team: Heather Moraff, Suzy Serpico, Velicia James, Caroline Haavik, Cathy McDerment, Erin Kuck, Ryann Plotkin, Olivia Lisle, Trevor Smith, Lang Wethington, Joe Quirk Jeremy McKinney, Lisa Smith, Priscilla Fulani Sheffield, Alli Culp, Ryan Ritzes, Sandy REynolds-Smith, Amanda Proska, Amy Smith, and Keny Bellamy.



Thank you to all of our basketball volunteers!

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Neelam Shah
Laura Hettinger
Tamo Nadiradze
Bisi Okubadejo
Lindsey Greer
Emily Griffin
Neil Hunt
Katie Thorn
Brandon Hawkes
Arthur Kunkle
Lisa Castaneda
Jodi DeStefano
Heather Devito
Carman Henry
Alexa Narron
Sarah Taylor
Mark Hamilton
James Parker
Christine Pearman
Karin Armor Popkey
Kim Currano
Julie Feldman
Sean Larsen
Lily Trofimovich
Megan Eller

Melissa Zawadzki
HES PTA President

Korin Sharp
HMS PTA President

Lauren Jurd
Sharon Meyer
Avery Kuck
Madison Kuck
Emory Hunt

Morgan Sutton
Maureen Whelan
Caili James
Leah James
Jess Breedlove
An Nguyen
Gloria Pau
Julia Tansmore
Madison Kuck
Ezekiel Zischang
Kaitelyn Clingerman
Bella Devroye
Kelly Edwards
Faith Hudson
Brynley Hawkes
Lauren Hawkes
Sylvie Schafer
Ayo Okubadejo
Orin Okubadejo
Ian Hamilton
Mickey Sullivan
Melissa Green Parker
Stephanie Ererra



Thank you to our Sponsors!

We are very fortunate to have a number of community businesses that sponsored our game with the Harlem Wizards! Huge thanks to:



Slam Dunk Sponsor \$1500
Kloby's Smokehouse



T-shirt Sponsor \$750
Mosquito Authority



Lay Up Sponsor \$250
Chick-Fil-A Johns Hopkins Road



Foul Shot Sponsors \$50-100
A Better You MedSpa & Wellness
The Corner Stable
Elkridge Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
Gigi's Ice Cream Shop

Pretty Pups

Pumped by QueenB

The Parker Family (Melissa, James & Andre)



Important Dates

March 25-April 1 School Closed
Spring Break
April 6 School Garden
Installation
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/hammondespta>

The Best Nation is Donation....

Tissues Please



Allergy season is creeping in 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.



Special Ed Supplies



Our Special Ed Department is running very low on basic supplies. Please consider donating the following items to them by either sending them in with your student, dropping them off at the front office or ordering directly from [Amazon](#) for delivery to school: pencils; glues sticks; dry erase markers; hand sanitizer; and, tissues.

Headphones for Students with Sensory Issues

Our counselors are looking to increase the availability of noise canceling headphones for our students with sensory issues. Please check out the wishlist item [here](#).

Glue Sticks for K and 1st

Kindergarten and 1st grade are both in need of a refreshed supply of glue sticks! Please send them in with your student, drop off at the front office or order from Amazon for delivery to school. Thank you!



School Garden Installation Set for Saturday, April 6th

The installation of the Hammond Elementary garden is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 to 11:30. We'll be resizing and relocating the current beds to create more pathway room for students, ensuring they're filled with soil, and starting the planting process. Volunteers are encouraged to join in on any or all aspects of the project, so don't forget to bring your gardening gloves!

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!





Volunteer Here



• **Spring Carnival Volunteers**

Our annual spring carnival is just around the corner, and we need YOUR help to pull it off! Sign up for an hour and receive 5 free tickets to be used in the raffles or for PTA concessions.

• **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!

• **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

February 2024 Report

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 9,680.83	\$ (43,869.17)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ (1,230.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,550.00	\$11,450.83	\$ (45,099.17)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 4,311.39	\$ 16,238.61
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,689.06	\$ 2,110.94
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 10,364.94	\$ 20,735.06
Total Expenses	\$ 56,450.00	\$ 17,365.39	\$ 39,084.61

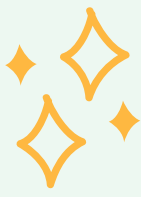


**Show....
Me....
the Money.....**



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. Upcoming events include our beloved spring carnival and multicultural night! 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 May 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

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. .

Tuffy Needs a Glow Up!

You may have noticed lately that our Tuffy costume has seen better days and needs to be retired. New mascot costumes start at approximately \$2,000 for “off the rack” costumes, and \$5,000 for custom made costumes. We are about to start a focused campaign to raise money specifically for a new Tuffy costume for next year. 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. Be on the lookout for the flyer in the Thursday folder after we return from Spring Break.

WizFit Prize Delivery



Many folks have been asking about when the prizes will be delivered for the WizFit Program. all registered students should have received a wristband shortly after they registered. Those students who raised at least \$250 in donations by March 18th should have picked up a jersey at the game so that they could participate in the WizKid Program that night. All other prizes will be shipped next week after the close of the online donation site on March 25th. We should have them ready for distribution the week we get back from Spring Break. They will be delivered to your student’s homeroom teacher.

Team AWESOME



Meet the Board

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

Meet your grade liaisons

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