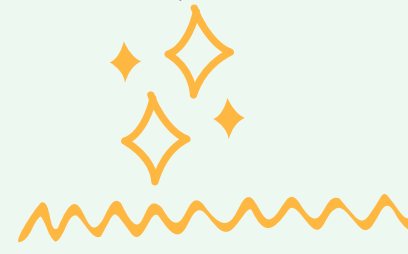




HES PTA NEWS

March 7, 2024



HES has its very own March Madness going on this month! Our students are getting fit with the Harlem Wizards and learning some mad basketball skills with the WizFit Program. And on March 18th, it's the staff's turn to take on the Wizards in their exhibition game at Hammond High school. Don't miss out on these exciting community events - make sure your student is registered and get your game tickets today! And make Game Day dinner easy by preordering (at a discount!) pizza and drinks for pick up at the concession stand before the game!

What's happening this month?



Sponsored By:
Hammond ES & MS PTA
Order Your Tickets Online Now!
Monday, March 18 at 7pm
Doors Open - 6pm
Hammond High School Gym

[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#)

VOLUNTEER HERE

Warm Up with the Wizards!

Any child who has a Harlem Wizards jersey can take part in the Wiz Kid activities.

The fun begins soon after doors open. The MC will introduce you as a Wiz Kid! Thirty mins. prior to the show, you will be on the court warming up with the Wizards.



****FREE AUTOGRAPH SESSION AFTER THE GAME!****

Tickets (Pricing plus Tax) (children 3 and under are free)

- General Admission - \$18 advance sale \$25 (if available)
- Reserved - \$30
Special reserved seating close to the court, free team poster for kids, and a \$5 souvenir gift certificate for adults.
- Courtside Plus - \$50 (limited quantity)
Receive courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids, a \$10 souvenir gift certificate for adults and a \$10 discount on Wizards replica jersey.
- Courtside Player - \$125 (ONLY 10 tickets available)
Student Ticket (K-8th grade) includes Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, jersey (picked up at game) souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids that is perfect for autographs AND the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.

*This is not a drop-off event, students must be accompanied by an adult.

We will be selling the following:
Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc)
Food Concessions (cc preferred)
50/50 raffle tickets (cash only)

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! Make dinner a breeze by preordering a large cheese or pepperoni pie and drinks for pick up at the concession stand before the game.

Let's Get Wizfit!

We are in the thick of the WizFit Challenge, and our students are doing great! They have been earning prizes and school wide rewards! To date, we have raised over \$4,500 - earning the students Pajama Day on March 8th! If you haven't registered your students yet, there's still time - - [register](#) here to get fit and have fun! .





Getting WizFit with Dragon!

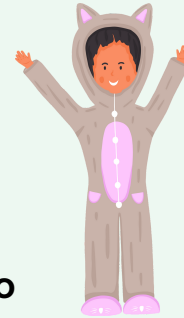
Everyone had a blast at the WizFit Kickoff Assemblies last week! Special thanks to Kamil "Dragon" Brown for visiting us to tell us all about the program and show off his skillz!!! We can't wait to get fit with the Wizards and learn a few b-ball tricks ourselves!



School Wide Pajama Day Friday March 8th

Our awesome students have earned their first school wide reward with the WizFit program - Pajama Day on Friday March 8th! So come to school in your cozy, comfy clothes tomorrow and enjoy the success!

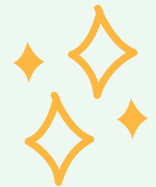
PAJAMAS ALL DAY



Donate to WizFit - Help us Reach our Goal of \$10,000



Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 - donate to your student's WizFit page and share it with friends and family. Every donation counts and helps the PTA provide all of our events, grants, fields trips and staff support throughout the year!



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!





Thank you to our Sponsors!



We are very fortunate to have a number of community businesses that are sponsoring our upcoming basketball with the Harlem Wizards! Your support is invaluable to us! Special thanks to:

Kloby's Smokehouse \$1,500 sponsor

Mosquito Authority \$750 sponsor

Chick Fil A \$250

Elkridge Chiropractic \$100 sponsor

Corner Stable \$100 sponsor



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Important Dates

March 8 Pajama Day
March 12 PTA General Meeting
- VIRTUAL ONLY
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 Restuarant 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>

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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.

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!

• **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](#).



PTA Grant Funds New Fence Around the School Garden



Have you noticed the brand new fence around the school garden near the recess playground? That's your PTA donations at work! HES PTA recently provided a grant of \$2,400 to put a new metal fence around the garden and make it useable once more. Thirty-eight of our fourth graders have signed up to help out in the garden this year. Keep an eye out for an invitation to the installation this spring!



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 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. 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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