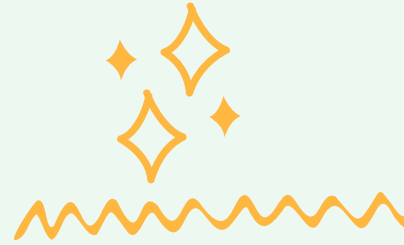




HES PTA NEWS

May 9, 2024



It's Maycember! All of the insanity of the December holidays - none of the cookies or presents! Lots going on as we wrap up the school year. We're wrapping up a so-far very successful Staff Appreciation Week - thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated and showed our staff some love. We have Multicultural Night coming up next week, Field Day the week after, and lots of end of year celebration activities to look forward to. Please volunteer if you can - don't miss the fun! We are also planning for next year so check out the list of open PTA positions and committees. No experience is necessary. We'd love to have you!

What's happening this month?

May Events!

This week:

Teacher Appreciation Week
Tonight, Thursday, May 9 - 5th
Grade Dance

May 14th - Election Day - Vote
for Board of Ed

May 17th Multicultural Night -
try new and delicious foods,
explore exciting cultures, have
a great time!

May 20th - Field Day

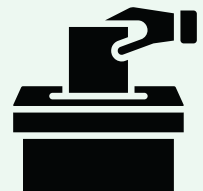
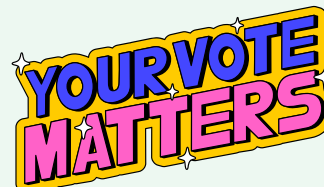
May 31st - Simulated
Congressional Hearings for 5th
Grade



Congratulations to Michelle Haltmeyer and Sophia Quirk, our two newest PTA Executive Board Members! Michelle joins us as our Treasurer and Sophia as our VP of Communications for the 2024-25 School Year. And a sincere thank you to Karin Armor Popkey and Sean Larsen, their predecessors, for all of their hard work and dedication.

Board of Education Elections On Tuesday

Reminder that the Board of Education election is underway! Mail-in voting started last week and in-person voting is next Tuesday, May 14th. Make sure your voice heard!



Please join us for...



HES PTA's MULTICULTURAL NIGHT



LET US KNOW
YOU'LL
ATTEND

WHEN & WHERE:

**MAY 17, 2024
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

**HES/MS
CAFE & GYM**

**TRAVEL THE WORLD
AT HAMMOND ES
AND LEARN ABOUT
DIFFERENT
CULTURES WITHIN
OUR COMMUNITY!**

EXPLORE CULTURE TABLES

6:30 - 7:30

- Taste foods from around the world
- Hear languages from different cultures
- Explore customs and cultures
- Take photos in the photo booth

CONTACT

Please contact the HES PTA if you have any additional questions.

Email: president@hespta.org

PARADE OF CULTURES

7:30 - 8:30

Learn more about our diversity here at HES while enjoying performances from our very own students and families.

Allergen & Photography Notices: Please be advised that cultural foods will be available for sampling at the cultural tables during this event. Please exercise caution and discretion when sampling foods. Your health and safety are our top priority. By attending this event you are giving HES PTA permission to use photos/videos taken at the event to promote school events and for school-related purposes. We appreciate your understanding.

Important Dates

May 9 5th Grade Dance
May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 14 School Closed Election Day
May 17 Multicultural Night
May 20 Field Day
May 27 School Closed Memorial Day
June 14 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/hammondspat/>

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 Here

• 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!

• 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!

Volunteer for PTA in 2024-25



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! Email Melissa at President@hespta.org if you are interested

Incoming Kindergarten Grade Liaisons - URGENT NEED!!! Are you a veteran HES parent with a rising kindergartener? We NEED YOU!!!

We need two parents to step up and be the grade liaisons for the incoming kindergarten class. Current HES parents, who are already familiar with the school and community, and who will be an invaluable resource for brand new families, greatly preferred. Grade liaisons plan and oversee the summer playdates - i.e., pick dates, meet at the recess playground, bring ice pops and wipes, answer questions - for their grade (kindergarten has 3 throughout the summer so these positions must be filled before summer starts); administer their grade's facebook group page (post announcements and flyers, answer questions); coordinate with the teacher team lead to advertise volunteering and community donation opportunities; and plan/coordinate end of quarter and end of year celebrations.

PTACHC delegate - attends monthly PTACHC (PTA Council of Howard County) meetings (first Monday of the month); reports back to general membership; votes on behalf of HES PTA at PTACHC meetings

Spirit Wear Chair and Committee - Choose designs and spirit wear items for the year; promote online sales; sell items in person at select school and PTA events

Restaurant Night Chair and Committee - Works with local businesses to set up restaurant nights benefiting HES PTA; promotes restaurant nights to school and larger community

Staff Appreciation Committee - (Chair, Katie Thorn) Plan and oversee staff support events, such as Welcome Back Breakfast in August, staff dinner/lunch during Parent-Teacher Conference times. Staff Appreciation Week in May

New Families Committee - (Chair, Meredith Mesa Meadows) Welcome new families to the HES community by pairing them with ambassador families, coordinating social and support events to help new families become familiar with things like Canva, etc.

Military Families Committee - (Chair, Carman Henry) Support the needs of military families in our community; POC for new families moving into the community and connecting them with local resources; work with Administration on events like Veterans Day and Month of the Military Child programming

More PTA Opportunities.....

5th Grade Committee Chair and Committee - Working with Administration, plans and oversees special activities for Fifth Graders, such as SCH, fifth grade promotion ceremony, and end of year celebration(s)

Square 1 Art Chair and Committee - Works with Art Department to coordinate Square 1 Art Fundraiser in Fall; POC with Square 1 Art company; ensures artwork by students is completed and delivered to Square 1 Art in a timely manner; advertises Square 1 Art fundraiser

Book Fair Chair - Works with Ms. Haavik to coordinate volunteers for Scholastic Book Fair in December

Ice Cream Social Chair and Committee - Plans and oversees Ice cream Social in September

Trunk or Treat Committee - (Chair, Megan Eller) Plans and oversees Trunk or Treat in October (possibly to be larger and a fundraiser this year)

Skate Night Chair and Committee - Plans and oversees Skate Night Party

Talent Show Committee - (Chair, Kristy Golden) Plans and oversees annual Talent Show

Spring Carnival Committee - (Chair, Faith Hudson) Plans and oversees largest annual PTA fundraiser; researches and retains entertainment and food vendors; solicits community sponsors; organizes large raffle; solicits and oversees day of volunteers

Yearbook Committee - (Chair, Lauren White) Designs and creates annual yearbook

Multicultural Night Committee - (Chair, Ying Li) Plans and oversees annual multicultural night

Fundraising Chair and Committee - Oversees product type fundraisers and coordinates with event fundraising chairs

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.

Budget Report

April 2024 Report

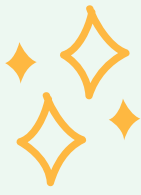
Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 38,252.23	\$ (15,297.77)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,200.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,550.00	\$40,052.23	\$ (16,497.77)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 12,224.93	\$ 8,325.07
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,699.06	\$ 2,100.94
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 12,578.80	\$ 18,521.20
Total Expenses	\$ 56,450.00	\$ 27,502.79	\$ 28,947.21



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



The numbers aren't fully final yet (some expenses are still being processed) but the news is fantastic with respect to our two largest fundraisers this year, the Harlem Wizards Game/WizFit Program and the Spring Carnival. The combined Wizards programming netted \$16, 273. 74. The Spring Carnival grossed over \$12,000 and should net approximately \$5,000 after expenses are processed. With this large infusion of cash, we are able to fully fund our remaining programs for this year, and comfortably cover our summer and early fall 2024 expenses. Upcoming end of year expenses include Staff Appreciation Week expenses, additional field trips for 3rd and 5th grade, Field Day, Multicultural Night, Simulated Congressional Hearings and end of year celebrations for 5th grade. At the May general meeting, we also passed our summer budget of \$5,465, which covers summer playdates; spirit wear; operational expenses; the back to school expenses, including staff welcome back breakfast; purchase of a portable event speaker; and, funding for a refresh of the teacher's lounge.



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](mailto:Tom.Hanley) 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. 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



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