

HAMMOND TIGER TALES

January 9, 2020



Hammond Elementary School provides a safe, nurturing learning environment that fosters individual success through academic excellence, and appreciation of diversity, to ensure lifelong learners.

January 9	Family Fit Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.
January 14	Beginning Band and Beginning Orchestra Performance 7:00 p.m. HMS Gym
January 15	Memory Book Club Photos
January 17	Spirit Day-Crazy Hair Day
January 20	Schools and Offices Closed (State mandated holiday)
January 24	End of Quarter 2
January 27	Schools Closed for Students, Professional Work Day
January 28	Beginning Band and Strings Performance *Snow Date*
January 31	Spirit Day-NFL Day
February 3	Quarter 2 report cards issued
February 4	Schools and Offices Closed (Election Day)
February 13 & 14	Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:30 dismissal), Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 14	Spirit Day-Wear Red or Pink Heart Health Month
February 17	Schools and Offices Closed (President's Day)
February 18 & 25	Kindergarten Field Trip to Savage Branch Library
February 28	Spirit Day-Hat Day
March 27	5 th Grade Field Trip to Robinson Nature Center
March 31	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Ellicott City
April 3	Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:30 dismissal), Professional Work Day
April 6 -13	Spring Break (Schools closed for students)
April 28	Schools and Offices Closed (Primary Election Day)



We Like You Just The Way You Are!

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that your family had an enjoyable, relaxing break. It's been interesting to speak with your children to hear about all the exciting activities, traditions, and travels that occurred during the time away from school!

We look forward to seeing many of our students and their families at the Family Fit Night tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are very appreciative of the PTA for hosting this event and other activities throughout the year to support community and build pride in our school.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

Kimberlyn S. Stoll

Principal

Hammond Elementary School

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Middle School Information Night for Rising 6th Graders

As part of the ES to MS transition, all middle schools will hold a Parent Information Night for rising 6th grade students during the month of January. These meetings will include general information about the school as well as course options.

Please review the orientation dates and times below. If you are unsure of the school your child is scheduled to attend, please visit [School Locator](#) and follow the instructions to find your child's school or visit HCPSS Connect. If you have questions, please call the HES front office at 410-880-5890.

Hammond Middle School

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:00 p.m.



Patuxent Valley Middle School

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6:30 p.m.



Beginning Orchestra and Band Winter Concert

The Beginning Orchestra and Band Winter Concert will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hammond Middle School gymnasium. Students have been working toward this for quite a while and are excited to perform their first concert of the year! The in-school performance will be for all Hammond ES students, but families are welcome to attend if they are unable to be present during the evening concert.

Concert Attire for Both Concerts: Plain white, long or short-sleeved blouses/shirts, black dress slacks, skirt with hose, black socks, and black dress shoes. Students will need to wear their concert attire for both performances (day and evening).

PLEASE NOTE: absolutely no jeans, warm-up pants, tennis shoes, or T-shirts. If this is a hardship, please contact Mrs. Armstrong.

Young Authors' Contest Winners

We are proud to congratulate **Samantha Jasinski** for writing the winning entry for the Howard County Young Authors' Contest in the category of 2nd Grade Short Stories! We applaud her great effort and creativity and wish her luck as her entry moves on to the state level judging!

We'd also like to recognize the students who received first place at the school level. Congratulations to the following Hammond Elementary winners:

Short Story Winners:

Iman Akewusola (Grade 3)
Raba Koroma (Grade 4)
Nadiya Abdi (Grade 5)

Poetry Winners:

Clara Daly (Grade 1)
Dylan Brooks (Grade 2)
Paige Waggoner (Grade 3)
Lavender Fu (Grade 5)



A big shout out to all who participated! We are so impressed with our young authors at Hammond Elementary, and we look forward to next year's contest!



Girl Scout Troop 4507 Donation Drive

Girl Scout Troop 4507 will be holding a Donation Drive to support the Canine Humane Network located in Highland, MD. The organization rescues and fosters dogs for adoption. We are collecting small dog collars, dog toys, paper towels, gently used towels, laundry detergent and sandwich-sized Ziploc bags. The donation box will be available in the HES lobby from Tuesday, January 21 through Friday, February 7. Thank you for your support!

CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recess Policy

With winter weather here, please be sure to send your student to school with a coat, hat and gloves each day. Per HCPSS policy, students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit. If the temperature combined with the wind chill is below 20 degrees, students will have indoor recess.

Emergencies/School Closings

In times of emergencies/school closings, information will be shared with the community through the following:

- The school system's homepage: www.hcpss.org
- HCPSS News email and text message alerts
- HCPSS Information Hotline: 410-313-6666
- Twitter - @hcpss
- Facebook - Howard County Public School System
- HCPSS Cable TV - Comcast 95/Verizon 42



Text Alerts

If you are interested in receiving school text alerts, please subscribe by texting the word "YES" to 67587 from the cell phone number on file in HCPSS Connect.

Birthday Celebrations

In order to avoid disappointment for our students and to maintain an environment conducive to learning, please understand that birthday party invitations should be distributed outside of school. A student directory is now available on Family File. On the special day, if you choose to bring lunch for your child, please remember only your child is allowed to enjoy the meal and/or snack as we have to assure safety for students with allergies, and dietary needs.



Absence Reporting and Change in Dismissal Reporting

In an effort to go green and reduce interruptions to the classroom instruction, we ask that you use the following Google Forms for reporting absences or if there are any changes in your child's dismissal routine: HES-Reporting Absence(s) Form and HES-Change in Dismissal Routine Form. These forms are available on Hammond Elementary School's website: hes.hcpss.org

Please be advised: You will need your photo ID any time you are entering the building.

Volunteers Welcome!

The old proverb is right! It takes a village to raise a child and we need your support. Volunteering is easy and fun!

Each year HCPSS/HES requires you to take 2 short trainings online before volunteering in the school or on field trips. Visit the HES website, click on Get Involved and scroll down to "Volunteer" section. The link will take you to the HCPSS Parent Volunteer Information page. *Due to liability and safety concerns, Hammond Elementary requests that small children do not accompany parent volunteers.* Questions or Concerns? Email: volunteer@hespta.org

Please be advised you will need to turn in your volunteer certificates to Mrs. Bajwa or Mrs. Hawkes if you are planning on volunteering in the classroom or attending your child's field trip(s).