

HAMMOND TIGER TALES

October 3, 2019



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

October 3	Band and Orchestra Back to School Night 6:30 p.m.
October 5	HES Fall Festival 3:00-6:00 p.m.
October 8	Interim progress reports issued
October 9	Schools and Offices Closed
October 11	Flu Clinic
October 16	PTA Meeting Cyber Security Awareness
October 18	Schools Closed for Students, Professional Work Day
October 23	Fall Fun Run
October 30	Fall Fun Run *Rain Date*
November 1	Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:30 dismissal), Professional Work Day
November 4	4 th Grade Field Trip to Smithsonian American Art Museum
November 5	Visiting Author - Hena Khan
November 6	Screenagers Viewing, HMS gym 6:30 p.m.
November 11	Report cards issued
November 12	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Annapolis
November 20	Hearing/Vision Clinic
November 25 & 26	Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:30 dismissal), Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 27	Schools Closed for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 28 & 29	Schools and Offices Closed (State mandated holiday)
December 6	1 st and 2 nd Grade Field Trip to Toby's Theater
December 11	Advanced Band and Orchestra and Chorus Performance 7:00 p.m.
December 18	Advanced Band and Orchestra and Chorus Performance *Snow Date*
December 23-January 2	Winter Break (Schools closed for students)
January 9	Family Fit Night
January 14	Beginning Band and Strings Performance 7:00 p.m. HMS Gym
January 28	Beginning Band and Strings Performance *Snow Date*



We Like You Just The Way You Are!

Dear Parents,

We look forward to seeing many of our students and their families at the annual Fall Festival this Saturday, October 5 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. We are very appreciative of the PTA for hosting our annual Fall Festival. This provides a great opportunity to join other HES families to celebrate the fall season.

Please also consider joining the HES PTA as they hold events throughout the year to support community building and pride in our school.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Learning Behaviors

In your child's Thursday folder, you will see a learning behavior feedback form. This form will be filled out weekly by your child's homeroom teacher to communicate your child's progress with demonstrating learning behaviors. Learning behaviors have been taught through reviewing and practicing expectations within the classroom. These expectations will be revisited as needed to meet the continual needs of the classroom community. Additionally, learning behaviors will be reflected on progress reports and report cards. Sample indicators of meeting the expectations have been provided on the sheet, but additional information can be found on the Howard County Public School Website <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/learning-behaviors/>

Quarter 1 Progress Reports

Interim progress reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, October 8. We encourage you to review the feedback with your child and consider asking what they believe they are doing well and what areas may require a little more effort. Help your child set some goals and develop a plan for how to reach that goal. View the flier for more information on understanding your child's interim progress report.



Caring School Community Corner

Our PBIS team plays an important role at HES as we support our Caring School Community! PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and our team is responsible for working with students and staff to help acknowledge all the responsible choices our students display – with Tuffy Tickets! – and also to support those students who are struggling with their behavior management. Our emphasis is always on highlighting the positive actions of our students and trying to prevent negative choices through teaching and re-teaching our Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn expectations. We will be sharing our program highlights here in the “Corner” throughout the year.

Author Visit

Author Hena Khan will be visiting Hammond Elementary on Tuesday, November 5! Hammond students will hear about Ms. Khan's journey as a writer, experience as a Pakistani American Muslim author, and the need for diverse stories. Students are welcome to bring books by Hena Khan on the day of her visit for signing. More information will be coming home in Thursday folders.



From the Health Room

Dispose of unwanted or expired medications and sharps at HC DrugFree's convenient drive-thru collection on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wilde Lake Village Center. View the flier for more information.

G/T Parent Academy

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available through the G/T Education Program and how their students can become involved. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Long Reach High School. The evening will begin with an overview of G/T Education Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet by school level for a question and answer session.

Full Schedule:

7:00 – 8:00, G/T Education Program Overview Presentation – Auditorium

8:05 – 8:30, Question and Answer Sessions:

- Elementary G/T Program Offerings: Auditorium
- Middle G/T Program Offerings: Classroom A127
- High School G/T and AP Courses: Classroom B115

For more information, please email hcpssgtac@gmail.com or alyson_tommins@hcpss.org or call 410-313-6800.

Thank You to Our Community Sponsors

We would like to thank the following community sponsors for helping to provide our yellow school folders this year.

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CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).