

# HAMMOND TIGER TALES

*December 19, 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.*

December 20	Spirit Day-Pajama Day
December 23-January 1	Winter Break (Schools closed for students)
January 9	Dental Clinic
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
<b>January 20</b>	<b>Schools and Offices Closed (State mandated holiday)</b>
January 24	End of Quarter 2
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Schools Closed for Students, Professional Work Day</b>
January 28	Beginning Band and Strings Performance *Snow Date*
January 31	Spirit Day-NFL Day
February 3	Quarter 2 report cards issued
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Schools and Offices Closed (Election Day)</b>
<b>February 13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Schools Close 3 Hours Early (12:30 dismissal), Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
February 14	Spirit Day-Wear Red or Pink Heart Health Month
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Schools and Offices Closed (President's Day)</b>
February 28	Spirit Day-Hat Day



*We Like You Just The Way You Are!*

*Dear Parents,*

*As the winter break draws near, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and joyous vacation! It is a pleasure to work with your children daily and to see them grow in so many ways. During the break, I hope that you experience a slower pace with some time to relax and build fond memories that will be treasured in the years ahead. May 2020 bring a year of happiness and good health to you and yours!*

*Sincerely,*

*Kimberlyn S. Stoll*

*Principal*

*Hammond Elementary School*

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## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **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](http://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



### **Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found collection has grown quite large. Please have your student check the bin for any lost belongings. Any unclaimed items will be donated on Friday, January 3.

### **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.

## **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](https://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](mailto: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).