

# Hammond Elementary School



## Tiger Tales

January 21, 2021



### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

#### MAP Assessment Winter Administration Grades 1-5

On Wednesday February 3 and 10, students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit:

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

The reading test will be offered on February 3 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The math test will be offered on February 10 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If your child is unable to attend, makeup testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Teachers will share Google Meet information and your student's testing group as we get closer to the February dates.

#### Asynchronous Assignments on February 3 and 10

- Asynchronous assignments may be assigned on the February 3 MAP administration day. February 10 is a half day for students and MAP administration, therefore, students will not be assigned asynchronous work on February 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Nykia Mapson at [Nykia\\_Mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:Nykia_Mapson@hcpss.org).

#### HES Virtual Spirit Day

Let's all stay connected by having a little fun from afar. Students and staff are invited to participate in Spirit Day on Friday, January 22-**Favorite Color Day!** Rock your favorite color and wear as much of it as you would like to show your spirit! Click the link to view future [Spirit Days for 2021](#).

#### Media Center News

Media books can now be returned at your convenience. There is a large book bin located in front of our school. We cannot accept book donations at this time so please return *only our HES media books*.



### **Counselor Corner**

January can be a strange time of year and this year has its own challenges: the holidays are over, it's cold outside, and we may still be disconnected from the important people in our lives. As we wait for the vaccine to be available to all of us, and it's promise of joining together again, take a moment to read this article about how to bring joy into your children's lives-[Teaching your Child the Art of Happiness](#).

### **Free Tutoring**

Towson University will be offering FREE online tutoring sessions to students in grades K-12. Registration begins on Monday, January 18. [View the flier](#) for more information.

### **Fully Paid Scholarships Available for HCC Kids on Campus Classes! (ages 8-17)**

Fully paid scholarships are available for families who qualify financially (i.e., income of \$50,000 or below for a family of four). Upcoming available courses, with start times ranging from late-Jan to early-April, can be found [here](#). Classes include art, cooking, virtual reality, language, ROBLOX and more! Families who believe they may be eligible for financial aid, should complete [this application](#) and submit it via email to [NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu](mailto:NoncreditFinAid@howardcc.edu).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 21	HMS 6th Grade Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
January 22	Spirit Day-Favorite Color Day!
January 28	End of Quarter 2
<b>January 29</b>	<b>Schools Closed for Students, Professional Work Day</b>
February 3	MAP Reading Test (Students in Grades 1-5)
February 5	Spirit Day-Favorite Character Day!
February 5	Report cards issued
February 10	MAP Math Test (Students in Grades 1-5)
<b>February 10-11</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conferences, Schools Close 3 Hours Early for ES Students</b>

**February 12**

**Schools Closed for Students, Professional Work Day**

**February 15**

**Schools and Offices Closed, Presidents' Day**

## **CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEL Opportunity**

We are happy to share that starting the week of January 11 and continuing thereafter, each homeroom class will have one optional weekly opportunity to participate in an activity to get to know one another. Some examples of activities are Show and Tell, Would You Rather?, Dance Parties, Read Alouds and many more other opportunities. The activities will be occurring during the Family Additional Asynchronous Support Time for each specific grade level. Homeroom teachers will post information regarding these virtual gatherings in their Canvas Monday Morning Weekly Outline Announcements. We hope that many students can participate in these optional opportunities to get to know one another!

### **Grade Level Lunch Bunches: Chat and Chew**

HES invites our students to attend optional [Lunch Bunches](#). View the schedule below and join in on your grade's special day! Log in using the code **HES-LUNCH**.

Kindergarten: Mondays 11:20 - 11:50

First Grade: Mondays 12:00 - 12:30

Second Grade: Tuesdays 11:20 - 11:50

Third Grade: Tuesdays 12:00 - 12:30

Fourth Grade: Thursdays 11:20 - 11:50

Fifth Grade: Thursdays 12:00 - 12:30

### **Media Center News: Contactless Circulation at HES**

Contact Circulation is now available at HES! Use the form below to request resources from your media center. The media team works to fill your orders each Wednesday. Book bags are placed outside our front doors on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please return any media books that are currently checked out when you collect your bag. Book bags will be organized on carts by grade level and alphabetical order by last name. There will be a cart clearly labeled for the return of any books that are currently checked out. **Returned books will quarantine for seven days before they are checked in.**

Use this link to fill your request: [Hammond Elementary Contactless Checkout](#)

If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to:

[Mrs. Davis](#), Library Media Specialist or [Mrs. Talaii](#), Media Paraeducator

### **2020-2021 Inclement Weather Protocols**

For the 2020-2021 school year, while in virtual, small groups or hybrid instructional models, HCPSS will transition to fully virtual instruction during inclement weather days. [View the four possible inclement weather decisions.](#)

### **Tips for Rebooting Your Chromebook**

Having issues with your Chromebook? [Click here](#) for directions to correct or repair unexpected Chromebook system behavior. Begin with the quick Refresh Procedure. If the issue continues, complete the Reset Procedure.

### **Ms. Freitag, School Psychologist Office Hours**

Ms. Freitag, School Psychologist, will offer Office Hours on Mondays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Please use the code **hes-schoolpsych** to join in to ask a quick question or share a concern. As always, Ms. Freitag is available to set up a Google meet at any time by reaching out via email at [angela\\_freitag@hcpss.org](mailto:angela_freitag@hcpss.org).

### **Mrs. Kennedy, School Counselor**

Mrs. Kennedy, our School Counselor, is available to support students and families when adjusting to our virtual learning environment. Please do not hesitate to contact her for additional assistance ([mkennedy@hcpss.org](mailto:mkennedy@hcpss.org)). Check out her [Canvas page](#) here.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Membership**

If you have not done so already, please consider joining our PTA. PTAs support improvements through advocacy and play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social events. The HES PTA is a tremendous asset to our school community and needs your support. Visit [hespta.org](https://hespta.org) for more information.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Please find the [link](#) to the Howard County Public School System's Community News and Programs page.

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## At-A-Glance Resource Sheet

### ***Stay Updated:***

- Access [hes.hcpss.org](https://hes.hcpss.org) for Tiger Tales News, our staff directory, calendar dates & more!
- Access [www.hcpss.org](https://www.hcpss.org) for HCPSS information & resources
- Read “Tiger Tales” newsletters and Family Communications
- Listen to HCPSS BOE meetings
- Complete your Family File at [www.hcpss.org/connect](https://www.hcpss.org/connect)

### ***Save the Dates:***

HCPSS School System Calendar List of Dates:  
<https://www.hcpss.org/f/news/calendars/datesonly202021.pdf>

**School Office:** Due to COVID-19, our school building is only open to HCPSS staff, those registered through Columbia Association child care, and mail and delivery workers.

**School Virtual Hours:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

**School Phone Number:** Our office number is **410-880-5890**, but please note that you may need to leave a message during school hours. If it is an emergency and your call is not answered during school hours, please email either Ms. Ciarapica, Principal at [Lisa\\_Ciarapica@hcpss.org](mailto:Lisa_Ciarapica@hcpss.org) or Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal at [Nykia\\_Mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:Nykia_Mapson@hcpss.org).

**School Address:** 8110 Aladdin Drive, Laurel, MD 20723

**School EFax Number:** 443-973-5552

**To report a school absence:** While parents/guardians can continue to email their child’s teacher for absences, we are encouraging parents to use this [GoogleForm for absence reporting](#) available at [www.hes.hcpss.org](https://www.hes.hcpss.org). We hope this makes reporting absences more convenient and efficient for you!

If there is a health issue that you would like the teacher and health office to know about, please email your child’s teacher and our school nurse, [Mrs. Rozgonyi](#). Please email [Ms. Bajwa](#) with any doctor notes for student absences.

<p><b>Need Grab-and-Go Meal Services?</b></p> <p>Grab-and-Go meals will be served at HES Monday through Friday from 8:00–9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.</p> <p>Meals can be picked up in the rear of the building, at the doors of our kitchen. When entering the main parking lot, please drive down the access road to the right of Hammond Middle School. Meals will be provided at no cost to all students for the remainder of the school year.</p>	<p><b>Need Support or Health Services?</b></p> <p>School Counselor: Mrs. Kennedy <a href="mailto:Margaret_Kennedy@hcpss.org">Margaret_Kennedy@hcpss.org</a></p> <p>School Psychologist: Mrs. Downin <a href="mailto:Laurie_Downin@hcpss.org">Laurie_Downin@hcpss.org</a></p> <p>School Nurse: Mrs. Rozgonyi <a href="mailto:Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org">Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org</a></p> <p>Pupil Personnel Worker: Monique Finch <a href="mailto:Monique_Finch@hcpss.org">Monique_Finch@hcpss.org</a></p>
<p><b>Need How-to Tech information?</b></p> <p><a href="https://hcpss.me/join-chromebook-to-wifi/">https://hcpss.me/join-chromebook-to-wifi/</a> for directions to connect your Chromebook to your home WiFi</p> <p><a href="https://hcpss.me/account-self-service/">https://hcpss.me/account-self-service/</a> if you forgot your username and password</p> <p><a href="https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796">https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/77796</a> for common self-help resources</p> <p>If after reviewing these resources, your family continues to need support, please complete the <a href="#">Student and Family Technology Support Request Form</a>.</p>	<p><b>Need Language Assistance?</b></p> <p>Espanol: 410-313-1591</p> <p>Korean: 410-313-1592</p> <p>Chinese: 410-313-5920</p> <p>Chin: 410-313-5968</p> <p>Call and leave a message with your name, contact information and question. A liaison will return your call.</p>
<p><b>Want to get involved?</b></p> <p>Visit <a href="https://www.hespta.org/">https://www.hespta.org/</a> and follow instructions on how to join or renew membership. You can also email <a href="mailto:membership@hespta.org">membership@hespta.org</a> with additional questions.</p>	<p><b>Hammond Elementary Fun Facts</b></p> <p><b>Mascot:</b> Tuffy the Tiger</p> <p><b>Colors:</b> Green and Yellow</p> <p><b>Age:</b> HES is 49 years old this year!</p>

