



MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first marking period! We wanted to take a moment to celebrate all the successes and progress of your children. We are so proud of all our Tuffy Tigers! We also wanted to highlight the significance of partnership between parents and teachers. We encourage you to be involved in your child's education by attending parent-teacher conferences. At Hammond, we believe that when families and teachers work together, students are more likely to succeed academically and socially.

November 20th, 21st, and 22nd are designated for Parent Teacher Conferences this year. We will be holding 20-minute conferences. All conferences will be held with your child's ELA teacher. Below are the details about how they will be held based on the date of the conference:

- ~Monday, November 20th - All Conferences **In-Person at HES**
- ~Tuesday, November 21st - All Conferences **Virtual - link will be sent**
- ~Wednesday, November 22nd - All Conferences **Virtual - link will be sent**

If you choose a virtual conference, the Google Meet code will be sent to you with your confirmation email. Your child's ELA teacher will be sending out specifics about this Google Meet as well.

Please note, if your child is in a 4th or 5th grade GT math class, we will hold **4th grade GT math conferences for the fall** (current conference window) and **5th grade GT math conferences in the winter** (February conference window). This means parents with 4th grade students who are in GT math class have the opportunity to sign up with the homeroom/ELA teacher, as well as, math teacher. Our GT resource teachers, Ms. Lee and Mrs. Meyer will be sending out more information through Canvas.

If your conference is virtual, once you enter the Google code or link, you will be put in a "holding space" until the teacher admits you. Because many conferences will be back-to-back, please only log on one minute before your designated time. If you have

technology challenges, check email as your child's teacher will reach out to you that way. You can also call the school for assistance.

Beginning Monday, November 6th at 8:00am, you can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. Step-by-step directions are below. If you do not have access to HCPSS Connect, please call the school for assistance at 410-880-5890.

Directions to Select a Conference Time:

Login to hcpss.org/connect

Select Conference from the left-side choices

Select Parent Scheduled Conferences at the top right

Select a time slot for your conference.

You will have access through Thursday, November 16th at 4:00pm to schedule your child's conference by logging into HCPSS Connect.

We look forward to conferencing with you about your child's successes and celebrating their progress!

Warmly,

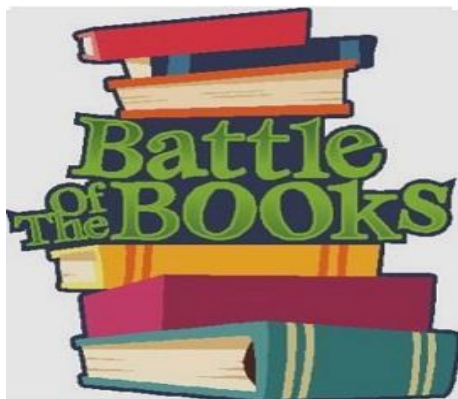
Heather Moraff, Principal

Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5th GRADE STUDENTS!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This week students are learning about the 2023-2024 Battle of the Books reading competition for 5th grade students of Howard County. Please see the Howard County [Battle of the Books website](#) for more information. Battle of the Book (hclibrary.org) The public library will regularly update this site throughout the year as more plans are finalized. Important dates for now: October 23 to November 11 ONLINE REGISTRATION. Students and parents are responsible for the creation of their own 5 member teams (1 adult coach).



DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION

Martin Luther King Poster Contest

Although Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left us too soon, his powerful legacy and universal message of peace lives on today. Please help us to continue and grow this legacy with **Hammond Elementary School's** participation in the annual MLK Elementary School Poster Contest. Below is information on contest participation requirements. All poster submissions are due by **October 31.**

Howard County Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

2024 STUDENT CONTESTS:
Honor Dr. King's Legacy & Win Cash Prizes!

Elementary, Middle & High School Poster Contest:
"Show how Howard County can be more welcoming to people of all backgrounds."

High School & Middle School Essay Contest:
Dr. King dedicated his life towards fighting for a better and more just society. Write about what makes your community great and how you've contributed towards its wellbeing.

High School & Middle School Oratory Contest:
Share a story about a time where you fought for humanity or equal rights. How did it make you feel and why did you do it?

GET AN APPLICATION:
@ [HTTPS://BIT.LY/HOCOMLK23](https://bit.ly/hocomlk23)
For More Information:
Call (410) 313-6430
Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov



SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Entries must be received by
Deadline Extended until **October 31, 2023**

Via Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov
Via Mail: Howard County Office
of Human Rights & Equity
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237
Columbia, MD 21046



REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic

Each year, the Howard County Public School System partners with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention to bring flu immunizations into our schools for students. This year, they will also be offering the latest Covid vaccine (Moderna). The clinic at HES will be held on Friday, November 3rd during school hours. If you would like your child to be vaccinated against the flu and/or Covid at this clinic, please register at this link:

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/7901620842>.

You are not required to provide your child's insurance information.

As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is safe to get a flu and Covid vaccine at the same time. If you have any concerns, please speak with your child's pediatrician.

*** Registration closes on 10/27/2023, to allow our health room staff time to review and prepare the consents and make sure enough vaccine is ordered.

If you have any questions, please call your school's health room at (410) 880-5893.

Medication and Sharps Disposal

For the safe disposal of medication and sharps, please see this [flyer](#).

PTA NEWS

Membership

If you have not done so already, please consider joining the HES PTA. PTA advocates for our children, builds community and plays 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! Register here:

<https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store>

Who's Who on the PTA Board

It's easy to reach the PTA Board with your questions, concerns and great ideas! Simply reach out to us at the email addresses below:

President, Melissa Zawadzki , president@hespta.org

Vice President, Membership, Korin Sharp, membership@hespta.org

Vice President, Communications, Sean Larsen, communications@hespta.org

Treasurer, Karin Armour Popkey , treasurer@hespta.org

Secretary, Emily Griffin, secretary@hespta.org

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/hammondespta/>

Trunk or Treat

PTA proudly presents our first Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 28th, 1-3pm! Featuring the Baltimore Science Guys' Spooky Science Show, this is a can't miss event! Limited spots available to show off your creative Halloween displays - register today! Awards for best costumes and trunk! (And be on the lookout for our donations box for candy and small toys to give out. Coming soon.)

To purchase tickets for the Baltimore Science Guys' Spooky Science Show:

<https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/938545>

To register a trunk/table/booth:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-44713611-hespta>

To help out on the day of the event (adults):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-44691007-trunk>

To help out on the day of the event (students, 6th grade and up):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-44713370-student>

Restaurant Night

Eat mor Chik'n! Our next Restaurant Night is coming up on **November 7th** at Chick Fil A, all day, 6 am-10 pm! Be sure to mention HES when ordering - 20% of proceeds benefit the PTA! For mobile orders, please select "support community care event" and enter code HES1.

School of Excellence

Your voice makes a difference, and the PTA wants to hear from you! Check your email for our School of Excellence survey, also available on the PTA website (www.hespta.org) and in hard copy at the school's front office, to share your thoughts and experiences with us. And join us for a listening session on Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm in-person in the HES cafeteria. See link below for Zoom log in information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82585415648?pwd=ML8u3xKn8UHQS7DwsoVa0E10vc3nYu.1>

Meeting ID: 825 8541 5648

Passcode: 3WswX4

Skate Party

The PTA is hosting a super fun Skate Party for all Hammond students and their families!

- When: Sunday, November 5th from 4:30-6:30pm.
- Where: Laurel Roller Skating Center, 9890 Brewers Ct, Laurel MD 20723
- Pre-Sale Cost: \$9 per skater, rental included*, if you buy online through Friday November 3rd!!
- Day-Of Cost: \$15 per skater, **limited spots available** til 5pm, so buy online early to confirm your spot and save! **NO entry after 5pm unless you purchased a pre-sale ticket!**

I'm in! How do I buy? <https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/939781>

Want to help? We are looking for volunteers to assist with check-in and day of ticket sales. If interested, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-44909786-skate> .

*Note: This is not a drop-off event. Each student must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. *Cost is the same regardless of whether a skate rental is needed.*

Yearbook

The yearbook staff is looking for photo submissions for this year's yearbook! Please submit any photos you have at school events and performances if you'd like them considered for the yearbook. We'll be accepting submissions all year so bookmark this link for future events!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegY6ILfEAdpU-Umwb5GORy3lmMvRPe-zCwIYNkx7h_mC3Fgg/viewform"

Talent Show

The Talent Show Committee is looking for volunteers for the planning committee and/or folks to help out in January and February with the act reviews, dress rehearsal, and show itself. Please contact Ryan Watkins at ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com

Deliver Monthly Mojo

Sign up here to bring coffee, treats or other surprises to our hardworking staff so they can keep their mojo going. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-staff3/55828552#/>
We are in need of volunteer(s) for December! Questions? Great ideas for staff appreciation? Reach out to Katie Thorn at kathrynthorn@gmail.com

Spring Carnival Raffle Donations and Community Sponsorships

The Spring Carnival Committee is seeking donations for its annual raffle as well as sponsorships from local businesses. If you have a donation or are interested in helping out, please reach out to Faith Hudson at carnival@hespta.org.