

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

October 27, 2022



Please find the most recent updates from Hammond Elementary School. Included in this newsletter, you will find information regarding:

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END OF QUARTER CELEBRATIONS - FALL

As part of our school system's commitment to equity and inclusion, we continue to focus on building community and creating welcoming environments for all students. To continue to support this commitment, Hammond Elementary moved away from Halloween celebrations at school a few years ago. In lieu of a celebration of Halloween, we have implemented End of Quarter Celebrations to acknowledge all students for their commitment to learning. Student behaviors are strategically acknowledged and reinforced in order to foster an environment conducive to academic growth and success. To reward these behaviors, we will be having special celebrations. To view the flier for grades K-2, click [here](#). To view the flier for grades 3-5, click [here](#). We are excited for the activities this fall brings including our **FALL** Fun Run, PTA-Sponsored Movie Night, and our **FALL** End of Quarter Celebration.

FALL POSTER MANIA

Make a poster for our "Falling Out of 1st Quarter" celebration! Be sure to promote Tuffy's 3 R's (Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Ready to Learn) and the actual "Falling Out of 1st Quarter" celebration. This is completely voluntary. Any student who completes a poster will receive 2 tuffy tickets.

Students have until Friday October 28th to complete the poster and turn it into the front office. The posters will be hung up around the school to promote the celebration!

FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

The PE department would like to send a huge thank you to all the volunteers and cheerleaders that came to the Fall Fun Run.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If your child was absent or is in need of their picture to be retaken, on November 9 they will have the opportunity. Click [here](#) for all of the information. The order form can be found on this [flier](#).

YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONTEST

The Howard County Literacy Association is launching the annual **Young Authors' Contest** again this year for students in grades 1-5! 🏆

We are excited for our Hammond students to have this opportunity to showcase their writing talents in this year's contest! 🖋️

Please see the [flier](#), the [cover sheet](#) and the [slide show](#) for specific entry instructions. Submissions due by December 9. If you have any further questions, please have your child ask his/her homeroom teacher.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Robinson's Nature Center is hosting "Robinson's Rainbows," an outdoor event for LGBTQIA+ students to explore nature in a safe environment and to bond with other LGBTQ students and staff. Please use this [link](#) for more information!

FAMILY SERVICES

Our school's Pupil Personnel Worker, Mr. Lee, works to help connect families in need to a variety of resources in the community. If you would like to be added to a confidential mail list to receive updates about food pantries, clothing giveaways, or other events throughout the year that may be of help to your family, simply send Mr. Lee an email at Kevin_Lee@hcpss.org and let him know you'd like to be on his mailing list. Mr. Lee works with families at Atholton ES, Atholton HS, Hammond MS and Hammond ES.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POSTER CONTEST

"Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community and the World." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary students could win a cash prize for winning posters! Submissions must be in by October 31, 2022. Check this out for more [information](#).

CONGRATULATIONS FROM ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to violinists **Patrick Qiu** (5th Grade) and **Joshua Luo** (4th Grade) on their acceptance into the Howard County Elementary School Gifted and Talented Orchestra (ESGTO). We are so proud of their hard work and accomplishments. We look forward to celebrating them at their concerts in December and May!

FROM MEDIA

Battle of the Books coming Spring 2023

Go to [Battle of the Book \(hclibrary.org\)](http://hclibrary.org) and click on the red script, 'Register Here' to register your team!

Books will be picked up November 18 and 19.

December's Scholastic Book Fair

Dates: 12/9/2022 - 12/16/2022

12/12/2022 Evening Event, 12/15/2022 Afterschool Event - more details to come

SPIRIT DAYS

Mark you calendars for our School Spirit days! The next one is on Friday, November 4.

PTA NEWS

Volunteering with 4th Grade

We have an exciting opportunity to help our 4th grade students through one-on-one volunteering in October. Sign up [here](#) for as many slots as your schedule permits.

Talent Show

We would love to bring back the HES Talent Show this school year! If you'd like to join the planning committee, email president@hespta.org.

PTA meeting on November 15

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on November 15 at 7:15pm in the HES Media Center. We will be voting on a few budget updates, so please make sure you have renewed your membership prior to the meeting so you will be eligible to vote. If you can't make it in person, please join us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93149929646?pwd=MjN0aFQrVHh2WVBrWFR3Zy83TnlZz09>

Meeting ID: 931 4992 9646

Passcode: 7Ct5Ps

Restaurant Night at Sushi Nari November 16

Join us at Sushi Nari in the Kings Contrivance Village Center (8640 Guilford Rd, Suite B-80, Columbia) on Wednesday, November 16 from 5pm to 9pm for restaurant night. Their sushi is great, and they also have teriyaki and tempura. Dine in and carry out. Please mention you're with the HES fundraiser.

Coming Soon

- Opportunities to volunteer in the media center
- Square 1 Art: stay tuned for more details on this popular fundraiser where you turn your child's artwork into a variety of fun keepsake items

Support the PTA while you shop!

- HarrisTeeter: Link your VIC card online each Fall at www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education
- AmazonSmile: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Hammond Elementary PTA as your charity

IMPORTANT DATES

October 28	Flu Clinic at HES - must be pre-registered by 10/22
October 28	Outdoor movie night "Monsters, Inc" (see PTA section for more details)
November 2	Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30 p.) - End of 1st Marking Period
November 3	3rd Grade Field Trip to Ellicott City
November 4	Spirit Day - Students/staff wear HES apparel or school colors
November 4	End of Quarter 1 Celebrations (see fliers above)
November 8	Schools & Offices Closed - Election Day
November 9	Individual School Picture Retake Day
November 15	PTA Meeting at 7:15pm in Media Center or virtual
November 16	Restaurant Night: Sushi Nari in Columbia
December 2	Spirit Day - Students/staff wear HES apparel or school colors
December 5-9	Inclusive Schools Week is coming! More details to come soon!
December 9	Young Author's Contest submissions due (see above)
December 9-16	Scholastic Book Fair

You may link here to access the [HCPSS Calendar for the 2022 - 2023 School Year](#).

CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCPSS Inclement Weather Instruction Plan

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) now allows local school systems to repurpose inclement weather days as asynchronous school days. At the discretion of the superintendent, HCPSS will use up to three inclement weather asynchronous days during the 2022-2023 school year. For all the details, please go to the [HCPSS Inclement Weather Instruction Plan](#).

Transportation

Changes in afternoon transportation should be submitted to your child's teacher in writing (note or email). For changes that occur after 12 pm, please call our front office team (410-880-5890) to communicate the change and they will provide the information to your child's homeroom teacher. Please communicate all changes no later than noon each day to ensure they are communicated to your child prior to dismissal.

[Bus Numbers & Routes](#)

[Car Loop Dashboard Cards](#)

Are You Moving?

If your family is moving out of the Hammond Elementary district or even just down the street, we still need to know! Please contact the Front Office at 410-880-5890 if you are changing your address over the summer. Chromebooks must also be turned in if your family moves out of county.

Chromebook Care Webpage

There is a new webpage for students, [Chromebook Care](#), which includes tips on caring for and transporting Chromebooks, as well as student mobile technology support and additional resources.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

