



MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Fan Expectations and Safety at HCPSS Athletics Events

High school athletic events serve as a wonderful opportunity for students, friends, families, staff and community members to come together in support of their favorite teams. To ensure these games are able to be safely enjoyed by all in attendance, it is imperative that everyone adheres to the rules, expectations and laws in place to ensure safety.

All children who are in 8th grade or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all HCPSS athletics contests or will be turned away from entry. Adult supervision must continue for the entirety of the athletic contest.

Athletic contests are considered extensions of the school day, and behaviors that violate the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct or Board of Education policies are subject to the same disciplinary measures as those that occur during the school day. Any students found to engage in inappropriate, illegal or dangerous behavior, including verbal and physical abuse at games, are subject to discipline, including the forfeiture of the game itself. Non-student spectators who violate event rules may be asked to leave the premises and may be banned for the remainder of the season. Additionally, the Howard County Police Department maintains a presence at games and will ensure all applicable laws are adhered to.

Please note that substances such as tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol are illegal to have on school grounds. Furthermore, no spectators are permitted to be under the influence of these substances upon entering school grounds.

HCPSS schools are welcoming environments for our friends around the county and state. All spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship to the athletes, coaches, officials, members of the marching band, cheerleaders and poms, dance

teams, opposing fans, and everyone in attendance. Please show respect for all those around you.

Heather K. Moraff



SUPER SINGERS

The Howard County Children's Chorus is an honors chorus program for students from around the county who sing together throughout the year in weekly rehearsals and perform at two concerts during the year. We at HES are very proud of our students who are participating in the choruses this year!

Congratulations to HES 3rd graders Braeda Garthoff and Hadley Grillo who were selected to participate in the Howard County Children's Chorus Cantus Chorus! This is an honors chorus made up of 2nd and 3rd grade students from around the county.

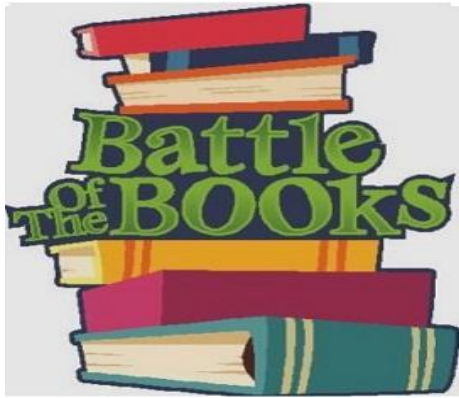
Congratulations to HES 5th graders Mia Oliveira and Ellie Stafford for preparing an audition and being selected to participate in the Howard County Children's Chorus Lyric Chorus! This is an honors chorus made up of 4th and 5th grade students from around the county.

Congratulations to these super singers!

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](https://www.hclibrary.org) 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: General Information Session, October 11, 7pm via ZOOM and October 23 to November 11 ONLINE REGISTRATION. Students and parents are responsible for the creation of their own 5 member teams (1 adult coach).



HES PRIDE FRIDAYS

The poster for Hammond Elementary School's Pride Days features a green and orange color scheme. At the top, 'HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL' is written in green, with 'PRIDE DAYS' in large, bubbly green and orange letters below it. A green oval contains the text '1st Fridays of the MONTH!'. To the left, an invitation reads: 'Students and Staff are invited to wear their Hammond Elementary apparel and/or school colors to show their Hammond pride.' Below this is an illustration of a tiger surfing on a pink surfboard. To the right, a green-bordered box titled 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR' lists the following dates: October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, and June 7th. A small calendar icon is also present.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL of ELDERS & THE BLACK COMMUNITY of HOCO

HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academies: HCPSS and The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County have partnered to sponsor the following parent workshops series:

- October 14: Navigating the Howard County Public School System

- December 16: Social Emotional Well-Being and Substance Abuse
- January 27: Processes for Parent Empowerment
- March 9: Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Each engaging session is held virtually on Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Please see the [save the date flyer](#) for more information.

FALL FUN RUN



Hammond Elementary School's Physical Education Department is excited to host our annual Fun Run on October 18, 2023. Participants can race or jog with a friend while enjoying a great time together. After completing the run, everyone can refresh with some water, have a little dance, and participate in a pumpkin raffle. Additionally, there will be a slideshow showcasing the students who participated in the Fall Fun Run, making it a memorable and enjoyable event for all. This event will take place during your child's Related Arts time.

(The rain date is October 27th, 2023. We will set up a new sign-up if needed.)

Please sign up to volunteer using [Sign-Up Genius](#). If you have not already done so, you must complete the [Volunteer Training](#) requirement and provide the front office with the two signed certificates of completion. (The training/certification is valid for all volunteer events for the entire school year.)

Thank you for your continued support!
Joe Quirk, Suzy Serpico, and Jacob Carr

REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Medication At School

Will your child require medication to be kept at school? Any medications required during school hours including prescription, “over-the-counter” (OTC) and homeopathic/herbal medications require a medication order signed by an approved health care provider and are subject to the HCPSS medication policy and procedure. Please review medication procedures for information about getting your medication to school and providing a physician's order.

For additional assistance, please contact Mrs. Rozgonyi, School Nurse 410-880-5893 or mrozgonyi@hcpss.org

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/>

#BringingIt

Big thanks to everyone who made our Ice Cream Social a resounding success! Team work makes the dream work, and we could not have done it without **Emily Griffin**,

Jamie Griffin, Faith Hudson, Tamo Nadiradze, Kristy Golden Houran Aghabozorgi, Angela Szwec, Elena DeSantis, Amanda Beaver, and Rebecca Garcia. Special thanks also to **Jeremy and Elizabeth Boula**, proud HES parents and owners of **Kloby's Smokehouse**, who provided that delicious ice cream. (Be sure to check Kloby's out later this month for Restaurant Night!)

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

Our next Restaurant Night is coming up on **October 17th**, courtesy of **Kloby's Smokehouse**, owned by Hammond's very own Jeremy and Elizabeth Boula! It's a win-win-win when you take the day off from cooking to support the PTA and a community family! Be sure to mention HES when ordering - 20% of proceeds benefit the PTA, all day 11am to 9pm.

School of Excellence

Your voice makes a difference, and PTA wants to hear from you! Check your email for our School of Excellence survey, also available beginning October 10th 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 Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 pm via Zoom, or Thursday, October 19th, 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.*

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.