

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

November 10, 2022



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

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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

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

PTA NEWS

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

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

December 12 Scholastic Book Fair Evening Event

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.

