



## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Hammond Families,

Coming up in December, we will take time to celebrate Inclusive Schools Week! Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors.

The week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children. Inclusive Schools Week allows us all to take a moment to applaud the progress we've made toward building more inclusive school communities while pledging to continue our work toward becoming a more inclusive society. For more information, please feel free to visit the [website](#).

As a parent, if you would like to come in as a guest speaker or reader to one of our classes, please directly email Heather Moraff (Principal) at [heather\\_moraff@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_moraff@hcpss.org) with your request and the topic you'd like to share about with our students. We would love to welcome parents into classrooms to come teach students about our diverse student population. This visit would take place during the week of December 4th-December 8th. We will work to schedule a time that will work best for you during that week.

We appreciate your ongoing effort and collaboration in being an inclusive school that supports the feeling of belonging for all students.

Warmly,

Heather Moraff, Principal

Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal

## BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS SPIRIT WEEK

Join in the fun on Friday by showing your school spirit! We have so enjoyed seeing the students' and staff's creativity and spirit throughout the week.

### HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEEK NOV 13-17

Stand up to BULLYING



#### MONDAY - TEAM HES DAY

Team up against bullying. Show your school spirit by wearing HES colors (green and yellow).



#### TUESDAY - WACKY TACKY DAY

Mix it up and talk to someone new today while wearing your favorite wacky tacky wear.



#### WEDNESDAY - UNIQUE HAIR&HAT DAY

Put a lid on bullying by wearing your favorite hat or unique hair style.



#### THURSDAY - TWIN DAY

Dress like a friend or match with Mrs. Moraff because there is always someone there for you.



#### FRIDAY - SUPERHERO DAY

Dress like a superhero! Superheros are powered by kindness and confidence.



## SQUARE 1 ART ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY



## YOUNG AUTHORS' 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 flyer for specific entry instructions and include the coversheet with each entry. All entries should be submitted to Mrs. Kluh or Mrs. Stehle by **Monday**,

**December 11, 2023!** If you have any further questions, please have your child ask his/her homeroom teacher.

## [Coversheet](#)

## [Young Authors' Contest Guidelines 2023-2024](#)

## **DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION**

HES celebrates [Native American Heritage Month](#). Follow the link to more information.



Our beautiful and informative showcase from Mrs. Frere.

## **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](mailto:president@hespta.org)  
Vice President, Membership, Korin Sharp, [membership@hespta.org](mailto:membership@hespta.org)  
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### 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/>

### 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-Umwb5GORy3ImMvRPe-zCwIYNkx7h\\_mC3Fgg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegY6ILfEAdpU-Umwb5GORy3ImMvRPe-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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:carnival@hespta.org).

## HOWARD COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

As we wrap up the September/October session of Before & After School classes, we wanted to make sure families at Hammond ES are aware of the November/December Before & After school class options. These classes provide fun, structured, educational, and enriching activities for students, benefitting both the child(ren) and parents!

[Hammond ES Class Registration Link](#)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 13-17 [Bullying Awareness Prevention Spirit Week](#)

Nov. 13-17 American Education week

Tues. Nov. 14 PTA General Meeting

Mon. Nov. 20 Early Dismissal for Students. Parent-Teacher Conferences (in-person)

Tues. Nov. 21 Early Dismissal for Students. Parent-Teacher Conferences (virtual only)

Wed. Nov. 22 School Closed for Students. Parent-Teacher Conferences (virtual only)

Thur. Nov 23 School and Office Closed.

Fri. Nov. 24 School and Office Closed.

Dec. 4-6 Grade 3 CogAT Testing

Dec. 7-15 Book Fair

Wed. Dec. 13 Early Dismissal for Students

Thur. Dec. 14 Book Fair evening event

Mon. Dec. 25 Schools & Offices Closed for Winter Break

Tues. Jan. 2 Schools & Offices reopen