



MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear HES Families,

Thank you to all those parents who took time to give us their input on topics of interest for our Virtual Social Emotional Learning Night! We look forward to you joining us on **Monday, December 4th at 7:00 pm**. Here is the schedule and session options for the evening. Parents are welcome to attend 1, 2, or all 3 sessions.

Time & Session	Joining Information
7:00-7:15-Welcome & SEL Awareness (All parents should join us here first.)	Please click on this link to join: https://meet.google.com/ruf-napp-uoo
7:15-7:35-Session 1	Choose a session option link below.
7:35-7:55-Session 2	Choose a session option link below.
7:55-8:15-Session 3	Choose a session option link below.

Topics and links below:

(Sessions can be done in any order you choose.)

- Increasing Self Advocacy: <https://meet.google.com/cwn-urwd-wqs>
- Debriefing Your Child’s School Day: <https://meet.google.com/nok-qwsm-uuq>
- Bullying vs. Peer Conflict Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/ruf-napp-uoo>

We will review directions on how to join each session in our welcome session beginning at 7:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly,

*Heather Morauff, Principal
Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal*

OUTDOOR RECESS

Cold weather has arrived!!! We wanted to remind you that students will still be going outside for recess each day. Please make sure you send your child to school with warm clothes. **All clothing needs to be labeled with your child's name.** Below you will find the HCPSS criteria we consider when having outdoor activities.

- Temperature and humidity
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Adequacy of the children's clothing
- Condition of the playground
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle or mist)
- Thunder and lightning

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess, physical education, or any other outdoor activity when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index is less than 95.



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. Klueh or Mrs. Stehle by **Monday**,

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

HES PRIDE DAYS

Show your Hammond pride by wearing your HES spirit wear or the school colors of green and yellow tomorrow!

**HAMMOND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PRIDE DAYS

Students and Staff are invited to wear their Hammond Elementary apparel and/or school colors to show their Hammond pride.

**1st Fridays
of the MONTH!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st
- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 3rd
- June 7th

A NOTE FROM ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to 5th Grade students **Teni Onijala** (violin) and **Harrison Price** (double bass) on their selection into the Elementary School Honors Orchestra (ESHO)! The ESHO is made up of two students from every elementary school orchestra program in the county. We look forward to celebrating Teni, Harrison, and all of the ESHO students at their concert in March!



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING DECEMBER 11

SCHOLASTIC

It's **BOOK FAIR** *time!*

December 11-15: During school
December 14 (5-8pm): Family Night
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/HES3>

COME TO THE FAIR
CHOOSE BOOKS
YOU LOVE

Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system.
Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**

DOG MAN, CAT KID COMIC CLUB © Dav Pilkey.

Dec 11-15: In-school shopping days @ HES Media Center (students only)
Dec 14 (5-8pm): Family Night @ HES Media Center

HES BookFair Website: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/HES3>

Want to help? We are looking for volunteers to help kids make wish-lists during school days, to assist during Family Night, and to help with Book Fair set-up and takedown. If interested, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CA9A629A7FD0-45929146-hammond>

NO CASH! The eWallet is an online account parents can set up for their kids so they can shop without cash. You can share the link with grandparents, friends and other family members to allow them to donate to your child's purchase of books.



Set up an eWallet (online account for your child) now! Link to get started is here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/how-ewallet-works.html?fairId=5441431>

SQUARE 1 ART ORDER EXTENSION! DUE BY FRIDAY, DEC. 1



IEP MEETING SURVEY

If you have participated in an IEP Team Meeting this school year, please fill out an IEP Team Meeting Survey. You may visit the link below or scan the QR code.

[IEP Meeting Survey](#)



COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

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HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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is an annual call to action to inspire K-12 students to learn computer science. CSEdWeek was first launched in 2009 when a decline in computer science studies was noted. This is HES's 11th year participating in Hour of Code.

DECEMBER 4-10

Hour of Code in the CLASSROOM!

students will . . .

- Explore AI and what it means
- Work on a variety of coding websites
 - Code and debug robots
- Learn about careers in computer science
 - Listen to and discuss coding books



HOUR OF CODE

In 2013 Code.org helped to organize the CSEdWeek around the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science.

FAMILY TALK TIME

Ask your child to share their favorite part of the Hour of Code or to share something new they learned.

Try an unplugged coding activity to see if your child can "program" you to do a simple task like brush your teeth or set the table. Each of these algorithms includes many steps!

-or-

Have your child hide an object in the room and give your directions to find it.
ex. move forward, turn right, or turn left.

TALENT SHOW

Hammond's Got Talent! Sign up for the Talent Show by December 19 to share your talents & skills with our HES family.

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY



Do you have a special talent, passion, or skill that you would like to share with others?

Need some ideas?

You can juggle, dance, sing, play your favorite instrument, act, fashion design, gymnastics, dramatic reading, martial arts, or magic! If in doubt...register or reach out. *(email below)*

KEY DATES

Registration Deadline: **DECEMBER 19**

Video Submissions & Music Submission: **JANUARY 5**

Act Review Dates: **JANUARY 16,17** (5:00-6:30)

Dress Rehearsal: **FEBRUARY 28** (5:00-8:00)

Talent Show: **FEBRUARY 29** (6:30)

REGISTER TODAY



Fill out the registration form by December 19th to book your spot in the spotlight! Scan the image or visit the link below.

<https://bit.ly/hes-talent-2024>

GUIDELINES

- Act review provides the students the opportunity to showcase their talent. Act review and dress rehearsal are both mandatory for you to take part in the show
- Any student K-5 interested in performing is welcome!
- Students may be in no more than one act
- All acts must be at least 1 minute and no longer than 2 minutes in length
- Acts with music should submit a link in the sign-up form or email me the .mp3 file if it isn't online or on Spotify
- Group acts are also welcome! All students in a group must be registered separately. They should list the same date/time range for their act review and add the names of the other performers when registering
- Questions? contact us at ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com

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/>

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

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

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.

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

- Dec. 1 HES Spirit Day
- 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-
Jan. 1 Schools & Offices Closed for Winter Break
- Tues. Jan. 2 Schools & Offices reopen