

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

December 8, 2022



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

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Inclusive Schools Week continues! Friday is our **Spirit Wear Day!**

Students are encouraged to wear **Spirit Wear or something that shows their favorite sports team!**

A colorful poster for Inclusive Schools Week. At the top, the word 'UNITY' is written in large, yellow, block letters. Below it, three children are holding a banner that says 'WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY'. The poster is divided into sections for each day of the week: MON 5 Stand Out Day, TUES 6 Exercise Day, WED 7 Comfy Cozy Day, THURS 8 Diversity Day, and FRI 9 Spirit Wear Day. Each section includes a brief description of the day's theme and a small illustration. The bottom of the poster features the school's name, HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

UNITY

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK ♥ DEC 5-9

MON 5
Stand Out Day
Wear a bright color and stand out!

TUES 6
Exercise Day
Exercise your respect for others by wearing workout or exercise clothing!

WED 7
Comfy Cozy Day
Wear your most comfortable clothes or PJs today!

THURS 8
Diversity Day
Being diverse makes us beautiful! Wear a tie-dye or multicolored outfit.

FRI 9
Spirit Wear Day
Wear something that shows your favorite team (sports team, dance team, family, HES, etc...).

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A NOTE FROM ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to 5th grade students James Heine (string bass) and Isabella Mesa (viola) on their acceptance into this year's HCPSS Elementary School Honors Orchestra! We are so proud of their hard work and achievements, and we look forward to celebrating with them at their concert in March.

Advanced Winter Concert

When: Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00pm (student report time: 6:45pm)

Where: Hammond Middle School Gym

Who: Advanced Orchestra and Advanced Band

Information for student performers and families:

- Wear concert attire for both daytime and evening performances
- Bring instruments (if necessary) and music to school
- Contact your child's music teacher with additional questions:
 - Mrs. Jacobs, Orchestra: brittany_jacobs@hcpss.org
 - Mr. Obrigewitch, Band: nicholas_obrigewitch@hcpss.org

A NOTE FROM MUSIC

We are happy to announce the Recorder has been reinstated into our 3rd and 4th grade Music curriculum. All students in those grades will play recorders in general music class. Students who do not already have a recorder need to purchase a recorder using the HCPSS Online Payment System. Recorders are \$2.91 and may be purchased at HCPSS Online Payment System which can be accessed at: <http://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact larissa_sanders@hcpss.org.

Thank you for your support in our music program!

SOMETHING TO READ FROM MEDIA

Scholastic Book Fair is JUST around the corner, this Friday, December 9th!

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

12/12/2022 Evening Event 4pm-6:30pm, 12/15/2022 Afterschool Event 4pm-6:30pm

The time is now to set up your child's eWallet for the [Scholastic Bookfair](#)!



FAMILY Read the Rainbow virtual event

January 7, 2023 at 1:30pm

This is a FREE LGBTQIA+ focused book club and open to ALL (families, students, parents, staff, and community). The ***first 50 families who register will receive a free copy*** of When Aidan Became a Brother mailed to their home. [Learn more](#) about the book and this author/illustrator team.

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! 🏆

The Young Authors' Contest is well underway! We have received 6 entries already! It is not too late to review the guidelines with your students in Grades 1 - 5! We hope that each grade will represent! 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.

PTA NEWS

Sign Up for the Talent Show!

Does your child have a talent he or she would love to share on stage? Register for the Talent Show here: bit.ly/talent2023. The Talent Show will be held January 25 at 6:30pm in the HES Gym. Email president@hespta.org with any questions. **All students who wish to participate must be registered by December 19, 2022.** [Talent Show Announcement HES-01.png](#)

Get to Know the HES Staff Members

Can you guess who the Marvel fans are or who loves their sports team? Who needs coffee everyday? Get to know our wonderful HES staff members a little better and find out more about their [favorite things here](#).

PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting: January 10 at 7:15pm via Zoom

Spring Carnival Planning Committee

Do you enjoy planning exciting, fun-filled, family events? The PTA is figuring out details for the Spring Carnival, and we'd love your input! We are looking for volunteers for the planning committee. If you are interested, please email president@hespta.org.

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

HCPSS COMMUNICATIONS

HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy - Social Emotional Well-Being

TCOE Community Academy on Social Emotional Well-Being: Join HCPSS and the Council of Elders (TCOE) virtually on December 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for an engaging session regarding student well-being. HCPSS staff will provide information about mental health resources within the school system and representatives from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will share how to identify behaviors that affect your child's social/emotional well-being and strategies to openly discuss suicide prevention and mental health awareness (such as depression and anxiety). This session is for families of students at the elementary, middle, or high level. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#). Please see the flier for more information: [TCOE Social Emotional Well-Being](#).

Federal Impact Aid Forms due by December 12: Only a few days remain for eligible parents/guardians to complete the Impact Aid section of Family File. Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service qualify HCPSS to receive additional federal funding. The Federal Impact Aid programs provide financial assistance to school districts that enroll federally connected children. In HCPSS, Impact Aid supplements the operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

In order to qualify for funding, parents who identified themselves in Family File as working on federal property in Maryland or as active duty military should log in via HCPSS Connect to complete the Impact Aid form by confirming the information and providing a digital signature before December 12. (See directions below)

If you did not complete Family File this year and work on federal property in Maryland or are active duty military, please [log in and complete the Federal Impact Aid section of Family File](#) prior to completing the Impact Aid form.

If you submitted a form before September 30, it must be redone.

In instances where families are federally connected both by work location and membership in the uniformed services, the digital signature only needs to be completed by one parent.

To complete your online Impact Aid form:

1. [Log in to HCPSS Connect](#) using parent/guardian credentials

2. Select More Options from the left navigation
3. Select Federal Impact Aid from the middle

The family's federally connected information along with the digital signature will qualify the school system for applicable funding.

Learn more about the [Impact Aid program](#) and view answers to frequently asked questions online.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Cub Scout Pack 606 invites you to help us spread some cheer this holiday season by donating a toy to the US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Our collection box will be in the school lobby until December 13th. Please donate new, unwrapped gifts appropriate for children up to age 12. Thank you for your generosity!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5-9	Inclusive Schools Week continues (see above)
December 9	Young Author's Contest submissions due (see above)
December 9-16	Scholastic Book Fair
December 12	Advanced Winter Concert (see above) Scholastic Book Fair Evening Event 4:00pm-6:30pm
December 14	Schools Close 3 Hours Early
December 15	Scholastic Book Fair Evening Event 4:00pm-6:30pm
December 26 - January 2	Schools closed for Winter Break
January 10	PTA Meeting via Zoom at 7:15pm

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.

