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END OF 2nd QUARTER CELEBRATION

The end of the second quarter is quickly approaching. Our students have voted on the end of quarter celebration. We will be doing a 10 minute google meet dance party at the end of the day.

*In the event school is canceled tomorrow due to weather, the celebration will be held on Friday, January 24.





A NOTE FROM CHORUS, ORCHESTRA & BAND

The Hammond Elementary School Music students are excited to present their Winter Concerts later this month! The students in Chorus, Orchestra, and Band have been practicing on their own and rehearsing together to prepare for these concerts since the start of the school year. We are excited to see how much they've learned and to hear their musical performances! There will be performances during the school day on Wednesday, January 24 for the HES staff and students, but everyone is welcome to come to our evening concerts! Come and support the performing arts at Hammond!

Tuesday, January 23 at ***5:30pm** - Chorus Winter Concert in the HES Gym (students report at 5:15pm)

Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30pm - Orchestra Winter Concert in the HMS Gym (students report at 5:15pm)

Wednesday, January 24 at 7:15pm - Band Winter Concert in the HMS Gym (students report at 7:00pm)

Tuesday, January 30 at 7pm - HMS Connections Concert in the HMS Gym

***new time**

THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS (TCOE) COMMUNITY ACADEMY and BLACK HISTORY EXPO

Processes for Parent Empowerment:

The next HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy will take place on January 27 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Parents and families are invited to attend a virtual session regarding parent advocacy topics include: Bullying, Parent Concerns, Special Education, Advanced Placement. Representatives from HCPSS will provide resources. This session is for families of students at the elementary, middle, or high school levels and will be held virtually. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#). More information can be found in the [TCOE Processes for Parent Empowerment Flyer](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sheree Tilley at sheree_tilley@hcpss.org.

National Pan-Hellenic Council of Howard County Black History Expo 2024:

The annual Black History Expo sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council of Howard County and the Howard County Public School System will be held on February 17 at Long Reach HS from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme of this year's event is "African Americans and the Arts." HCPSS student organizations are invited to participate with exhibits that speak to the theme "African Americans and the Arts" (exhibit fee is waived), as assistants in various areas, or provide program performances.

Students can receive community service hours for their participation. Registration forms for exhibitors, vendors and program performances are included in the [Black History Expo packet](#). The deadline to register to participate is January 20. For more information please contact Muriel G. Mitchell, Black History Expo Coordinator at (410) 461-4717 or blackhistoryexpo@gmail.com.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR MATH

Parent-teacher conference sign up will soon be opening in Synergy. On January 22nd, scheduling will open up and remain open until February 2nd.

This year's winter conferences will be held on February 7th and February 8th. We will be holding 20-minute conferences. All conferences will be held with your child's math teacher. Below are the details of how they will be held based on the date and time of your conference.

-Wednesday, February 7th- All conferences will be held **in person** until **3:30 pm**.

After 3:30 pm, all conferences will be held **virtually only**.

-Thursday, February 8th- All conferences will be held **virtually**.

MATH NIGHT

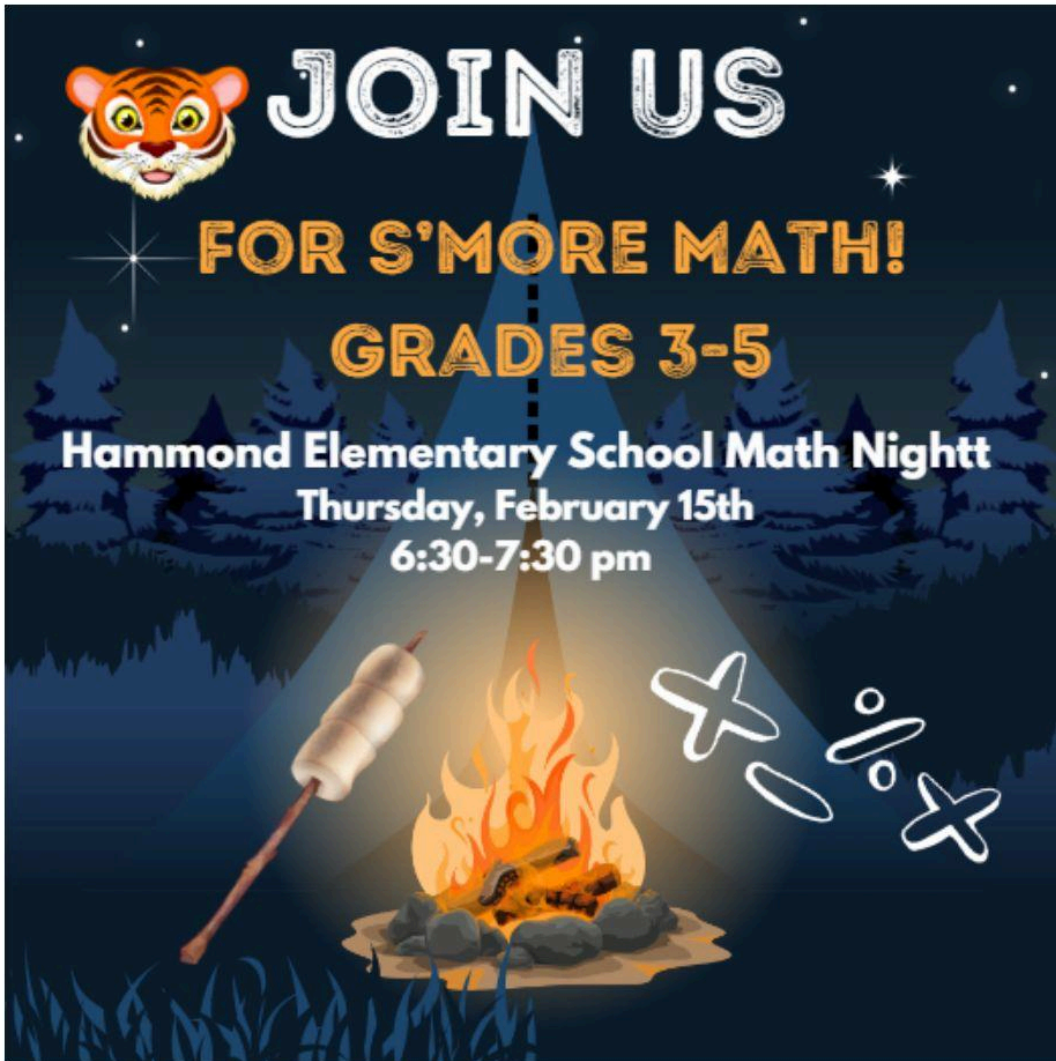
Attention all grade 3-5 mathematicians and families!

Save the date for our MATH NIGHT on Thursday, February 15th.

Join us for **S'MORE** math!! Our amazing staff and math experts will host math learning and tasks during this fun-filled night!

To help us prepare, please RSVP using [this link](#). Please note that Math Night is geared towards our **3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students only**.

(Don't worry, our upcoming Literacy Night will be geared towards our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students. More information to come!)



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon. Jan 22 Professional Work Day Schools closed for students.
Parent-Teacher Conference scheduling window opens.
- Tues. Jan 23 Chorus Winter Concert in HES gym
- Wed. Jan 24 Orchestra/Band Winter Concerts in HMS gym
- Tues. Jan 30 Report cards issued
- Wed. Feb. 7 Math conferences. Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences.
- Thu. Feb. 8 Math conferences. Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences.
- Fri. Feb. 9 Countywide Professional Learning Day Schools closed for students
- Thu. Feb. 15 Math Night for grades 3-5 at 6:30-7:30pm
- Mon. Feb. 19 Presidents Day Schools and offices closed
- Thu. Feb. 29 Talent Show
- Mon. Mar. 4 New Kindergarten registration begins
- Wed. Mar. 13 Professional Work and Wellness Day Schools close 3 hours early.
- Mon. Mar. 25- SPRING BREAK – Schools Closed
Mon. Apr. 1
- Wed. Apr. 10 Professional Work Day Schools closed for students
- Wed. Apr. 17 Report Cards issued