

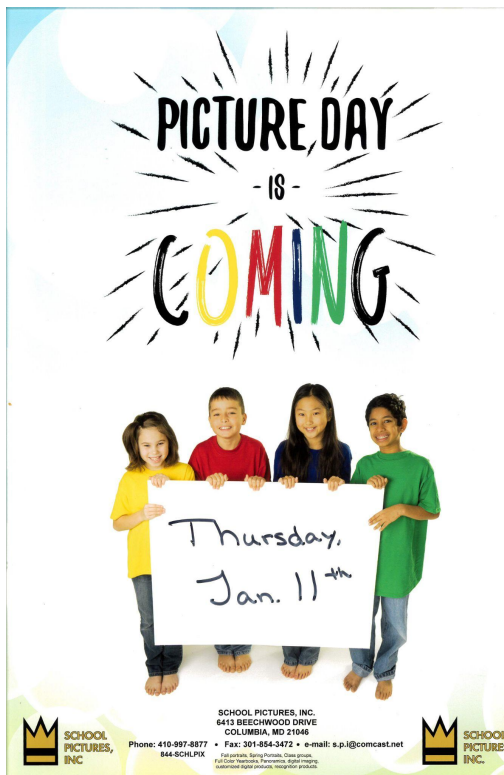


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CLUB PICTURES

Student club pictures will be taken during the school day on Thursday, January 11. [Order forms](#) are being sent home today in the Thursday folders.



MATH NIGHT

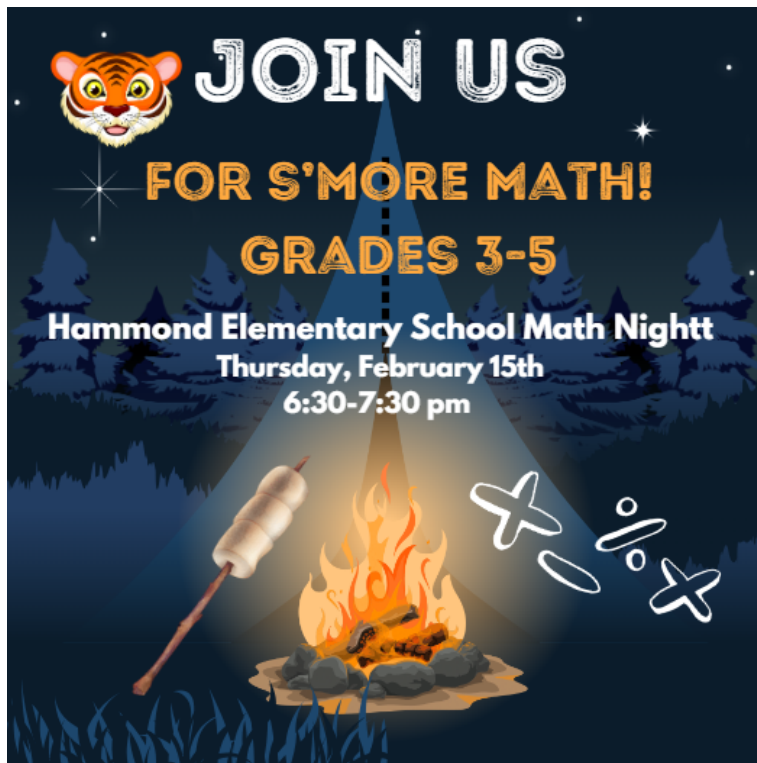
Attention all grade 3-5 mathematicians and families!

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!)



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 6pm - Chorus Winter Concert in the HES Gym

Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30pm - Orchestra Winter Concert in the HMS Gym

Wednesday, January 24 at 7:15pm - Band Winter Concert in the HMS Gym

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

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**.

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Hammond's students in grades 1 through 5 who won our schoolwide Young Authors' Contest! We wish the winners good luck as they move on to the county judging!! Thank you to all of the students who participated!!

In the poetry category, our winners are:

Grade 1 and Grade 2 - no poetry entries

Grade 3 – "The Beach" by Kaitlin Ashton

Grade 4 - "The Rainbows" by Zoya Memon

Grade 5 - "Blossoms" by Leila Roya Chapman

In the short story category, our winners are:

Grade 1 - "Adian and Eгна" by Anya Kalaria

Grade 2 – "Sneaky Samantha" by Sarah Madison Henry

Grade 3 – "Anya and the Mystery of the Phoenix" by Arna Kalaria

Grade 4 – "Little Miss Sad and Lonely" by Caleb King

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

- Thu. Jan.11 Club Pictures
- Mon. Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools and offices closed
- Wed. Jan 17 Professional Work and Wellness Day Schools close 3 hours early.
- Mon. Jan 22 Professional Work Day Schools closed for students
- Tues. Jan 30 Report cards issued
- Wed. Feb. 7 Math conferences. Schools closes 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences.
- Thu. Feb. 8 Math conferences. Schools closes 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