

# Hammond Elementary School



## Tiger Tales

February 16, 2023



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

- Girls on the Run
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### GIRLS ON THE RUN

- The registration period will be February 19th - March 18th
- Our Season 2023 season will begin the week of March 19th.
- We will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The season will end the week of June 5th. A season-culminating 5K events will be on June 3rd in Howard County.

Link to register: <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/GOTRSpring2023Registration>

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year opens on March 6. Children must be 5 years old by September 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. Every child who is 5 years old by September 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program or have an approved waiver. HCPSS kindergarten is a full day program.

To register a new student, click [here](#) to start the online registration process and to view all of the necessary documents. Do not attempt to register online using a cell phone. It is recommended that you work on a laptop or desktop to complete registration.

## LITERACY NIGHT

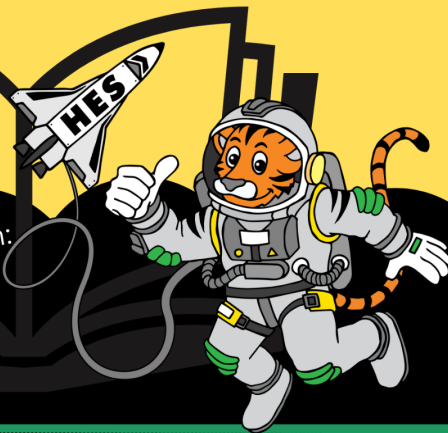
Mark your calendars for this special evening of family fun!

# SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 30TH 6-8PM

## LITERACY NIGHT AT HAMMOND ELEMENTARY

Exciting presentation from:  
Author & Illustrator  
Elizabeth Lilly



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY PRESENTS:  
A FUN FAMILY NIGHT TO  
EXPLORE READING AND WRITING

## COUNSELORS' CORNER

### KINDNESS WEEK February 13-17, 2023

Our Kindness Week has been most enjoyable seeing our staff and students participating in our dress-up themes! We have one more day of spirited fun! Check out the [flier](#) for all of the details.

# KINDNESS WEEK

13

Kicking Off Kindness  
Monday

wear mis-match socks  
and/or shoes.



Friendship  
Tuesday

Wear red or pink or hearts

14

15

Wild for Kindness  
Wednesday

wear animal print or dress as your  
favorite animal



Team Kindness  
Thursday

wear gear from your favorite  
sports team



16

17

Dreaming of Kindness  
Friday

wear pajamas/comfy  
clothing



## A NOTE FROM THE HEALTHROOM

If you are cleaning out your children's closets and have any sweatpants, leggings, jeans or ANY pants that your kids have outgrown, the Health Room would greatly take the donations. The Health Room often provides students with clothes after falling at recess, spilling their lunch on themselves or having an accident throughout the day.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES by HOWARD COUNTY RECS & PARKS

Click for [After School Classes](#) offered at HES by Howard County Recreation & Parks. These classes provide fun, structured, educational and enriching activities for Hammond ES students, benefitting both the child(ren) and parents!

## PTA NEWS

### Seeking Volunteers for Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee helps the PTA find volunteers for Board positions that are up for reelection. It's a great way to support the PTA without a long-term commitment! If you're interested in helping us find our next PTA Board members, contact Kristina at [president@hespta.org](mailto:president@hespta.org).

### Student Support

Please see a current wish list of requested items to help support some of our students' sensory needs. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and generosity! (Please use the registry address.) [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LE55UGJ8JZ4Z?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LE55UGJ8JZ4Z?ref=wl_share)

### Please Relink Your Harris Teeter VIC Cards

Have you relinked your Harris Teeter VIC card for this school year? It just takes a few seconds! Go to [www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education](http://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education) and select the HES PTA. Thank you for your support!

### Save the Date! Spring Carnival on April 29

Rain or shine, the Spring Carnival will be held on Saturday, April 29 at HES from 3-6pm. More details to come! In the meantime...

*Please consider helping!* There are small tasks that we'd love help with before the event, and we'll need plenty of volunteers the day of the carnival to help with setup, activities during the event, and clean up. Email [carnival@hespta.org](mailto:carnival@hespta.org) if you are interested.

**The poster contest** will be April 11-20! Students can create posters about the Spring Carnival, and they will be hung up around HES. Participants receive tickets that can be redeemed at the Carnival. More details to come!

## IMPORTANT DATES

February 13-17 Kindness Week (see above)

February 20 No School

March 6 Kindergarten Registration opens

March 15 Schools Close 3 Hours Early - Professional Work and Wellness Day

March 30	Literacy Night 6-8pm
March 31	Schools Close 3 Hours Early
April 3 - 7	Spring Break. Schools and offices closed
April 10	Schools and offices closed
April 21	Schools closed for students
April 29	Spring Carnival, rain or shine
April 21	Schools closed for students
May 19	Schools closed for students
May 29	Memorial Day – Schools and offices closed
June 7	Schools close 3 hours early.
June 9	Schools close 3 hours early.
June 12	Schools close 3 hours early.
June 13	Last School Day – Schools close 3 hours early.
June 14–16	May be used as 5 inclement weather makeup days
June 20-21	May be used as 5 inclement weather makeup days
June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day – Schools and offices closed

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](#).

### **Outdoor Recess Policy**

As temperatures begin to get colder, please remember the guidelines we follow for going outside for recess, PE classes, and students waiting outside for arrival and dismissal. Below is the HCPSS Weather Guidelines/Recess. In short, if the feels like temperature in our area is less than 20 degrees,

we will have indoor recess. At this time the "feels like temperature" is 18 degrees. We'll keep an eye on it prior to the start of Kindergarten's recess.

The decision to go outside or stay inside for recess, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity is the decision of the administrator at individual schools and based on the following criteria:

- 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, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index reading is less than 95.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please visit the [link](#) to the Howard County Public School System's Community News and Programs page.

