

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

February 2, 2023



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

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- Sharing Community Cultures
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- School day starts promptly at 9:00am. Doors open at 8:45am. Set your children up for success by getting them to school on time each day! Parents must accompany late arrivals to sign them in on the sheet in the vestibule.
- Check your children's school supplies as it might be time to re-stock.
- When dropping off or picking up children please use the HES staffed drop-off line or park in a regulation parking space. This is for the safety of all!
- Our Lost & Found grows daily but it does not need to. Please label all coats, jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. with your child's name. Otherwise these items may be donated.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

KINDNESS WEEK February 13-17, 2023

Join in the fun and spirit of Kindness Week by participating in the themed days! Check out the [flier](#) for all of the details.

KINDNESS WEEK

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Kicking Off Kindness Monday

wear mis-match socks
and/or shoes.



Friendship Tuesday

wear red or pink or hearts

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Wild for Kindness Wednesday

wear animal print or dress as your
favorite animal



Team Kindness Thursday

wear gear from your favorite
sports team



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Dreaming of Kindness Friday

wear pajamas/comfy
clothing



***Is your family eligible for free/reduced internet? Click the link below to see!**

https://www.whitehouse.gov/getinternet/?utm_source=getinternet.gov

SHARING COMMUNITY CULTURES at HES

We are planning to spotlight the many cultures that are a part of our HES community. In January, Dr. Chen and Ms. Zhang so beautifully displayed decorations that celebrated the Chinese New Year in

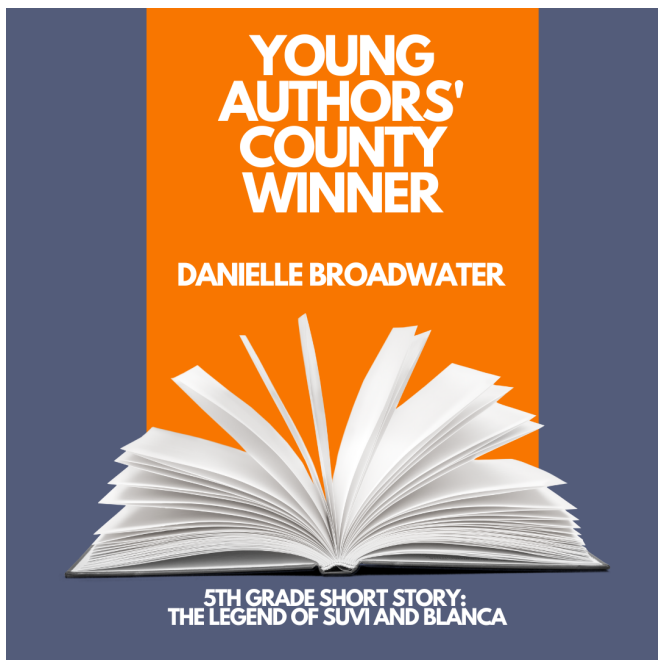
our lobby. We would love to continue highlighting other cultures and/or focused celebrations. In February, we will be recognizing Black History Month. In March, we will be recognizing Women's History Month. After that, we will be looking to feature other traditions, cultures, and values. We would love to have members of our HES community contribute to our displays. If you would like to share your ideas or items we could display, please contact Mrs. Frere, our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Liaison at karen_frere@hcpss.org.

THE STARS OF OUR TALENT SHOW

A huge congratulations to all our Talent Show stars!! We thank each of you for sharing your talents with us!

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| Gracyn McCoy | Leyna Zhou | McKenzie Cook |
| Cora DeStefano | Meredith Zhao | Chandler Ren |
| Penelope Thorn | Aarav Patel | Alexis Joy |
| Gloria Teng | Hunter Locks | David Shao |
| Anyia Kalaria | Layla Golden | Finley Moore |
| Laolu Lasisi | Violet Yu | Lillian Kunkle |
| Tommy Weber | Arna Kalaria | Vivian Yin |
| Catherine Lei | Huade Wang | May Numata |
| Yuehan Su | Lily Curtin | Laurel Yu |

YOUNG AUTHOR'S HOWARD COUNTY WINNER - CONGRATULATIONS!



WINTER MAP ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment during the month of January or February. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress in the areas of Reading and Math. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Teachers in grades 1-5 will administer the assessment on the dates listed below. If your child is absent, makeup testing will be offered when they return to school. Teachers will share specific dates or changes to dates with you via Canvas announcements. If you have any questions regarding MAP testing, please reach out to Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator or your child's teacher.

- Grade 1: January 30th (Reading) and January 31st (Math)
- Grade 2: January 26th (Reading) and January 27th (Math)
- Grade 3: January 24th (Reading) and January 31st (Math)
- Grade 4: February 7th (Math) and February 14th (Reading)
- Grade 5: February 2nd (Reading) and February 7th (Math)

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

Restaurant Night: Chick-fil-a Tuesday, February 7

Join us at Chick-fil-A (10975 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel) on Tuesday, February 7 from 6am-10pm for restaurant night. Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of sales to the HES PTA. Please mention Hammond Elementary School when ordering at Chick-fil-a today or show this [flier](#)!

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.

Spring Carnival Save the Date

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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| February 3 | School Spirit Day -wear HES apparel or colors |
| February 7 | Chick-fil-a Restaurant Day |
| February 9 | Early Dismissal - School closed 3-hours early for Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| February 10 | Early Dismissal - School closed 3-hours early for Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| February 13-17 | Kindness Week (see above) |
| February 20 | No School |
| March 15 | Schools Close 3 Hours Early - Professional Work and Wellness Day |
| March 31 | Schools Close 3 Hours Early |
| April 29 | Spring Carnival, rain or shine |

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 it 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.

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.

