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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear HES Community,

As we approach next Wednesday, April 24th, National Administrative Professionals Day, I want to take a moment to highlight an essential group of individuals who play a crucial role in our daily operations: our front office staff.

These phenomenal professionals are the first faces our visitors encounter when they step into our school. They handle phone calls, greet parents, assist students, manage paperwork, handle emergencies, and keep everything running smoothly. Their dedication and hard work often go unnoticed, but their impact is immeasurable.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate and appreciate our front office staff! They are the backbone of our school, and their tireless efforts deserve recognition. Thank you for joining me in celebrating our unsung Tiger heroes!

Heather Moraff, Principal
Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal

FIELD DAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A vertical poster for Field Day. The background is a green field with white and yellow lines. The text is in white and black. The top section has the title 'FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'. The middle section has the date 'MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY, MAY 20'. The bottom section has a paragraph of text and a sign-up link.

FIELD DAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR MONDAY, MAY 20**

The success of Field Day is not possible without volunteers like you. If you are able to volunteer half or full day, Mrs Serpico, Mr Quirk and Mr Carr would greatly appreciate it. Please select the station you wish to man.

YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND SUBMITTED CERTIFICATES TO THE FRONT OFFICE

SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK
<https://rb.gy/rier5r>

SCHOOLWIDE ENRICHMENT FAIR - MAY 23

Join us for an exciting evening at our upcoming Schoolwide Enrichment Fair scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd from 6:00pm -7:30 pm. We invite you to come and celebrate the effort, commitment, and imagination of our talented Hammond Tigers. Student projects will be showcased in the team areas and the lunchroom. So, mark your calendars and be prepared to be amazed by the creativity and dedication showcased at this special event!

CAREER DAY MAY 23



HES
Career Day

May 23, 2024
Dress for your future career!

Interested in speaking to a class
about your career?
Scan the QR code and fill out the Google Form!



MULTICULTURAL NIGHT POSTER CONTEST

Multicultural Night is May 17. Poster contest entries are due by May 1.

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY
PTA MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

POSTER CONTEST



ENTRIES DUE: April 26th, 2024
EXHIBIT START: May 1st, 2024

Parents please sign up for
food tables and
performances by April 19th!

All entries must include:

Theme: Celebrating Unity Through Diversity

School: Hammond ES or HES

Date: May 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Cafeteria & Middle School Gym



SCAN HERE



Use your own paper (not larger than 11"x17")-OR- blank poster paper will be available for pick from April 5-12th! On the back of the poster, please include your name, grade, and teacher. Place posters in the collection box at the front of the school from April 5-26th! Prizes will be awarded in all grade levels! Send questions to multiculturalnightcommittee@gmail.com

NEW SCHOOL GARDEN

Expressing our gratitude for the collaboration and support from the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in acquiring a brand-new fence, as well as the generous contribution from Nourishing Gardens for supplying the high-quality soil and thriving plants. We are delighted to report the successful installation of the garden, now flourishing with the growth of various plant species.



BUS REGISTRATION - REQUIRED!

Bus registration opened on April 8th! Details on Bus Transportation Registration are available on the HCPSS website. Please register through May 31st.

Parents/guardians whose children are eligible for bus transportation are asked to register to receive bus service each year to help the school system plan for student transportation needs. **The transportation registration process will open at 9 a.m. Monday, April 8 through May 31, and will be completed online via HCPSS Connect Synergy.** Registration must be done for each eligible child.

To be eligible for bus service, your child's home address must be outside of a school's walk zones. You can verify address eligibility in the [HCPSS School Attendance Area Locator](#). After inputting your address, a window will appear that will indicate either bus or walk for each school level. Please note, the attendance area locator also includes a link for the bus stop locator, which is set for the current school year. Bus stop information for the 2024-2025 school year will be available in August.

You do not need to take any action if:

- Your child is not eligible for bus transportation
- Your child receives transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, or
- Your child is a graduating senior

[Details on bus transportation registration](#), including a guide to register and scenarios families may see when registering, can be found online.

LITERACY NIGHT THANK YOU



*Thank you,
HES PTA!*

You truly helped us make Literacy Night a success. Our author visit with Miranda Mittleman and Weaver was so much fun!



TESTING DATES

UPCOMING: Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)

Students in grades 3-5 will take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) during the month of April and/or May. The MCAP assessments measure student achievement on the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards in English language arts and math. To learn more about MCAP, please visit [HCPSS Maryland Comprehensive Assessment](#) page.

Students in grades 3-5 are encouraged to bring in their own corded headphones (if possible). Wireless or bluetooth headphones are not permitted during the MCAP Assessments.

Before testing, make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a hearty and filling meal before testing.

MCAP Testing Dates		
Grade	ELA	Math
5th	4/4, 4/5, 4/8, 4/9	4/29, 4/30
4th	4/11, 4/12, 4/15, 4/16	5/1, 5/2, 5/6, 5/7
3rd	4/18* 4/22, 4/24, 4/26	5/8, 5/9, 5/15, 5/16

***Makeup testing will take place during the testing window.

* 4/18 is a new date for 3rd Grade testing. Due to the observance of Passover, there will no longer be testing on 4/23.

5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings: Your Help Needed!

The Simulated Congressional Hearings are an exciting rite of passage for our 5th graders. We are already busy preparing for this event on May 31. **Register Here:** <http://tinyurl.com/2024-SCH-RSVP>



CALL FOR SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARING (SCH) JUDGES

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION.

JUDGES WILL:

- Listen to 5th graders testify
- Ask questions
- Provide feedback

Register to Judge at:
<http://tinyurl.com/2024-SCH-RSVP>

GIFTED & TALENTED SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Gifted and Talented (G/T) Summer Institutes for Talent Development offers additional advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year for students **entering grades 1-8**. Rigorous instruction focusing on talent development is offered in mathematics, science, social studies, language arts, technology and fine arts.

No testing nor prior G/T coursework is required for enrollment in these enrichment offerings.

For Summer 2024, we will be offering one two-week session from July 8 - 19 at Burleigh Manor Middle School. While the program is half-day, before and after care is available on site via Howard County Recreation and Parks.

A few highlights ---

- Bus transportation to area collector stops!
- Exciting courses in Humanities, STEM, and the Arts!

Financial assistance is available for students participating in the Free and Reduced Meal Program.

Families of HCPSS students may enter registration requests through HCPSS Connect beginning on April 2 at 6 p.m.

For more information on how to register, please see [this registration guide](#).

- [G/T Course Listing](#)
- [G/T Course Matrix](#)

Contact: GTSummer@hcpss.org or 410-313-6671.

OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Join Summer Basketball Camp. [Click here for all of the information.](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. Apr. 22 3rd Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Tue. Apr. 23 3rd Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Wed. Apr. 24 3rd Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Fri.. Apr. 26 3rd Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Mon. Apr. 29 5th Grade MCAP testing for Math

Tue. Apr. 30 5th Grade MCAP testing for Math

Wed. May 1 4th Grade MCAP testing for Math

Thu. May 2 4th Grade MCAP testing for Math

Mon. May 6 4th Grade MCAP testing for Math

Tue. May 7 4th Grade MCAP testing for Math
Wed. May 8 3rd Grade MCAP testing for Math
Thu. May 9 3rd Grade MCAP testing for Math
Mon. May 13 5th Grade Photo at 2pm -wear 5th gr t shirts
Tue. May 14 Election Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed. May 15 3rd Grade MCAP testing for Math
Thur. May 16 3rd Grade MCAP testing for Math
Fri. May 17 Schools close 3 hours early
Fri. May 17 Multicultural Night
Mon, May 20 Field Day
Wed, May 23 Career Day
Wed, May 23 Enrichment Fair
Mon May 27 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Fri, May 31 5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearing
Wed Jun 5 Schools close 3 hours early
Jun 12 - Jun 14 Schools close 3 hours early
Fri June 14 Last Day of School

