

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

April 21, 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hammond families,

It was lovely to see the students return on Tuesday. They enjoyed sharing their tales of Spring Break. We also appreciate the enthusiasm they shared as we approach our fourth quarter of school. Please continue to monitor our calendar of events (see below) as new events continue to be added.

At Hammond Elementary School, we value your input. During the next few months, our staff will begin the process of forming homeroom and mathematics classes for the 2022 - 2023 school year. We invite you to share information about your child that would be helpful for your child's new teachers to learn in preparation for greeting your child on the first day of school. The purpose of this form is to give you an opportunity to share information about your child's strengths, areas for growth, and special interests.

Our articulation process with current and new students is thoughtful and detailed. Once we have gathered this information, our teachers and administrative team will use this information in association with a wide range of criteria, including learning styles, instructional levels, learning behaviors and academic data to better inform placement decisions for the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for your understanding that this form is not intended to be used to request a specific teacher.

The completion of this form is optional; however, you are encouraged to use this opportunity to provide helpful information for our upcoming school year. This tool, over individual emails, serves as the best communication tool to tell us more about your child.

[Parent Input Form \(2021 - 2022\)](#)

Completed forms are due by Friday, April 29th. We thank you in advance for adhering to the deadline.

Thank you in advance for enjoying our most recent copy of our Tiger Tales.

Best wishes,

Ms. Ciarapica

BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHORUS CONCERT

The Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Spring Double Concert is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022 in the Hammond Middle School gymnasium. Students have been working toward this for quite a while and are excited to perform their final concert of the year! The in-school performances will be for Hammond ES students and staff. Families are welcome to attend the evening concerts. Click [here](#) for information about report times, concert attire, and some general reminders.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Trans Day of Visibility

In honor of International Transgender Day of Visibility, we have opened up registration for our next virtual [FAMILY Read the Rainbow book club for Calvin](#) by JR and Vanessa Ford on Tuesday, June 7th at 6pm. Please let any interested families know about the club. It is open to all. The first 50 families receive a free copy of the book. If you would like to register, click [here](#).

Upcoming Assessments

Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) Testing

Students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment during the month of March and/or April. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: [HCPSS The Measures of Academic Progress Information](#) page.

***Testing dates will vary. Grade level teams will also communicate specific MAP testing dates for their grade level/class via Canvas.**

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.

| MCAP Testing Dates | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Grade | ELA | Math |
| 5th | 4/25, 4/26, 4/28, 4/29 | 5/10, 5/13 |
| 4th | 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/9 | 5/16, 5/17 |
| 3rd | 5/9, 5/10, 5/12, 5/13 | 5/23, 5/24 |

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

MAP Test Results

MAP test results are entered in Synergy the Friday after a student takes the test. It can take up to 24 hours to become visible for an individual student. The Detailed PDF home report will be available in Synergy in early May.

Access previous test scores:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Standardized Test Scores from the middle

Detailed PDF home reports are available in Synergy. To access home reports:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Report Cards from the middle
4. Select the applicable report from the Student's MAP Reports section.

Please visit [HCPSS The Measures of Academic Progress page](#) for more information.

2022 VIRTUAL SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS- YOU'RE INVITED TO JUDGE

A Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is a performance assessment that culminates our fifth-graders' year of social studies instruction. The students will serve as experts on issues related to the constitution. You will help simulate the role of a Congressional panel by listening, asking the questions we provide you, and giving positive feedback. To be a great judge, you do not need to be a constitutional scholar. It's the students job to teach you. Hammond's SCH will be held on May 26th, more details about the event will be shared with 5th grade families as the date approaches.

RSVP to Judge: <http://tinyurl.com/2022-Judge-RSVP>

For more information review this [flyer](#) or contact Kim Eggborn: Kimberly_Eggborn@hcpss.org, 410-313-5678, Follow us on Twitter [@HCPSSElemSS](#)

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

From the Health Room:

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 or is a close contact to a positive case, please email the following information to the Health Room staff (Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org) and Front Office (Lisa_Castaneda@hcpss.org) regarding your child's absence:

Positive Test:

- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination
- Type of Covid test taken (PCR or rapid) **and date**

Close Contact to a Positive Individual if not Vaccinated:

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination

- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child?
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days

Health and Safety Precautions

Please complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) with your child every morning. Scheduled volunteers should also complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) prior to entering the building.

For more information about [COVID-19 Health & Safety](#) please visit www.hcpss.org.

HES is Still Hiring!

Temporary Employee (TE)

Description: These individuals provide close adult support to some of our special education students, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

For this special education position, interested candidates would apply through an outside agency that staffs these positions in our schools.

- The position is for 6.5 hour day (6 hours paid with an unpaid ½ hour lunch) from Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:30.
- Contact [R. Tencher](#) and apply through [Social Service Consultants](#)
- The pay rate for this position is \$13.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mapson at nykia_mapson@hcpss.org or 410-880-5890 as soon as possible.

Recess/Lunch Monitor Position

Description: These individuals supervise students at recess and outdoor/indoor lunch, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

- Begins as soon as possible
- We prefer 5 days (Monday through Friday) but can discuss part time options
- The hours are 10:45am - 2:15pm
- The pay rate for this position is \$12.50.

[Recess Lunch Monitor Application Link](#) - Please note that this is a long process through HCPSS Human Resources, so please submit your application as soon as possible and contact Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal, at nykia_mapson@hcpss.org or 410-880-5890, to let her know you are interested.

Please feel free to share these employment opportunities with friends, family, and neighbors.

2022 SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Hammond High School - Summer Sports Camps - Registration is OPEN.** Attention parents of 4th-9th graders for the 22-23 school year: Hammond Boosters is once again offering sports camps for baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, field hockey, boys soccer, and dance. Instruction will be given by the Hammond High School Varsity Coaching Staff, along with players. This is a great and affordable way to get better at your

chosen sport, meet new friends, and have fun doing it! Find all of the details and registration information [here](#).

- The **2022 Summer Programs Preview**, which contains descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information, is available to view and download from the Summer Programs web page <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>
- Come out to **Sports Camp** the week of June 27 and/or July 18 at Reservoir High School. Camp is hosted by Lime Kiln teacher/Reservoir coach Phil Ranker, as well as other certified elementary and middle school teachers in the county and state. The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun, productive time. Full day and half day options available. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!

OUTDOOR RECESS, OUTDOOR EATING & COLD WEATHER

We will offer outdoor lunch as weather and staff coverage permit. Please have a conversation with your child about where you would like them to eat. If your child is eating outside, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. If you choose to have your child eat inside, all students have an assigned seat.

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
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle)
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Condition of the playground
- 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. Please be sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

PTA NEWS

General Meeting Dates

- **5/10: PTA Meeting:** Elections, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)
- **6/7: PTA Meeting:** 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)

Upcoming PTA Events

5/7 Spring Carnival -Join us as we celebrate Hammond Elementary's 50th birthday!

Where: Hammond ES (behind the middle school)

When: Saturday, May 7 from 3-6pm (rain date: May 14)

What: Rock climbing wall, obstacle course, moon bounce, giant inflatable slide, carnival games, cake walk, magician, photo props, and more! HoCo Fire Dept and Police K9 Unit, PTA concessions, food trucks, funnel cakes. Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Cash Raffle

Why: HES is turning 50 and we're celebrating our 1971 birthday with a totally far out, groovy to the max par-tay!

Avoid the lines AND save money...buy your wristbands and tickets ahead of time!

| | Presale | Day-of |
|---|------------|----------|
| Unlimited Rides/Games Wristband | \$10 | \$15 |
| PTA Meal Deal Wristband Extra large slice of pizza, chips, drink | \$5 | \$6 |
| Tickets for Raffle Prizes and PTA Concessions | 10 for \$9 | \$1 each |

Purchase wristbands and tickets online at <https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store>. Presales will end on Monday, May 2 at 8:00 PM. Presale wristbands and tickets will be available for pick-up on Thursday, May 5 in front of HES from 4-6pm OR the day of the carnival at the presales table. PTA concessions (popcorn, drinks, cotton candy) will be available for purchase via tickets or credit card.

Parents who volunteer 1 hour at the carnival get 5 free tickets! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3uLDTsd>. All volunteers must have complied with HCPSS [volunteer requirements](#) before May 7.

Carnival Poster Contest - Extended through Friday, April 22

Help the PTA prepare for the Spring Carnival by making a poster! All participants receive 5 Spring Carnival tickets. The winner in each grade receives an additional 10 tickets! Place posters in the collection box at the front of the school.. Winners will be announced on May 3 Email Maria_Rocco@hcpss.org with any questions.

Posters must include the following information:

Event: Hammond Elementary School PTA Spring Carnival

Date: May 7, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

On the back, please include your name, grade and teacher

Reminders and Tips:

Please do not use any food on your poster

Size: No larger than 22" x 28"

Corporate Sponsors

A huge thank you to our corporate sponsors!!!! Without the support of our sponsors, the HES Carnival could not happen. Please consider patronizing these businesses as a thanks for their generosity.



Gourmet Cotton Candy Fundraiser

What's a carnival without cotton candy? Order some Poofy Gourmet Cotton Candy in advance, and it will be ready for pickup at the Spring Carnival on May 7. There are 15 delicious flavors to choose from, and it's only \$5 a bucket! Order online at poofycottoncandy.com now through May 4 using code **HE PTA**. Choose the "pickup" option and scroll down for the Hammond Elementary location. If you can't make it to the Carnival but you still love cotton candy, online orders can also be picked up at Poofy (11271 Terrace Lane, Fulton).

Urgently Seeking a Treasurer

We look forward to providing more activities and programs next school year for our students, families, and teachers—but **we can't do any of it without a treasurer!** Time commitment is not significant and no prior experience is necessary. If you're looking for a way to stay engaged and contribute to the well-being of the school, then this is the role for you! If you're not able to volunteer at this time, reach out to a friend and encourage them to join or simply [fill out this anonymous nomination form](#). (We will contact nominees directly to either accept or decline a nomination.) Email Kristina at president@hespta.org to express interest or ask any questions. **BASED ON OUR BYLAWS, WE NEED TO ANNOUNCE THE CANDIDATE NEXT WEEK.**

Support the PTA while you shop!

- **Harris Teeter:** 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

April 27

Students Dismiss 3-Hours Early (12:25 pm) **

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| May 2 | Schools closed for students - Professional Learning Day for staff |
| May 7 | PTA Spring Carnival 3pm-6pm |
| May 12 | 5th grade students visit their assigned middle school - schedule is TBD |
| May 16 | Band, Orchestra & Choral Performance (afternoon & evening) |
| May 18 | Students Dismiss 3-Hours Early (12:30 pm) ** |
| May 19 | Field Day |
| May 26 | Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) for 5th grade |
| May 30 | Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day |
| June 15 | 5th Grade Closing Ceremony (more details to follow) Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** |
| June 16 | Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** |
| June 17 | Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** Last day of school!** |

** denotes new changes to calendar

You may link here to access the [HCPSS Calendar for the 2021 - 2022 School Year](#).

CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

