

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

April 27, 2023



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

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Saturday, April 29, 2023 3pm-6pm

RAIN OR SHINE!

**SUPPORT
OUR PTA**



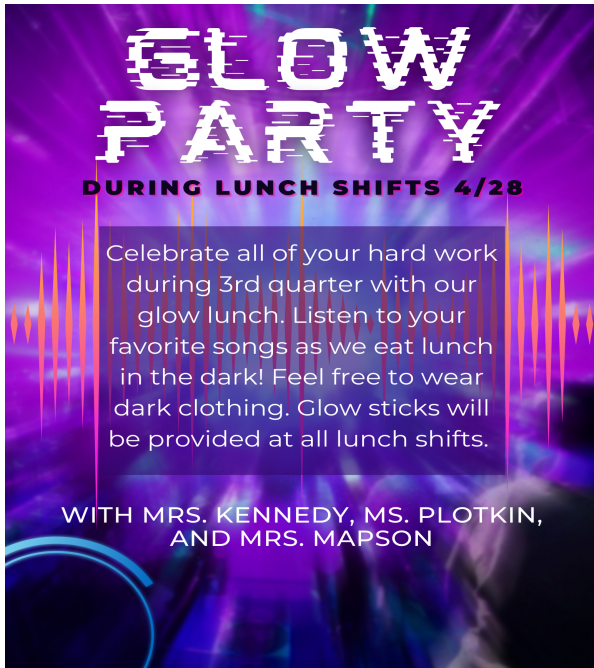
The carnival will feature bounce houses, a giant slide, inflatable obstacle course, DJ, carnival games and prizes, cake walk, temporary tattoos, PTA concessions, food trucks, funnel cakes, raffle prizes, and more!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we invite everyone to come out and have a great time while supporting the HES PTA!

***Enter at the side door of the middle school. Due to weather, we will be moving indoors to the HES gym, HMS gym, and combined cafeteria.**

- **Please consider volunteering 1 hour** of your time during the carnival. We need a lot of volunteers to make this a great event for our HES community! As a bonus, parents who volunteer 1 hour get 5 free tickets that can be used for PTA concessions or raffle entries! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/HES-SUG>
- **Cake walk donations needed:** Could you help by donating a store-bought cake or other treat for this delicious event? Sign up at <https://bit.ly/HES-SUG>
- **Presale Ticket Pick-Up:** Presale wristbands and tickets will be available for pick-up on April 26 and 27 from 4-6p in front of HES. You may also pick them up the day of the carnival at the presales table.

END OF 3RD QUARTER CELEBRATION



PARENT INPUT FORM

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 2023 - 2024 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 \(2023 - 2024\)](#) Completed forms are due by Friday, April 28th. We thank you in advance for adhering to the deadline.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY SURVEY

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the link below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by Friday, May 26th. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next year.

This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school.

- [English survey](#)
- [Spanish survey](#)
- [Chinese survey](#)
- [Chin survey](#)
- [Korean survey](#)

5th GRADE PROMOTION CELEBRATION

The 5th Grade Promotion ceremony will be Tuesday, June 13th from 9:30 am - 10:15 am in the Hammond Middle School Gym. Spectators will be limited to the capacity of the middle school gym. We ask that families consider that we currently have 103 students whose family may choose to attend the ceremony. Beginning at 9:10 am families may enter the HES front doors to proceed to the HMS Gym.

After the promotion ceremony the HES PTA will be hosting all families and students in a celebration from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. The schedule for this portion of the day is still being planned and we will

share details as the date approaches. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

5th GRADE SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

5th grade is starting to prepare for their Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) that will occur on May 16th. The SCH is an authentic, performance-based assessment where students demonstrate their understanding of the U.S. Constitution. Students display their expertise on topics ranging from colonial life and government to the contemporary rights and responsibilities of citizens in our country. The students present prepared oral statements before a panel of simulated congressional committee members (“judges”). Following the formal presentations, students respond to follow-up questions from the panel. For more information about this program, visit: sch.hcpss.org

To start the planning process, judges need to be coordinated for the event. To register to judge, please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2023-SCH-RSVP>. After you register, look for a confirmation email from Member Solutions. You will also receive an email 2 weeks prior to the hearings with additional details and judging materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly_Eggborn@hcpss.org or 410-313-5678.

* **All grades & staff: Spirit Day** - Wear **Red**, White, and **Blue** or HES Spirit Wear/Colors to support The 5th Gr Simulated Congressional Hearing Day.

FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 (Rain Date on Friday May 26). Field Day is a culminating activity, allowing students to use a variety of physical education skills while promoting good sportsmanship and an active lifestyle. Field Day is an ALL day activity for ALL grades.

The success of Field Day is not possible without volunteers like you. If you are able to volunteer half-day or full-day, [Mrs Serpico](#) and [Mr Quirk](#) would greatly appreciate it. Please [sign-up](#) for the station you are interested in assisting. **YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE HCPSS VOLUNTEER TRAINING** for the ‘22-’23 school year. Volunteer criteria can be found on the front page of the school website at hes.hcpss.org.

* Volunteers that will be here all day will be provided pizza for lunch.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR NEXT YEAR?

NEW for the 2023-2024 school year, families whose students are eligible for HCPSS-provided transportation will need to register for bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. REGISTER NOW through June 1. [REGISTER NOW through June 1.](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is underway! 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. Packets are available in the front office as well.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Social Media Safety

Learn about risks and healthy habits for your children using social media. This timely event runs from May 9 -11 for different age groups. See all of the details [Social Media Guide for Parents](#).

Food and Nutrition Resources

[Howard County Food Connection Map](#). - The Howard County Food Connection Map is an interactive tool to help you find low-cost, accessible food and nutrition resources in the County. Bus routes are also added on the map.

[Howard County Food Bank](#). - access to shopping twice a month for families that meet eligibility requirements. Walk-ins and appointments available.

[Columbia Community Care](#)- Provides food, hygiene items, household supplies and baby supplies to families in Howard County. Distribution sites are at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, The Other Barn in Oakland Mills, and the Long Reach Village Center, on Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Delivery Service is available, and you may re-order food for delivery every 7 days.

[The Salvation Army](#) - Drive Thru Food Distribution

- Dates: May 22nd, and June 26th
- Time: Noon - 2:00 PM

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

HCPSS Rainbow Conference - Register Now!

The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the [Rainbow Conference Flier](#) or access this [link](#).

PTA NEWS

PTA Board Elections

We are pleased to announce that we have nominees for all of our open Board positions: President (Melissa Zawadzki), Membership VP (Korin Sharp), and Secretary (Emily Griffin). Please join us via Zoom at our next PTA meeting on May 9 at 7:15pm when we will hold elections.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93149929646?pwd=MjN0aFQrVHh2WVBrWFR3Zy83TnlZz09>

Meeting ID: 931 4992 9646 Passcode: 7Ct5Ps

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 26-27 Pick up Carnival presale tickets, 4-6pm at HES
- April 29 Spring Carnival, rain or shine, 3-6pm
- May 1-2 MCAP ELA Testing Grade 3
- May 2-3 MCAP Math Testing Grade 5
- May 3 STEM Night
- May 4-5 MCAP ELA Testing Grade 3
- May 5 HES Pride Day! Wear HES apparel or school colors
- May 8 Teacher Appreciation Week begins
- May 9 PTA Meeting, 7:15pm via Zoom (elections will be held)
- May 9-10 MCAP Math Testing Grade 4
- May 11-12 MCAP Math Testing Grade 3

May 15	Beginning Band & Orchestra Spring Concert
May 15-16	MCAP Math Testing Grade 3
May 16	5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings
May 16	School Wide Spirit Day - Wear Red, White, and Blue or HES Spirit Wear/Colors
May 18	Field Day
May 19	Schools closed for students
May 29	Memorial Day – Schools and offices closed
June 1	5th Grade to visit Middle School 10am - 11:30am
June 5	Enrichment Fair
June 6	PTA Meeting, 7:15pm via Zoom (previously scheduled as hybrid but will be via Zoom only)
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 13	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30am (doors open at 9:10am)
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

Student Birthdays

- Food, candy, desserts of any kind cannot be brought into school for sharing.
- Birthday party invitations cannot be distributed at school.

- We welcome you to enjoy lunch with your birthday child in the cafeteria. Please visit the front office to sign in.

Lost & Found

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. We invite you to stop into the front office to check the bin for missing items.

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 the county.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

