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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear HES Community,

As we step into April, we are not only embracing the beauty of spring but also the rich tapestry of diversity that each member of our school community brings. This month, we recognize Autism Acceptance Month, a time to celebrate and promote acceptance for the unique abilities and contributions of individuals with autism.

It is our collective responsibility to foster an environment where every student feels valued, understood, and included. At Hammond Elementary, we believe that our differences are not just accepted, but celebrated! Our commitment to diversity is not just about recognizing our varied backgrounds, but also about appreciating the distinct talents and perspectives each person offers.

We continue to have so much pride for our students and staff, who do a phenomenal job in valuing and respecting one another's uniqueness!

Happy Spring!

Heather Moraff, Principal

Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal

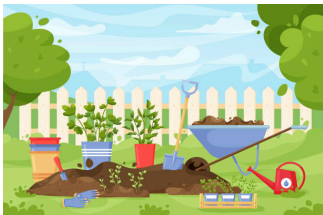
Other News

Did you know that this week is National Assistant Principals Week? This week, we recognize and celebrate some of the unsung heroes in our education system. These dedicated educators work tirelessly to bolster teachers, motivate students, support their principal, and create a positive learning community, all while facing whatever may land on their desk!

Assistant Principals play a crucial role, and this week is a dedicated time to recognize them for their hard work and commitment to our schools.

Please join us in celebrating and appreciating our very own, **Mrs. Nykia Mapson** for all her contributions and commitments to the Hammond Elementary School community as ***THE MOST*** amazing Assistant Principal!

SPRING PLANTING DAY TOMORROW!



The installation of the Hammond Elementary garden is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 to 11:30. We'll be resizing and relocating the current beds to create more pathway room for students, ensuring they're filled with soil, and starting the planting process. Volunteers are encouraged to join in on any or all aspects of the project, so don't forget to bring your gardening gloves!

TRIVIA DAY

Hammond Elementary

T R I V I A

Day!!

Friday, April 12, 2024

K-2: 2:00 PM

3-5: 2:40 PM

PTA SPRING CARNIVAL - APRIL 13

Our Spring Carnival is on **Saturday, April 13th from 3:00-6:00pm**. It will be filled with lots of fun activities and games for all ages! Please come and bring your families! We also need volunteers - the link is below.

Hope to see you there!

The Spring Carnival is almost here!

Buy your tickets/wristbands here:

<https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

We need volunteers! Sign up to be one here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44A8AA2BA7F49-48471241-2024#/>



Hammond
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2024 HES SPRING CARNIVAL

Please Join Us on Saturday, April 13th, 3-6 pm, Rain or Shine at Hammond Elementary School (enter at the middle school) for a Day of Family Fun! Featuring bounce houses, a giant slide, inflatable obstacle course, carnival games, cake walk, temporary tattoos, food and drink, raffle, prizes, and live music!

AVOID THE LINES AND GET YOUR TICKETS HERE NOW!!!



UNLIMITED GAMES /RIDES WRISTBAND \$15 IN ADVANCE, \$20 AT THE DOOR
PTA MEAL DEAL \$8 IN ADVANCE, \$12 AT THE DOOR
TICKETS FOR RAFFLES AND PTA CONCESSIONS 9/\$10 IN ADVANCE, \$1 EACH AT THE DOOR

VOLUNTEERS GET 5 FREE TICKETS FOR RAFFLES/CONCESSIONS - SIGN UP [HERE!](#)



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: LET'S ROAM! * TINY TOOTH DENTISTS * KLOBY'S SMOKEHOUSE * EMILIA'S GYMNASTICS * MOBILE KITCHEN SYSTEMS * SCHOOL OF ROCK COLUMBIA

FREE ENTRY

LITERACY NIGHT FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN - 2ND

SPRING INTO READING AT



PRIMARY GRADES K-2

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 16

6-7:30PM



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM AUTHOR
MIRANDA MIDDLEMAN**

DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, & INCLUSION

This month we have been celebrating Women's History Month and recognizing the season of Ramadan. We would like to thank Mrs. Alburaki for coming in and sharing objects in our front display to celebrate Ramadan and Eid. If you would like to share your family's heritage, please contact Karen Frere at karen_frere@hcpss.org.



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	4/22, 4/23, 4/24, 4/26	5/8, 5/9, 5/15, 5/16

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

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT POSTER CONTEST

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

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.

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

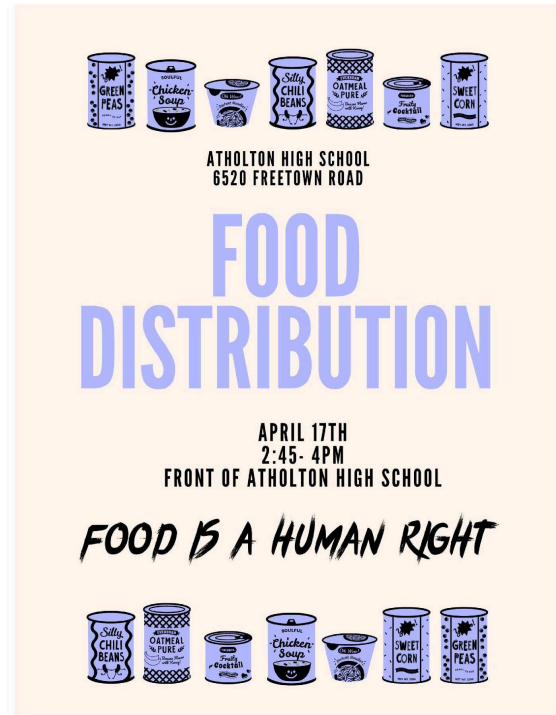
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION.

JUDGES WILL:

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

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

FOOD PANTRY APRIL 17



FROM THE HEALTHROOM

Updated COVID-19 Guidance:

The Maryland Department of Health and Maryland State Department of Education recently endorsed the CDC's [Respiratory Virus Guidance](#), and no longer require a 5-day quarantine period for COVID-19. Students and staff are still expected to remain home if they are experiencing symptom(s) associated with any [communicable disease](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sat. Apr. 6 Spring Gardening
- Mon. Apr. 8 5th Grade MCAP testing for ELA
- Tues. Apr. 9 5th Grade MCAP testing for ELA
- Wed. Apr. 10 Professional Work Day Schools closed for students
- Thu. Apr. 11 4th Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Thu. Apr. 11 Wiz Fit Reward: PJ Day

Fri. Apr. 12 4th Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Sat. Apr. 13 PTA Spring Carnival

Mon. Apr. 15 4th Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Tue. Apr. 16 4th Grade MCAP testing for ELA

Tue. Apr. 16 Literacy Night for Grades K-2 6pm

Wed. Apr. 17 Report Cards issued

Thu. Apr. 18 Wiz Fit Reward: Hat Day

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

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

