



Tiger Tales

May 11, 2023



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

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FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 18th (Rain Date is 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.

Please make sure your child wears his/her grade level t-shirt color, tennis shoes and brings in a water bottle with his/her name on it. Class Colors: Kindergarten is Green - 1st is Yellow - 2nd is Orange - 3rd is Red - 4th is Gray - 5th is Blue

The success of Field Day is not possible without volunteers like you. Please [sign-up](#) for the station you are interested in assisting, half-day or full-day. 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.hcps.org.

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

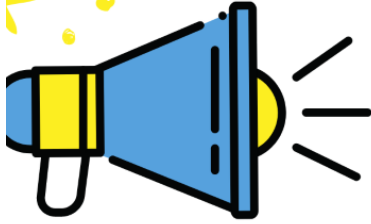


OTHER PE NEWS

Crocs are no longer acceptable in PE class.

YEARBOOK ORDERS MAY 24TH DEADLINE

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



YEARBOOK 22-23

Order your Hammond ES
Yearbook **TODAY!**

Cost: \$22.10
(tax included)

- The Hammond Elementary Yearbook will include fabulous photographic memories of this year's HES events.

To order follow the directions:

STEP 1: To place your order go to:
<http://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd>

- Click on Elementary
- Click on Hammond Elementary
- Click on Yearbook

*** Be sure to include student's name
and homeroom teacher



STEP 2: The account will be active until May 24th

- STEP 3:** A fee of 4% will be charged on top of the 20.10 for the OSP service.

**DEADLINE May 24th! FIRM
NO extras will be ordered.**

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](#)

SPRING CONCERTS

Our music department needs parent volunteers to help with lining up students and monitoring student performers in the halls and during transitions for our daytime and evening Spring Concerts on Monday, May 15. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ABA929A7FC1-spring3>

We are greatly looking forward to our upcoming Spring Concert on Monday, May 15, featuring our Beginning and Advanced Orchestra students, Chorus students, and Beginning and Advanced Band students. There will be performances during the school day for Hammond ES students and staff and performances in the evening for families. Evening concert report and performance times are as follows:

- All Orchestra students
 - Report: 5:45pm
 - Perform: 6:00pm
- All Chorus students
 - Report: 6:30pm
 - Perform: 6:45pm
- All Band students
 - Report: 7:00pm
 - Perform: 7:15pm

Please contact your child's music teacher with any questions.



A NOTE FROM BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the following Band and Orchestra students who performed in the Howard County Elementary School Solo and Ensemble Festival at Long Reach High School on Saturday, April 15:

- Pippa Alberts
- Alice Beer-Maxwell
- Danielle Broadwater
- Tengu Chung
- Clara Daly
- Zachary Esposito
- Samantha Garcia
- Donovan George
- Hannah Hals
- Ryan Hanley
- James Heine
- Logan Heine
- Amara Hunt
- Maddie Ingram
- Samantha Jasinski
- Caleb King
- Gavin Lindheimer
- Ivan Liu
- Joshua Luo
- Gabrielle Manela
- Maame Akua Manu
- Paa Kwasi Manu
- Ebunoluwa Olusi
- Ifeoluwa Olusi
- Oreoluwa Olusi
- Eric Orth
- Alenna Pennini
- Harrison Price
- Patrick Qiu
- Charlie So
- Elizabeth Stafford
- Gloria Teng
- Daniel Wissinger
- Kevin Zhang

We are so proud of your hard work and dedication!

5th GRADE PROMOTION CELEBRATION

The 5th Grade Promotion ceremony will be Tuesday, June 13th from 9:30am -10:15am in the HMS gym. Spectators will be limited to the capacity of the middle school gym. We ask families to consider that we currently have 103 students whose family may choose to attend the ceremony. Beginning at 9:10am 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 10:30am -11:30am. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. **For all of the details on this special day, please see this [flier](#).**

5th Grade Yard Signs (OPTIONAL)

On sale for \$5 on MemberHub now through **May 19**:

<https://hes-pta.memberhub.com/store/items/852615>. No extras will be ordered, so please be sure to get your order in! Signs will be available for pick up the week of May 22. If you have any questions, please email Robyn at robyn.o.bell@gmail.com.

5th GRADE SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

5th grade is preparing for their Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) occurring 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

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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR THE BUS 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.](#)

Visit <https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/> for instructions on how to register. Families who reside in non-transportation areas are not eligible for bus transportation and do not need to take any action. Find the new non-transportation areas for your school online. Students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register. Please call the front office if you have any difficulties.

ENRICHMENT FAIR

Hammond Elementary School will be hosting two school-wide Enrichment Fairs in June.

- **The Primary Enrichment Fair** for Grades K-2 will take place on Monday, June 5th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
- **The Intermediate Enrichment Fair** for Grades 3-5 will take place on Thursday, June 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Students' achievements will be highlighted with a variety of displays of student work throughout the building. We hope to see you there!

LOST & FOUND

Is your child missing a coat, jacket, water bottle, etc.? The lost and found bin in front of my desk contains enough items to clothe a small village! Please come check it out! All unclaimed items will be donated by Memorial Day!



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

HoCo PRIDE T-Shirt Contest, Grades K-12!

Please click [here](#) for rules and how to submit your creation!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Stress, worry & trauma can affect us all. Nurturing our mental health is as important as our physical health. Please refer to our [May Mental Health Calendar](#) for self care ideas each day. By taking care of ourselves, we have more capacity to care for others.

Questions about or referrals needed for mental health supports? Please contact our Counseling Team: Mrs. Kennedy and Ms. Plotkin at 410-880-5890 or at the following addresses:

Margaret_Kennedy@hcpss.org and Ryann_Plotkin@hcpss.org

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

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

If you are cleaning out your children's closets, now or over the summer, and have any sweatpants, leggings, jeans, shorts or ANY pants that your kids have outgrown, the Health Room would happily accept 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.

PTA NEWS

Thank You!

We want to send out a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Spring Carnival such a success!

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and cakes!

Restaurant Night at La Palapa Too (May 23)

Join us at La Palapa Too (7500 Montpelier Road, Laurel) on Tuesday, May 23 from 11am-9:30pm for restaurant night. La Palapa Too will donate a portion of sales to the HES PTA. Please show this [flier](#).

Grade Level Liaisons Needed for 2023-24

Our grade level liaisons communicate with their grade's team of teachers to ensure they have the volunteers and supplies they need for both day-to-day activities as well as special events. We will need liaisons for the 2023-24 school year in the following grades. Contact president@hespta.org if you are interested in finding out more about this low-commitment way to stay in loop with what's going on in your child's grade!

Committee Members Needed for 2023-24

The PTA has many exciting ways you can be involved in the HES community! We are looking for volunteers for the following committees for the 2023-24 school year.

- **Spirit Wear:** Works with a vendor to choose spirit wear designs; sets up the online and in-person sales
- **Restaurant Night:** Sets up a fundraiser with a local restaurant about once a month.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Finds fun & budget-friendly ways to treat the staff each month and during Teacher Appreciation Week in May; coordinates two staff dinners (during the November and February conference nights)
- **PTACHC Delegate:** Attends a monthly meeting (typically first Monday evening of the month) with the PTA Council of Howard County; reports on those meetings at our local PTA meetings
- **Talent Show:** Helps coordinate the HES Talent Show
- **Cultural Arts:** Works with HES staff to bring in a performance group 1-2 times per year

Pre-Order School Supplies (2023-24)

If you'd like to pre-order school supplies for the 2023-24 year and have them delivered at Open House, go to [SchoolToolBox.com](https://www.schooltoolbox.com) (link takes you directly to Hammond Elementary). The deadline to order is July 9. (Please note: You may certainly purchase school supplies on your own. The PTA simply offers this option at-cost as a convenience to families.)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 11-12	MCAP Math Testing Grade 3
May 15	Spring Concert: Beginning and Advanced Orchestra, Chorus, Beginning and Advanced Band
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 23	HoCo Public Library visit: Summer Reading Program
May 23	Restaurant Night at La Palapa Too (see above for flier)
May 24	Yearbook Order Deadline
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 7	All Media books must be returned by this date
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.

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.

