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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear HES Community,

Next week marks the beginning of **Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week**, a time when we come together as a school community to express our gratitude for the incredible work our teachers and staff do every day!

Our teachers and staff members play a vital role in shaping the lives of our students. They inspire, educate, and support our children, often going above and beyond their official duties. Let's take this opportunity to show them how much we value their dedication and hard work.

The PTA and administration at HES have collaborated to bring the teachers a full week of appreciation.

**Here are easy ways to have your child participate:**

1. **Tuesday, May 7th-Write Thank-You Notes/Draw a Photo:** Encourage your child to write heartfelt thank-you note to their teachers and any staff members who have made a positive impact. Students can also choose to draw a picture or make a card.

2. **Thursday, May 9th-Friendship Bracelet or Classroom Supplies:** Consider donating classroom supplies or materials that teachers often purchase out of their own pockets. A box of tissues, markers, or extra pencils can go a long way! Students can also choose to make a friendship bracelet for their teacher!

See below for the full line up of what PTA has in store for staff:

**TEACHER & STAFF appreciation ERA**

**HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

We are excited to celebrate our annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week from May 6th to 10th, 2024. Join in the fun and show appreciation for our fantastic teachers and staff!

**monday**  
**ARE YOU READY FOR IT?!**  
PTA PROVIDING CFA MINIS AND COFFEE FOR BREAKFAST

**tuesday**  
**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE**  
WRITE A KIND NOTE OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR YOUR TEACHER TODAY!

**wednesday**  
**CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS**  
HYDRATION STATION IN THE STAFF LOUNGE

**thursday**  
**KARMA**  
MAKE A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET FOR YOUR TEACHER OR BRING IN SOME SUPPLIES

**friday**  
**FEARLESS**  
LUNCH FROM WEGMANS!

## SPRING CHORUS CONCERT

The Hammond Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is excited to present our Spring Chorus Concert on Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm in the Hammond High School auditorium! This is a wonderful opportunity for our singers to perform on the big high school stage. We will share the concert with the Hammond Middle School Choruses and their director, Mr. Ryan Ritzes. Please come out to support our vocal musicians and be sure to stay to the end for a special combined chorus performance!

## A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the following Orchestra and Band students who performed at the Elementary School Solo and Ensemble Festival at Long Reach High School on Saturday, April 13:

- Clara Daly (viola)
- Malia Pope (viola)
- Luke Skrabacz (cello)
- Arielle Akwei (viola)
- Maame Akua Manu (viola)
- Lillian Van Osterom (viola)
- Eliana Filmon (viola)
- Mia Oliveira (alto saxophone)
- Arianna Szwec (viola)
- Braelyn Branch (viola)
- Ozinna Ifudu (viola)
- Violet Yu (cello)
- Arna Kalaria (violin)
- Joey Ma (viola)
- Donovan George (bass)
- Liam Woods (violin)
- Joshua Luo (violin)
- Nathan Temesgen (violin)
- Zoe Zook (viola)
- Hannah Hals (violin)
- Chloë Woods (violin)
- Braeda Garthoff (viola)
- Mariana Tu (viola)
- Pippa Alberts (clarinet)
- Reece George (cello)
- Dylan Dowd (violin)
- Gloria Teng (violin)
- Amara Hunt (viola)
- Gabrielle Manela (cello)
- Kaitlin Ashton (violin)
- Joanna Luo (violin)
- Eric Orth (bass)
- Paa Kwasi Manu (cello)
- Samantha Garcia (cello)
- Donovan Kerchner (cello)
- Anna Herrell (viola)
- Helena Lidinsky (violin)
- Siona Doshi (cello)
- Caleb King (bass)



## FIELD DAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to those who have already graciously volunteered their time for this fun, school-wide event. Just a few spots left to fill! Help us reach 100% volunteerism for Field Day!

A poster for Field Day featuring a green field with white and yellow lines. The text is centered and reads: "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", and "SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK https://rb.gy/rier5r".

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## 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!



## 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.

## 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.

## MEDIA CENTER: END OF YEAR DATES



### End of the Year Media Center Dates:

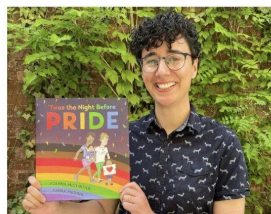
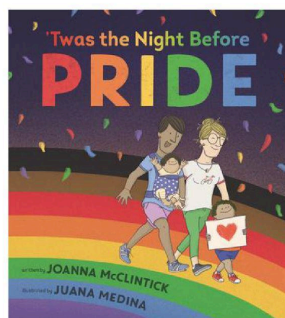
- 5/24: Last day for book check, students with more than 2 books out will not borrow the week of 5/22-5/24
- ALL books must be returned to the Media Center by June 3 at the very latest!

**Thank you for a great year, HES!**

## FAMILY READ THE RAINBOW BOOK CLUB

Our next [FAMILY Read the Rainbow book club](#) will occur on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00PM and feature the book *Twas the Night Before Pride*. The book's author, Joanna McClintick, will be present at our book club meeting to answer questions and talk about writing the book. The first 50 families with students in Pre school - 5th grade who register for this book club will receive a free copy of the book sent to their home or media center. This book club is open to anyone who would like to join us - students, staff, parents, and community.

### FAMILY Read the Rainbow with Joanna McClintick



Join us virtually on  
Monday, June 3rd 2024 @ 6:00pm

to meet author Joanna McClintick and who will  
read aloud and discuss,  
*'Twas the Night Before Pride*

This is a FREE LGBTQIA+ inclusive book club and open  
to ALL (students, parents, educators, and community  
members).

The first 50 families registering with preschool and/or  
elementary aged children will receive a FREE copy of  
the book!

To participate, please register by visiting our  
HCPSS Pride website: [bit.ly/HCPSSRainbow](https://bit.ly/HCPSSRainbow)



## 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.](#)

A poster for the Central Maryland Rainbow Chorus. The background features a large, stylized rainbow with musical notes. The text is centered and reads: "JOIN THE CENTRAL MARYLAND RAINBOW CHORUS FREE TO JOIN! OPEN TO ALL LGBTQ+ FOLKS AND ALLIES 14 AND UP! NO FORMAL MUSICAL TRAINING REQUIRED! AFFIRMING SPACE FOR TRANS AND NONBINARY VOICES! WEDNESDAYS 7-9PM FROM JUN 12 - AUG 7 CONCERT ON SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH @ 7PM OWEN BROWN INTERFAITH CENTER, COLUMBIA MD". At the bottom, it says "WANT TO SING WITH US? PLEASE EMAIL SINGTHERAINBOW@PROTON.ME". A "SPONSORED BY" box contains logos for "Christ United" and "the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION of COLUMBIA".

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 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 22 Spring Chorus Concert 7pm at Hammond High School
- Wed, May 23 Career Day
- Wed, May 23 Enrichment Fair
- Mon May 27 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- Fri, May 31 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simulated Congressional Hearing  
Schoolwide Spirit Day - Wear **Red**, White & **Blue**
- Wed Jun 5 Schools close 3 hours early
- Thur Jun 13 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- Jun 12 - Jun 14 Schools close 3 hours early
- Fri June 14 Last Day of School

