



Tiger Tales

May 25, 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 THANK YOU



Ms. Serpico & Mr. Quirk thank the Hammond community for helping to make Field Day a success! We are very thankful for the overwhelming number of volunteers!

ENRICHMENT FAIR - **Date Change**

Due to a scheduling conflict with Hammond Middle School, HES will hold its Schoolwide Enrichment Fair on one evening only. All grade levels (K-5) will display their work on Monday, June 5th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Students' achievements will be highlighted with a variety of displays of student work throughout the building.

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 9:30am -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](#).**

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.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Food and Nutrition Resources

[Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition](#) (HCLHIC) has updated their website with local food and nutrition resources. There's a link to a food connection map as well as -brochures in English, Spanish, French, Korean, and Chinese that encompass the entire area!

[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

- Date: 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.

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.

PTA NEWS

Committee Members Needed (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
- **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 29	Memorial Day – Schools and offices closed
June 1	5th Grade to visit Middle School 10am - 11:30am
June 2	HES Pride Day - wear HES apparel or school colors
June 5	Enrichment Fair for all grades K-5 6:00-7:30 pm.
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 8	Cultural Arts In-house Field Trip 9:15am - Assembly for Kindergarten, 2nd and 5th grades 10:15am - Assembly for 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades
June 12	Schools close 3 hours early.
June 13	Schools close 3 hours early.
June 13	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30am (doors open at 9:10am)
June 14	Last Day of School. School closes 3 hours early
June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day – School 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.

