

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

May 26, 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hammond families,

Thank you to our thoughtful community! Many families have checked in with us during what has been a difficult week, especially for those who work in schools and those that entrust their children to us each day. We continue to keep safety and security at the forefront of our daily operations.

Thank you to our tremendous PTA as they were in overtime during the month of May. Our entire staff is appreciative of being spoiled during Teacher Appreciation Week. I strongly encourage all families to consider participating in the Taharka Brothers Ice Cream Fundraiser as that was certainly a tremendous hit with our staff (more details are below). Also, I sincerely hope that you had an opportunity to attend the PTA-Sponsored Spring Carnival. The weather did not spoil the fun and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs. Zawadski and her planning committee for pulling off the fantastic undertaking!

As we prepare for Memorial Day Weekend, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all that serve our country. We hope that each of you find a way to celebrate and enjoy your time together.

Thank you in advance for enjoying our most recent copy of our Tiger Tales.

Best wishes,

Ms. Ciarapica

A MESSAGE FROM MEDIA

Important Dates

5/23 - 5/27: Last week for book check during Media class.

6/3: All student books need to be returned to the Media Center.

6/6: Howard County Public Library visiting to promote Summer Reading Program during Related Arts classes

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY INCIDENT INVOICES

Families who have unpaid invoices for lost, stolen or damaged Chromebooks will receive reminder emails from MySchoolBucks [do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com] in the coming weeks. Families can

pay electronically by logging in to their [MySchoolBucks](#) account or create an account by selecting **Log in** and then choosing **Sign up today!** Originally, families would have also received an email from [hcpss_notifications@hcpss.org] with additional information concerning the incident. Questions regarding the student technology incident can be directed to DeviceDeployment@hcpss.org and invoicing and/or payment procedure questions can be directed to Finance@hcpss.org .

SUMMER CURRICULUM RESOURCES

The elementary curriculum offices have compiled several activities and strategies for students to enhance their learning during the summer. The resource can be found on the Canvas [Parent Pages](#) and can be viewed by grade level and subject. Additional resources and suggestions can also be found on the Parent Pages. These resources include games, strategy instruction tips, field trip suggestions and much more. Please feel free to share this information with your families.

- [Prekindergarten](#)
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)

Direct questions to [Kim Eggborn](#).

ASSESSMENTS

Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) Testing

Students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment during the month of March and/or April. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: [HCPSS The Measures of Academic Progress Information](#) page.

MAP Test Results

MAP test results are entered in Synergy the Friday after a student takes the test. It can take up to 24 hours to become visible for an individual student. The Detailed PDF home report will be available in Synergy in early May.

Access previous test scores:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Standardized Test Scores from the middle

Detailed PDF home reports are available in Synergy. To access home reports:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Report Cards from the middle
4. Select the applicable report from the Student's MAP Reports section.

COUNSELORS' CORNER



You are not the bad feelings you get in your head. You are not the storm you walk through. You are the person experiencing the storm. The storm may knock you off your feet. But you will stand once again. Either the weather will change or you will find shelter. Hold on.

Children's Mental Health Awareness week is May 1-7, 2022. Children's mental health is more critical now than ever. Visit www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org for free resources to support children and families.

If you or your children are struggling with anxiety, depression or other mental health challenges, please reach out to your School Counselors for support and resources. You can reach us at 410-880-5890 or by email at Margaret_Kennedy@hcpss.org or Ryann_Plotkin@hcpss.org.

We are here to help!

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 or is a close contact to a positive case, please email the following information to the Health Room staff (Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org) and Front Office (Lisa_Castaneda@hcpss.org) regarding your child's absence:

Positive Test:

- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination
- Type of Covid test taken (PCR or rapid) **and date**

Close Contact to a Positive Individual if not Vaccinated:

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- Vaccination status & date of last vaccination
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child?
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days

Health and Safety Precautions

Please complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) with your child every morning. Scheduled volunteers should also complete a [COVID-19 Self-Screening](#) prior to entering the building.

For more information about [COVID-19 Health & Safety](#) please visit www.hcpss.org.

2022 SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Summer Scholars (rising 6th graders):** The Howard County Office of the Local Children's Board in partnership with HCPSS and Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center is excited to announce registration has opened for our Summer Scholars program. Summer Scholars is a FREE middle school summer program (rising 6, 7 and 8) focused on math and social and emotional learning. Students who qualify for this program are both those who qualify financially as measured by their eligibility for FARMS, WIC and/or SNAP and take on grade level math, received a C or above in math this school year, and scored between the 40th and 60th percentile on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This will be the fifth year of this program and we are excited to expand the program to serve 200 students.

English: [Paper Registration Form \(Links to an external site.\)](#), [Online Form \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and [Flyer \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Spanish: [Paper Registration Form \(Links to an external site.\)](#), [Online Form \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and [Flyer \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

We will also be planning a family kick-off event in late May or early June before school is out to welcome families, answer questions, and give the students an opportunity to meet LTYC instructors and get a taste of the different enrichment activities that will be offered. Please contact Kimberly Eisenreich (kaeisenreich@howardcountymd.gov) with any questions.

- **Hammond High School - Summer Sports Camps - Registration is OPEN.** Attention parents of 4th-9th graders for the 22-23 school year: Hammond Boosters is once again offering sports camps for baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, field hockey, boys soccer, and dance. Instruction will be given by the Hammond High School Varsity Coaching Staff, along with players. This is a great and affordable way to get better at your chosen sport, meet new friends, and have fun doing it! Find all of the details and registration information [here](#).
- The **2022 Summer Programs Preview**, which contains descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information, is available to view and download from the Summer Programs web page <https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>
- Come out to **Sports Camp** the week of June 27 and/or July 18 at Reservoir High School. Camp is hosted by Lime Kiln teacher/Reservoir coach Phil Ranker, as well as other certified elementary and middle school teachers in the county and state. The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun, productive time. Full day and half day options available. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!

PTA NEWS

General Meeting Dates

- **6/7: PTA Meeting:** 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that helped support the Spring Carnival by attending and volunteering!

School Supplies

This is a link to the [HES School Supply list for 22-23](#). You can order school supplies for next year, and they will be delivered to HES for Open House. Go to www.schooltoolbox.com, type in "Hammond Elementary," and choose the option in Laurel, MD. Ordering will be open through July 3. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. Pick up will be during the Back-to-School Open House. Ordering through School Tool Box supports Feed My Starving Children (one box purchased feeds one meal to two kids).

Restaurant Night: Ice Cream Delivery from Taharka Brothers

Our next restaurant night will be a little different—instead of going out, you can order ice cream in from Taharka Brothers! You get 8 pints of Baltimore's best ice cream delivered to your home for \$60, and \$10 of every order goes to support our school! The order window is May 30 - June 1 at 7pm. Please use the code **TUFFY** when placing your order. Home delivery starts at 4:00 on Friday, June 3. Place your order here: <https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com/Fundraiser/Progress/TUFFY>.

HES Monthly Groupies Needed for June

Thank you to all of the "Groupies" that have supported the staff throughout this year! There are still openings available for June, so help send the staff into the summer with a token of our appreciation for all that they have done this year. Examples include, but are not limited to, school supplies, special treats (pre-packaged or store bought), school-appropriate beverages, etc. If you are interested, please visit the sign-up link. Please feel free to join in with a neighbor as groupies can consist of multiple families.

Support the PTA while you shop!

- **Harris Teeter:** Link your VIC card online each Fall at www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education
- **AmazonSmile:** Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Hammond Elementary PTA as your charity

IMPORTANT DATES

May 30	Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day
June 1	5th Grade In-House Field Trip - Howard County Conservancy 11:30am-1:15pm
June 3	1st Grade Picnic 12:15pm -2pm

June 7	Cultural Arts Assembly
June 13	3rd Grade picnic 9:15am - 11:15am
June 14	Kindergarten picnic 10am - 12pm 4th Grade picnic 11:30am - 1:15pm 2nd Grade picnic 1:30pm - 3pm
June 15	Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** 5th Grade Closing Ceremony 9:30-10:30 Middle School Gym; followed by PTA Sponsored Promotion Celebration 10:30-11:30 Blacktop (Rain location TBD)
June 16	Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** 5th Grade picnic 10am - 11:30am
June 17	Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)** Last day of school!**

** denotes new changes to calendar

You may link here to access the [HCPSS Calendar for the 2021 - 2022 School Year](#).

CONTINUING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 county.

Chromebook Care Webpage

There is a new webpage for students, [Chromebook Care](#), which includes tips on caring for and transporting Chromebooks, as well as student mobile technology support and additional resources.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

