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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Hammond Community,

As we approach the final weeks of this school year, we are filled with excitement and gratitude. It has been an incredible year and I am thrilled to be closing out my first year as principal in this amazing and supportive school community!

The energy in our school is quite palpable-the anticipation of summer, (the opening of the pools), the joy of all of our accomplishments, and the anticipation of changes to come in our next school year. Believe it or not, we are already in full planning mode to ensure success in school year 2024-2025.

Our dedicated staff remains committed to providing meaningful instruction until the very end. Every moment matters and we want our students to continue to learn and thrive. I urge you to continue to support your child's attendance. These last few weeks are crucial for their growth and learning. They will make great memories with their class as they enjoy their end of year celebrations and engage in culminating activities.

Let's finish strong together!

Warmly,

Heather Moraff, Principal

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday, May 31, support our 5th grade students by wearing **RED**, WHITE & **BLUE**. The fifth graders have been working for months on their Simulated Congressional Hearing speeches and presentations. We are proud of each one of their efforts and know they will have a banner day tomorrow!

HCPSS PRIDE WEEK



HCPSS is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from discrimination, fosters equitable opportunities, and values diversity and commonality. HCPSS Pride Week is June 3-7. HCPSS Pride Week creates opportunities for visibility, advocacy, and community. Please take a look at the [afterschool HCPSS Pride Week activities](#).

As a reminder, every HCPSS school has at least one staff member who serves as a [Rainbow Representative](#), who works to create a more welcoming community for LGBTQIA+ students, provide instructional support for educators, and ensure their school is an ally and advocate for LGBTQIA+ students, staff and families. This year our Rainbow Representative is Ms. Haavik. At Hammond, we will celebrate uniqueness, being yourself, and the spirit of support for all students! If you have any questions please feel free to contact our rep or administrators.

See below for how you can help us celebrate inclusivity all week long!

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK

JUNE 3RD-7TH

"Celebrate inclusivity!"

MONDAY	Wear anything to celebrate your uniqueness. Think bowties, sparkles, hats!
TUESDAY	Wear something to show or display your individual talents or interests!
WEDNESDAY	Dress as a hero or someone who inspires you to have pride in yourself!
THURSDAY	PJ Day! Be COMFORTABLE and PROUD of who you are!
FRIDAY	Wear the RAINBOW and show love to yourself and others!

A NOTE FROM ORCHESTRA

If your child is using a school Orchestra instrument, it must be returned to Mrs. Jacobs by Friday, May 31. The last day of Orchestra lessons for this year is Friday, June 7. Congratulations to all of our orchestra students on a wonderful school year!

5th GRADE YARD SIGN PICK-UP

If you purchased a Fifth Grade Yard Sign, it will be available for pick up on Friday, May 31 at the front entrance of HES from 10:00am - 1:15pm (during SCH presentations). Please pick up your sign **after** your child's presentation. You can also pick up signs for other families. If you cannot arrange to have your sign picked up during this time, please contact Kristina at stinalalala@gmail.com.

HEALTH ROOM IMPORTANT REMINDER


PLEASE PICK UP ALL MEDICATIONS IN THE HEALTH ROOM BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

If your child currently has any medication in the Health Room, please pick it up **before 1pm on the last day of school, June 14th.**

- * No medications can be sent home with students
- * The Health Room cannot keep any medications over the summer
- * **Any medication not picked up will be disposed of according to HCPSS policy**
- * Medication order forms for next school year, **must be dated AFTER July 1st**
- * Medication forms for the 2024-2025 school year can be found online at https://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/medform_physorder.pdf

If you have further questions, please call Mrs. Rozgonyi, HES School Nurse or Mrs Rencher, School Health Assistant at (410) 880-5893

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!

SUMMER GARDENERS NEEDED

Hello, Families!

We are excited to invite you to participate in taking care of our community garden over the summer! Our garden is flourishing, and we need your help to ensure it stays healthy and productive. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend time outdoors, teach your children about gardening, and enjoy fresh, home-grown produce.

How It Works:

- **Weeding and Harvesting:** Families can sign up for a week to take care of the garden. Responsibilities include weeding, and harvesting ripe produce.
- **Take Home Fresh Produce:** As a thank you for your hard work, you are welcome to take home any food that you harvest during your week. Enjoy the delicious fruits and vegetables straight from our garden!

Sign-Up Instructions:

1. Choose a Week: Select a week that works best for your family from the available slots below.
2. Commitment: Plan to visit the garden 2-3 times during your assigned week to ensure proper care.
3. Tools and Instructions: All necessary tools and detailed instructions will be provided. You can find them in the garden bin..

Sign-Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45A5AF2CA13-49914223-summer>

Special Notes:

- Please bring your own gloves and water bottles.
- Make sure to supervise children at all times for their safety.
- If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Sharon Meyer at sharon_meyer@hcpss.org

Thank you for your participation and support! Let's work together to keep our garden thriving and enjoy the bounty of our harvest.

Happy Gardening!

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 or 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](#).
- [Atholton High School Summer Camp information](#) for rising 5th graders and older.

girls lacrosse camp

GPHS

Come and learn America's fastest growing sport
from high school and college players!

June 17-21, 2024

9:00 AM to Noon

Guilford Park HS Stadium

Register at gphsboosters.com

- Open to girls who will be in 5th through 9th grade for the 2024-25 school year and any high school girls who DID NOT play at GPHS.
- No experience necessary!
- Sticks and goggles provided (if you don't have your own).
- All participants receive an Under Armour t-shirt.

COST: \$140

QUESTIONS: gphsboosters@gmail.com or Coach Miller at allison_miller@hcps.org



IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, May 31 5th 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

