

# Hammond Elementary School



## Tiger Tales

May 6, 2022



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hammond families,

Due to the weather forecast, we will be postponing the carnival to our rain date of May 14. Join us as we celebrate Hammond Elementary's 50th birthday on Saturday, May 14 from 3-6pm, behind the middle school. We're celebrating our 1971 birthday with a totally far out, groovy to the max par-tay! We'll have a rock climbing wall, obstacle course, moon bounce, giant inflatable slide, carnival games, cake walk, magician, photo props, fun foods, raffle prizes, special guests, and more! Continue on to the PTA News section of Tiger Tales for all of the information regarding the carnival.

We are so proud of all of our students who participated in the Battle of the Books. It is a month-long commitment to reading and comprehension. This year's Battle of the Books was held outdoors at Merriweather Post Pavilion April 29 with almost 300 teams participating. Battle of the Books is an academic competition for fifth grade students from Howard County public and private schools. The event began in 2008 with 66 teams consisting of five students and an adult coach. The teams answer questions about books, which are pulled from a predetermined list provided in advance to the teams. Congratulations to all the winners!

As hard as it is to believe, we are preparing for the end of the year. Yearbooks can be ordered today through May 20. (More information below.) Please be sure to check the calendar for all of the upcoming events.

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

Best wishes,

Ms. Ciarapica

### YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale until May 20. Don't miss your chance for this keepsake! Extras will not be ordered by the school. Please [read for all of the information](#).

### BAND, ORCHESTRA & CHORUS CONCERT

The Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Spring Double Concert is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022 in the Hammond Middle School gymnasium. Students have been working toward this for quite a while and are excited to perform their final concert of the year! The in-school performances will be for Hammond ES students and staff. Families are welcome to attend the evening concerts. Click [here](#) for information about report times, concert attire, and some general reminders.

## FIELD DAY

Hammond Elementary will be having its annual Field Day on Thursday, May 19. 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.

The success of Field Day is not possible without volunteers like you. If you are able to volunteer half the day or all day, Mrs. Serpico and Mr. Quirk would greatly appreciate it. Please use [Sign Up Genius](#) to fill out which station you will be able to complete. YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE [VOLUNTEER TRAINING](#).

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

The Rain Date is Tuesday, May 31. Please sign up if you can do the rain date as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Mrs. Serpico or Mr. Quirk. Thank you very much for your support!

## 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

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We are very proud of each of our hard-working Tigers that took part in the competition. Congratulations to all the winners!

### **Fearless Phoenixes**

Ava Pendleton

Hailey Fetherman

Samantha Manikin-Rhea

Haley Manikin-Rhea

### **Groovy Gazettes (2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Sportsmanship)**

Arianna Glorioso

Victoria Pita

Josefine Fahrendorf

Lelise Gutu

Ava Proctor

### **Midnight Readers**

Samantha Herrell

Analise Otero

Lizzy Beer-Maxwell

Zara Ahmed

### **Rainbow Readers (3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Sportsmanship)**

Quinn Regan

Afomia Mengistu

Chloe Bramell

Luci Fontana

### **Reading Raiders**

Gurjaap Arri

Aditiya Shakya

Zachary Lindheimer

Aki Bhumireddy

### **Riveting Readers**

Olive Yu

Pratima Damie

Molly Fitz-Williams

Ashlyn Akins

Ella Lee

### **Scientific Readers**

Henry String

Natalie Medina - Hutchinson

Jensen Monti

Ryan Steacy

### **Totally Tubular Page Turners (Honorable Mention-Best Name)**

Paige Waggoner

Henry Branch

Carter Jackson

Sam Greene

Danny McCoy

## **ORCHESTRA HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Orchestra students on their participation in the Elementary School Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 23 at Long Reach High School. We are so proud of your dedication and accomplishments!

Mariam Akewusola

Arielle Akwei

Ava Applewhite

Danielle Broadwater

Sydney Coleman

Clara Daly

Arin Damle

Pratima Damle

Keefer Garthoff

Genevieve Hawkes

James Heine

Olanna Ifudu

Joanna Jin

Abigail Koot

Lillian Kunkle

Avery Landers

Jude Lidinsky

Joshua Luo

Haley Manikin-Rhea

Maame Akua Manu

Gabrielle Mejias

Aleena Memon

Isabella Mesa

Finley Moore

Ifeoluwa Olusi

Oreoluwa Olusi

Alec Orth

Isa Palad

Aayush Panda

Joel Park

Alenna Pennini

Harrison Price

Patrick Qiu

Sasha Scott

David Shao

Elizabeth Stafford

Henry String

Isabelle Sullivan

Lillian Van Osterom

Huade Wang

Anthony Wheelock

Iris Witt

## **UPCOMING 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.

**\*Testing dates will vary. Grade level teams will also communicate specific MAP testing dates for their grade level/class via Canvas.**

## **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.

MCAP Testing Dates		
Grade	ELA	Math
5th	4/25, 4/26, 4/28, 4/29	5/10, 5/13
4th	5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/9	5/16, 5/17
3rd	5/9, 5/10, 5/12, 5/13	5/23, 5/24

\*\*\*Makeup testing will take place during the testing window.

## **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.

Please visit [HCPSS The Measures of Academic Progress page](#) for more information.

## **2022 VIRTUAL SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS- YOU'RE INVITED TO JUDGE**

A Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) is a performance assessment that culminates our fifth-graders' year of social studies instruction. The students will serve as experts on issues related to the constitution. You will help simulate the role of a Congressional panel by listening, asking the questions we provide you, and giving positive feedback. To be a great judge, you do not need to be a constitutional scholar. It's the students job to teach you. Hammond's SCH will be held on May 26th, more details about the event will be shared with 5<sup>th</sup> grade families as the date approaches.

RSVP to Judge: <http://tinyurl.com/2022-Judge-RSVP>

For more information review this [flyer](#) or contact Kim Eggborn: Kimberly\_Eggborn@hcpss.org, 410-313-5678, Follow us on Twitter @HCPSSElemSS

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### 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](mailto:Melissa_Rozgonyi@hcpss.org)) and Front Office ([Lisa\\_Castaneda@hcpss.org](mailto: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](http://www.hcpss.org).

### HES is Still Hiring!

#### Temporary Employee (TE)

**Description:** These individuals provide close adult support to some of our special education students, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

For this special education position, interested candidates would apply through an outside agency that staffs these positions in our schools.

- The position is for 6.5 hour day (6 hours paid with an unpaid ½ hour lunch) from Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:30.
- Contact [R. Tencher](#) and apply through [Social Service Consultants](#)
- The pay rate for this position is \$13.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mapson at [nykia\\_mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:nykia_mapson@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5890 as soon as possible.

#### Recess/Lunch Monitor Position

**Description:** These individuals supervise students at recess and outdoor/indoor lunch, under the supervision of Hammond staff.

- Begins as soon as possible
- We prefer 5 days (Monday through Friday ) but can discuss part time options
- The hours are 10:45am - 2:15pm
- The pay rate for this position is \$12.50.

[Recess Lunch Monitor Application Link](#) - Please note that this is a long process through HCPSS Human Resources, so please submit your application as soon as possible and contact Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal, at [nykia\\_mapson@hcpss.org](mailto:nykia_mapson@hcpss.org) or 410-880-5890, to let her know you are interested.

**Please feel free to share these employment opportunities with friends, family, and neighbors.**

## 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 ([kaisenreich@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kaisenreich@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](mailto:phillip_ranker@hcpss.org) for questions!

## OUTDOOR RECESS, OUTDOOR EATING & WEATHER

We will offer outdoor lunch as weather and staff coverage permit. Please have a conversation with your child about where you would like them to eat. If your child is eating outside, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. If you choose to have your child eat inside, all students have an assigned seat.

The decision to go outside or stay inside for recess, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity is the decision of the administrator at individual schools and based on the following criteria:

- Temperature and humidity
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle)
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Condition of the playground
- Thunder and lightning

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess, outdoor eating, P.E., or any other outdoor activity **when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit** or the heat index reading is less than 95. Please be sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

## PTA NEWS

### General Meeting Dates

- **5/10: PTA Meeting:** Elections, 7pm (virtual). We will be voting on updated bylaws and electing new officers. Our candidates are Karin Armour Popkey for Treasurer and Sean Larsen for VP Communications.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93149929646?pwd=MjN0aFQrVHh2WVBrWFR3Zy83TnltZz09>

Meeting ID: 931 4992 9646 Passcode: 7Ct5Ps

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

### Upcoming PTA Events

**Spring Carnival POSTPONED TO MAY 14** Join us as we celebrate Hammond Elementary's 50th birthday!

**Where:** Hammond ES (behind the middle school)

**When:** Saturday, May 14 from 3-6pm (rain date: May 14)

**What:** Rock climbing wall, obstacle course, moon bounce, giant inflatable slide, carnival games, cake walk, magician, photo props,

and more! HoCo Fire Dept and Police K9 Unit, PTA concessions, food trucks, funnel cakes. Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Cash Raffle

**Why:** HES is turning 50 and we're celebrating our 1971 birthday with a totally far out, groovy to the max par-tay!

**Presale wristbands and tickets** will be available for pick-up on Thursday, May 5 in front of HES from 4-6pm OR the day of the carnival at the presales table. PTA concessions (popcorn, drinks, cotton candy) will be available for purchase via tickets or credit card.

Parents who **volunteer** 1 hour at the carnival get 5 free tickets! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3uLDTSD>. All volunteers must have complied with HCPSS [volunteer requirements](#) before May 12. (If you are no longer able to volunteer due to the date change, please update your response or contact [president@hespta.org](mailto:president@hespta.org). Thank you!)

### **Extended: Gourmet Cotton Candy Fundraiser**

What's a carnival without cotton candy? Order some Poofy Gourmet Cotton Candy in advance, and it will be ready for pickup at the Spring Carnival on **May 14**. There are 15 exciting flavors to choose from, and it's only \$5 a bucket! Order online at [poofycottoncandy.com](http://poofycottoncandy.com) now through May 11 using code **HE PTA**. Choose the "pickup" option and scroll down for the Hammond Elementary location. If you can't make it to the Carnival but you still love cotton candy, online orders can also be picked up at Poofy (11271 Terrace Lane, Fulton).

### **Cake Walk Donations Needed**

We're planning to have a cake walk at the Spring Carnival! Could you help by donating a cake for this delicious event? Sign up at <https://bit.ly/39BwWfR>.

### **Poster Contest Winners**

Thank you to all the students who submitted posters for the Spring Carnival! We received so many amazing posters that it was very tough picking winners! Congratulations to Selina Daly (K), Arna Kalaria (first grade), Arianna Szwec (second grade), Clara Daly (third grade), Olanna Ifudu (fourth grade), and Aleena Memon (fifth grade). Tickets will be distributed at school and sent home with your child.

### **Corporate Sponsors**

A huge thank you to our corporate sponsors!!!! Without the support of our sponsors, the HES Carnival could not happen. Please consider patronizing these businesses as a thanks for their generosity.





## Gourmet Cotton Candy Fundraiser

What's a carnival without cotton candy? Order some Poofy Gourmet Cotton Candy in advance, and it will be ready for pickup at the Spring Carnival on May 7. There are 15 delicious flavors to choose from, and it's only \$5 a bucket! Order online at [poofycottoncandy.com](http://poofycottoncandy.com) now through May 4 using code **HE PTA**. Choose the "pickup" option and scroll down for the Hammond Elementary location. If you can't make it to the Carnival but you still love cotton candy, online orders can also be picked up at Poofy (11271 Terrace Lane, Fulton).

## 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](http://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education)
- **AmazonSmile:** Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Hammond Elementary PTA as your charity

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 3-6	Teacher Appreciation Week - Thank you to our wonderful PTA and families!
May 12	5th grade students visit their assigned middle school
May 14	PTA Spring Carnival 3pm-6pm
May 16	Band, Orchestra & Choral Performance (afternoon & evening)
May 17	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Photo 10:15 - Location TBD
May 18	Students Dismiss 3-Hours Early (12:30 pm) **

May 19	Field Day
May 20	5th Grade Field Trip Robinson Nature Center 10:30-1:00
May 26	Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH) for 5th grade
May 30	Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day
June 1	5th Grade In-House Field Trip - Howard County Conservancy 11:30-1:15
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)**  Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30)**
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.

## **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.

