

Hammond Elementary School



Tiger Tales

June 9, 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hammond families,

As hard as it is to believe, this will be our last issue of the Tiger Tales for the 2021 - 2022 school year. The onset of summer vacation is always treasured but often includes a few farewells from our HES staff. Mrs. Kristen Pickens, second grade teacher, welcomed her beautiful daughter Izzy this year and enjoyed some time together over the last few months. With enthusiasm I will share that Mrs. Pickens will be back for the final few days of school but then she is heading into a new adventure with a different school system. We have truly benefited each day Mrs. Pickens has been a member of our school community and we wish her all the best.

Mrs. Belinda Miller, a beloved member of our school community who has served as a G/T Resource Teacher, is also stepping away from her post at the end of this year. Mrs. Miller will be retiring at the end of this year. Mrs. Miller's effervescent personality, full of warmth and kindness, will be greatly missed. Whether she greeted you in the car loop each morning or your child had the pleasure of being taught by her, her welcoming spirit was always present. Mrs. Miller is excited to assume her role of being a grandmother as often as her children will allow her!

In preparation for a few final end-of-the-year events, please check your child's Canvas page for communication from your child's teacher. Events for which families have been invited have been **highlighted** below on the calendar. If not identified as a **family event**, we ask that only those few pre-registered volunteers attend. If you are unsure if volunteers are needed, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. Next Wednesday, June 15th, we look forward to honoring our 5th grade students as they depart elementary school and begin the next stage in their academic career. In addition, please note that our students will have an early dismissal next Wednesday (15), Thursday (16), and Friday (17).

Throughout the summer, please continue to update your contact information in the Family File. That will allow you to receive summer communications regarding the start of next year. All families will be asked to confirm their Family File information once more, in August, after a yet to be determined date.

It is with pleasure I wish each of you, students, families, and staff, a wonderful, safe, and fun summer.

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

Best wishes,

Information about the Summer Reading Program

The Howard County Public Library, Savage Branch is eager for families to know all the free, fun, and excellent enrichment they can get at the Library this summer. Here's a link for information on the Summer Reading program [READsquared Reading Program](#) and a great [video](#) where you learn even more about it!

Every K through 4th elementary student will receive a paper gameboard in their Thursday folders. HES teachers hope your children read all summer and complete the game! In the fall, the library will give every school that achieves 15% completion a certificate and additional recognition. There's also a prize for the school with the MOST participation. Let's go HES!

REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

PLEASE PICK UP ALL MEDICATIONS IN THE HEALTH ROOM ASAP!!!

If your child currently has medication in the Health Room, please pick it up **before 2pm on the last day of school, June 17th**. I do not want to have to throw any medications away!

- * No medications can be sent home with students
- * The Health Room cannot keep any medications over the summer
- * Medication order forms for next school year, **must be dated AFTER July 1st**

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

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](#).

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Summer Camp Opportunity: The Boys and Girls Club of Howard County is sponsoring a summer camp. Activities include: STEM activities, arts, literacy, and social emotional skill building. Weekly field trips! For ages 6-12 (by July 5th, 2022.)

Eligibility: Family receiving services from one or more of programs listed on application (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.). Undocumented children will also be considered based on family income.

Location: Doodle Hatch, Long Reach Village Center, 8775 Cloudleap Ct, Columbia

For more information: Call: Anna Piccirilli at apiccirilli@bgcmetrobaltimore.org Submit the [Camp Application](#) (Links to an external site.) Note: Lunch and transportation are NOT being provided.

Summer Food Bank Information from the Salvation Army

[Salvation Army Food Bank - Fresh Produce Distribution.](#)

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

Summer Playdates

Our grade level liaisons are working to set up playdates over the summer for each grade. Details will be posted to the PTA website (<https://www.hespta.org/>) and each grade's Facebook group as we receive them. Links to each grade's Facebook group can be found here: https://www.hespta.org/family_resources.php.

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).

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

June 10	Kindergarten Celebration @ 1:30 (Families are invited.)
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 (Families are invited.) Sponsored Promotion Celebration 10:30-11:30 Blacktop (Rain location TBD) (Families are invited.)
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.

