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A Message from Admin

Dear Hammond Community,

As we near the end of September, I wanted to remind you that we observe this month as Suicide Prevention Month. It is crucial to come together as a community to raise awareness and support those who may be struggling. Suicide is a significant public health issue that affects individuals of all ages, and it is essential to recognize the signs and know how to seek help.

Here are some ways you can help raise awareness and support suicide prevention:

1. **Educate Yourself and Others:** Learn about the warning signs of suicide and the risk factors that can contribute to it. Share this knowledge with your family and friends to help create a supportive environment.
2. **Open Conversations:** Encourage open and honest discussions about mental health and suicide. Let your children know that it is okay to talk about their feelings and that seeking help is a sign of strength.

3. **Promote Resources:** Familiarize yourself with local and national resources available for those in crisis. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 for anyone in need of immediate support.
4. **Support School Initiatives:** HCPSS and HES are dedicated to mental health and suicide prevention. See here for a [resource about preventing youth suicide](#).
5. **Be There:** Sometimes, the most important thing you can do is simply be there for someone. Listen without judgment and offer your support.

Remember, if you or someone you know is struggling, do not hesitate to reach out to school staff or other trusted individuals in the community. For anyone needing immediate support, please contact the Suicide or Crisis Lifeline or call 911.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to ensuring the safety of our students.

Heather Moraff, Principal

Nykia Mapson, Assistant Principal

Hammond Pride Fridays



School Pictures October 9

Individual school pictures will be taken for all students on October 9. You have the opportunity to pre-order photo packages. A make-up date will be announced at a later date for anyone who is absent the first day. These photos will be used in the yearbook at the end of the school year.



Dear Parents,

School Pictures Inc. is here to keep your family smiling! Picture Day is coming soon.

Access your Pre-Order options by clicking the image below. Having trouble viewing? Follow the directions provided on the image.

PICTURE DAY: October 9, 2024

SCHOOL NAME: Hammond Elementary School

PRE-ORDER CODE: HESF24

We look forward to seeing your smiles soon on Picture Day!

The Team at School Pictures, Inc.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

You Can Pre-Order Portraits Online:
Got to www.schoolpix.com

Type in Pre-Order Code Listed in Email Above

News from the Health Room

Flu Shots/Covid Vaccines

Each year, Howard County Public School System partners with Maryland Partnership for Prevention to bring flu immunizations into our schools for students. This year, they will also be offering the latest Covid vaccine, if it is available at the time of the clinics.

The clinic at HES will be held on **Monday, October 28th**, during school hours. If you would like your child to be vaccinated against the flu and/or Covid at this clinic, please register at this link: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/7615829052>

Registration ends on Oct 15.

You do not need to provide your child's insurance information. If you have any concerns about the new Covid vaccine, you are advised to speak with your child's pediatrician.

If you wish to cancel your child's appointment after Oct. 15, please call the nurse at your child's school, **BEFORE THE MORNING OF THE CLINIC!!!**

If you have any questions, please call your school's health room at (410) 880-5893.

If in-school immunizations do not suit your family, or if your child would like the support of a parent when receiving a shot, consider getting a flu shot outside of school. **Getting the flu shot together can help ease any anxiety for kids and make the experience more positive.**

This is an awesome opportunity for students, siblings, parents and grandparents to get their shots together FOR FREE, WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE. (These clinics have the 65 and older flu shot as well). See the locations and dates on the flier....
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/seasonal-flu>





A PE Sneak Peek

Our annual PE Fall Fun Run will be held on Tuesday Oct 15th (Thursday Oct 17th as rain date). It will take place during the grade level Related Arts time. More information to come! Volunteers needed: <https://tinyurl.com/HESFFR24>

A Note from Music

Chorus at Hammond

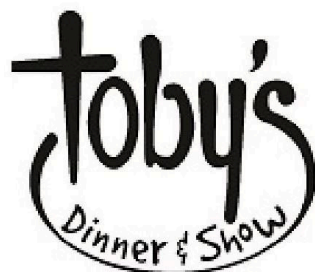
Our 4th and 5th grade chorus students have started working with our two music teachers, Mr. Burrows and Mrs. Sanders. We have over 90 students singing in chorus this year! We are excited to hear them sing in our two upcoming concerts. We will share the concerts with the Hammond Middle School choruses. Save the date for our Winter Concert at Hammond High School on Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm.

A Star Among Us

HES is proud to share that we have a 2nd grader, Bryn Hummel, Ms. Narron's class, who is going to be in a show at Toby's!



Bryn Hummel as Gretl



[Production schedule](#)

PTA Yard Sale

Hammond Elementary School's 1st Community Yard Sale



****Saturday October 5th: 8am - 1pm**

*\$25/ spot PTA member *\$35/spot non PTA member
(Spot is equivalent to 2 parking spaces.)

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Vendors are welcome

Sign up will begin on September 6th:

<https://hes-pta.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

Sellers Bring your own tables etc for your spot. You will be responsible for setting up and breaking down your space. Car line up for those of you participating may begin at 7 am for setup.

This is a PTA sponsored event. Volunteers and Donations are greatly appreciated to make this a fun and safe event.

To Volunteer click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848A9AD2AA20-51258793-volunteer#/>

To Donate click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848A9AD2AA20-51185521-donations#/>

Can't wait to see you all there!

8110 Aladdin Dr Laurel MD 20723

Lego Donations for Gifted & Talented - STILL NEEDED PLEASE



REQUEST FOR LEGO DONATIONS

The GT Department is excited to announce a new 3rd grade instructional seminar titled **Lego Landmarks**. In order to make this seminar successful, I need your support.

I am still seeking donations of LEGO pieces in all colors and shapes, with a particular need for base plates. If you have any to spare, please consider donating them to the cause. You can drop off your LEGO donations at the front office, where you will find a box labeled "Legos."

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Ms. Lee
GT Resource Teacher

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King

This year, the Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity have several exciting opportunities for students to engage with Dr. King's vision of equality, justice, and community service. Additionally, all the awards come with cash prizes.

Poster Contest: Open to Elementary, Middle, and High School students, participants can visually express their interpretation of Dr. King's dream through creative poster designs. All entries must be received by November 15.

For more information, including deadlines and submission guidelines, please visit <https://bit.ly/2025MLKContests>.

2025 STUDENT CONTESTS:

Honor Dr. King's Legacy & Win Cash Prizes!

Elementary, Middle & High School Poster Contest:

Create a piece of artwork that illustrates how we can make positive changes in ourselves, schools, and communities.

High School & Middle School Essay Contest:

Write an essay about a time that you created positive change in yourself, school, or community. Discuss challenges, outcomes, and personal growth.

High School & Middle School Oratory Contest:

Create a 5-7-minute speech that illustrates how you created positive change in yourself, school, or community. Discuss challenges, outcomes, and personal growth.

GET AN APPLICATION:

@ [HTTPS://BIT.LY/HCMLK25](https://bit.ly/hcmlk25)

For More Information:

Call (410) 313-6430

Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov



SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Entries must be received by
November 15th, 2024 at 5:00 PM EST

Via Email: MLK@howardcountymd.gov

Via Mail: Howard County Office
of Human Rights & Equity
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237
Columbia, MD 21046

Young Author's Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades **1-5** to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called **The Young Authors' Contest**.

Click here to view the slides describing the contest rules: [Contest Slides](#) All entries must be submitted as a Word document. In addition, all entries must have a completed YAC Cover Sheet sent as a PDF. Click here to make a copy: [Cover Sheet](#)

Submissions may be emailed to Paula Stehle at paula_stehle@hcpss.org *and* Elizabeth Kluh at elizabeth_kluh@hcpss.org by **December 20, 2024**. Contact Mrs. Stehle and Mrs. Kluh with any questions. All Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the [HCLA website](#). Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the [HCLA Welcome Page](#) for information about joining.



YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST 2025

SoMLA is thrilled to unveil the 2024-2025 Young Authors' Contest, presented in collaboration with various State of Maryland Literacy Association (SoMLA) local chapters. This exciting competition is open to students from grades 1 to 12, encouraging them to showcase their creativity and talent through original short stories and poetry. As an important note, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in supporting student work is strictly prohibited. Local contests will be hosted by the respective SoMLA chapters, with the top winners progressing to the state-level competition. Join us in celebrating the budding authors of Maryland and their remarkable literary endeavors!

GRADE-LEVEL GUIDELINES

All entries must be original work and submitted in 12-point Times New Roman font. Entries must not include graphics. Only individual entries are accepted; group submissions are not being accepted. Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will be disqualified.

Elementary 1-5

- Short story entries must range between 100-400 words in grades 1-2
- Short story entry must range between 300-800 words in grades 3-5
- Poetry entries will consist of a single poem, any style from a minimum of 25-150 words

Middle 6-8

- Short story entries must range between 600-1,600 words
- Poetry entries will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25-200 words.
- Entries must not include graphics

High 9-12

- Short story entries must range between 800-2,000 words.
- Poem entries will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25-300 words.



Submission Requirements:

- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet with a signature by the student author's guardian.
- Each participant must submit two files (original work and cover sheet).

Submit entry and cover sheet to your school by December 20.

For additional details and guidelines, contact your local SoMLA Young Authors' Contest Chairperson or go to

Howard County Literacy Association website
<https://hocoreads.weebly.com/young-authors-contest.html>

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

September 15th through October 15th marks **National Hispanic Heritage Month!**

This month celebrates and honors the contributions, culture, and history of those from or with ancestors from the Caribbean, Mexico, Spain, Central, and South America!



Students and their families are invited
to a resource fair to celebrate



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Deep Run Elementary School

6925 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075

6–8 p.m.



Consulates of Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador
will offer resources and information.

In addition, local agencies and non-profit organizations will be
onsite, offering resources available in Spanish to you and your family.

*** Enjoy Traditional Hispanic Appetizers* & Artistic Performances! ***

For more information, contact the Hispanic Achievement Program at 410-313-6667.

* Refreshments sponsored by the
La Alianza Latina Commission and the
Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity
Santiago Carrera Realtor Group



Los estudiantes y sus familias están invitados
* a una feria de recursos para celebrar *



miércoles, 9 de octubre de 2024

Escuela Primaria Deep Run

6925 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge, MD 21075 *

6-8 p.m.

Los consulados de México, Guatemala, y El Salvador
ofrecerán recursos e información.

Además, agencias locales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro
estarán para servirle, ofreciendo recursos disponibles en español
para usted y su familia.

* **Habrà aperitivos tradicionales* y representaciones artísticas ***

Para mayor información contacte el Programa de Logro Hispano al 410-313-6667.

* Patrocinados por La Comisión Alianza Latina y
Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity
Santiago Carrera Realtor Group





Important Dates

- 9/30 Restaurant Night: Red Robin (Columbia)
- 10/3 Schools & offices closed
- 10/5 HES Community Yard Sale
- 10/9 Individual School Pictures
- 10/15 PE Fall Fun Run
- 10/18 School Closed for students
- 10/19 Trunk or Treat - 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- 10/28 Flu Clinic - Flu and Covid shot Clinic at school
- 10/30 End of Quarter 1
- 10/31 Schools Closed for students
- 11/5 Election Day - Schools & Offices closed
- 11/8 Report Cards available at 4pm
- 11/8 Window opens to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/14 Hearing & Vision Clinic
- 11/21 Hearing & Vision Clinic - RESCREENING
- 11/21 Parent-Teacher Conference scheduling window closes at 4:00 pm
- 11/25 School closes 3 hours early
- 11/25 In-Person Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 School closes 3 hours early
- 11/26 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/27 School closed
- 11/27 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

11/28 School closed

11/29 School closed