

# Hammond Elementary School



## Tiger Tales

September 29, 2022



Please find the most recent updates from Hammond Elementary School. Included in this newsletter, you will find information regarding:

- Transportation Communication (Car Loop)
- Fun Run
- Spirit Days
- MAP Testing
- Volunteer requirements
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### TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION (Car Loop)

For the safety of students, staff, and families, when bringing students to school or picking up students from school by car, please access one of the following two options only:

1. **Join the parent-drop off line**, where your child(ren) will be greeted when invited to exit the vehicle curbside. Your child will then use a staff-monitored crosswalk to safely access the front of the building.
2. **Park your car in a parking space** and escort your child(ren) to the sidewalk in front of the building.

**In addition, thank you for reframing from:**

- Parking along sidewalks or curbed areas
- Allowing students to cross the parking lot using crosswalks that are not monitored by staff members
- Exiting the parking using the lower lot as it is reserved for buses

Thank you for following our drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure the safety of all members of our HES School Community.

### PE'S FUN RUN

The PE department's annual Fun Run will occur during your child's Related Arts time. You are welcome to run with your child, cheer, or volunteer! Please keep an eye out for a volunteer link:) Email Ms. Serpico with any questions [sserpico@hcpss.org](mailto:sserpico@hcpss.org)

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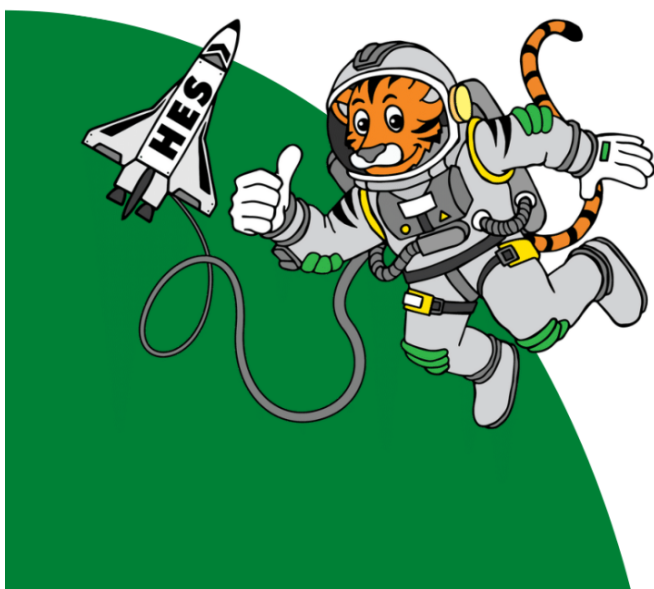
PRIDE  
DAYS

Students and Staff  
are invited to wear  
their Hammond  
Elementary  
apparel and/or  
school colors to  
show their  
Hammond pride.

1st Fridays  
of the MONTH!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd
- February 3rd
- March 3rd
- April 14th
- May 5th
- June 2nd



## FALL MAP ASSESSMENTS

Students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment during the month of September or October. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit:

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

Teachers in grades 1-5 will administer the assessment on the dates listed below. If your child is absent, makeup testing will be offered when they return to school. Teachers will share specific dates or changes to dates with you via Canvas announcements.

If you have any questions regarding MAP testing, please reach out to Mrs. Mapson, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator or your child's teacher.

## FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

There will be a flu vaccine clinic at Hammond Elementary. Maryland Partnership for Prevention, in partnership with the Howard County Health Department and Howard County Public Schools, will be hosting a flu vaccine clinic on Friday, October 28th.

Pre-registration is required and will close on Saturday 10/22. **You must register before 10/22** if you want your child to get a flu shot at school. Register your child using the link below:

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0905621029>

This clinic is NO COST for students.

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

As volunteer opportunities become available, it is required that all volunteers complete a [multi-step training](#) prior to entering the school building. This training must be renewed annually and the signed certificates must be on file at school.

## WALKTOBER

Join the Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC) and local partners for a month of walk/move events called Walktober 2022, a celebration of our State's official exercise and a call to action to promote walking for improved health for residents of all ages and abilities.

[View a list of upcoming events.](#)



## PTA NEWS

### Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A (Oct 4)

Join us at Chick-fil-A (10975 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel,) on Tuesday, October 4 from 6am-10pm for restaurant night. Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of sales to the HES PTA. Present this [flier](#) at the time of ordering or mention Hammond Elementary School.

### Volunteering with 4th Grade

We have an exciting opportunity to help our 4th grade students through one-on-one volunteering in October. Sign up [here](#) for as many slots as your schedule permits.

### Outdoor Movie Night

Premiere Outdoor Movies presents: Monsters, Inc. on the multipurpose field of HES on Friday, October 28. Bring a picnic dinner, and come as early as 5:30pm to hang out with old friends and make some new ones too! The movie will begin at 7:00pm. Due to licensing restrictions, we are limited to a maximum audience size of 200 people. Please fill out the form to request free tickets: <https://forms.gle/Cr7DGQzuWpg2f4pF7>.

- We'll provide free popcorn.
- Feel free to dress in costume if you'd like!
- We will move indoors to the middle school cafeteria (for the picnic) and gym (for the movie) in the case of inclement weather.
- Please note, this is NOT a drop-off event.

### How do I join the PTA?

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open at the HES PTA [MemberHub site](#)

### Grade Level Facebook Pages

Did you know that each grade level has a Facebook group page where parents and families can share ideas, ask questions, and get to know each other? To find the right group(s) for your family, check out the list on the [Family Resources](#) page of the PTA website. (We also have a PTA Facebook page that's viewable even if you don't have a Facebook account.)

### Subscribe to the PTA Calendar

Want to know when all the events are happening? Subscribe to our calendar to see restaurant nights, fun-filled family activities, PTA meetings, and more! Visit: [hespta.org/56-2/](https://hespta.org/56-2/) and click on the plus sign at the bottom of the calendar.

## Coming Soon

- Next PTA meeting: November 15 at 7:15pm in the Media Center (with Zoom option)
- Square 1 Art: stay tuned for more details on this popular fundraiser where you turn your child's artwork into a variety of fun keepsake items

## Support the PTA while you shop!

- HarrisTeeter: 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

September 30	Custodian Appreciation Day - send a thoughtful note to our amazing crew
October 4	Restaurant Night: Chick-fil-a - see flier above (6am -10pm)
October 5	Schools & Offices Closed
October 7	Spirit Day - Students/staff wear HES apparel or school colors
October 18	PE's Fun Run
October 21	School will be closed for students. Professional Work Day for School Staff
October 22	Last day to register for the Flu Clinic (see above)
October 24	School will be closed for students. Professional Work Day for School Staff
October 28	Flu Clinic at HES - must be pre-registered by 10/22 (see above)
October 28	Outdoor movie night "Monsters, Inc" (see PTA section for more details)
November 2	Students dismiss 3-hours early (12:30 p.) - End of 1st Marking Period
November 3	Fall Fun Run - details will be shared in October
November 3	3rd Grade Field Trip to Ellicott City
November 4	Spirit Day - Students/staff wear HES apparel or school colors
November 8	Schools & Offices Closed - Election Day
December 2	Spirit Day - Students/staff wear HES apparel or school colors

You may link here to access the [HCPSS Calendar for the 2022 - 2023 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.

