

HES PTA News

October 2nd Edition



Events

HES Fall Festival on Friday, October 10 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Tickets are 3 for \$1 in advance or 2 for \$1 at the door. **Advance ticket orders are due tomorrow:** http://www.hespta.org/docs/2014_fall_festival_tickets.pdf. New games have been added this year, so don't miss it!

The poster contest has concluded and judging will be underway soon.

All families are asked to please participate in the Fall Festival by choosing an hour to volunteer, especially to man one of our game or food stations. Help is needed to make this big fundraiser a success once again. We currently have less than 25% of the help that is needed to run a successful event. Sign up using the link provided: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca8ad2fa5fd0-fall>

News

PTA Membership

As of September 14th, the PTA has 186 members. We hope to see more families and staff members join. If you would like to join PTA and show your support, you can download a form at <http://www.hespta.org/membership.html> or contact Christine Hyun at HESPTA.Hyun@gmail.com for a membership form. New members are welcome anytime during the year!

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Davin Shearer who won a \$20 gift card for joining the HES PTA. The drawing took place during the General Membership meeting on September 23rd.

PTA Member Directory

Join the PTA by October 10th to be included in the directory. The directory will be sent out electronically this year.

HES Spiritwear

The PTA will be selling Spiritwear from October 3rd through the 17th. Flyers will be sent home in your child's folder. Come to the fall festival and check out the Spiritwear table to see samples of this year's selections.

Food Drive

The Food Drive for LARS has begun! If you have any food items you would like to donate, please send them to school with your child. You can donate any unopened item such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter, canned foods, etc. LARS stands for Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, and they help the needy right here in Laurel. So send in those food items with your child.

Grocery Store Rebates

Many local grocery stores offer a rewards for schools. By simply linking your grocery store rebate card to Hammond Elementary School PTA, these stores donate a portion of each sale to us. The rebate money funds programs like Cultural Arts assemblies and recess equipment. Please take a few minutes of your time to enter your grocery store rebate cards into each site to help fund these programs for our children.

We thank everyone who participated last year. You helped raise funds which support the children through programs and HES PTA offerings.

Last year we earned:

Target = \$590.92

Giant = \$194.98

Harris Teeter = \$2,417.71 (\$1,417.71 + \$1,000.00 bonus)

We raised \$1,417.71 over the course of the year at Harris Teeter. Schools that raised between \$1,000 and \$2,000 received a \$1,000 bonus, and schools that raise more than \$2,000 over the course of the year received a \$2,000 bonus. So if we can increase our shopping rewards by \$582.29, we can double our bonus for the year. Weekly lobster night anyone?

- Harris Teeter Code #8583. Please tell the cashier during check out to link Hammond Elementary PTA to your Harris Teeter VIC card. You can also sign up online at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx.

- Giant Code #00388. Please attach this number on the rewards program. You can sign your card up online at http://www.giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/?_requestid=87415
- Target Code #58038. Please register your Target Visa or Target card at www.target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to register.
- Safeway shoppers can register for school rewards at www.escrip.com

Remember you must re-enroll each year!

Reminders

After-School Programs

The After-School Program Committee has many exciting programs lined up for the 2014-15 school year. Check your child's folder (and hespta.org) for information on Kidz Art, Overtime Athletics, Karate, Spanish, Drama, Science, Chess, Legos, and Girls on the Run. Please participate in programs of interest to your child so we can keep a strong After-School Program at Hammond.

No-Bake Bake Sale

If you prefer to support the PTA in helping raise funds for activities that benefit the school and our children but don't want to deal with order forms and catalogs, consider making a tax-deductible donation to our No-Bake Bake Sale. Information was sent home and can also be found on our [website](#). Donations are appreciated and completely voluntary.

Tuffy's Pride

Do you know of a teacher or staff member who went above and beyond to make the children feel welcome and included during the back-to-school transition? If so, consider nominating that person for the October Tuffy's Pride Award. Nominations can be made [here](#) and only take few minutes of your time. The teacher or staff person selected will receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift card. All nominations received to date will be considered so if you have submitted a nomination during September you do not have to re-nominate that person.

Facebook

Like Hammond Elem PTA on Facebook

Help the PTA while shopping with Amazon Rewards

Are you an amazon.com shopper? Shop through our link and your school's PTA will earn money! Yes, it's that easy! Make all your usual purchases using this link: <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=hp0e9c-20&linkCode=wsw&>.



Click on the black portion of the Amazon box

You can also help by adding the following information to your email signature line so friends, family members, and co-workers can support HES PTA:

Support Hammond Elementary PTA by making all of your Amazon.com purchases through this link:

<http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=hp0e9c-20&linkCode=wsw&>

Thank you to all those families who shopped Amazon using the PTA link last year. The PTA has earned over \$400 so far to help support programs throughout the school.

Box Top Information

Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. You may turn in clipped box tops with your child throughout the school year.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Community News

Holiday Bazaar at Forest Ridge Elementary School

The Forest Ridge PTA is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th. We are looking for crafters, vendors, local businesses and groups that would like to have a booth. The cost for a booth is \$20 plus a donation item for our raffle and space is available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in having a booth, please contact Amanda Fields at fresptamomma@yahoo.com for a contract and more information. All contracts and payments are due October 20.

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) News

Invitation to the PTACHC Board of Education (BoE) Candidates Roundtable

You're invited to the roundtable discussion:

Date: Sunday, October 12th

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Atholton High School cafeteria, 6520 Freetown Rd., Columbia
Register: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48aba62ba02-roundtable>.

Invitation to the PTACHC County Executive Candidate Forum

The forum will be held on:

Date: Sunday, October 19th
Time: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mt. Hebron High School, 9440 Old Frederick Rd, Ellicott City
Register: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48aba62ba02-ptachc/>

You'll have an opportunity to hear the candidates for Howard County Executive discuss issues and to ask the candidates questions.

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