

HES PTA News

October 16th Edition



Events

Author-palooza this Saturday, October 18th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the first ever book festival, Author-palooza, will be held at Oakland Mills High School (9410 Kilimanjaro Rd., Columbia).

This free event is open to the entire Howard County community, however the authors' books focus on young adult content. Upper elementary and middle school students may be the most interested in this event.

Barb Langridge (A Book and A Hug), host of the popular HCPSS TV's "Books Alive" and WBAL-TV personality, will serve as the event emcee. The authors will participate in a panel discussion, sharing their love of writing and their experiences with book publishing. A book signing will follow, with a limited amount of books for sale at the event. Refreshments also will be sold.

The featured authors include:

- Tommy Greenwald: author of the popular "Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading" series
- Margaret Peterson Haddix: award winning author of more than 30 books for young adults including "Running Out of Time," "The Shadow Children" series, and "The Missing" series
- Lisa McMann: author of the New York Times bestselling paranormal "WAKE" trilogy, "The Unwanteds" series, and the "Visions" trilogy
- Trevor Pryce: four-time Pro Bowl player and former Baltimore Raven turned author of "An Army of Frogs"
- Cristin Terrill: author of "All Our Yesterdays," a suspense thriller, Winner of the International Thriller Writers' Thriller Award for Best Young Adult Novel

For more information, contact the HCPSS Secondary English/Language Arts office at 410-313-6620 or visit the website at: <http://www.author-palooza.com/>.

News

HES Fall Festival

Thank you so much to the parent, staff and student volunteers who helped with fall festival this year, and also to those of you who bought tickets and joined us for the event. The evening was great fun and a big success!

A special thanks to Michele Johnson, our Fall Festival Chairperson, and to her team: Christina Alvarez, Nemahun Aminata, Michelle Anderson, Lisa Beck, Kelly Fato, Anna Hogue, Michelle Howard, Lena Jackson, Chris and Terumi McKenna, Farah Noble, Denise Simmerly, and Tara Terry. Your many hours of hard work are truly appreciated.

Fall Fundraiser: Joe Corbi's Pizza & Mrs. Fields Cookies

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA and participated in the Joe Corbi's & Mrs. Fields fundraiser. All items will be delivered to Hammond Elementary on Wednesday, October 29th and must be picked up between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. Please remember we are NOT able to store items that are not picked up on this date. If you are able to help on October 29th between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m., please contact Christina Alvarez at calvarez957@gmail.com.

New Families Committee: Chairperson and Volunteers Needed

The PTA is forming a committee to help new families integrate more easily into the HES community. Are you willing to welcome and guide a new family? Do you have ideas to help new families more easily settle into the school? If yes, we need you! This committee will complement programs the school already has in place for new families. Please send a note to kukstins@ymail.com.

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.

Reminders

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.

- 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!

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.

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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

This year, our goal is to raise \$1,000 for classroom supplies and recess equipment.



Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. You may turn in clipped box tops with your child throughout the school year. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Other News

Holiday Bazaar at Forest Ridge

The Forest Ridge PTA will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th. We are currently 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. If you are interested in having a booth, please contact Amanda Fields at fresptamomma@yahoo.com for a contract & more information. All contracts & payments need to be returned by October 20. Booths available on a first come, first serve basis.

Build-a-Bear Fundraiser at Atholton High School

Atholton High is hosting a "Build-a-Bear" fundraiser to support the Class of 2016. Animal Land will be bringing all the materials to build a custom teddy bear to Atholton High on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Orders and payment need to be submitted before NOVEMBER 12. Pre-orders only please!

The order form and additional information can be found here:

<http://teacherweb.com/MD/AtholtonHighSchool/Vennard/Animal-land-Fundraiser-Order-Form---Class-of-2016-1.pdf>

Please contact Scott Vennard at scott_vennard@hcpss.org or Nicole Payne at nicole_payne@hcpss.org with any additional questions.

Thanks, and hope to see you there!

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