

HES PTA News



October 30th Edition

Events

PTA General Meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the HES Media Center

Please join us for our general membership meeting of the HES PTA. Come to hear about our upcoming PTA activities. Also HES Assistant Principal, Ms. Ciarapica, will present on the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

Hammond Elementary Book Fair - November 17 through November 24

Be sure to mark your calendars: the Hammond Elementary Book Fair will open for business on Monday, November 17. At the Book Fair you will find books for children, as well as books of interest for parents. Plan to visit during our extended hours event on Wednesday, November 19 -- we will be open until 7 pm.



See how you can contribute books to your student's classroom library with our Classroom Wish List program. Visit our Fair Homepage to learn more about this program and to get a sneak peek at some of the fabulous books that will be available: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hammondelementaryschool2>

This year's profits will go toward funding author Aaron Reynolds' visit to Hammond Elementary. Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds was the winner of last year's Black-Eyed Susan Award -- the children's choice award for the state of Maryland.

Finally, we could not run a successful Book Fair without the support and dedication of our Hammond community. Set up will take place on Friday, 11/14, if you are available to help, please add your name to the following:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r3uaP1aLBAatme9FMg6-Lr9c6bbB5YSwID1MTUjyMh4/edit?usp=sharing>

News

New Families Committee: 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 Maureen Harkins at maureenmudd@mac.com.

Howard County Public School System Mobile App

The Howard County Public School System has a new mobile app. Easily navigate through current news and events or check out the latest updates with social media like Facebook and Twitter. Quickly retrieve contact information, sporting scores, lunch menus, and more! The app is available on Google Play and iTunes.

HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center

If you or your child need help understanding math, visit the HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center website at <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com>. The HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center helps families: 1) Gain a better understanding of their child's mathematics program; 2) Refresh or build understanding of new (or unfamiliar) math concepts, skills, and practices; 3) Provide additional support and practice opportunities for students, as needed throughout the school year. Additionally, the support center provides links to mobile apps and grade-specific activities to make learning more exciting.

Food Drive

Hammond Elementary is still collecting food for our food drive for LARS, Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services. Our focus items for November are peanut butter and jelly but all food items are welcomed. We will be collecting for the rest of October as well as November. Food can be sent in to school with your child. If you have any questions you can contact greg_walsh@hcpss.org

Restaurant Night

Thank you to all the families who supported the HES PTA by attending Restaurant Night at Uno Pizzeria & Grill in September. We earned \$142.41 by your patronage.

Reminders

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.

Facebook

Like Hammond Elem PTA on Facebook.

Grocery Store Rebates

Thanks to the 82 families who have designated Hammond Elementary as their school for Harris Teeter's Together in Education (TIE) rewards. Earnings are nearly \$500 for this school year! If you haven't yet signed up for the program, you may register online at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx or ask your cashier to link your VIC card to Hammond Elementary.

Link your card by November 4 for a chance to win a \$200 Harris Teeter gift card from Harris Teeter's Re-link Sweepstakes!

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=wsww&>.



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=ws&>

Lost and Found

Please label your child's outerwear so it will be easier to find in the lost and found bin.

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. 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/>

Other News

Holiday Bazaar at Forest Ridge

Visit the Forest Ridge PTA's Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th.

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 a.m.-noon. Orders and payment need to be submitted before Wednesday, 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 or Nicole Payne with any additional questions
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