

HES PTA News

January 8th Edition



The HES PTA wishes you a happy and healthy new year.

Events

Restaurant Night - Wednesday, January 21 at the Green Turtle in Columbia

Come join in the fun at the Greene Turtle Restaurant at 8872 McGraw Road in Columbia on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Celebrate with food and fun from 11:00 a

m. to 1:00 a.m. and the Greene Turtle will pay 20% of the proceeds to Hammond Elementary School's PTA! Flyers will go home on January 15th. You will need to bring the flyer with you so HES PTA can get the 20% donation. Thanks and we hope to see everyone there!

Basket Bingo - Saturday, February 21 in the HES Cafeteria

Save the date! There will be over a dozen fabulous baskets, bags, and prizes to win. Advance ticket prices are \$5 per child age 12 and under, \$15 per adult, or \$25 per household; ticket order forms will be sent later this month. For each bingo game played, there is an adult winner and a child winner. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and dessert will be available for purchase. Hope you and your family will join us for all the fun!

Basket Bingo donation request

Baskets and bags have been donated to the PTA, but we need your help to fill them! This is a perfect time to donate those new holiday gifts or gift cards you won't use. If you'd rather donate money, the bingo committee will shop for you. **Every student who brings a donation will receive a Tuffy ticket!** Sign up links are below to help with donation ideas for the class basket and bag themes:

* Kindergarten: *Bath/Spa* *Toys*:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-kindergarten

* 1st Grade: *Italian/Pasta* *Coffee/Tea/Chocolate*:

www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8ae2ea20-first

* 2nd Grade: *Ravens* *Men's Man Cave*:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-2ndgrade

* 3rd Grade: *Baking/Kitchen* *Movie Night*:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-3rdgrade

* 4th Grade: *Beach* *Pet Love*:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-4thgrade

* 5th Grade: * Sports* *Family Game Night*:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-5thgrade

Please send donations by Monday, February 2. Thanks for your support!

Spring Fun Run - Saturday, April 25

Mark your calendars for Hammond Elementary's spring Fun Run. The event is a fundraiser for the HES PTA. Participants will be able to choose between a 5K or one mile run through the school grounds and surrounding neighborhood. This family-friendly event will be fun for kids and adults of all ages. Stay tuned for registration and race details closer to the event date.

Volunteers Needed

Vision & Hearing Screening - Volunteers Needed

The annual Vision & Hearing testing will be held on Tuesday, January 20, from 9 am to Noon. Please consider helping out for the portion of the morning. Contact Kerri at kukstins@ymail.com with questions. Use the following link to sign up- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044daaa722a20-hesvision>

Reading with Students

Mrs. Smith, the HES Reading Specialist, is starting a program for students to work on reading fluency. We are looking for volunteers to read with students one on one. It requires an adult to read aloud with a child for 15 minutes a day to model good fluency. A description/training of the simple research based method will be reviewed with volunteers in advance. We are looking for volunteers who can give an hour of their time one day a week. They will work with four students for fifteen minutes each during this time. Use the following link to sign up- www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AFAB2DAAF85-reading/4906890

HES Talent Show- Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to review acts one day in March from 4:00-6:00 PM. Please contact Yael Goldwater, yharris72@gmail.com, for more information.

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Holiday Shop Report

This year's holiday shop brought in \$1,643.38. The students truly showed fine examples of the holiday spirit by turning in money they found, waiting patiently in line to make their purchases, and helping their friends with buying decisions. The PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to the holiday shop chairperson, Denise Simmerly, who has run the event so successfully for the past nine years.

Birdseed Needed

It's freezing out and the poor birds are hungry! Would you be willing to donate some birdseed for the feeders at the entrance and the courtyard? We've got sunflower seeds that the squirrels are enjoying but birdseed mix is what we really need. Some elementary-level books about birds or even a squirrel resistant feeder that isn't being used would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Laura Valente at laura_valente@hcpss.org if you'd like to help.

Tuffy's Pride

Congratulations to our November Tuffy's Pride recipient, Ms. Regotti. The December recipient will be announced in our next newsletter. We want to keep it a surprise until they are presented with their award during morning announcements.

If you know of a teacher or staff member who goes above and beyond to make a child's day brighter, please consider nominating that person for the January 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.

Staff Appreciation Updates

In December, the staff enjoyed the holiday snack table hosted by the PTA. Thanks to all who donated snacks for this event.

On Thursday, February 12, the PTA will host a dinner for the staff who are staying late for parent-teacher conferences. Please look for more information in your next PTA newsletter.

PTA Directory

The PTA directory has been emailed to members. If you are a member and have not receive the directory, contact Jennifer Graciano at jaybro4@verizon.net.

New Families Committee: Volunteers Needed

The PTA wants 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! Please send your information or ideas to maureenmudd@mac.com.

Please label coats and clothes:

Hammond Elementary's Lost and Found grows very quickly, especially throughout the winter months. Please label your child's coat, sweatshirts, etc. with their last name and if there is room, their first name as well. This will help ensure that we can return their coats/clothes if they lose them.

Other News

Family and Youth Yoga Winter Session at The Happy Yogi- January 5 to February 28

Family & Youth Classes - The Happy Yogi

Register [online](#) with [hammondpta](#) coupon code and Hammond Elem PTA will get 10% back to support our programs.



Winter Session (January 5 to February 28)
Registration is open! If you register by December 31st you will automatically receive \$10 off when you check out!

Registration is open! All of our Family and Youth Yoga Classes are taught in 8 week sessions. This allows students to develop a comfort level with the class routine, teacher and classmates. Although drop-ins are allowed, session registration is encouraged.

Class Offerings

- * Yogi Seeds & Mommy Too (Infant to Precrawler) - Mondays @ 10 & Saturdays @ 10:30
- * Yogi Saplings (Ages 3 to 5) - Thursdays @ 4
- * Yogi Trees (Ages 6 to 12) - Thursdays @ 5
- * Teen Yoga - Mondays @ 4:30

Reminders

Facebook

Like Hammond Elem PTA on Facebook.

Grocery Store Rebates

There's still time to sign up!

Register your Harris Teeter VIC card at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx.

*Harris Teeter started a new school bonus dollar program with their Express Lane Pickups. We receive 10% of all sales through their Express Lane. The PTA has earned \$28.99 to support our school and students through this new program.

Register your TargetREDcard at <https://www.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>.

Register your Giant Food card at <http://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/>.

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/>

Help the PTA while doing your online 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&>

Or go to the [HESPTA website](#) and click on the Amazon box.



Click on the black portion of the Amazon box

You can also help by adding this to your email signature line so friends, family, 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&>

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