

# HES PTA News

February 19th Edition



## Events

### **Basket Bingo this Saturday, February 21 in the HES Cafeteria**

Are you ready to play? Over a dozen fabulous baskets and bags filled with prizes are up for grabs. For each bingo game played, one adult and one child will win!

Ticket prices are \$5 per child age 12 and under, \$15 per adult, or \$25 per household. Get your order form at [www.hespta.org](http://www.hespta.org) or buy tickets at the door at the regular prices listed above. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and dessert will be available for purchase. You'll enjoy a night of family fun and games!

\*\*\*Prize Update\*\*\*

Buy raffle tickets at the event for chances to win these special prizes:

\* **Samsung 51" Plasma HDTV**

\* Android tablet

\* Original sketches by Lunch Lady author, Jarrett Krosoczka, an HES student favorite.

Raffle tickets on sale for \$2 each, 4 for \$5, 10 for \$10, or 25 for \$20 (best value).

**Basket Bingo will be held regardless of the weather.**

### **PTA General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for our next PTA General Membership Meeting which will be held in the Media Center. Mrs. Smith, the HES Reading Specialist, will present information on PARCC, the new assessment system.

### **Restaurant Night on Wednesday, March 11 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

Join us at La Palapa Too in Laurel and catch up with your HES friends. La Palapa Too will donate 20% of your check to the PTA when you give them our dining flyer from your student's folder next month. Hope to see you there!

### **Author Aaron Reynolds to Visit HES on Wednesday, April 15th**

Continuing the tradition of bringing fun and exciting authors to Hammond Elementary, we are proud this year to welcome author Aaron Reynolds. Students will be familiar with Aaron's popular graphic novel series *Tiger Moth*, as well as his many picture books, including the **2013-14 Black-Eyed Susan award winning book ~ *Creepy Carrots!***



Your PTA will team up with Barnes & Noble for book sales. Order forms were sent home in students' folders last week. Orders and payments are due no later than Monday, March 23.

### **Spring Fun Run - Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.!**

Mark your calendars for Hammond Elementary School's Spring Fun Run. Participants will be able to choose between a 5K or one mile run beginning and ending at HES! This family-friendly event will be fun for kids and adults of all ages. Registration forms will be sent home with your HES students in the next few weeks and we hope to see many, if not all, HES families represented at this fun run!! We will host a post-race gathering in front of the school with refreshments for the runners and a raffle of wonderful prizes that all race registrants are eligible for!

In preparation for the 5k/1m Spring Fun Run, we invite any Hammond Elementary School families with business connections to show your pride in our school and your business by sponsoring our run. This event is planned as fund raiser for the PTA, and we can use all the help we can get. If your business is willing to sponsor this fun event or donate a raffle item for the post-race gathering, please contact Erin Roberts at [erobertsqc@gmail.com](mailto:erobertsqc@gmail.com). We're asking local businesses to support our wonderful school, and we plan to make this a fun school~community event. Let's show our Tuffy pride!! Cash donations will be rewarded with your company's logo on the back of the race T-shirt. Cash donations must be remitted by March 25, 2015 to ensure T-shirt advertisement. Raffle item donations must be remitted by March 30, 2015.

### **Volunteers Needed**

#### **STEM Night - Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

We Need You! Do you have a job or hobby in a STEM-related field? STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This year we are once again having a combination STEM Night/Science Fair. We need parents who have a job or hobby in a STEM field to host a session about their job or hobby. This session should include an interactive activity for the students.

Activities can be simple and only last a half hour. Here are some examples from last year: A parent from NASA made small air-powered rockets with the students. A parent who worked with conveyors taught students about conveyors and then the students built model conveyors. If you are interested or need more information please contact Mr. Walsh by emailing [greg\\_walsh@hcpss.org](mailto:greg_walsh@hcpss.org).

### **HES Talent Show - Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to review acts one day in March from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please contact Yael Goldwater, [yharris72@gmail.com](mailto:yharris72@gmail.com), for more information.

### **Reading with Students**

Mrs. Smith, the HES Reading Specialist, has started a program for students to work on reading fluency. Volunteers are needed to read aloud with students one on one to model good fluency. Training will be reviewed with volunteers in advance. If you can give an hour of your time one day a week, you'll work with four students for fifteen minutes each session. Use the following link to sign up: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AFAB2DAAF85-reading/4906890](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AFAB2DAAF85-reading/4906890)

## **News**

### **Staff Appreciation Conference Dinner**

Last week's conference dinner was a huge success! The teachers and staff expressed their sincere thanks for the meal and all the wonderful donations. A special thank you to our Chinese community for its thoughtful donation of a beautiful and delicious cake.

Events are now being scheduled for staff appreciation week, May 4 through 8. Please mark your calendar...updates will follow.



### **Last Call for Box Tops!**

The next Box Tops collection is at the end of February. Please send in your Box Tops with your student! The collection box is in the front lobby under the glass showcase. We've collected \$437 toward our goal of \$1,000. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



### **Mitten Tree**

Thank you to all who donated new and gently used mittens and gloves for our mitten tree! LARS appreciated the donations which will help the needy of Laurel stay warm during this cold winter. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Girls on the Run**

Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in third to eighth grade. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. The lessons promote self-challenge instead of competition; self-worth instead of societal worth; and cooperation instead of rivalry. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The girls will meet after-school twice a week for approximately 10 weeks with the season ending tentative 5k date on May 30th. Hammond Elementary will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 3:30-4:45 starting the week of March 15th. To register your daughter, go to [www.gotrcentralmd.org](http://www.gotrcentralmd.org) and click on register!



### **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 have sunflower seeds that the squirrels are enjoying but birdseed mix is really needed. 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](mailto:laura_valente@hcpss.org) if you'd like to help.

### **Tuffy's Pride**

We are proud to announce the recipients of the Tuffy's Pride awards! Mrs. Serpico was our December recipient and Mr. Walsh was our January award winner. Thank you to both Mrs. Serpico and Mr. Walsh for all you do.

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 February 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.

## 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](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx). Current earnings are \$1,135.18 thanks to the 99 participants already registered!

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

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

### Help your 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&>

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