

HES PTA News

March 19th Edition



Events

Play Basket Bingo this Saturday, March 21! Meet in the HES Cafeteria...

Over a dozen fabulous baskets and bags filled with prizes are up for grabs. Door prizes will be awarded. For each bingo game played, one adult and one child will win!

Ticket prices at the door are \$5 per child age 12 and under, \$15 per adult, or \$25 per household. If you have already ordered tickets, you can pick them up at the door.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner and treats will be available for purchase. Selections will include Kloby's pork bbq, Three Brothers cheese pizza, Pepperjacks sub sandwiches, plus a free slice of cake (while supplies last).

You'll also have the opportunity to 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.

You and your family deserve a night of fun and games...come play some bingo!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for this Saturday's bingo night, March 21. If you're able to help, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8ae2ea20-basket>

Thanks for your support of this fun event...hope to see you there!

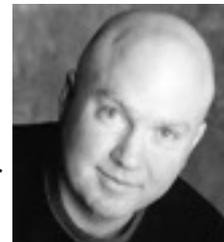
Girls on the Run

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 and click on register!

Author Aaron Reynolds to Visit Hammond Elementary School on Wednesday, April 15th

Your PTA has teamed up with Barnes & Noble for Aaron Reynolds book sales. An order form came home in all student folders several weeks ago. These orders are due no later than Monday, March 23, 2015.



If you have any questions about this event, or need another copy of the book order form, please contact HES Media Specialists Marcia Davis or Robert Ellis.

Hammond Elementary School 5K/1M Spring Fun Run- Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 9am!!

It's TIME to REGISTER!!!!!!!!!!!! Registration form included at the end of this newsletter.

HES students, teachers, families and all community members send in your signed registrations for the Hammond Elementary School Spring Fun Run!! Choose between a 5K or one mile run/walk beginning and ending at HES!! This family-friendly event will be fun for kids and adults of all ages. Registration forms are available in the school office and should have come home with your HES students last week. We hope to see many, if not all, HES families and all of our community members represented at this fun run!! We will be hosting a post-race gathering in front of the school with refreshments for the runners and a raffle of wonderful prizes for which all race registrants are eligible!

HES Talent Show - Friday, May 22

Sign up forms for auditions will be coming home before spring break. Please look for them in your child's take home folder. It is going to be a great show and a lot of fun for the children. Whether your child is performing or not, you won't want to miss it!

HES PTA Nominations for 2015-2016

Please consider helping the PTA for the 2015-2016 school year. There are multiple ways you can help. Help make next year's PTA a success- we can't do it without you.

The Elected PTA Board positions include President; Vice President, Membership; Vice President, Communications; Treasurer; Recording Secretary; and Communications Secretary.

Only current PTA members are able to be nominated and vote. Click [here](#) if you'd like to become a PTA member (it's never too late).

President - Preside at all HES PTA executive and general membership meetings, prepare an agenda for the meetings, coordinate the work of the officers and committee members, review bank statements monthly.

Vice President - Membership - Act as an aide to the president, responsible for all membership activities such as recruiting and member retention.

Vice President - Communications - Act as an aide to the president, responsible for a bi-weekly PTA newsletter.

Treasurer - Has custody of the PTA funds, keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and expenditures including reconciliation of the bank account each month, present a written financial statement at every meeting of the executive committee, the board of directors and the general membership meetings, make disbursements as authorized by the president or board of directors in accordance to the budget adopted by the PTA.

Recording Secretary - Record the minutes of all meetings of the PTA, be prepared to read and refer back to minutes of the previous meeting as necessary.

Corresponding Secretary - Assist in communications with donors and vendors and community organizations who have supported the PTA.

Appointed Position

Delegate - Represent HES PTA at monthly PTA Council of Howard County meetings, report information gathered at the monthly meetings back to the Board of Directors and general membership.

If you are interested in finding out more about the positions feel free to contact Kerri Ukstins at kukstins@ymail.com.

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.

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

PARCC Test Updates from PTA Council of Howard County Meeting (3/9)

- There are 2 sections of testing. The Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) was just completed for most Hammond students the week of 3/9. This portion focuses on applying skills, concepts, and understanding to solve multi-step problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools. The PBA tests have some questions that are more complex than what parents may remember from standardized tests they took in school. The PBA is graded both by computer and humans.
- The second portion of the test, the End of Year Assessment (EOY), is administered near the very end of the school year and consists of more traditional multiple choice type questions. This portion is scored by computer only.
- This is the first year the state of MD is administering the PARCC test. Because the test administrators are being very thorough with the human scoring portion, this year's PARCC test results will not be available or completed until late 2015. In following years, once scoring has been determined, results should be available sooner after the EOY Assessment is administered.
- Tests are based only on grade level for Elementary School (grades 3-5). A 2nd grader in advanced / 3rd grade math would not take the PARCC tests.
- Once grading is completed, the PARCC results will be one thing that teachers and administrators will use in determining a student's progress, class assignments, etc., along with observed learning, classroom testing results, the MAP tests, and the other things that are used currently to evaluate students on an ongoing basis.
- Explore items for the PBA and EOY exams for 3rd – 5th grade at <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>
- Saved versions of live chat sessions answering PARCC questions are available at <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/parcc/chats/>

Reminders

Tuffy's Pride

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 March 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

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. Current earnings are \$1,317.90 thanks to the 101 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&>

Community News

Family and Youth Spring Session (March 19th to May 7th) @ The Happy Yogi

<http://thehappyyogi.com/youthclasses/>

Register online with this coupon and your PTA will get 10% back to support its programs: hammondpta.

Registration is open! All our Kids 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 Saplings (Ages 3 to 5 years) - Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m.

Yogi Trees (Ages 6 to 12 Years) - Thursdays @ 5:00 p.m.

Coming soon - Family Yoga & Playtime - Tuesdays @ 4:00 p.m.

2014-2015 PTA Board of Directors

President - Kerri Ukstins

VP, Membership - Christine Hyun

VP, Communications - Anne Braun

Treasurer - Randy Baldini

Recording Secretary - Christine Sledge

Communications Secretary - Maggie Kennedy

Delegate - Mike Schmeckpeper



**Hammond
Elementary School
Spring Fun Run 5K/
1M
April 25, 2015
9:00am start**

Race Information

The Hammond Elementary School PTA in conjunction with the PE department is excited to host the Hammond Elementary School Spring Fun 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk to raise funds for our PTA. We appreciate your support and are grateful to live in a community that encourages prioritizing fitness.

Who: This event is open to all H.E.S. students, their families, and the community.

What: 5K (3.1 miles) or 1 mile Run/Walk

When: Saturday, April 25, 2015 (Rain or shine), 1 Mile fun run/walk starts @ 9:00 AM, 5K follows at approximately 9:20am

Where: Hammond Elementary School, 8110 Aladdin Dr, Laurel, MD 20723

**All registered run/walk entrants are eligible for raffle items at the Post Race gathering!!*

Entry & Waiver Form

Each participant must complete and submit an entry form with payment. Entry forms can also be completed on race day. Drop off or Mail payment and completed waiver to Hammond Elementary School, 8110 Aladdin Dr, Laurel MD, 20723. Drop off registrations can be placed in the designated box in the HES Front Office and Mail-in registrations must be received by Monday, April 20, 21015. **Make checks payable to H.E.S. PTA.**

\$15.00 per single participant and \$10.00 per participant with families of 3 or more if received by 4/20/15

\$20.00 per participant if received after 4/20/15

Race Gear Pick Up

Each participant will receive a race number and a t-shirt (t-shirt only guaranteed for entry received by 4/20/15).

Participants can pick up race gear and register late:

- Friday, April 24th, 9:30-11:00 AM, and 3:30-6:00pm H.E.S. Lobby
- Saturday, April 25th, 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM (Before the start of the event)

Each participant must fill out and sign this form in order to participate in the 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Run. **One participant per form.**

H.E.S. PTA: 5k & 1 Mile Run/Walk, Registration Form

Name of participant (print): _____ Gender (circle): Male Female

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle): YS / YM / YL / AS / AM / AL / AXL I am participating in (circle only one): 5K / 1 Mile

Liability Waiver (must be signed to participate in event): *In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Hammond Elementary School PTA, Laurel, MD, race volunteers and officials, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, including injury, loss or damage to personal property, or the carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to run/walk in this event. Further, I grant permission and release to all of the foregoing to use any information, photographs, or recordings of this event for legitimate purposes.*

Signature of participant (parent or guardian if under 18 years old)

Date _____

For questions/copy of this form, please email Erin Roberts at erobertsqc@gmail.com or Mrs. Serpico at suzanne_serpico@hcpps.org