

HES PTA News

April 16th Edition



Events

Science Fair / STEM Night - Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The STEM/Science Fair is a great night of experiments and discovery. Please join us on Thursday, April 23rd. The Science Fair will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. STEM activities will start at 6:10 p.m. and end at 7:20 p.m. The students that signed up for the STEM activities will receive a ticket for 2 specific activities. Only students who have a ticket can attend the STEM activities due to space limitations.

Hammond Elementary School 5K/1M Spring Fun Run - Saturday, April 25 at 9 a.m.!!

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

HES students, teachers, families and all community members, please 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. Each race participant has to have a signed registration form. 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 that all race registrants are eligible for!

Packet Pickups:

- * Friday, April 24th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the school lobby and
- * Race day from 7:30-8:45 a.m. in front of the HES entrance doors.

Hammond Elementary Multicultural Night - April 30th at 6 p.m.

Please join us for Multicultural Night at HES! Experience different world cultures' dance, native dress, poetry, storytelling, music and traditional foods to celebrate the diversity of our school. Join us in the gym as our students perform on stage. After the performance, tour over 20 country tables in the cafeteria. Discover interesting items from various countries and sample food from around the world! If you have any questions or would like more information please email Ravinder Sandhoo at kaurr@yahoo.com.

Help celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 through 8

The wonderful teachers and staff will be treated to something special for each day of Teacher Appreciation Week. If you'd like to contribute or volunteer, please see the links below. Thank you for showing your appreciation to our dedicated HES staff!

Monday - Snack Cart: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054FA8AE2EA20-appreciation

Tuesday - Breakfast: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8ae2ea20-appreciation1>

Wednesday - Lunch: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa8ae2ea20-appreciation2>

Thursday - HES Spa

Friday - Gift Bags

Restaurant Night at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 6181 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia on May 5th

Join us at Chipotle in Columbia to catch up with your HES friends while helping to support HES PTA. A flyer will be send home soon.

HES Talent Show - Friday, May 22

Sign up forms for auditions were sent home before spring break. 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!

News

Donation from Restaurant Night at La Palapa too

La Palapa too has donated \$200 to the PTA for last month's restaurant night. Thanks to all who dined at this event!

Bingo Night Draws Nearly 200 Participants!

Thanks to all who attended Bingo Night this year. The PTA would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Denise Simmerly, Lisa Beck, and Roberta Burns and their families for running this event.

Please support the local businesses that supported PTA's Bingo Night:

- * hhGregg
- * Maggiano's at The Mall in Columbia
- * Kloby's
- * Pepperjacks
- * La Palapa too
- * McDonald's in Fulton.

Many thanks also to Mrs. Davis and the HES Media Center, HES families, and Pat Weir for their generous donations.

Box Tops Rock!

Box Tops earnings for this year will be \$796.20! Thank you for bringing in your Box Tops and special thanks to Anna Schmeckpepper and her family for processing the nearly 3,600 Box Tops submitted.

Did you know? Box Tops have to be clipped along the dotted lines or a portion of the donation is deducted. Please continue to send in your Box Tops!

Author Visit

Continuing the tradition of bringing fun & exciting authors to HES, yesterday the students had the opportunity to meet Aaron Reynolds. The students enjoyed meeting him and having their books personally signed by Aaron.



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.

Updates from PTA Council of Howard County

1. Negotiations continue between the Howard County Educators Association (teacher's union) and the Department of Education. The current contract expires in the Summer of 2015.
2. The budget requested by the Board of Education, which included an increase to the operating budget of an additional \$22Million in revenue is unlikely to be approved, as the County only has an additional \$15Million to spend, in total, in the next fiscal year.
3. For anyone interested in the budgeting process, or wanting to have the chance to participate or speak during the Public hearing, please see below for key dates in the coming months.
 - April 20, 7:00 PM County Executive Budget Presentation at the George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City
 - May 12th, 7:00 PM County Public Hearing on FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget Requests at the George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City
 - May 14th, 8:30 AM County Council's Work Session #1 on the Boards FY 2016 operating and Capital Budgets Requests at the George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City
 - May 14th, 7:30 PM Board of Education FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets and FY 2017-21 Capital Improvement Program Work Session- Boardroom at 10910 Clarksville Pike, Columbia (if necessary)

Reminders

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.

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 April 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 \$1,479.27 thanks to the 103 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&>

2014-2015 PTA Board of Directors

President - Kerri Ukstins

VP, Membership - Christine Hyun

VP, Communications - Anne Braun

Treasurer - Randy Baldini

Recording Secretary - Christina 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@hcpss.org