

HES PTA News



May 14th Edition

Events

PTA General Membership Meeting - Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Media Center for the General Membership meeting. All current members can vote for the 2015-2016 HES PTA Board of Directors. Bring your PTA membership card to vote. If you do not have your membership card, a member roster will be available. It is not too late to join! You can join the night of the PTA meeting and cast your vote for the new board.

The PTA has some very important positions that are still vacant. If you have considered increasing your involvement in the PTA, please contact Michele Johnson at chelejohnson2@yahoo.com for details.

HES Talent Show - Friday, May 22th at 6 PM

Don't miss HAMMONDWOOD - the 2015 HES talent show. We have an amazing show scheduled for this year showcasing our talented HES students. This is a fun, free event you don't want to miss!! The show will take place in the HES gym. Bring your entire family to cheer on our wonderful students.

STEM Festival - Sunday, June 7th

The STEM Festival will be returning to Howard Community College. There will be more than 70 hands on exhibits for all ages, from pre-school aged through high school. It is designed for the kids to actively participate in the exhibits...not looking at, or watching, but participating in a hands on capacity. Sounds like a wonderful event and it is free. It runs from 1-5 PM. For more information see <http://hocostemfestival.weebly.com/>.

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Food Drive

For the months of May and June, Hammond Elementary will once again be partnering with LARS, Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services. We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. If you would like to donate peanut butter and/or jelly you can send in your donations with your child, and we will collect them. You can also donate cat/dog food and treats as we will be collecting those for May and June as well. Thank you in advance for any donations!

Thank You

STEM Night Thank You!

Shout out to all of our STEM Night Presenters who volunteered their time to make STEM Night a success! Thank you to: Mr. Wargo, Mr. Schneider, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Chen, Ms. Bajwa, Mr. Okoudjou, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Parlette, and Mr. Walsh.

Teacher Appreciation

The teachers and staff were so appreciative of the support shown to them last week. Thanks to all the parents who contributed to the week's events and to Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3804 for creating over 100 thank you notes, which were distributed in Friday's gift bags.



One of the wonderful desserts donated by an HES family.

Please thank and support the local businesses that supported our Staff Appreciation Week:

Subway

Mr. Surinzar Nat
Cherry Tree Crossing Subway
8305 Ice Crystal Drive, #103
Laurel, MD 20723

Subway

Mr. Surinzar Nat
Monteplier Subway
7500 Montpelier Rd #110
Laurel, MD 20723

Food Lion

Mr. Travis Pfistner
8300 Ice Crystal Drive
Scaggsville, MD 20723

Target

Ms. Leslie Severson
6111 Dobbin Rd
Columbia, MD 21045

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Mr. Jay Tracy
8620 Guilford Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Harris Teeter

Mr. Kevin Edwards
8184 Westside Blvd
Fulton, MD 20759

Giant

Ms. Kathy Devine
6480 Freetown Road
Columbia, MD 21044

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Mr. Dave Jacelski
9270 All Saints Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Dunkin Donuts

Mr. Mark Pavlosky
7530 Montpelier Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Dunkin Donuts

Mr. Mark Pavlosky
8305 Ice Crystal Drive
Laurel, MD 20723

Chick-fil-A

Ms. Sasha Malcolmson
10975 Johns Hopkins Rd
Laurel, MD 20723

Reminders**Tuffy's Pride**

We are proud to announce the recipients of the Tuffy's Pride awards! Ms. Miller was the February recipient and Ms. Knox was the March recipient. Thank you to both for all you do. Our April recipient will be announced shortly.

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 May 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 \$1,697.04 thanks to the 104 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&>

PTACHC News

The May 4th PTACHC meeting centered almost entirely on the FY 2016 Operating budget. After much discussion amongst the delegates, we were informed by the Board of Education that the full amount of money in the Budget requested by the Board has been tentatively approved by the County executive. The FY 2016 operating budget is \$776.3 million. Much of the discussion was around the roughly \$3 million in the budget that is hoped to be forthcoming from the State of Maryland, but is currently being withheld by the Governor (He is withholding a pool of roughly \$60 million that had been previously approved by the State legislature, \$3 million of which would go to Howard County). The County Executive has pledged to cover this \$3 million out of the County's operating budget if needed. PTACHC formally passed a motion to pledge support of requests from the Superintendent to the Governor asking that he release the pool of funds.

The Board member did mention that the Capital Budget requested by the Board was not likely to be received, and that the shortfall was going to be roughly \$25 million. This is money for new schools, and improvements to existing facilities. This is due to the shortfall in the County's overall tax revenue.

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