

HES PTA News



May 28th Edition

Events

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/>.

Thank you

Talent Show Volunteers

Thank you to all of the children who shared their talent with the HES family—you are all very talented. A HUGE thank you to Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Ciarapica for their time and hard work in making the show a success...and thank you for the volunteer moms who helped ensure that the show went smoothly: Amy Whitney, Renee Wines-Hocker, Rozanna Oyersky, and Ms. Jackson, and Yael Goldwater.



HES PTA Board of Directors

A huge thank you goes out to the 2014-2015 HES Board of Directors who worked so tirelessly on behalf of the students and staff of HES. Thank you to Kerri Ukstins, Anne Braun, Christine Hyun, Randy Baldini, Christina Sledge, Maggie Kennedy and Mike Schmeckpeper.

News

We want to welcome the incoming HES PTA Board of Directors. The following people were voted into office during the General Membership meeting on May 20th. We look forward to continued excellence under this new board.

2015-2016 PTA Board of Directors

President - Erin Roberts
VP, Membership - Christine Hyun
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Donations Needed

Girls on the Run- Pet Food/treat Drive

Girls on the Run is collecting pet food, treats, and toys as part of their service project for the Howard County Animal Shelter through Tuesday, June 2. The donation box is located across from the third grade hallway at the announcements room. GOTR appreciates any donations!



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!

Input Needed

HES After-School Programs Survey

As the school year comes to a close, the after-school programs committee would like your opinion on the programs that were offered and which programs you would like to see offered next year. Please take a few minutes to click on the link and take the survey.

Please contact Michele Johnson at chelejohnson2@yahoo.com and Farah Noble at farahnoble@hotmail.com with any questions or if you'd be interested in helping to coordinate the after-school programs next year. Thank you for your interest and support for strong after-school programs at Hammond Elementary!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q7JKW5B>

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 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 \$1,831.97 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&>

Community News

North Laurel Tigers Fall Football and Cheer

The Tigers have a new den set up in North Laurel! This new sports organization will provide opportunities for boys and girls in the southeastern portion of Howard County to have a constructive football and cheer experience. Our experienced, qualified and background-checked coaches will provide your child with the tools that they will need to become a successful athlete on the field and a successful person off the field.

Equipment:

Each football player will be issued a game jersey and equipment that has been checked and has passed national safety standards. Each cheerleader will be issued a cheer uniform and poms. A \$250 deposit check will be required at equipment checkout. This check will be returned when you return our equipment at the end of the season. Each football player must provide: athletic supporter and cup, pants, practice jersey, mouthpiece, socks, and cleats.

Team Placement:

Players will be placed on teams based on age, weight, evaluation, and team requirements. Evaluations at the beginning of the season will determine an athlete's placement. Players are not guaranteed a spot on a certain team when they register. Our philosophy is to slot athletes in age and weight group at which we feel they will be the most competitive. Cheerleaders will be placed on teams based on age and experience.

Practices and Games:

Practices will begin the week of August 3rd and will be held five nights a week in August before school starts and three nights a week thereafter for the duration of the season. Practices are conveniently located at the fields at North Laurel Park for the beginning of the season, and then move to the stadium turf fields at Reservoir and Hammond High Schools in late September or early October. Games are held on Saturdays and some Friday nights. Our home games are played at Cedar Lane Park, but away games require travel.

Volunteers Needed!:

Volunteers are needed for coaching, assistant coaching, team administrating and committees. Email - dethompson@howardcountymd.gov for additional information.

Refund Policy:

A \$29 administrative fee will be deducted from refund requests made prior to July 1st. A 50% administrative fee will be deducted from refund requests made July 1st through August 10th. No refunds after August 10th.

Recreational Football:

The North Laurel Tigers are a recreational sports organization, open to anybody who would like to try football or cheerleading. The league in which the organization plays has minimum play requirements that allows every player on a team to be a contributing member. While some games require travel, this is not a travel, club or elite-level football program.

Information:

Website: www.NorthLaurelTigers.com

Derrick Thompson: 410-313-4736; dethompson@howardcountymd.gov

Football Cost: \$160

After July 10th: \$185

Cheer Cost: \$125

After July 10th: \$150

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