



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

SEPTEMBER 2015

WELCOME to the 2015-2016 school year at Hammond Elementary!!

As the President of the PTA it is my pleasure to say “welcome back” to all of our returning families and “welcome” all of our new families!! We are so excited for the upcoming school year!! We have many fun community events being planned throughout the school year and we are working with the staff of HES to provide many ways to enhance our children’s educational experience at HES this year. We are going to sponsor and support wonderful cultural arts assemblies, exciting after school programs, STEM related activities, community and family events, and so much more this year. Let me introduce you to our 2015-2016 PTA Executive Board:

President – Erin Roberts
VP Membership – Jen Beaverson
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VP Communications – Sumaira Bajwa
Communications Secretary – Anne Braun
Treasurer – Randy Baldini
PTA Delegate – Mike Schmeckpeper

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA!

Remember to relink your shopping cards at the following stores:

- [Harris Teeter](#) Code #8583
- [Giant](#) Code #00388
- [Target](#) Code #58038

Click on store for link!

PTA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

On the web: hespta.org
Facebook: search “Hammond Elem PTA”

PTA MEETING DATES...

Please add these dates to your calendars and join us!

- **September 30th 2015**
7-9:00pm HES Media Center
School Improvement, Budget & Bylaws
- **December 16th 2015**
7-9:00pm HES Media Center
- **March 16th 2016**
7-9:00pm HES Media Center
- **May 18th 2016**
7-9:00pm HES Media Center

SEPTEMBER EVENTS!

- 9/16 **New Families Meet & Greet and Playdate**
6:30pm in the Media Center
- 9/24 **Restaurant Night at Chick-Fil-A**
Look for a flyer to come home with your child
- 9/25 **Annual Fall Festival @ HES**
4-7:00pm ~ Come for food, fun & games!
- 9/30 **1st General PTA Meeting/School Improvement Presentation**
7-9pm in the Media Center



Hammond Elementary PTA Fall Festival Friday, September 25th ~ 4 to 7 pm

The HES Fall Festival is a few short weeks away. It is always such a great community event and our amazing HES volunteers are a big reason it's so successful. Please click [here](#) for the Fall Festival Sign-up Genius and help in any way you can. Contact Michele Johnson if you have any questions at chelejohnson2@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thank you to all who have joined! We have 300 members with a goal of 400 and two more weeks left in the membership drive. Please encourage friends, neighbors, teachers and classmates to join! Forms are going out in Thursday folders and can be downloaded from the website (hespta.org).

The class with most PTA members will win an extra recess and a member will win a mystery gift card at the September 30th PTA meeting and School Improvement Presentation.

TUFFY'S PRIDE



Do you know of a teacher or staff member who went above and beyond to make the children feel welcome and included during the back-to-school transition? If so consider nominating that person for the September

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.

GIRLS ON THE RUN®

GOTR is a life-changing program for girls in third to fifth grade. The goal of the program is to encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. The girls will meet after-school twice a week with the season ending 5k date in early December. HES GOTR will meet Wednesdays & Fridays from 3:30 to 4:45 starting September 16. To register your daughter, go to www.gotrcentralmd.org and click on register!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The HES PTA After-School Program has many exciting opportunities lined up for the 2015-16 school year. Check your child's Thursday folder for information and registration fliers for Kidz Art, Overtime Athletics, Howard County Parks and Rec programs (chess, legos, science, floor hockey, evening karate), D&S Karate, Bricks4kids, Drama, and Girls on the Run. Get your registration forms in soon as slots fill quickly and thank you for your continued support of these programs. Your participation allows us to continue our strong After-School Program at Hammond.

HELP PTA THROUGH AMAZON

Shop through the link below and our HES's PTA will earn money!

Search New and Used
amazon.com

Thank you to all those families who shopped Amazon using the PTA link last year.

HAMMOND GIVES BACK!



Hammond Elementary is once again holding a food drive. All food will be donated to LARS (Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services) to benefit our community right here in Laurel. Please send any food donations in to school with your child and we will collect the items. Thank you in advance for any donations! Our community and LARS truly appreciates your help!