



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

# THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

OCTOBER 2015

## HES's Got TALENT

HES PTA TALENT SHOW  
FRIDAY, DEC 4 ~ 6:30PM

Did you know talent show has moved to the fall? That's right, it's time to dust off your dance shoes, tune up your instrument, get your groups together, and let's get on with the show! To participate in the Talent Show you MUST sign up for an act review, using: [TALENT SHOW SIGN UP](#)

**Act Review Signup Deadline:** October 10

**Act Review Dates & Times:**

Oct. 12 & 14 ~ 4:30 to 6pm, every 10 minutes

Oct. 13 & 15 ~ 4 to 6pm, every 10 minutes

**Dress Rehearsal:** Dec. 3 ~ 4pm in HES Gym

**Show Time:** Dec. 4 ~ 6:30pm in HES Gym

### SPIRIT WEAR!

Show your school spirit! Hammond spirit wear is now available. All ordering is done online and items are shipped directly to you. Go to [www.hammondspiritwear.com](http://www.hammondspiritwear.com) and check out what there is to offer. **From October 1st until October 15th** you get **FREE SHIPPING** when you enter the code **HM1015**. If you have any questions, contact Christina Alvarez at [calvarez957@gmail.com](mailto:calvarez957@gmail.com).

### NEW FAMILIES NIGHT

The next New Families Night will be held on **October 20, 2015 at 6:30**. Parents and kids from families new to HES, Ambassador families, and families of volunteer coordinators are invited to attend. There will be one or more guest speakers to address the issues and concerns relevant to New Families. More information to follow. Please RSVP using: [RSVP](#)

### OCTOBER EVENTS!

10/1 to 10/15 Spirit Wear FREE shipping sale!

10/10 HES PTA Talent Show sign-up deadline.

10/14 Restaurant Night at Kloby's Flyers coming home soon!

10/20 New Families Night  
6:30pm in the Media Center

### SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA!

Remember to relink your shopping cards at the following stores (click on store for link!):

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

Click on store for link!

And... Shop through the link below at Amazon and our PTA will earn money!

Search New and Used  
[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

### PTA MEETING DATES...

Please add these dates to your calendars and join us!

- December 16th 2015 with Dr. Foose
- March 16th 2016
- May 18th 2016

All meetings are 7-9:00pm in HES Media Center.



Mrs. Pratesi about to get "the Big Splash" at the Fall Festival!

### THANKS FOR OUR GREAT FALL FESTIVAL!

On behalf of the PTA we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered for and came out to participate in the 2015 HES PTA Fall Festival!! It was a great evening of fun, food, music and awesome HES community spirit!! We would like to thank the following people for their hard work and dedication in planning this event on for our HES students, staff, and families:

Michele Johnson (Event Manager), Michelle Anderson, Christina Alvarez, Tara Terry, Lisa Beck, Lena Jackson, Terumi McKenna, Anna Hogue, Kerri Ukstins, Fran Taylor, Maureen Harkins, Keena Story, Dedi Oxenberg, John Beck, Denise Simmerly, and Kelly Fato.

We also want to thank the many HES family and staff member volunteers who helped man the games, activities and food concessions and who pitched in to set up and clean up. Special thanks to the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for their help. Thank you to the Big Splash Participants (Mrs. Pratesi, Ms. Ciarapica, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Baird and Tuffy) and to Mr. Walsh and the Cake Walk crew! The PTA is so grateful to be working with such a generous community!!!

### PTACHC MEETING MINUTES

Stay connected and aware of happenings, discussions, and decisions made by the PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC). The minutes from the PTACHC meetings are posted on [hespta.org](http://hespta.org) under "Minutes" section of "Our PTA" tab.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We had an awesome membership drive this month, with a total of 380 members joining. A special thanks to our staff, who are over 40 members strong! Mrs. DeHaan's class won the class competition, with Mr. Hector, Mrs. Strine and Ms. McWain's classes tying for 2nd place. Anna Beavan won the mystery gift card at the 1st General PTA meeting. Help us reach 400 members by joining or encouraging others to join. Simply download a form from the [hespta.org](http://hespta.org) website, fill it out and send it in an envelope marked "PTA Membership". Thank you for your support!

### HES PTA GRADE LEVEL EDUCATION GRANTS NO BAKE BAKE SALE DONATION REQUEST

The HES PTA is piloting a new program this year that will provide up to \$800 in funds to each grade level team, K through 5th grade. These funds can be used to provide enrichment opportunities such as in-house field trips and other content area presentations and supports to the instructional programs. With your financial support, we can make it a permanent part of what the HES PTA does for our fantastic staff and students.

To begin to create a funding stream for these grants that allows 100% of our money and effort to be directed to our children, the PTA is asking for tax-deductible donations from families or other interested individuals or businesses that will go directly to fund these grants. In doing this donation drive, the PTA has done away with sales based fundraisers (pizza, coupon books, etc). Look for more information in Thursday folders.

### 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 monthly Tuffy's Pride Award. Nominations can be made [here](#) and only take few minutes of your time. Each person selected will receive a certificate and a small gift card.