



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

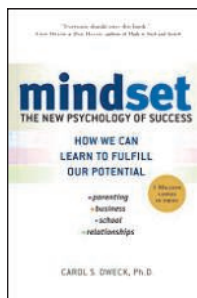
# THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

NOVEMBER 2015

## HES PTA 2015-16 NEW INITIATIVES ANNOUNCEMENT

The HES PTA is excited to share with our school community information about 2 new initiatives the HES PTA is funding this school year.

### 1) A book purchase for HES Staff



The first is a one-time offer of financial support to the HES administration of \$600 to purchase copies of the book, Mindset, The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., to support a year long Professional Development book study for the staff at HES lead by our principal, Mrs. Pratesi. Parents will be invited to participate in various aspects of the book study. Look for more information to be forthcoming throughout the year.

### 2) K-5th Grade Level Educational Grants

The second new initiative that the HES PTA is excited to share is the new K-5th Grade Level Educational Grants Program which will provide up to \$800 in funds to each grade level team, K through 5th grade. The grant funds can be used to provide enrichment opportunities such as in-house field trips, distant learning opportunities and other content area presentations that support the grade level instructional programs for our students. The 2015-16 No-Bake Bake Sale tax-deductible donation request will go directly toward funding these new grants and it is the hope of the PTA that this program will become a standard part of what we do to support our amazing instructional staff here at Hammond ES. Please watch for more information to be coming home in your child's Thursday folder!!

## NOVEMBER EVENTS!

- 11/11 **Restaurant Day/Night at Pei Wei**  
11am to 9pm for the Federal Holiday! Click here for the [flyer](#).
- 11/13-23 **HES BOOK FAIR**
- 11/17
  - ◆ Tobacco Free Cultural Arts Assembly for students during school day
  - ◆ Family Math Night at 6:30 PM
- 11/13-23 **PTA sponsored Teacher Conference Dinner for staff**

## LINK YOUR HARRIS TEETER CARD TO HES (THE EASY WAY)



Help support Hammond Elementary PTA while you shop! If you have a VIC card, simply fill out this [form](#). We send your information to Harris Teeter to link your card to HES. Ask your friends or neighbors for their information, too! Anyone can participate! Let's get over 100 cards linked! If you have any questions, email [hammondsppta@gmail.com](mailto:hammondsppta@gmail.com).

## TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD

Has a teacher or staff member gone above and beyond to make the beginning of the year easier for your child? If teacher or a staff member made your child's day brighter please consider nominating that person for the October Tuffy's Pride Award using this [form](#). The teacher or staff member selected will receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift card.



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TUFFY AWARD (continued from page 1)

We were unable to present a Tuffy's Pride Award in October due to lack of nominations. We would like to present two awards in November. The nomination only takes a few minutes of your time but has a lasting impression on the person who receives it. Contact Anne Braun at [anne.braun2008@gmail.com](mailto:anne.braun2008@gmail.com) with any questions.

### RESTAURANT NIGHT AT PEI WEI



**PEI WEI**

Thank you to all who attended the Kloby's restaurant night in October, we made over \$100. This month we head north to the Dobbin Shopping Area for Pei Wei. As a special added bonus, Pei Wei will be running the restaurant night all day and night! You can help the HES PTA by going to Pei Wei any time on November 11th from 11am - 9pm! We hope to see you there! Simply present this [invitation](#) to the cashier and Pei Wei will donate 20% of your order (pre-tax, excluding beer/wine) to HES PTA.

### HES BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is coming to Hammond Elementary. As always the PTA needs volunteers to run the book fair. The setup will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The students will be able to visit the book fair during their media class between November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be extended book fair hours on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign up to volunteer using this link: [Book Fair Signup](#)

### TOBACCO FREE CULTURAL ARTS ASSEMBLY

The Tobacco Free Cultural Arts Assembly is sponsored and paid for by the Howard County Health Department, with funding from the Cigarette Restitution Fund. It will take place at HES on November 17<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades students. "Stay Tobacco Free" is a fast paced, "hip-hop" musical that delivers a powerful message about the dangers of smoking. Through the course of the play, the audience learns that smoking can cause health issues. They also learn about secondhand smoke, how to talk to a smoker about quitting, and the dangers of e-cigarettes.

### DINNER FOR STAFF

As November arrives, it will soon be time for conferences. The PTA would like to show our appreciation for the long hours the teachers put in during conferences by providing a dinner on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-ups for drink and dessert donations and set-up/clean-up helpers will be coming soon. Contact [hammondsppta@gmail.com](mailto:hammondsppta@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### HOLIDAY SHOP

Holiday Shop is just around the corner. Save your pennies, dimes and nickels to spend at the annual Holiday Shop. There will be a variety of gift ideas for all the loved one's in your child's family. This year, the shop will be open Tuesday December 1st through Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to come!

### TALENT SHOW

The PTA Talent show will take place on December 4, 2015 at 6:30 in the HES Gym. Please make plans to see our students demonstrate their unique talents. It is a fun event to watch even if your child is not participating.



### SUCCESSFUL FALL FUN RUN

A big thank you to Mrs. Serpico and all the volunteers who helped at the Fall Fun Run! It could not have happened without you all.

### HES SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you to all who bought Hammond ES Spirit Wear during the free shipping sale! Your purchases allowed HES to be eligible for a 20% return on all Spirit Wear sales for the entire school year!!! The PTA is very grateful for the support and hopes everyone will continue to show our Tuffy Pride all year long!! Go to [www.hammondspiritwear.com](http://www.hammondspiritwear.com) to order. Your order will be shipped directly to you. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Alvarez at [calvarez957@gmail.com](mailto:calvarez957@gmail.com).