



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

# THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

FEBRUARY 2016



## RECAP - FAMILY FIT NIGHT

The HES Family Fit Night on January 14, 2016 was a great success and many HES families and staff members enjoyed an evening of fitness and healthy eating education together! We participated in energizing sessions of Zumba, Karate, Boot Camp and Yoga. We also learned how to eat healthier while in school and at home. The kids who participated got bracelets to help them and their family members “Strive For 5” fruits and veggies a day in their healthy diets! A great night was had by all!

### Family Fit Night Exit Survey:

- 24 families filled out the exit survey.
- 100% satisfaction was recorded by those who completed the survey... 5 was the highest rating... we received 5's on 20 of the surveys (“GREAT fun and would love to participate next year”) and 4's on 4 of the surveys (“GOOD time. Would participate next year”).
- Of all 4 stations, Karate and Boot Camp received the most interest; however, all 4 stations were rated highly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 2/4 Staff Appreciation Dinner during Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 2/16 Restaurant Night at Cheeburger  
Cheeburger 5-9pm
- 2/19 Family Sweetheart Dance 6:30-8:30pm
- 4/8 Multicultural Night

## EDUCATIONAL GRANTS IN ACTION!

The PTA is excited to share how your No Bake-Bake Sale Donations are being put to work in our school. Please check out what has happened and what is planned for our HES students so far:

The 5th grade team held an in-house field trip with the Howard County Conservancy called Chesapeake Bound Outreach Program. The students met Maryland's state reptile and evaluated the human impact on its habitat and the Chesapeake Bay.

Cosmic Adventures will be bringing a planetarium (16/20 foot dome) to HES for our first graders to feel like astronauts as they soar through the galaxy looking at planets, stars, and the outer reaches of our universe. The planetarium they bring has a state-of-the-art digital projector that will engage the students' imaginations while teaching them about space. This will coincide with our new science unit Patterns in Space Systems.

## STAFF DINNER DURING CONFERENCES

The HES staff will be staying late at school for evening parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, February 4th. The PTA would like to thank our wonderful teachers by providing dinner that

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evening. The PTA will be providing the main course from a local restaurant and it would be greatly appreciated if you could contribute by donating a side item for the dinner (i.e. drinks, ice or a dessert). Please signup using this link:

[Side Item Signup for Conference Dinner](#)

### **RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CHEEBURGER CHEEBURGER**

Our next restaurant night will be at Cheeburger Cheeburger on February 16th, 5–9pm. We hope to see you there! Please present this [flyer](#) with your order.

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

Would you like to enjoy Chinese Dance, Taiji and Martial Arts performances while making Chinese crafts? Would you like to see how Chinese artists create Chinese painting and calligraphy? Would you like to get a bookmark with your name on it in Chinese or even receive a red envelop just like Chinese kids do on Lunar New Year? Come join the Lunar New Year celebration at HCLS Miller Branch. This event is sponsored by Howard County Chinese School at Catonsville, HCCS at Columbia, and the Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County.

Time: Saturday, February 6th, 12:30-2:30pm  
(Snow Day Alternative: 3:30-5:30pm  
Conference Room)

Location: HCLS Miller Branch  
9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD

### **FAMILY SWEETHEART DANCE**



The students at HES work hard! It's time to let loose and come dance the night away at the PTA Family Sweetheart Dance on February 19th, 6:30 - 8:30pm. There will be a DJ, a photographer, and free snacks For more details and the very affordable tickets purchase, please click on this [Dance Flyer](#) and please contact Maria Rocco if you are able to help ([mrocco61@icloud.com](mailto:mrocco61@icloud.com)) or use this [link](#). Thank you!

### **RECAP - CULTURAL ARTS ASSEMBLY**

On January 14th our students attended the “Pop Quiz: The Math & Science Game Show” presented by Brian Curry. Pop Quiz was an interactive, high energy show that brought thrills and excitement to our students by challenging their knowledge of Math and Science concepts. Students participated in six challenges involving crazy props like pinwheels, targets, bean bags, and a fog machine! Each challenge reviewed mathematical theory or scientific facts in a way that they will remember long after the show! Students were able to win prizes for several content & related arts areas. The show captivated the students and staff alike!

### **TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD**



We need your nominations so that we can recognize teachers or staff people who have done something to make the day brighter and better for the children at HES. Do you know of a teacher or staff member who has gone above and beyond for a child or a group of children? Please take a moment to nominate that person for the Tuffy's Pride Award. Nominations can be made using this [form](#) and only take few minutes of your time. The teacher or staff person selected will receive a certificate of appreciation and gift card. All nominations received to date will be considered so you do not have to re-nominate that person.

### **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT**

Multicultural night is coming! The PTA is looking for volunteers to demonstrate different types of cultural activities, i.e. henna or calligraphy, on April 8th. If you are more interested in behind the scenes work...don't worry, we have jobs for you too! Please contact Erin Alberts ([alberts\\_erin@gmail.com](mailto:alberts_erin@gmail.com)) if you can help!

### **THANKS FOR SUPPORTING PTA AT LA PALAPA**

HES PTA is thankful to the families for their participation in the La Palapa Too fundraiser. Their sales reached an all-time high for a Tuesday night and the HES PTA also doubled what we raised the month before. Thanks again for your participation and support.