



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

# THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

MARCH 2016

### EDUCATIONAL GRANTS IN ACTION!!!

HES PTA is excited to share how the No-Bake Bake sale donations to support grade-level Educational Grants are being utilized:

#### Planned:

Grade	Planned for Date	In-House Field Trip Name
5	04/07/16	Owl Outreach
2	05/07/16	Incredible Insects
3	TBD	Mad Science
5	TBD	Geocaching Event

#### Already Taken Place:

Grade	Held On	In-House Field Trip Name
1	02/23/16	Cosmic Adventures
5	12/17/15	Chesapeake Bound Outreach Program

For details of these incredible in-house field trips please visit HESPTA.org

### PTA VACANCIES FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

As we plan ahead for the next school year, we would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our current Treasurer: Randy Baldini and current Recording Secretary: Anne Braun. Both will have completed their terms on the HES PTA Board at the end of this school year. With elections in May and event planning for next fall already starting, we want to find new volunteers to fill vacancies at the board, committee and event manager levels. The most critical vacancies for the next school year are:

- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Volunteer Coordinator



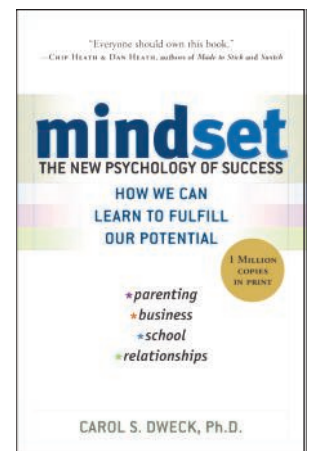
### TUFFY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

We **need** your nominations so that we can recognize our teachers and staff people who have done something to make the day brighter and better for the children at HES. Did you know your child can help with the nomination by telling you who they think should be nominated and why??? Please consider submitting a nomination by using this [form](#). It will only take few minutes of your time, but it will mean a lot to the special and deserving person who receives the award!

If you or someone else you know is interested in serving or would like to get more detailed information about the required time commitment and responsibilities of these and other open positions, please contact PTA President: Erin Roberts at [hammondspresident@gmail.com](mailto:hammondspresident@gmail.com).

### PTA GENERAL MEETING - MINDSET PRESENTATION

Our next PTA General Meeting will take place March 16th, from 7-9pm. Mrs. Pratesi will lead a Parent Workshop on the book Mindset, The New Psychology of Success. A Spanish interpreter will be available to ensure that all parents can benefit from this workshop regardless of language barriers.



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 3/8 Restaurant Night at Corner Stable 5-9pm
- 3/16 PTA General Meeting with a focused Parent Workshop on the book *Mindset, The New Psychology of Success* presented by Mrs. Pratesi 7-9pm
- 4/8 Multicultural Night
- 4/27 Author Visit - Kate Klise visits HES
- 5/2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/10-19 Hammond ES Spring Fun Run powered by Boosterthon

### RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CORNER STABLE

Please join us for dinner while supporting your HES PTA at the Corner Stable in the Kings Contrivance Village Center on March 8, 2016 from 5-9 pm. Keep an eye out for details to come home in student folders next week.



### HAMMOND ES SPRING FUN RUN POWERED BY BOOSTERTHON!



This year we are excited to be hosting our first Hammond Elementary Boosterthon Fun Run in May 2016 to help us achieve our fundraising goals for the year. The HES Boosterthon Fun Run is a fun, nine-day character, fitness and leadership program that combines world-class and engaging character content with a fundraising event for our school. This event will kick-off with a school wide Pep Rally on May 10, 2016. For the next 7 days, all students will have a grade level character lesson entitled Big World Recess in which they will learn about young people from all over the world doing activities that keep them fit and being leaders in their communities. The program will culminate on

May 19, 2016 with the actual Fun Run itself in which all HES students will run 35 laps, for which they have been sponsored by family, friends, business contacts, etc. Each lap has a different theme to keep the students motivated during the run.

### MULTICULTURAL NIGHT



Come join us on April 8th at 6pm for Multicultural Night. We will have a special performance by **Teelin School of Irish Dance** and a dance lesson by **That's Dancing Ballroom and Dancesport Center**.

Students and families will also be sharing their culture through performances, cultural experiences, and food. We are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested in participating by either performing and/or sharing your culture, please contact Amanda Yu at [Amanda.yu124@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.yu124@gmail.com). Our next volunteer meeting will be on March 10th at 6:30pm in the HES music room.

### AUTHOR VISIT

The Hammond Elementary Media Department is proud to welcome **Kate Klise**, author of such books as *Regarding the Fountain* and the Black-Eyed Susan nominated *Stand Straight, Ella Kate*, to Hammond Elementary on Wednesday, April 27. Thanks to generous sales from this year's book fair, we are able to bring Kate Klise to speak with our students at three different assemblies. Book order forms for her books will go out with students this week. Look for this in Thursday folders. We look forward to an exciting and informative visit from another great author!



### RECAP - STAFF DINNER DURING CONFERENCES

The HES teachers and staff enjoyed a wonderful main course catered by Kloby's and sides and drinks donated by HES families as a small token of our appreciation of them during the February Parent Teacher Conferences.



### RECAP - FAMILY SWEETHEART DANCE

Our first ever Family Sweetheart Dance was a big success! Over 80 families braved the cold to join us for a night of dancing, food, and fun. DJ Priestly from Mix 106.5 kept everyone dancing and having a great time to their favorite songs. Students, parents, and faculty showed off their dancing skills to “Whip/Nae Nae,” “Cha-Cha Slide,” and “Thriller.” Michelle Anderson did an amazing job photographing all our families throughout the night. We also had lots of fun giveaways and prizes. We would like to thank Pepper Jacks, Pump It Up, Play N’ Learn, Goldfish Swim School, and Mix 106.5 for donating the prizes that were raffled off to our families.

### RECAP - RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CHEEBURGER CHEEBURGER



A very heartfelt thanks goes out to all the families who were able to make it out to Cheeburger Cheeburger on February 16th, even after the schools were closed due to weather that day. We appreciate all of your support!

### PTA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

On the web: [hespta.org](http://hespta.org)

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