



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

MAY 2016

PTA VACANCIES FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Time is running out and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers interested in serving on the PTA Board next year. **Elections are May 18**, so we are actively gathering names of individuals who are interested and willing to serve. The most critical vacancies for the next school year are: **Treasurer and Secretary**. Below you will find current nominees for PTA Board Positions and the list of vacancies among the Appointed Positions. Please take a look and contact us if you have questions or are ready to volunteer and/or nominate a friend!

PTA Board Positions:

- President—two year term—Erin Roberts will return for the second half of her 2 year term
- VP Membership—Jen Beaverson is nominated for a 2nd term
- VP Communications—Sumaira Bajwa is nominated for a 2nd term
- Secretary—**VACANCY**
- Treasurer—Jill Owen is nominated

Appointed Positions:

Fundraising Committee Chair—**VACANCY**

Fundraising Committee Co-Chair—**VACANCY**

Please contact anyone from the Nominations Committee (below) to nominate yourself or someone else.

Kasso Okoujdou, Chair (okasso@gmail.com)

Stephanie Jones, Co-Chair
(sready12@hotmail.com)

Sarah Fahrendorf, Member
(sarahbeth@alumni.virginia.edu)

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS IN ACTION!!!

Please click [here](#) to see the details of our incredible in-house field trips that are made possible by your generous No-Bake Bake sale donations.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2ND - MAY 6TH



Teacher Appreciation week is from May 2nd to 6th. The Hammond PTA has been hard at work planning a “Seuss-per” week. We started off the festivities with a door decorating event on April 29. Students and their parents came out to decorate the school. Each grade area was decorated according to a Dr. Seuss book with the hallways filled with Truffula trees. Students will also have the opportunity to show their appreciation with flower grams and special notes for their teachers. The PTA would like to thank everyone who donated their time, energy, and resources to help prepare for this great Teacher Appreciation event. Check out our [itinerary](#) to see what we have planned for our amazing staff.

RESTAURANT NIGHT



Many thanks to our HES families who were able to participate in April's Restaurant Night at Three Brothers Pizza, we appreciate your support! Mark your calendars for May 10th for the next fundraiser event at Nando's Peri Peri in Laurel. They have committed to donating 40% of all proceeds back to our school's PTA! Rumor has it we may even get a visit by a very special tiger that evening... Please present this [flyer](#) when ordering.

PTA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

On the web: hespta.org

Facebook: search “Hammond Elem PTA”

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 5/2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/10-19 Hammond ES Spring Fun Run powered by Boosterthon
- 5/10 Restaurant Night at Nando's Peri Peri, 5-9pm
- 5/18 PTA General Meeting at 7:00 PM. It will include elections, year end wrap up and presentation from Brain Training of MD
- 6/9 Author Visit - Kate Klise visits HES

HAMMOND ES SPRING SPRINT POWERED BY BOOSTERTHON



The HES PTA is excited to announce that we are only 8 days away from our 2016 HES Spring Sprint powered by Boosterthon!! This new and innovative fundraiser takes the hassle out of typical fundraising by focusing on the value of our children's fitness instead of the buying and selling of goods. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school by giving pledges toward the number of laps your student will run on May 18, 2016.

The experts at Boosterthon are working with the HES PTA to power the entire 8-day program. Boosterthon has been organizing Fun Runs for 13 years and is partnering with 1,600 other schools across America this year.

Funds raised this year will go toward a NEW Rock Wall and all PTA financed programs for our AWESOME students here at HES!! Please checkout the [details](#) and [video](#) about this unique fundraising fitness event that includes character lessons for our students. **The password to view the video is: bwr**

Thank you in advance for your participation!

4TH (AND FINAL) PTA GENERAL MEETING

May 18th at 7pm in the HES Media Center. The meeting will consist of the PTA elections for the 2016-2017 school year and a year-end wrap up followed by a presentation by Brain Training, MD on *Neuroplasticity: Enhancing brain fitness through brain training techniques*. For details please see this [flyer](#).

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD FOR STAFF

Congratulations to the recipients of Tuffy's Pride Awards for February and March, Ms. Allen and Miss Braxton. The PTA thanks you for all you do!

Ask your child which staff member has encouraged them throughout their day. Nominate that person on behalf of your child. Nominations can be made using this [form](#) and only take few minutes of your time. The teacher or staff member selected will receive a certificate of appreciation, the nomination received and gift card.

AUTHOR VISIT - POSTPONED

The author visit by Kate Klise scheduled for April 27th was postponed due to a family emergency in the author's life. The new date is set to June 9th. Thank you for your understanding. Any questions about the author visit can be directed to Mrs. Davis or Mr. Ellis.

RECAP - MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Over 25 countries were represented during this year's Multicultural Night. Students dressed in ethnic clothing, kicking off the event with a Parade of Nations and greeting guests in their native language. Our HES students then put on a beautiful showcase of singing, dancing, and piano performances. We also had some special professional performances by the Teelin School of Irish Dance and Hwarang Martial Arts. Families were then able to experience food from various countries, while interacting with other families and participating in various cultural activities such as origami, learning how to use chopsticks, playing traditional instruments, and more. There were also some wonderful food donations provided by Nando's Peri, Peri, La Prima Catering and Kloby's, The HES PTA would like to thank all the families, staff, and businesses that worked so hard to put this event together.