



# HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

# THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

OCTOBER 2016

## MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT

Dear HES Community,



I want to take a moment to send out a sincere “Thank You” to every parent that braved the wet weather to set up, work booths, organize, sell tickets, clean up, and take down this year’s Fall Festival. I was so humbled by the dedication you all have when it comes to “getting it done” for your kids!! The weather didn’t do us any favors but that didn’t stop the Hammond ES community for kicking off this year in a festive fashion!! You all are amazing and the HES PTA is extremely thankful to each and every one of you for hard work on behalf of the kids!!!

This event wouldn’t be possible without the hard work and leadership of Michele Johnson and her team of “stealthy” team members and we, the Hammond ES community, are forever grateful for her leadership. You will be missed Michele!! Thank you so much for so many years of festive memories!

Very sincerely,  
Erin Roberts, serving as HES PTA President

## ROCK WALL UPDATE



At last year’s Boosterthon, PTA raised funds to have a rock wall installed in the HES gym. The P.E. department at HES is working with HCPSS on its purchase and installation. The current tentative schedule calls for installation during winter break. We will keep you posted about the progress in this project. Again we thank you for your support of the PTA.

## BOX TOPS COLLECTION DRIVE



Sep 19th - Oct 14th. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a prize! Please send valid Box Tops to school in envelopes or baggies (kindly check expiration date) labeled with your child’s name and teacher’s name. Keep clipping and sending even after the collection drive. They may be placed in the collection box in the school lobby. Each Box Top collected is worth \$0.10 and every Box Top helps! For more on where Box Tops can be found visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

## FAMILY FIT NIGHT



Mark your calendars! Family Fit Night will be October 27th from 6-8pm! Bring the family for a fun, free evening of fitness! Registration opens online on October 1st! Please check out this [flyer](#) for more information. Paper registrations will come home in Thursday folders on October 20th and can also be downloaded by clicking [here](#). As always Walk-In registrations are always welcome! Let’s get FIT together before the holiday madness begins!!

## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the 382 members who made the membership drive a success! A special thanks to our staff, who are over 40 members strong! Our membership drive raffle winner was the Rehkopf family and Ms. McWain’s class won the class competition. Congratulations! We are just 58 members away from our membership goal. If you have not joined or renewed your 2015-16 membership, please do so! You can find forms

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online at [hespta.org](http://hespta.org), fill it out and send it in an envelope marked "PTA Membership". Thank you for your support!

### RESTAURANT NIGHT



A big THANK YOU to all the HES families and staff that attended the September Restaurant Night at Chick Fil A!. It was a great success and lots of fun for all of us who were there! Next month join us for some all natural hardwood-smoked barbeque on October 18th for dinner at locally owned and operated Kloby's Smokehouse.

### SPIRIT WEAR

Did you know that Spirit Wear can be bought year round? Show your school spirit! Order online by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fahrendorf at [sfahrendorf1@comcast.net](mailto:sfahrendorf1@comcast.net).

### SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA

Please tell the cashier during checkout to add Hammond Elementary to your shopping cards. Remember to relink your shopping cards at the following stores:

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



Online: \*NEW OPPORTUNITY AT CERTIFIKID\*

- **CertifiKID**-use HAMMOND as your promo code and receive 50% off your purchase this fall AND receive \$5 off any purchase over \$30 until December 1, 2016!
- **Amazon**-shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select HES PTA as your charity under your account settings to earn HES PTA money.

### TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD



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 September Tuffy's Pride Award. Nominations can be made [here](#) and only take few minutes of

your time. The teacher or staff person selected will receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift card.

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteering is one of the best ways to be a part of the HES Community! This year we are connecting families to volunteer opportunities that fit their lifestyle. Please bookmark the HES PTA Volunteer Website at [www.hespta.org/volunteering.php](http://www.hespta.org/volunteering.php) for information on current opportunities and how you can get involved.

In addition to filling out the [volunteer interest form \(click here\)](#), please be sure to do the following training and forms:

- A. [HCPSS Volunteer Training](#)
- B. [HES Volunteer Training Video](#)
- C. Enter Name [here](#) to confirm you watched HES Volunteer Training Video

#### [HES Media Center - Click Here](#)

We are looking forward to another busy school year in the Media Center! Smiling faces and helping hands are always welcome. Checking items in, assisting students with check out, and shelving books are some of the jobs we do to help.

#### [HES Classroom Volunteer Opportunities - Click Here](#)

K-4 have requested classroom help. There are some do-at-home projects but these opportunities vary. Please note that signing up for an at-home project does not mean there is an a project available for that week.

#### [Tuffy Trade-in - Click Here](#)

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades need helpers during their Tuffy Trade-in days. All opportunities are during school hours.

#### [Fall Fun Run - Click Here](#)

It's FALL! Time for FUN, so let's RUN! On October 20th, HES is having their annual Fall Fun Run! Come help be Course Marshals, Water Helpers, Hand Markers, and/or Finish Line Helpers! Most

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volunteer spots are need for each grade. Rain date set for 10/25/2016.

### [Family Fit Night - Click Here](#)

Have fun and get fit while helping others do the same! October 27th is Family Fit Night! We are looking for volunteers to help with a few tables and clean-up. Volunteers will serve for 2 activity rotations then join their families to participate in the event. We ask volunteers to come at 5:15 to get instructions. Please help us make this event a success!

### **DIARY OF A KARATE KID BEGINS OCTOBER 7!**

Registration is open NOW! For more information call 301-655-4226 or visit [DandSKarate.com](http://DandSKarate.com). Class will take place on Fridays from 3:25 - 4:25. Learn Self-Defense... Develop Self-Confidence & Focus... Getting Active! Our students learn skills that last a lifetime. No experience is necessary. Grades K-5 are all welcome :)

### **RECAP - NEW FAMILIES NIGHT**



HES PTA hosted a New Families Night on September 20th to welcome families new to the HES community and to ease their transition to HES through information, friendship and community resources. It was well attended by 8 HES staff members, 3 ambassadors, 31 new parents and 26 children. After an information and question/answer session, the adults were lead through a tour of the school and then everyone enjoyed refreshments and conversations together.

### **PTA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

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

Facebook: search “Hammond Elem PTA”

Click [here](#) for a link to a wonderful group of pictures from our Fall Festival!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- 10/14** End of Box Top Class Competition
- 10/16** HCPSS 5k and Fun Run
- 10/18** Restaurant Night at Kloby's Smokehouse
- 10/20** HES Fall Fun Run (rain date October 25th)
- 10/27** Family Fit Night

