



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

DECEMBER 2016

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 13th through Thursday December 15th during the students recess times. Adult volunteers are on site to help children choose appropriate gift items and to remain within their budgets.

TALENT SHOW

HES's Got Talent 2016 - the talent show will take place on December 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Even if your child isn't performing this year, please attend the talent show to appreciate and support our wonderful little stars.



HOLIDAY GROUP GIFT FOR TEACHERS

It's that time of year! Let's show our appreciation through a group gift. All money will be pooled together and distributed evenly among teachers and paraeducators. In addition to cash and check. donations, we also have a PayPal option. Simply sign-up and send contribution. Click [Here to participate](#) or go to www.hespta.org/volunteering.php and click "Holiday Group Gift By Grade" option.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 403 members and need just 37 more to make our goal of 440. If you haven't joined the PTA, please consider joining! And if you were a member last year and have not renewed your membership yet please do so... we miss you and need your support! Forms can be found at our awesome, information packed

website, www.hespta.org. Directories were emailed to members in November, so if you did not receive the email or see a correction that needs to be made, please email Jen Beaverson at hammondsvpmembership@gmail.com. Thank you!

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD



Congratulations to Mrs. Overfelt who was presented with the Tuffy's Pride Award for October. Has a teacher or staff member gone above and beyond to make your child's day a little brighter? Does your child come home and talk about a teacher that makes learning fun? If so consider nominating that person for the 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.

RECAP PTA MEETING (November 16, 2016)

Our second general PTA meeting was an informative session with Mr. Jeff Bronow, Chief of the Research Division within the Department of Planning at Howard County government. He spoke about the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) in Howard County and how it relates to school redistricting and construction. Updates were also provided regarding the district review of our beloved rock wall. With a few safety and installation modifications that increased the price, it is now ready for final review. We thank you for your patience with this process, we know everyone is anxious to see the results of our Boosterthon! For meeting notes and the slides from Mr. Bronow's presentation, see <http://hespta.org/meetings.php>.

RECAP CONFERENCE DINNER FOR STAFF

During the parent teacher conferences in November, the Hammond Staff was able to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Three Brothers Pizzeria. We would like to thank the families that contributed items and helped with setup and cleanup; your support helped make this dinner a success. The staff really appreciated being able to enjoy a warm meal while they worked late into the evening.

SAVE & SEND BOX TOPS

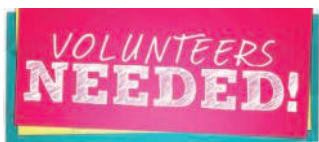
Please continue sending valid Box Tops to school in envelopes or baggies (kindly check expiration date) labeled with your child's name and teacher's name.

SPIRIT WEAR SALE!!!

Our final Holiday promotion is under way! Custom school apparel makes a great holiday gift for kids, grandparents, teachers and friends. For older ones who will go to Hammond Middle School next year, there are plain "Hammond" designs available!! (No paw print, just says "Hammond"). One great way to support Hammond Elementary School's PTA and to remind your kid the importance of education!

Be sure to take advantage of the FREE SHIPPING promotion we are offering for the Holidays — it runs through Sunday, December 11th. www.hammondspiritwear.com.

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 (www.hespta.org/volunteering.Php) for information on current opportunities and how you can get involved.

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 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.

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA

As the holidays approach, please help HES PTA while you shop by linking your cards at the following stores:

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



Online:

- **CertifiKID**—use HAMMOND as your promo code to earn HES PTA money.
- **Amazon**-shop at smile.amazon.com and select HES PTA as your charity under your account settings to earn HES PTA money.

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

On behalf of the Hammond ES PTA Executive Board, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!! We hope that you have a wonderful winter break and we look forward to many more exciting programs and events for our FANTASTIC students and AWESOME staff here at HES in 2017!!! The PTA doesn't work without you all!! Thank you so very much for your service and support!! Happy Holidays!!!

~ Erin Roberts, PTA President

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 12/13-15 HES Holiday Shop
- 12/14 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
4:30-6:30pm
- 12/16 Talent Show ~ 6:30-8:30pm