



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The PTA Executive Board hopes that you all had a nice break and got to spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you at our last 2 General PTA meeting of this school year. March 15, 2017 at 7pm in the Media Center and May 25, 2017 at 7pm in the Media Center. At the March PTA meeting we will be joined by HES's Board of Education liaison, Dr. Bess Altwerger, and at the May PTA meeting we will elect the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board members.

RESTAURANT NIGHT(S) AT LA PALAPA TOO



Mark your calendars for the next HES Restaurant Night! Our January restaurant night last year at LaPalapa Too was such a huge success for both our PTA and for the locally owned small business that they agreed to host a two night fundraiser for our school....

That's right - TWO NIGHTS!!! Join us on either this coming Monday, January 9th or Tuesday, January 10th for a Fundraiser Fiesta at LaPalapa Too (dine-in only, carry out is not eligible) and the restaurant will donate 20% of proceeds back to our school. Simply bring a copy of this [flyer](#) with you and present to your server when ordering.

SUPERHERO COSTUME PARTY

Calling all Hammond Superheroes! Grab your cape and mask and get to the Superhero Dance on February 3, 2017 at 6:30pm in a FLASH! Your mission if you choose to accept it: Get ready to dance with DJ PRIESTLY. Play games and win some prizes. Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Cost: \$7 per family in advance or \$10 at the door. Return the bottom portion of this [flyer](#) to your child's homeroom teacher to preorder

your tickets by January 27, 2017. We will need a few parent volunteers to help with setup after school and with clean up. If can help please contact Maria Rocco at mrocco61@icloud.com.

MEMBERSHIP

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 We will be sending a revised and updated one next week. We need just 37 more members to make our goal of 440. If you haven't joined the PTA, please consider joining! Forms can be found at our awesome, information packed website, www.hespta.org Thank you for your membership!

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD



The HES PTA wants to thank our October Tuffy's Pride Award Winner, Mrs. Overfelt. Thank you for going above and beyond for the students at HES.

Start the new year off bright for a teacher or a staff member at HES. Ask your child who has made their school day a little bit brighter and nominate that person for the HES PTA 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.

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 and teacher's names.



RECAP - TALENT SHOW

HES's Got Talent 2016 - the talent show took place on December 16, 2016. It was a wonderful event that showcased talent in 22 acts by 32 of our HES students from grades K thru 5. The event photos can be viewed by clicking [here](#). The PTA would like to acknowledge the hard work of our students in refining their talents, their parents, Ms. Ciarapica, Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Godbout, Mrs. Rocco, Mrs. Beaverson, and Mrs. Alberts for making this event such a wonderful success.

RECAP - HOLIDAY GROUP GIFT FOR TEACHERS

Thank you so much for your contribution to the holiday group gifts this year! Over \$2,800 worth of gift cards to their favorite places were given to the teachers and paraeducators. Your generosity was evident and all the teachers were very appreciative! See collage of pics on the next page!

RECAP - HOLIDAY SHOP

The Holiday Shop was a wonderful experience for many of our HES students. They carefully shopped and found treasures for their loved ones. Thank you to Nina Shearer and all the super volunteers who set-up and staffed holiday shop and made the experience a positive one for our students. Thank you!

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 for more 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 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 9th and 10th

Restaurant Night at LaPalapa 3-9pm
(Dine-in ONLY)

January 27th

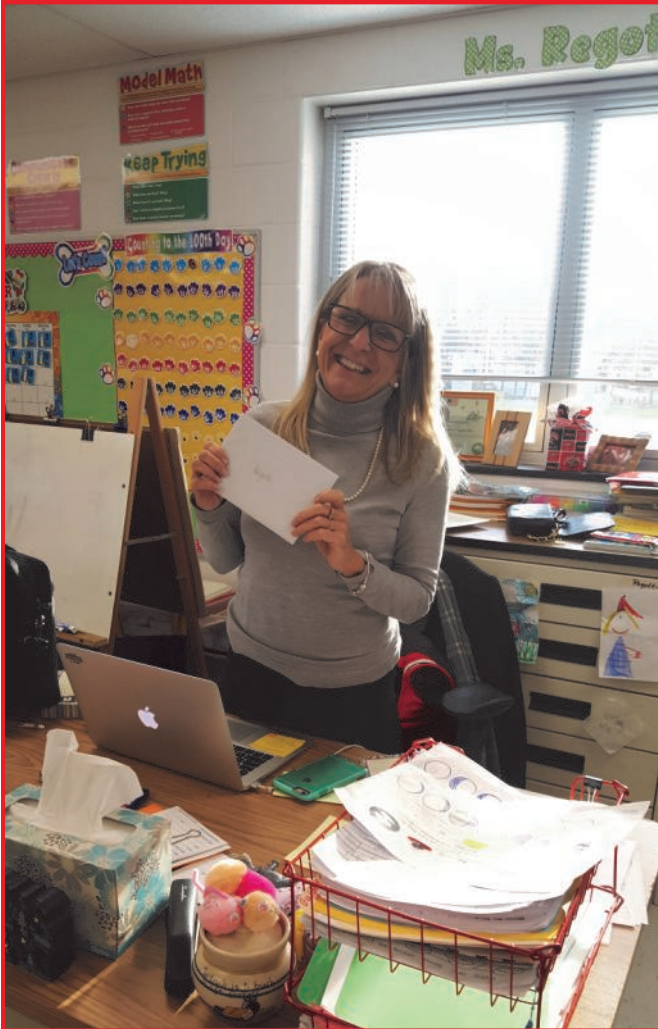
Deadline for Advanced Ticket Purchase for Superhero Costume Party

February 3rd

Superhero Costume Party at 6:30pm

March 15th

PTA mtg with Dr. Bess Altwerger from Howard County Board of Education



**Holiday gifts
for our
teachers!**