



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

FEBRUARY 2017

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. Ticket pre-orders are over, but you can still join the fun by paying \$10 per family at the door. Please volunteer to help at this wonderful family event by clicking [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Maria Rocco at mrocco61@icloud.com.

RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CORNER STABLE

Mark your calendars for the next HES Restaurant Night on February 21st at Corner Stable from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. Simply bring a copy of this [flyer](#) with you and present to your server when ordering.

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD



Show appreciation 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.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Did you know that there are several amazing after school classes offered at HES through Howard County Recreation and Parks (HCRP)? Please click [here](#) to checkout the listings. For families experiencing financial hardship, the HCRP offers discount scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP

Directories were emailed to members in January, 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 need just 36 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!

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. We will be sending in the next batch at the end of the month, so turn in box tops by February 17th to be included in the batch.

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 Superhero Dance Party - Click Here](#)

Show your superhero strength by helping set-up or clean-up at the superhero dance party!

[HES Valentine Party - Click Here](#)

Love (and friendship) is in the air! Help celebrate Valentine's day by donating items or volunteering

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on 2/14/2017. Click link then tab of desired grade above for details.

[Kindergarten Registration - Click Here](#)

Remember when your child started kindergarten? They needed lots of help! In addition, parents also need help as their little ones take their first step into a new school. Please consider helping those parents by volunteering during kindergarten registration. On 2/23/2017 and 2/24/2017, the school needs help with assembling registration packets. Volunteers to help parents register their children starts 2/27/2017. Click above link for details.

[Snow Removal - Click Here](#)

The safety of our kids is important and to keep them safe on the new sidewalk from the corner of Aladdin and Graeoch to the utility pole needs shoveling. School property begins at the utility pole and when it snows, we need a few people to help. The snow needs to be removed within 24 hours after snowing ends.

[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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 2/3 Superhero Costume Party ~ 6:30pm
- 2/9 Maryland PTA Night ~ 6pm in Annapolis
- 2/21 Restaurant Night at Corner Stable
- 3/15 PTA Mtg with Dr. Bess Altwerger from the Howard Co. Board of Education

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA

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.

FROM THE MARYLAND PTA

All are invited to attend the **Maryland PTA Night in Annapolis** reception for PTA members, State Legislators, education partners, businesses and stakeholders on **Thursday, February 9, 6pm to 8pm** at the Maryland House Office Building in room 170, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401

The purpose of this annual affair is to informally chat with your state elected officials about issues of great importance to you in education. You are encouraged to bring your children and wear school/county, PTA or business attire. You may bring a friend, spouse, neighbor or even be a grandparent. RSVP to the Maryland PTA office at office@mdpta.org

Among many bills, your state elected officials are making decisions on legislation such as:

- Attendance Policies
- Graduation Requirements in the Fine Arts
- Required Number of School Days
- Reporting Requirements on Transcripts and Diplomas
- Health and Safety of Sugar Intake at Schools
- Kindergarten Assessments and much more

For more information regarding current education related legislation see:

Maryland General Assembly (MGA) website at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>.

Maryland PTA 2017 Legislative Page: <http://www.mdpta.org>.