



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

APRIL 2017

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Come join us on April 28th at 6:30pm for Multicultural Night. Check out our flyer by clicking [here](#). We will have special performances by Teelin School of Irish Dance and Hwarang School of Martial Arts. Students and families will also be sharing their culture through performances, cultural experiences, and food. We are still looking for performers and volunteers who would be willing to represent one of the many countries that reflect our HES community. If you are interested in participating by either performing and/or sharing your culture, please contact Amanda Yu at Amanda.yu124@gmail.com.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Thank you to all the families who attended our March restaurant night at Chipolte's. We made over \$500, our most successful restaurant night this year! Our next Restaurant Night will be at **Chick-Fil-A on April 11th**. See you there!

HES SPRING SPRINT



The 2017 Spring Sprint is coming!! The pep rally will be held on May 16th and the HES Spring Sprint will be held on May 25th (rain or shine)!! We are once again able to have custom HES Spring Sprint t-shirts for each and every HES student at NO COST because of our awesome community sponsors that include: Kelly/Dorsey Attorneys, AYRA, Pluqis, Patty and Kenny Smallwoods Realtors, Rip It Events, Brandon Dean Childcare, and Automatic Doorz.

We look forward to another awesome event with lots of learning for our students, fundraising for our school, and mostly, HES community pride and partnership.

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.

PTA NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2017-18

Please consider stepping up and becoming a member of the PTA Executive Board for the 2017-2018 school year!! The PTA supports many of the amazing educational, appreciation, and cultural events that go on each and every school year. The PTA organizes volunteers for classroom, school wide, and PTA events throughout the school year. And most importantly, the PTA partners with the faculty and staff of HES to ensure that each and every student at HES is invested in. Nominations are being taken for all positions on the PTA Executive Board EXCEPT the Treasurer position for the upcoming school year. Please send nominations to Stephanie Jones at 1jonesquad@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

If your child would be going to Hammond Middle School next year, please consider volunteering for HMS PTA to stay involved with your child's academic and social environment. HMS PTA offers many exciting educational, fitness, and enrichment programs for students. There are many PTA positions available for next year requiring various degrees of time commitment. To nominate yourself or someone else, contact HMS PTA President, Sumaira Bajwa at bajwasumaira@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP

It's the final sprint for membership—we need just 34 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!

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. The next submission to Box Tops will be in the fall when we have the class competitions, so keep saving those box tops all spring and summer long!

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.

1ST GRADE MARKET DAY

We are in the home stretch before the 1st grade Market Day! We are still in need of a few items and really need the support of the HES community. Please consider donating or volunteering.

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.

RECAP - PTA MEETING (03/15/2017)

The March 15, 2017 PTA meeting was full of great information! We were lucky to have a presentation by members of the Cultural Proficiency Cadre who shared our NEW Core Values Statement. It will be rolled out community wide in the near future. We also had Dr. Bess Altwerger, Howard County Board of Education, Vice Chair, come and answer any questions PTA members presented to her. It was refreshing to get answers, on the spot, to a wide variety of questions and concerns. Our last PTA meeting of the year will be held at 7pm on May 24, 2017 in the HES Media Center. Please come and vote for your next PTA Executive Board members.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- April 11** Chick-fil-a Restaurant Night
- April 28** Multicultural Night
- May 16-25** HES Spring Sprint powered by Boosterthon
- May 24** FINAL PTA meeting - Elections