



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

MAY 2017

HES SPRING SPRINT



The HES Spring Sprint powered by Boosterthon is almost here!! We will kick off this fun filled 10 day fundraising event on May 16th with an awesome Pep Rally and wrap it up on May 25th with the HES Spring Sprint!! This year the students will be learning how to make a difference in their community through watching and discussing the “Backyard Box Office” video clips. Our HES students will learn from some of the most impressive young student leaders out there, how they gave back to their community. Don't forget to ask your children what they learned about each day!!

Based upon recommendations from last year, the Boosterthon team will “lighten” the sales approach for soliciting donations, and prizes will be given to students through their backpacks rather than through class announcement and recognition.

Monies earned from the Spring Sprint will be used to fund the following:

- PTA In-school Field Trips/Presenters
- PTA Cultural Arts Programs
- HES/PTA Student Support Fund
- New Recess Equipment which was chosen as the highest priority by the HES student body
- And a donation to a foundation that supports animal adoption which was also chosen as a high priority by the HES student body

If students meet the Spring Sprint goal, the students voted that they would like to see staff lip sync and dance in a video (Mr. Bickham will produce with Mr. Walsh videotaping).

Parents will be invited to attend the HES Spring Sprint to cheer on their students and help give out

water and mark laps on the CUSTOM t-shirts that every HES student will receive regardless of whether they raise funds or not. The HES PTA solicited community business partners to make this possible and are extremely thankful to the following for their generous support of our school: Kelly Dorsey Attorneys, Pluqis Premier Art, Patty & Kenny Smallwood Maryland Real Estate Network, Rip It Events, Automatic Doorz, Brandon Dean Childcare, and AYRA!!

Also, every student is guaranteed a prize just for registering on the FUNRUN.COM site, again, regardless of whether they choose to raise money or not.

This event also gives back to our community in another special way that we want you to be aware of. For every class that receives \$30 a lap pledged, which is 30 kids getting \$1 pledged (or any variation of that total), 3 meals will be given to hungry children and adults in our local community from Boosterthon. We can help our community while helping our school...it's a WIN WIN!!

May 16

9:15 K,1, and 2 Kickoff Assembly
10:15 3, 4, and 5 Kickoff Assembly

May 25

Spring Sprint will take place during team's scheduled RA block:

9:15-10:15 5th grade
10:15-11:15: 2nd grade
11:15-12:15 3rd grade
12:15-1:15 4th grade
1:15-2:15- Kinder
2:15-3:15- 1st grade

Looking forward to seeing you all on the track on May 25th to cheer on our students as they run and raise money for HES!!

UPDATE FROM PTA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We want to invite all of you that may have an interest and/or curiosity about becoming a member of the PTA, The Executive Board or any of the Committees to please contact a member of the Nominations and Bylaws Committee (see below). We are approaching the last general membership meeting for the PTA on Wednesday May 24th. We will be voting on the new Executive Board at this time. You are able to nominate yourself as a candidate for an open office. Please do not wait for someone else to submit your name. Your engagement will allow you an opportunity to influence the Hammond ES community. If you want a voice when decisions are made regarding our children's assemblies, extra curricular activities, family nights such as Multicultural Night and The Fall Festival among many other amazing student driven events throughout the school year, this is your chance!

ELECTED OFFICES on The Executive Board (remember you can nominate yourself):

- President-2 year term
- VP of Communications
- VP of Membership
- Recording Secretary

The Hammond Elementary School PTA Nominations and Bylaws Committee:

Kasso Okoudjou, Chair, okasso@gmail.com
Stephanie Jones, Co-Chair, 1jonesquad@gmail.com
Sarah Fahrendorf, sfahrendorf1@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP

We are thankful for our 410 members! If you haven't joined the PTA, please join-it is never too late! If you are considering serving executive board or any appointed positions this fall, you will need to be a current member. Forms can be found at our awesome, information packed website, www.hespta.org. Thank you for your support of your HES PTA!

HCPSS REDISTRICTING ONLINE SURVEY

Make sure your voice is heard regarding redistricting in Howard County. In August 2018, HCPSS will open Elementary School #42 in Hanover. Attendance area

adjustments are necessary to open this school. Additionally, school boundary adjustments at the elementary school level may be considered in other areas of Howard County. Parents and community members may provide input by completing this [survey](#), available through May 12.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

A big thank you to our local Chic-Fil-A for hosting another successful restaurant night this April. We had a great turn-out, giving HES families and staff a chance visit during spring break. Our last restaurant night of the school year will be May 16 at Ram's Head at Savage Mill. We hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support of HES PTA!

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD

A big shout out to this year's HES Tuffy's Pride award recipients.

October - Mrs. Overfelt
December - Mr. Hector
January - Mrs. Rutledge
February - Ms. Schroeder
March - Mrs. Strine



There is still time to show your 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.

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!

RECAP - MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

The PTA would like to thank everyone who came out to experience Multicultural Night. It was an evening of beautiful performances and delicious food from

around the world. We would like to thank all the families that participated; your involvement and dedication to this event was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Whalen, Amanda Yu, Erin Alberts, and Maria Rocco for organizing this event. Not only did we have our amazing Hammond families participate but various businesses from our community stepped in and donated delicious food for us to enjoy. We also got to experience a traditional Chinese Opera performed by Cynthia Yung of Peking Opera and traditional Irish step dancing by Teelin School of Irish Dance. Hammond students were also able to learn some cool martial arts moves with D & S Karate and sample some exotic fruits and vegetables provided by WEIS market from All Saints Road.

The Hammond PTA would like to give a special thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring our Multicultural Night. Thank you for making our event a success!

- AAA Physical Therapy | 443.979.7171 | AAAPhysicalTherapy.com
- Chutney Restaurant | 410.381.3600 | Chutneymd.com
- Local Small Business Listing | 602.332.2490 |
- Cubano's Restaurant | www.cubanosrestaurant.com | 1201 Fidler Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910

RECAP - STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 1st marked the beginning of Staff Appreciation Week. The Hammond PTA organized a week's worth of showing our appreciation to our amazing staff at HES. We kicked off the week with a super chili cook-off; teachers got to sample ten different kinds of chilis made by HES families. The teachers got to select their top three chilis and the winners received visa gift cards. Tuesday, the staff started off their day with delicious breakfast with items donated by HES families. The PTA purchased a Keurig machine for teachers to enjoy in the staff lounge. Wednesday, lunch was catered by Kloby's and Thursday teachers enjoyed an ice cream bar. We ended the week with gift cards and thank you notes to the entire staff. Thank you to all the parents who donated their time, money, and resources to making this week long appreciation event a huge success.

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 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.

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:

- **CertifKID**—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!

- May 16** HES Restaurant Night at Ram's Head at Savage Mill
- May 16-25** HES Spring Sprint powered by Boosterthon
- May 24** FINAL PTA meeting - Elections