



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

JUNE 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear PTA members-

I am thinking back over the year and I am excited to share the following “Year-End Wrap Up” with you all but first, I want to say that it has been an honor to serve as the President of the HES PTA for the last 2 years. I came into this position concerned that I didn’t know what I was doing, but together with you all, we have created a strong PTA and an even stronger HES community. I have been amazed many times over at the lengths our community will go to make sure that the students and staff at HES are supported and honored in their educational journey here. I am so very thankful to all the parents who have shared their talents with us and to the staff members who join with us at meetings and events and help guide us so that our kids are getting the best daily. As I said last year, this organization doesn’t work without the “P”, parents, and the “T”, teachers, as that is what provides us with our “A”, association, and in that association is where the magic happens for our students. Thank you all so very much for your dedication to the kids at HES!!

Please click [here](#) to read about our amazing accomplishments this year. You won’t know the extent of our outreach and programs until you read these details.

What a “SUPER” powered year!! I cannot THANK YOU all enough for your support, time, energy, patience, participation, encouragement, friendship, humor, and most importantly your love of all of our kids and this great school!!! None of this would have been possible without each and every one of you!!!!

Happy Summer HES!!!!

Best always-
Erin Roberts

INTRODUCING THE PTA BOARD FOR 2017-18

President—Jen Beaverson

VP of Membership—Anika Hunter

VP of Communications—Donnita Mennealy

Treasurer—Elizabeth Hooks

Recording Secretary—Melissa Waggoner

RECAP - HES SPRING SPRINT

We are so happy to announce that the HES Spring Sprint was a great success. Together we raised a little over \$16,000 for our PTA and school. This event is so fun for the students and each one ran their hearts out for HES!! Each student received a free custom race day shirt thanks to our amazing sponsors: Kelly Dorsey, P.C., Pluqis Premier Art, Maryland Real Estate Network, Automatic Doorz, AYRA, Brandon Dean’s Childcare, and Rip It Events AND each student received at least a secret pocket band from Boosterthon.

We are so thankful to our HES families that reached out to their family, social and business networks to help us raise money for new recess equipment, in-house field trips and other school and PTA programs for the students at HES!! We are blessed with such a generous and committed community. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!!

MEMBERSHIP

We are thankful for our 412 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!

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD

The HES PTA recognized the following teachers for going above and beyond to help the students.

Ms. Schroeder—February recipient
Ms. Strine—March recipient
Ms. DeHaan—April recipient



There is still time to show appreciation for a teacher or a staff member at HES. We will be recognizing a teacher or staff member for May and June. 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!

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 information on current opportunities and how you can get involved.

End of Year (EOY) Picnic - http://bit.ly/hes_EOY - K-4 have finalized their picnic and have a lot of opportunities to help and donate. K-3 EOY Picnics are on **Monday, June 12, 2017**, 3rd Grade has volunteer opportunities on June 8th and 9th in preparation for their picnic on June 12th. 4th grade's picnic is on Friday, **June 9, 2017**.

Media Center Year-End Inventory - bit.ly/hes_MediaYearEndHelp - If you have an hour or so and can help the Media center this week, Ms. Davis would greatly appreciate it.

Field Day - http://bit.ly/hes_FieldDay - Hammond Elementary will be having its annual Field Day on **Wednesday, May 31st, 2017**. Field Day is a culminating activity, allowing students to use a variety of physical education skills while promoting good sportsmanship and an active lifestyle.

4th Grade Help for Closing Ceremony - http://bit.ly/hes_closingceremony - Attention 4th Grade parents/guardians! On **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**, please consider helping to cut cake for 5th grade class. All we need is folks to cut the cake and plate them before 5th grade families return from closing ceremony. This will only take about 30 minutes or so if we get 10 volunteers.

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!

- Aug. 29th** Back to School Night: 6:00-7:00 pm
- 2nd & 3rd Grade, 7:15-8:15 pm
Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- Aug. 31st** Back to School Night: 6:00-6:30 pm
GT General Overview, 6:30-7:00 pm
4th & 5th GT Math, 7:15-8:15 4 & 5
- Sept. 1st** HES Open House 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm
- Sept. 5th** 2017-2018 School Year Begins for Students
- Oct. 6th** HES PTA Annual Fall Festival