



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

OCTOBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT

It has been one incredibly busy month and I want to thank your HES PTA Board for their tremendous efforts to get the year started strong for the PTA. From school supplies to newsletters to festivals, our volunteers have been hard at work. Thank you!

As you know, volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help during the school year. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

I hope to see you at our annual Fall Festival on Friday. It is sure to be a fantastic evening. Thank you for your continued support of the Hammond Elementary Community.

Thanks,
Jen Beaverson
HES PTA President

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the over 320 members who have joined the PTA this year! A special thanks to our staff, who are over 40 members strong! We hope you will join/renew your PTA Membership and join us on stage for a fantastic year of activities and volunteer opportunities. New this year, you can join/renew online, via our website (hespta.org)! We now accept payment via PayPal online and with Square in person. We also have HES PTA pens/stylus for our first 400 members. Our goal is 450 members this year, so we need your help! Please join today! Questions? Contact Anika at membership@hespta.org.



FALL FESTIVAL!

Get excited Hammond Elementary, our annual Fall Festival is just days away! All summer, Stephanie Jones and Erin Roberts have been working hard to put together the best Fall Festival yet. Awesome stations this year include karate presented by D and S Karate, rain gutter regatta presented by Boy Scout Troop 606, speed pitching presented by AYRA, remote control car racing presented by Hobby Works and face painting by Vicki Bokhari and Mascharade. Also new to the Fall Festival is a silent auction — some lucky person could head home with karate classes at D and S Karate, a date night package or win a private birthday party at Kids First Swim or Pump It Up! You will love the entertainment stage with live music, a K9 unit demonstration, and celebrity magician Tim Hall. Food will include pizza, popcorn, Kona Ice, T and J Waffles and more! All this is possible due to the hard work of our incredible Fall Festival Team and our fantastic sponsors from **Brandon Dean's Childcare, FirstCall Urgent Care, Knowledge Beginnings, Pluqis, Pump It Up and the Charlotte Hornets Coaching Staff**. We hope to see you there on October 6th from 4-7pm.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION DRIVE

Sep 18th - Oct 13th. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a prize! Please send valid Box Tops to school in envelopes or baggies (kindly check expiration date) labeled with your child's name and teacher's name. Keep clipping and sending even after the collection drive. They may

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be placed in the collection box in the school lobby. Each Box Top collected is worth \$0.10 and every Box Top helps! For more on where Box Tops can be found visit:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA

Did you know that shopping raises a lot of money for your HES PTA? Link your grocery store shopping cards each fall to support HES PTA.

Harris Teeter Code #8583
Giant Code Code #00388



Don't forget when you are shopping online that these options also help HES PTA:

- **CertifiKID**—use HAMMOND as your promo code and receive \$5 off any purchase over \$30!
- **Amazon**—shop at smile.amazon.com and select HES PTA as your charity under your account settings to earn HES PTA money.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

A big THANK YOU to all the HES families and staff that attended the September Restaurant Night at J & P Pizza! The owners were so appreciative of our business! Next month join us for burrito madness on **October 9th** 4:00-8:00pm at **Chipotle-Maple Lawn**. Look for flyers in your Thursday folders as you must present your flyer to earn money for HES PTA. This is an awesome opportunity to support HES PTA as Chipotle will donate 50% of their proceeds!



WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON AND BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL RE-CAP



A huge thank you to Erin Alberts and Pepperjacks for a fantastic Welcome Back Luncheon. Mrs. Alberts organized a lovely spread for the teachers that was well received. We also want to thank all the folks who attended the Back to School Social following open house. We had so many folks in attendance that we ran out of Rita's! We will be sure to order even more next year! It was a great way to start off the year!

RECAP - NEW FAMILIES NIGHT

HES PTA hosted a New Families Night on September 26, 2017 to welcome families new to the HES community and to ease their transition to HES through information, friendship and community resources. It was well attended by staff members, ambassadors, new parents and children. After an information and question/answer session, the adults were lead through a tour of the school and then everyone enjoyed refreshments and conversations together. Thank you to Ms. Bajwa, Mrs. Witherow and Mrs. Whalen for organizing a wonderful and informative evening.

SPIRIT WEAR

Did you know that Spirit Wear can be bought year round? Show your school spirit! Order online by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fahrendorf at sfahrendorf1@comcast.net.

TUFFY'S PRIDE AWARD

Do you know of a teacher or staff member who went above and beyond to make the children feel welcome and included during the back-to-school transition? If so consider nominating that person for the September 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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT HES FALL FESTIVAL - CLICK [HERE](#)

Volunteering at the Fall Festival, would be a great way for high school or middle school students to earn community service hours. Students can earn

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4 service hours and have fun! Come and work a game or activity station and leave with a **THANK YOU swag bag!** We'll also provide a small snack upon your arrival and you will be entered into a **FREE VOLUNTEER RAFFLE** for prizes awarded at the end of the festivities. Help the PTA at Hammond ES make this the best Fall Festival yet! Due to privacy, this sign up will not display names or contact information. Questions or Concerns? - volunteer@hespta.org.

HES PARENTS AND FAMILIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT FALL FESTIVAL - CLICK [HERE](#)

Families, your help is needed to make the Fall Festival successful again for our students. Families are encouraged to donate 1 hour of their time. Please sign up for the best time slot below and report to the volunteer table on October 6th at your chosen time to receive your assignment.

HES: UPDATE STICKERS IN BOOK CLOSET CLICK [HERE](#)

Ms. Klueh, our reading specialist, needs help updating the stickers in the book closet. Right now, a bunch of book boxes have out-dated labels and need to be updated. The signup in the letter above (click link) lets you choose the day and duration, then you will be asked the time you plan to come in.

Any time you can spare that works around your schedule would be appreciated. If you, have as little as 15 minutes, this would be a big help.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - CLICK [HERE](#)

Kindergarten are the first ones out the gate with volunteer opportunities in the classroom! Click on the link above sign up.

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. Your effort and time are greatly appreciated by students and staff alike. It makes a difference!

AT-HOME ACTIVITIES - CLICK [HERE](#)

Would you like to help but you can't come during school hours? Well, this signup is just for you! Any volunteer opportunity that can be done at home will be posted here. Check this sign up periodically for any new opportunities. If you want to be notified when new at-home opportunities are posted, sign up on the class distribution list at http://bit.ly/HES_SignUp.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 6

Fall Festival 4:00 - 7:00pm

October 9

Restaurant Night @ Chipotle ~ 4:00 - 8:00pm

October 13

End of Box Top Competition

October 16

MindSet Book Club 7:00 - 8:30pm