



HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

THE TUFFY TRIBUNE

DECEMBER 2017

HOLIDAY SHOP

Holiday Shop is just around the corner. Save your pennies, dimes and nickels to spend at the annual Holiday Shop. There will be a variety of gift ideas for all the loved one's in your child's family. This year, the shop will be open Tuesday December 12th through Thursday December 14th. More information to come! You can sign up to volunteer at [PTA Holiday Shop](#).

TALENT SHOW IS AROUND THE CORNER

HES Talent Show will take place on December 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the elementary school gym. It's a wonderful event that provides a platform for all students to demonstrate their unique talents and be recognized. We hope you will join us next Friday for this special event!

CONFERENCE DINNER

Conference Dinner was provided by Nando Peri-Peri's and was well received by the staff. Thank you to the amazing Mrs. Alberts for planning the delicious meal. A big thanks to all the families who donated food items to help with the dinner. The teachers are well stocked with k-cups for those much needed cups of coffee and tea. Thank you to all who helped restock their coffee stand!

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUR PTA

As you complete your holiday shopping, don't forget to use these shopping links to earn the PTA extra cash.

- **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.

Link your grocery store shopping cards each fall to support HES PTA.

- [Harris Teeter](#) Code #8583.

- [Giant](#) Code #00388.



RESTAURANT NIGHT



A big THANK YOU to all the HES families and staff that attended the November Spirit Night at Chick Fil A! It was a lot of fun to see school friends while raising over \$300 for HES. Next week join us for fun at IHOP in Jessup on December 6th. Flyers are headed home this week. Remember, you must present your flyer to earn money for HES PTA.

FAMILY FIT NIGHT IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! Family Fit Night will be **January 9th from 6-8pm!** Bring the family for a fun, free evening of fitness! Registration opens online on December 11th!! Look for more information coming via email next week. Paper registrations will come home in Thursday folders on January 4th. As always, Walk-In registrations are always welcome! Let's get FIT together as we kick off the New Year!!

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the over 360 members who have joined the PTA this year! We are still working towards our goal of 440 members. We hope you will join/renew your PTA Membership and join us on stage for a fantastic year of activities. 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. Please join today! Members should have received their directories in November. Questions? Contact Anika at membership@hespta.org.

SPIRIT WEAR

Just in time for holiday shopping, free shipping is available until December 10th. Order online by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fahrendorf at sfahrendorf1@comcast.net.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION DRIVE

Keep clipping and sending your box tops in because we collect them all year long! They may 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/>.



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.

[PTA Holiday Shop - http://bit.ly/HES_HolidayShop](http://bit.ly/HES_HolidayShop)

The Holiday Shop is just around the corner and we need volunteers to help the students shop. Students can come to the Holiday Shop during their recess to buy inexpensive gifts for loved ones. Volunteers help guide choices and keep the students within their budget. The students then take their item to the cashier who will handle money and the cash box. Please sign up for one or more time slots to help make this a fun experience for the students. Thanks!

[Tuffy Trade-in, At-Home Activities, and Classroom Opportunities - http://bit.ly/HES_Classroom](http://bit.ly/HES_Classroom)

This year, all classroom, recurring at-home, and Tuffy Trade-in opportunities are all on one sign up by grade. **The teaching staff really needs Tuffy Trade-in slots filled each week.** Please consider helping other grades if schedule allows. Note: Ad-Hoc At-Home needs are still being sent via the classroom distribution list (http://bit.ly/HES_SignUp).

[Media Center - http://bit.ly/HES_MediaCenter](http://bit.ly/HES_MediaCenter)

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

December 6

Talent Show Rehearsal ~ 4:30 pm

December 8

HES Talent Show ~ 6:30 pm

December 12-14

Holiday Shop

January 9

Family Fit Night ~ 6 to 8pm