

HMS PTA Newsletter (November 2017)

PTA Reflections – Arts Competition

Please encourage your students to create an original work of art based on the theme "Within Reach" to enter the PTA Reflections Arts competition. Students can:



- write a story/poem,
- choreograph a dance,
- create a musical composition or
- produce a film,
- shoot photos,
- create visual art.

All student entries are **due by November 15th**. Don't wait until the last minute to get started, have them start working on their masterpieces ASAP. More information can be found at the [Reflections](#) page on our website.

Restaurant Night

Our first PTA restaurant night will be at Grotto Pizza located at 7075 Minstrel Way, Columbia, MD 21046 on **November 9th** (4:00 – 9:00 PM). Please remember to print and bring this [voucher](#) to support your PTA.



Staff Dinner during Conferences

The HMS PTA is planning a catered meal from Chipotle for our wonderful staff on **November 20th** during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. We're asking for monetary donations to offset the cost of the meal as well as donations of drinks and desserts. Please click [here](#) to donate items or money for this well deserved event. Please contact Lynne Ward (Imezzanotteward@yahoo.com) or Kerri Ukstins (kukstins@gmail.com) with any questions.



Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to Hammond Middle. Don't forget to send money with your students to get their favorite books and gifts for all ages. The Book Fair dates and hours are:

- November 15th (open for 6th graders from 8:00AM – 1:00PM),
- November 16th (open for 7th graders from 8:00AM – 10:00AM & 12:00PM – 2:50PM),
- November 17th (open for 8th graders from 10:00AM – 2:50PM),
- November 20th & 21st (open for everyone during lunch).



As always the PTA needs volunteers to run the book fair. Please click [here](#) and signup to volunteer.

HMS PTA Bylaws

We are required to update our bylaws every three years. Our updated bylaws must be submitted to MD PTA by January 13, 2018. Please review the updated bylaws by clicking [here](#). Membership will be given 30 days to review and comment. The bylaws will be put to a vote at our December 12 general PTA meeting. Please attend this meeting as approval requires a quorum (10 members) with two-thirds of members present voting for the new bylaws. Please contact Tricia Miller at Secretary@HammondMiddlePTA.org if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your support!



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Box Tops Competition Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!! to Joshua McDerment (6), Neal Williamson (7), and Delaney Katz (8). They were the winners of the most box tops collected contest and each of them received a \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card. In a box tops raffle Sean Meklir, Josir Russell, and Dua Chaudhary, each won \$10 iTunes gift card.



Please continue to send Box Tops in a zip lock or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and homeroom teacher. Remember, every Box Top is like a dime in disguise. Every Box Top thrown away is like cash in the trash.

HMS Boys Basketball Teams

On behalf of our splendid basketball coaches: Dave Anderson, Joe Usher and Michael Buecker, we are proud to announce our teams' rosters and congratulate the following students:

- **Junior Varsity Team Blue:** Quentin Ali, Ryan Bean, Ryan Buecker, Jackson Durbin, Dominic Everett, Alex Halbert, Joey Schinner, Mason Slusher, Nick Wilk, Josh Wright
- **Junior Varsity Team Gold:** Marvin Allmond, Grant Anderson, Lynzell Beresford-Cole, Jaybore Campell, TJ Gracia, Josiah Jackson, Kahlil Johnson, Matt Kelsey, TJ King, Makai Morais
- **Varsity Team:** Maalik Johnson #0, Nick Usher #3, Erik Hatcher #4, John James #5, Nathaniel Lamb #8, Aidan Wain #15, Jordan Peguese #17, Nate Del Tufo #20, Nick Thomas #22, Kuiwon Lee #24, Korede Sogbesan #25, Seth Akuffo #33, Ashton Settles #35, Carter Jones #44

Join the PTA

If you haven't already done so, please join the HMS PTA. You can:

- click [here](#) to fill your membership form and pay ONLINE (using PayPal).
- click [here](#) to print the membership form (you will have to send it to school with payment)



Show Your Viking Side!

Spirit Wear sales exceeded expectations this year! We still have a few items left, mostly t-shirts. Please click [here](#) to see the remaining inventory. Spirit wear may still be purchased by contacting Karen Beck at spiritwear@hammondmiddlepta.org.



Recap: Fall Fling

The Fall Fling took place on October 13, 2017. It was a fun and festive event attended by **238 students**. The PTA would like to thank **Tricia Miller** and her team of dedicated volunteers (including many staff members) for organizing the event. In addition, we would like to thank all the parents for being so patient during the check-out process as we ensured that every student went home with the designated adult listed on his/her permission slip.



Recap: PTA Meeting

A PTA meeting was held on October 10, 2017 and was attended by 20 PTA members. The meeting minutes can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A motion will be presented to approve these minutes at our next meeting on November 14, 2017.

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Dates to Remember

November 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurant Night at Grotto Pizza 4:00 – 9:00 PM• Parent Education Night
November 14 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7: 30 PM
November 15 th	Reflections Art Competition entries due in HMS Front Office
November 20 th	Staff Dinner during Conferences
December 12 th	PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7: 30 PM

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