

# HMS PTA Newsletter (January 2018)

## Reflections Arts Competition Results

PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony was held on **December 7, 2017**. Congratulations to the following students for winning in the HMS Reflections:



|                       | Visual Arts  | Photography    | Literature    |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Aymen Haq    | Sophia Braun   | Macy Spencer  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Ashley Mason | Kaylie Ukstins | Logan Forrest |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Lucy Wang    | Aymen Haq      | Aymen Haq     |

The winning entries from these students have been forwarded to the County level competition.

## Restaurant Night at Chipotle

Please join us at Chipotle (11811 West Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759) on **January 10, 2018 4:00 – 8:00 PM** for a restaurant night. Kindly present this [flyer](#) (hard copy or on your phone) or tell the cashier at checkout that you are there for the HMS PTA fundraiser before you pay. Thank you for your support.



## Register for Chess Club

PTA is doing a fundraiser with Silver Knights. For each student registered for Chess Club, they will donate to PTA. Did you know that playing chess can:



- Raise your IQ,
- Improve your memory and concentration,
- Enhance your reading and problem solving skills, and
- Teach planning and foresight.

Please register your kid(s) for the HMS Chess Club and give them the opportunity to learn how to play or to improve their skills. The Club will meet on Fridays after school from 3:05 - 4:05 PM in the Media Center. The Winter session starts on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please click [here](#) to register.

## Spelling Bee

HMS Spelling Bee will take place on January 18, 2018 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 23rd. **The registration deadline has been extended until January 13, 2018.** Please register for the Spelling Bee using the [Spelling Bee Registration Form](#). For more information, please contact Mary Coleman at [spellingbee@hammondmiddlepta.org](mailto:spellingbee@hammondmiddlepta.org).



## Geography Bee

The 4<sup>th</sup> HMS Geography Bee will take place on January 25, 2018 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 30<sup>th</sup>. **The registration deadline has been extended until January 13, 2018.** Please register for the Geography using the [Geography Bee Registration Form](#). For more information, please contact Roberta Bardini at [rbrownjhu@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrownjhu@yahoo.com).



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## URGENT – Need 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Event Manager

We are in dire need of an event manager for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade farewell dance. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, please consider stepping up and taking on this responsibility. If you choose to take on the responsibility, we will help you with creating a team to divide different tasks and you will have the full support of the PTA. Please contact Tricia Miller at [secretary@hammondmiddlepta.org](mailto:secretary@hammondmiddlepta.org) for more information.



## Teen Anxiety Workshop

In partnership with the Howard County Office of Children and Families, the PTA is sponsoring a workshop on Teen Anxiety **on February 7th from 6:30-8:30 PM** in the HMS Media Center. Adolescence is a very stressful time for our teenagers and many are struggling with anxiety. This event is for parents and guardians only. Save the Date as more info will be forthcoming.

## Box Tops – Winter Contest

The Box Tops for Education – Winter Contest will end on **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please send in Box Tops in a zip lock or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and advisory teacher. Students submitting at least 15 valid, unexpired Box Tops will be entered in a drawing to win a Chick-Fil-A OR iTunes gift card! Please click [here](#) to see the list of participating products. For more information, please contact Dodie van't Hoff at [vanthoff4@verizon.net](mailto:vanthoff4@verizon.net).



## Recap: PTA Meeting (12/12/17)

A PTA meeting was held on December 12, 2017 and was attended by 13 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 January 9, 2018.

## Dates to Remember

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| January 9 <sup>th</sup>  | PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7: 30 PM                                 |
| January 10 <sup>th</sup> | Restaurant Night at Chipotle 4:00 – 8:00 PM                 |
| January 12 <sup>th</sup> | Chess Club Winter Session Starts                            |
| January 13 <sup>th</sup> | Last Day to Register for Spelling and/or Geography Bee      |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> | Spelling Bee 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 23 <sup>rd</sup> )  |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup> | Geography Bee 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 30 <sup>th</sup> ) |

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