

# HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

October 2018

**Join the HMS PTA!** Your membership funds programs, like the Fall Fling, Color Run and 8th Grade Dance, as well as allow us to support and appreciate our dedicated staff. Help us meet our aspirations for the year. Visit our website at [www.hammondmiddlepta.org](http://www.hammondmiddlepta.org) to sign up today.

**ENTER TO WIN**  
a \$25 Gift Card to MAIN EVENT at the Mall of  
Columbia.



As a thank you to all families who **join the PTA in the month of October**, you will be entered to **win \$25 gift card** to MAIN EVENT, the new fun for the whole family arcade and bowling alley.

**VOLUNTEERS!** If you **submit your name to the [PTA President](#)** to volunteer to help the PTA with various events and activities your name will be **entered into the drawing twice!**

**STAFF!** As an incentive, all **staff members** who join in the month of October will be entered to win a \$5 gift card from Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts or Panera. Thank you for your support!

JOIN PTA HERE:

- 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)

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Alston at [nicole.alston29@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole.alston29@yahoo.com)

## Fall Fling – October 26th 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Fall Fling is a great structured social opportunity for our students. They can hang out with their friends, listen/dance to music by a DJ, play basketball, eat pizza, enjoy Italian ice and have a good time.

To cover our cost, we are charging a **\$6 participation fee**.

For your convenience, the Fall Fling permission slips and payments can be done online.



- Please click [here](#) to complete the permission slip online and pay using PayPal.
- Please click [here](#) to print the permission slip and send to school with your payment. Paper permission slips will be collected during homeroom until October 25th. All registrants will be automatically entered into a contest to win gift cards to Dunkin Donuts, Chick Fil A and Subway.
- **VOLUNTEER!** Please click [here](#) to sign up to help make this event a success! If you volunteer, your student(s) name will be **entered into the drawing twice!** Thank you!

## HMS Spirit Wear makes a great holiday gift!

Show your school spirit! Buy now for holiday gifts! Sizes and quantities are limited. Please click [here](#) to see the remaining inventory. Cash and credit cards accepted. For orders and inquiries, please contact Christina Alvarez at [spiritwear@hammondmiddlepta.org](mailto:spiritwear@hammondmiddlepta.org)



### Box Tops

Please send in Box Tops in a zip lock bags or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and advisory teacher. **Students submitting at least 15 valid, unexpired** Box Tops will be **entered 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). Remember, every Box Top is like a dime in disguise. Every Box Top thrown away is like cash in the trash.

### PTA Reflections – Arts Competition

Please encourage your students to create an original work of art based on the theme “**Heroes Around Me**” 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Don't wait until November to get started, have them start working on their masterpieces now. More information can be found at the [Reflections](#) page on our website.

### Drive Thru Medication Take Back

Saturday, October 27, 10am - 2pm, at Wilde Lake Village Center. Sponsored by HC Drug Free, a non-profit organization empowering Howard County, [HC Drug Take Back Day](#). **HMS PTA is looking for a volunteer to act as a liaison between our PTA and HC Drug Free.** Please contact [nomcom@hammondmiddlepta.org](mailto:nomcom@hammondmiddlepta.org) if you are interested in volunteering for this position or if you would like more information.



### HMS Color Run... COMING THIS SPRING!

#### In NEED of Coordinator!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Color Run could not take place in September. We are hoping that the Color Run can be rescheduled for the spring but **we need a volunteer to coordinate**. Several Board members have experience with this event and look forward to supporting whomever is willing to step up and take charge! Please contact **Donna Boudreau** at [President@hammondmiddlepta.org](mailto:President@hammondmiddlepta.org) if you are interested.

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## Volunteers Needed!

Hammond MS PTA is looking for representatives to serve on county committees:

- SECAC (Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee) SECAC represents special education interests in HCPSS. Parents of children on IEPs or 504s and staff are invited to attend. The role of this person would be completely up to them. In general, it would be the same as the reps for the other organizations - attend meetings and update the PTA on the goings on. Meetings are generally the last Monday of the month. Click [here](#) for more information.
- PTACHC (PTA Citizens Advisory Committee) PTACHC is in need of committee members! Let your voice be heard and help advise committees on topics which include redistricting & class sizes. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Recap: PTA Meeting

The September meeting minutes can be read [here](#).

This month our PTA meeting was held on Oct 2, 2018. Dr. Dale would like to thank the staff and parent representatives for participating in the Restorative Justice Program training last month. Staff is also participating in Cultural Proficiency training and a No Hate initiative spearheaded by central office. Ms. Albanesi attended the meeting and shared exciting information about a possible special guest speaker on weather for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders later this winter. Minutes will be posted [here](#).

## Recap: Back-to-School Night

Thanks to all the families who attended the back-to-school night on September 14th . PTA presentation was watched in all homerooms. The 2018-19 PTA budget was approved with 131 “YES” votes. Thanks to all the homeroom teachers for counting and recording the votes.



## Stay Connected!

HMS PTA has a new and improved **Facebook** page! Stay connected with PTA! “Like” us at [Facebook](#) and “follow” us on Twitter @hcpss\_hms to stay up to date on the happenings at HMS!

## Dates to Remember

October 16,17,18<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education

October 26<sup>th</sup> Fall Fling 3:00 – 5:00 PM

November 12<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6:15 PM

December 10<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6:15 PM

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**HMS PTA Facebook:** <https://m.facebook.com/HammondMiddlePTA>

