

HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTA Newsletter

March 2019



Hershey Park Ticket Fundraiser!

Save money on tickets to Hershey Park AND raise money for the PTA! Orders are **due** to the front office by **FRIDAY MARCH 25th**. Tickets should arrive in mid-April. Please click [HERE](#) for the order form.

Please print legibly so that we can contact you with important information. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your ticket order. Once the tickets arrive, you will receive a follow up email with details on your ticket delivery. Please contact Melody Morales at drmelodymorales@gmail.com with any questions.



PTA RESTAURANT NIGHT at Chipotle on March 19 from 4-8pm

Head on over to Chipotle 11811 West Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759

from **4-8pm** on **March 19th**!

Be sure to bring this [flyer](#) with you so that our school can earn 33% of sales that day!



Statewide Education Rally in Annapolis on 3/11. Join the HCEA (Howard County Educators Association)! Anyone who wants to come is welcome and encouraged. **Charter busses** will leave from every High School at **4:30 PM and return by 8 PM**. Busses will have dinner for participants. The purpose of the rally is to encourage the state to provide further financial support to the statewide public school system. HCEA estimates that **each Howard County school will be underfunded by \$2Million in the upcoming school year**. PTACHC passed a motion supporting HCEAs efforts in procuring funding for all state public schools.

CONGRATULATIONS BOX TOPS Winners!



6th Grade: Bert Robert (most Box tops)

7th Grade: Kayley Washington & Andre Kim (most Box tops)

8th Grade: William Tao & Cassidy Long. (most Box tops)

Continue to send in Box Tops in a baggie or envelope labeled with the student's name, grade and advisory teacher.

PTA Nominating Committee Being Formed!

Please join our PTA President Donna Boudreau and corresponding secretary Tara Terry in recruiting PTA board members for the 2019-2020 school year. We need your help to have another successful and exciting year filled with activities for our students! Contact [Donna Boudreau](#) to join the committee!





8th Grade Dance Committee Meeting

Mark your calendar for **March 20th at 5:30pm** and join us to plan this year's celebration!

Location to be determined, watch for an e-blast!

HMS PTA Receives Grant from Horizon Foundation!

Thank you to, PTA parent, Leigh String for submitting our application and securing funds to help the HMS community! HMS will be using the money for the students and community to view the film *Screenagers* for free! Check your email and newsletters for the date coming in April! Learn how to help manage your child's time online!

Horizon Foundation is supporting our community in the following FREE wellness opportunities:



- *ANGST* film and discussion about what anxiety looks like in children and teens. Film begins at 6:30 at the following locations. [RSVP HERE](#). Hammond High Thurs. April 4, Howard High Tues. April 2, Glenelg High Tues. April 9 & Mt. Hebron High Wed. April 10. This is a FREE event! Parents are encouraged to bring middle school and high school students to view this film. Discussion panel following the film with experts and teens.
- QRT Training (Question. Persuade. Refer) In collaboration with Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Horizon Foundation is offering FREE TRAINING for the community on how to identify key warning signs of suicide, how to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide, how to get help for someone in crisis. March 9 from 2-4pm at Miller Branch Library; March 21 from 5-7pm at Grass Roots Crisis Center, April 1 from 7-9pm at Grassroots and more dates in April. [Register Here!](#)
Contact Amanda for more information 443-538-9909 or Amanda@grassrootscrisis.org

PTACHC (PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY) Notes from February Meeting

Superintendent's Report: Summer school registration has started – Feb 6 for English, Math, Science and Social Studies, 3/1 for all other classes. Families are encouraged to see the HCPSS [news article](#) on the website regarding Early Childhood programs.

Watch Dogs – goal is for dads to volunteer in school. 5 schools in Howard County participate in this program including Bollman Bridge and Patuxent Valley. It's a nationwide program founded in Arkansas in 1998. A dad would need to volunteer to handle the coordination of a couple of events, and Administration needs to be involved to support the use of the Volunteers, who are basically volunteering to spend the entire day at school. Goal is to get Dads involved at the school and provide positive male role models for the children. There is a \$450 cost, but this is apparently somewhat negotiable. The coordinator of the program at those 2 schools was the presenter, his email is joe.smaw@yahoo.com

BUDGET- HCPSS has presented a draft budget proposal, available on the HCPSS website. It is unlikely that the draft budget will receive full funding from the County Executive and Council. Feedback on what should be the focus – what should not be compromised on – is wanted from both HCPSS and the Board of Education (for example, not increasing class sizes, more mental Health professionals, making a dent in the Brick and Mortar backlog, repaying the insurance fund that was drained by prior administration. Part of the revised budget did include revised and increased salary scales for educators.

PTACHC Snapshot from March Meeting:

- BOE report – Jen Mallo – 3/14 Board meeting will have public hearing on 3 policies. 2020 – Policy on Policies. 4,000 Grants. Reported 9,270 Student Assault and Battery on Staff. Reports are available on board docs on the BOE website. Draft reports on upcoming topics are also available for 8020 Grading and Reporting for High School Students 9280 Students charged with community Offenses and 1020 Use of School facilities.
- Final Point on BOE report – she asked that concerned citizens please contact the county Exec and County Council asap to make clear what the funding priorities should be for Howard County. See attachment. BOE presents proposed budget to County Exec on 3/5. County Exec presents proposed countywide Budget to CC on 4/24.

To view full PTACHC meeting minutes [click here.](#)

February PTA Meeting at a Glance

Dr. Dale and the PTA presented Ms. Haley with a gift of recognition for being Teacher of the Year!

- Dr. Dale and the students of the Viking Voice (SGA) are collaborating on fundraising and ideas for the 8th grade dance.
- HMS received the Horizon Outreach Grant.
- Color Run is tentatively scheduled for May 11.
- Monthly PTA meetings scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the media center.



HC Drug Free : Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27th 10am-2pm Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near UPS store!


Amazon Smile Account – You Shop, Amazon Gives Back!

HMS has an Amazon Smile Account!
Be sure to use [this link](#) each time you shop!



Dates to Remember

March 11 th	Education Rally in Annapolis 6pm
March 14 th	PTA Meeting 6:30pm in Media Center
March 19 th	Restaurant Night at Chipotle 4-8pm
March 20 th	8 th Grade Dance Committee Meeting 5:00 Location TBD
March 25 nd	Hershey Park Ticket Orders Due

 **Vikings** HMS PTA Website: www.hammondmiddlepta.org

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