

HMS PTA Newsletter (April 2017)

Hershey Park Tickets Fundraiser

Buy deeply discounted Hershey Park tickets (**more than 35% off**) and help raise funds for Hammond Middle School PTA. Tickets are valid during any one operating day, May 5 – Sep 24, 2017. Please make checks payable to HMS PTA. **Ticket orders must be received in the Front Office by Apr 3, 2017.** Click [here](#) to download and print the order form.



PTA Help Needed for 2017-18

Several of our committed and hardworking PTA board members and committee chairs will be leaving us this year because their kids will be starting High School. As you are aware, PTA offers many exciting educational, fitness, and enrichment programs for our students. We need your help to continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. There are many PTA positions available requiring various degrees of time commitment. **We immediately need people for our Nominating Committee who can help us get nominations for next year.** To nominate yourself or someone else, please contact PTA President, Sumaira Bajwa at bajwasumaira@yahoo.com.



Restaurant Night At Ginza Steak House

Mark your calendars for the next HMS Restaurant Night on **April 18th** at Ginza Steak House from 4:30 – 9:30PM. Please mention that you are supporting HMS PTA when you order.



Box Tops Contest Prize Winners

Congratulations to **Casey Van't Hoff, Jake Donnelly, and Nia Bronson** who each won a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card because of their participation in the Box Tops for Education winter contest! Thank you to all of the students who participated. Look for an announcement of the next contest coming soon, and keep clipping and saving box tops!



State of MD Reflections Winner

CONGRATULATIONS to **Destiny Favery** for winning the 1st place award for the "Outstanding Interpretation the Theme" at the Maryland State level. Her Film entry titled "Break Through" will now be included in the National level competition. Way to go Destiny! PTA wishes that you bring a national award back to Hammond Middle. Good Luck!



Howard County Spelling Bee

Our school champion **Aymen Haq** participated in the Howard County Scripps Spelling Bee on March 17th. There was a total of 67 students (all champions from their schools) who participated in the event. Aymen went all the way to round 8 and was then eliminated from the competition after only 8 students remained. Great Job Aymen!



State of MD Geography Bee

Our school champion **Daniel Fu** passed the written qualifying test and will be participating in the State of MD Geography Bee on March 31st. PTA wishes him best of luck!



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HMS Dance Team

The HMS Dancers will perform at Reservoir High School's Spring show on Friday, **May 19th** 7pm and Saturday, **May 20th** 4pm. Tickets will be available that week at Reservoir High and at the door the day of the show.



Attention Parents of 8th Graders

The Atholton High School PTSA is in search of a President for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a 2 year position. It is very important that we identify interested individuals ASAP. This is a critical position – we want to continue to offer/sponsor the many worthwhile programs at Atholton HS and achieve the objectives of the PTSA. Our parent support is what keeps our community strong. We already have a dedicated group of Executive Board members and committee chairs ready and willing to serve under the President's leadership. If you would like to nominate a candidate or yourself please contact Nikki Lee (ndlee247@gmail.com).

CANCELLED - Color Run

We are sorry to inform the community that the Color Run previously scheduled for May 13th has been cancelled because Howard County Police supervision is not available for any dates in April or May. We will make a serious effort to plan the Color Run in Fall in hopes of having a great event in next Spring. Thank you to all the committee members who were willing to help with various aspects of the event. We will be needing your help next year 😊



Recap: Staff Dinner During Parent-Teacher Conferences

On March 9, 2017, PTA provided a dinner for HMS Staff to show our appreciation for all their hard work and for staying late for the conferences. The staff enjoyed a catered dinner from Three Brothers. A very special THANKS to Kerri Ukstins and Lynne Ward for organizing the event.

Recap: PTA Meeting

The PTA meeting scheduled for March 14th was cancelled due to school being closed for inclement weather. The last PTA Meeting was held on February 15, 2017 and was attended by 9 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 April 4, 2017.

Dates to Remember

April 3 rd	Hershey Park Ticket Orders Deadline
April 4 th	PTA Meeting 6:15 – 7:30 PM 8 th Grade Dance Meeting 5:30 – 6:15 PM
April 18 th	Restaurant Night at Ginza Steak House 4:30 – 9:30 PM
June 9 th	8 th Grade Dance & Closing Ceremony

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