

HMS PTA Newsletter (November 2016)

HMS 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 16th (open for 6th graders from 8:00AM – 1:00PM),
- November 17th (open for 7th graders from 8:00AM – 10:00AM & 12:00PM – 2:30PM),
- November 18th (open for 8th graders from 9:30AM – 1:30PM),
- November 21st & 22nd (open for everyone during lunch).

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

As always the PTA needs volunteers to run the book fair. Please sign up to volunteer using this link: [Book Fair Volunteer Signup](#)

Encourage your students to tell their story!

Encourage your students to participate in Reflections. It's a one of a kind Arts competition. This year's theme is "What is Your Story?" All student art entries will be judged by local Art Experts. An Award Ceremony will take place on December 8, 2016 at 6:30. The winning entries will be forwarded to the County level competition. The student entries are due in the HMS front office by November 28, 2016. For more information, please visit [Reflections Page](#) on the PTA website or contact Sumaira Bajwa at bajwasumaira@yahoo.com. Please register for Reflections using the [Reflections Registration Form](#) by November 17, 2016. Registration will help the PTA plan for judges and Awards Ceremony.



Spelling Bee

HMS Spelling Bee will take place on January 19, 2017 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 23rd. Please register for the Spelling Bee using the [Spelling Bee Registration Form](#) by December 14, 2016. Registered students will receive a spelling bee study guide, useful web-links and information regarding an after school Spelling Bee Coaching Session (organized by Ms. Blanding) via email. For more information, please contact Margaret Finnegan at mlfinegan@yahoo.com.



Geography Bee

The 3rd HMS Geography Bee will take place on January 26, 2017 at 6:30PM with an inclement weather makeup date of January 31st. Please register for the Geography Bee using the [Geography Bee Registration Form](#) by December 14, 2016. Registered students will receive information to help them prepare for the bee and regarding one or more after school Geo Bee Coaching Session(s) via email. Students may also visit the National Geographic website for more information and to take daily quizzes at: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee>. For more information, please contact Roberta Bardini at rbrownjhu@yahoo.com.



Show Your Viking Side!

Please check our inventory by clicking [here](#) and contact Karen Beck at hmsptasw8100@gmail.com for information about payment and delivery.



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We STILL need your help to reach our Membership goal

If you haven't had a chance to join yet, then please don't wait and join today. Please click [here](#) to fill out the membership form online and pay your dues using PayPal. If you prefer to pay by check, please click [here](#) to download/print a paper form and send to school. We thank you for your support.

Be your kid's biggest fan.
Be PTA.

Link Your Grocery Store Card(s) to HMS

Please help benefit our school every time you do grocery shopping. You need to link your card to HMS every year.

- Giant Food - HMS Code – 00389; Register online by clicking [here](#)
- Harris Teeter - HMS Code – 7585; Register online by clicking [here](#)



Save and Send Box Tops

Look for announcements of future contests and continue to save and send Box Tops to school in a sealed zipper baggie or envelope labelled with the student's name, grade and first period teacher. Click [here](#) to see the list of participating products. For more information, please contact Mary San Antonio at marysanantonio@verizon.net. Remember, every Box Top is like a dime in disguise. Every Box Top thrown away is like cash in the trash.



Recap: PTA Meeting (10/11/2016)

A PTA Meeting was held on October 11, 2016 and was attended by 10 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 9, 2016.

Recap: Fall Fling

We made a new record with 260 students participating in the festivities of the Fall Fling this year. Students had a wonderful time thanks to a very dedicated group of organizers and volunteers. A very special THANKS to Cathy Stohman and Mollie Baer for organizing the event. In addition, the PTA would like to acknowledge the HMS staff members and parent volunteers who donated their time to chaperone and manage the event. We thank you for your commitment to our students. ☺

Dates to Remember

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| November 9 th | PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm |
| November 28 th | Deadline for submitting Reflections entries |
| December 8 th | Reflections Awards Ceremony at 6:30 PM |
| December 13 th | PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm |
| January 19 th | Spelling Bee at 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 23 rd) |
| January 26 th | Geography Bee at 6:30 PM (Snow Date January 31 st) |

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