

April 2, 2019

Honor Roll assembly is this Thursday and Friday

Picture day is next Friday—kids can wear whatever they want.

May 16 and 16 is school play—Fame (Jr.)!

Teachers present: Bey, Davis, Cooper, Roy

Daria from Deni Taveras's office attended

Sarah Eisen will add a tab for volunteer opportunities to the PTA website, as well as links for events that need support.

Cat talked about painting the temps this Saturday! Rain is likely on Friday, so we may start late ... but right now, scheduled for 10-6PM. Kids are welcome to paint and/or play on the playground. Will bathrooms be available? We will figure it out.

International Night—April 25, 5:30-7:30PM. HES-sponsored event, with assistance from the PTA.

April 27 is Hyattsville city parade and the school will march together! Our theme is blue and gold! We will wear our new t-shirts. Jen is ordering additional sizes that have already sold out. Ms. Cooper would like a bubble machine.

Pizzeria Paradiso fundraiser is on May 2.

We will have a game night on May 10, from 6-8PM. We're working with Labyrinth Games from DC who will take care of the majority of the staffing. We'll have a raffle so kids will have a chance to win some cool new games. We will also make this a fundraiser—we'll ask parents to buy games for each classroom. Event is free and no purchases are required to participate.

Zombie Run Update from Christine! We are now 6 months out. We need volunteers! You can be on the core committee and/or take on a smaller or one-time job. Right now we're soliciting sponsorships and letting other schools know about the opportunity to fundraise through the Zombie Run.

Sarah Weber spoke about the County homework policy—it has been determined that a committee will begin meeting to consider revising this policy. The committee will start meeting next week and a survey has been created for parents. Sarah will send the link and we can post on Facebook as well.

Ms. Davis showed the book published by the 5th graders—A Moment in Time. Copies will go to the County, the Mayor, PTA, etc.

Principal Bey gave a presentation on the 2019-20 budget.

Dr. Goldsen has prioritized smaller class sizes and Ms. Bey has aligned herself with that.

HES is a Title 1 school, meaning we get more funding.

She outlined the school's focus for students and the Student-Based Budgeting (SBS) staffing categories.

HES 2019-20 budget allotment is \$2,223,593

Ms. Bey submitted her draft budget request today: 4 teachers for each grade level except Pre-K (2) and 1st (3). When will the budget be approved? It will not likely happen before the end of the school year.

Ms. Bey sent out a survey on budget priorities—parent response was highest for after-school programming, instructional supplies, support staff, smaller class sizes and student rewards.

Questions about the budget? Get in touch with Ms. Bey—she will be happy to speak with you.

Meredith introduced Rep. Deni Taveras. Construction of a new HES has been pushed back to 2023—we need to fight this. We had previously been told we would start in 2020. This is from CE Allbrooks budget. We need to stand as a united “Adelphi corridor” group. District 2 is the most overcrowded in the County.

HB 727—must pass on Monday if we are to begin construction in August. Can we contact members of Budget + Taxation Committee? YES, I will send list/sample text to the group.

April 9 (BOE), 29 and May 7—key County Council meetings. Must sign up tomorrow to speak—there are only 15 spots available.

We could write letters to Todd Turner, Rodney Streeter, Deni et al.

Jen and Meredith can do a FB post and email to outline the most pressing advocacy needs.