

# Welcome to



## Hollifield Station Elementary School

# Introductions

Amanda Wadsworth - Principal

Eileen Wilson - School Nurse

Aaron Tark - Assistant Principal

Carol Mertz - Health Assistant

Jerome Pickens- Administrative Intern

Lauren Honza & Kristen Tacka  
(.5) - School Counselors

Tyeisha Bydume - Principal's Secretary

Rachel Maddock-Cosden - Teachers'  
Secretary

Matthew Castner - PTA  
President

Nicole Moody - Teachers' Secretary

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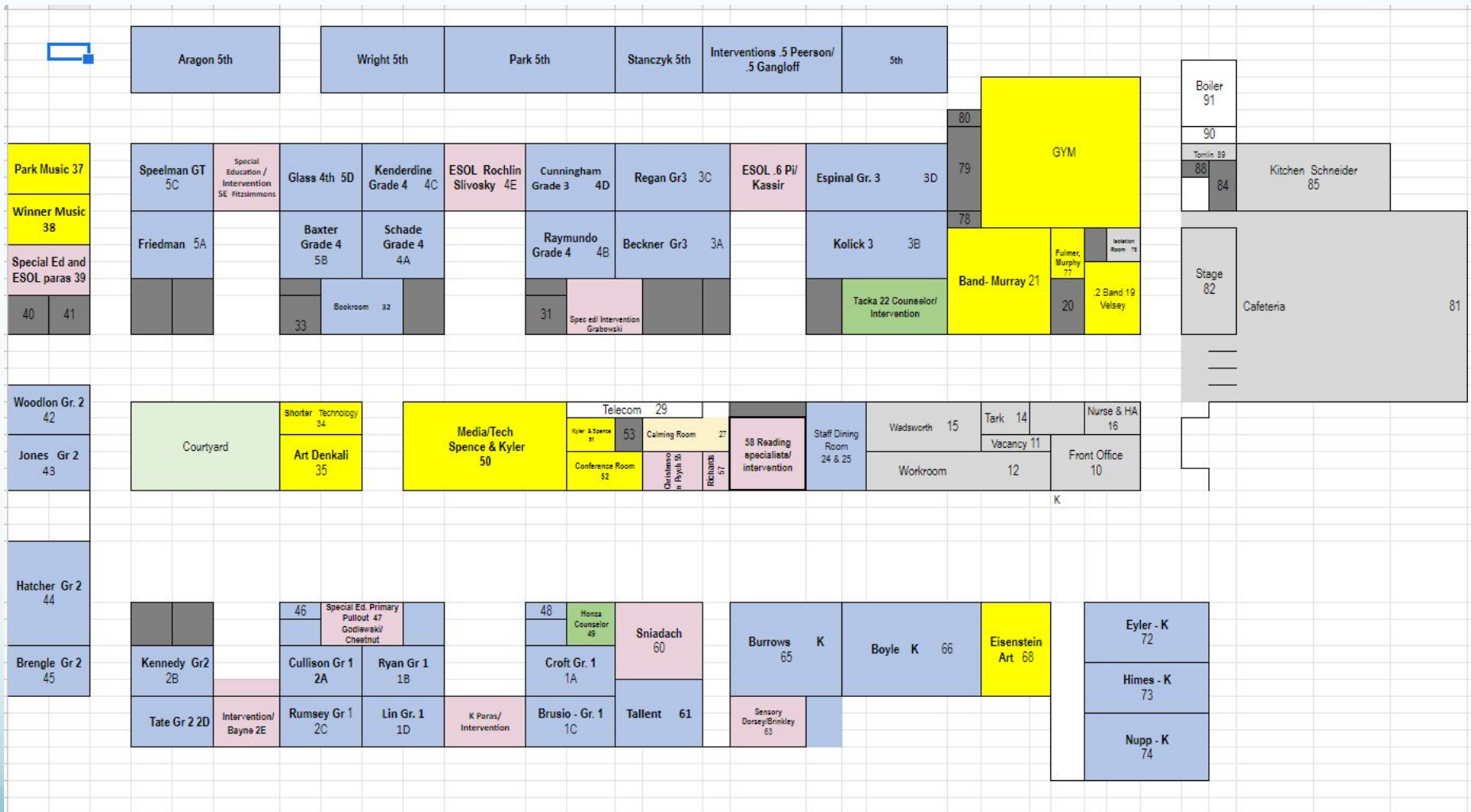
[www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness](http://www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness)

# About Hollifield Station Elementary

- We have Kindergarten through 5th grade
  - Kindergarten - 2nd = 6 classes
  - 3rd - 4th = 5 Classes
  - 5th = 4 Classes
- School Colors
  - Blue and White
- School Mascot
  - Husky



# HSES School Map



# Instructional Content Areas

## Academics

- English Language Arts (Reading and Writing)
- Math
  - GT Math is available in 4th and 5th Grade
- Content - Science, Social Studies, Health
- Social/Emotional Learning

**\*\*Details will be shared at Back-to-School Night\*\***

# Instructional Areas Cont'd

## Related Arts

- Art
- Media
- Music
- PE
- Technology
- Band (optional)
  - 4th, 5th Grades
- Strings (optional)
  - 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades
- Chorus
  - 4th, 5th Grades

# Important Websites

- **School System Website:** [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)
- **HSES website:** [www.hcpss.org/hses](http://www.hcpss.org/hses)
- **Family File –** [www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)
  - Emergency cards
  - Emergency closures



## PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASSWORK



### HCPSS Connect

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant, and easily accessible information relating to your student.

[HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN](#)

#### HCPSS Connect Updates

HCPSS Connect will be launching in **two phases**. Phase 1 will focus on updating emergency contact information. Phase 2 activates the remaining classroom and student information functionality.

#### Phase 1 – 8/17

- **Update your child's emergency contact information via Family File.** Adjusted contact information will automatically update your HCPSS News subscription. [Learn more about HCPSS News →](#)

# School and System News and Information



## Email

School news, HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

Priority/emergency  
notices



## HCPSS website

[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

Systemwide news and  
information resource



## Hollifield

## Station website

[hses.hcpss.org](http://hses.hcpss.org)

School news, calendar, sports  
and clubs, staff directory; more

# Receiving Emails and Texts



Utilizing contact information submitted through the Family File, parents and guardians automatically receive emails from HCPSS and our school.

To comply with FCC & wireless carrier requirements, parents/guardians must opt in one time to receiving text message alerts. To confirm that you have opted in, text the word "YES" to 67587 from the cell phone number on file in HCPSS Connect Family File.

**Unsubscribing to either an HCPSS or school email, will remove you from receiving all email messaging - including emergency notifications!**

Please call the front office if you believe you are not receiving emails and/or text messages.

# School Closings/Delays



[www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org)



@hcpss



HCPSS News



Hotline

410-313-6666



HCPSS Status

[status.hcpss.org](http://status.hcpss.org)



# Inclement Weather

Details on  
HCPSS  
inclement  
weather  
processes are  
forthcoming!



# Update Student Information



- Parent contact information
  - Medical data and contacts
  - After-school transportation
  - Data privacy preferences
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[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)

# Canvas: What to Expect



## Course Homepage:

Overview

Student privacy information

Resources



Calendar dates/events

Assignments and Gradebook



Announcements



Direct Messaging (Inbox)



Canvas courses for preK-8 students have a more simplified interface than high school. When selecting a child, you will see the same layout as that child sees in Canvas.

Have Canvas Questions? Click the **Canvas Student & Parent Orientation** link under the Help icon on the Canvas homepage



Help

# Assessments at the Elementary Level

- MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)
- MAP (or Measures of Academic Progress)
- CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)





# Your School Day

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:33 Bell Rings, Enter School
- 8:45 Instruction Begins
  - Morning announcements
  - Morning Circles
  - Lunch: 30 minutes
  - Recess: 30 minutes
  - Core Subjects
- 3:15 Bell Rings for Dismissal

# Breakfast & Lunch

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

**Step 1:** Visit [www.hcpss.org/farms/](http://www.hcpss.org/farms/)

**Step 2:** Click “Apply Online” to begin the online application process

## How to Apply

Please submit only one application per household. Families that need computer or language assistance to apply online, please contact your child's school.

View the [federal income eligibility guidelines](#).

## Online

APPLY ONLINE

(ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE)

- After the online application has been submitted and reviewed, eligibility notifications will be sent via email/mail.

HCPSS WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the 'MY SCHOOL Apps' website for the Howard County Public School System. The page has a teal header with the logo and a navigation bar with links: 'Getting Started' (highlighted), 'Household Information', 'Students', 'Children (Non-Student)', and 'Signer's Information'. The main content area is titled 'Getting Started' and lists the requirements for the application process: the name and current income of every household member, the school and grade of every student, an electronic signature, and an optional email or phone number for district communication. A button labeled 'BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS' is at the bottom.

## MY SCHOOL Apps

Howard County Public School System

Getting Started | Household Information | Students | Children (Non-Student) | Signer's Information

### Getting Started

**What you will need to provide during the application process:**

- The name and **current** income of every member of your household
- The school and grade of every student in your household
- Your electronic signature
- (Optional) A valid email address or phone number for district communication about the status of the application.

If you are ready to get started, click the button below to begin the online application process.

BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION

# 2022-2023 Student Meals

**REMINDER! The 2022-2023 school year will return to pre-COVID student meal procedures**

The federal government has not extended waivers allowing free meals for all students. **Students whose families do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will be required to pay full price.**

Daily Meal Prices	
Student Breakfast	Student Lunch
Breakfast – \$2.00	Elementary School Lunch – \$2.80
Reduced Price Breakfast – \$0.00	Middle/High School Lunch – \$3.30
Free Breakfast – \$0.00	Reduced Price Lunch – \$0.00
	Free Lunch – \$0.00
	Milk (1/2 pint) – \$0.50

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:



## HCPSS - FAMILY FILE (EMERGENCY FORM)



### MAIN NAVIGATION

- Students
- Parents/Guardians
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical
- Arrival/Departure
- Media
- Data Confidentiality
- Student Creative Work
- PTA Directory / School Directory
- Submit

Thank you. You have successfully submitted the family file information.



Click the below link to download the printed emergency procedure card:

[\[ Download \]](#)

### Free and Discounted Benefits

The FARMs program provides families with significant benefits to help you save money. Eligibility is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

[Log out](#)

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits

# Homework

- **Purposeful:** Students understand why they are completing homework. Homework is grounded in and expands upon skills and knowledge students have learned in the classroom.
- **Appropriate:** Homework should be designed so that all students can experience success in independent completion of assignments. Accommodations will be provided as outlined in students' IEPs and Section 504 Plans.
- **Informational:** Homework is one tool schools have available to them that allows parents to be included in their child's day-to-day school experiences.
- **Flexible:** Assignments can be successfully completed with resources that are readily available within timeframes that have flexible deadlines when possible.

# K - 2

- **Amount of Homework:** No more than 20 minutes of homework per night will be assigned. *In Pre-K and Kindergarten there will be no assignments that must be submitted to the teacher.*
- **Purpose of Homework:** Homework provides practice opportunities for skill development.
  - Families are encouraged to read to or with their children nightly.
  - Families are encouraged to practice grade appropriate math facts or related activities on a nightly basis.

# 3rd - 5th

- **Amount of Homework:** No more than **30 minutes** required per night in **grade 3**; **40 minutes** in **grade 4**; and **50 minutes** in **grade 5**.
- **Purpose of Homework:** Homework reflects daily instruction, reinforces previously taught skills, prepares students for future lessons, and/or promotes creativity.



# Attendance

If your child is absent, a note must be sent in when they return.

You can email [HSESabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:HSESabsence@hcpss.org) with your information as well.

On or after 8:45 AM, Students will be marked tardy.

# School-wide Expectations: The 3 R's

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready

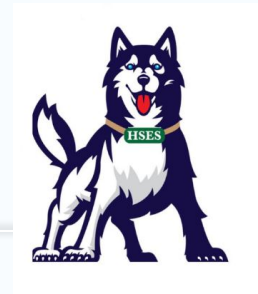


# How does this work?

- Expectations (3 Rs) are posted in classrooms, cafeteria, and hallway.

How are students recognized?

- H Tickets - given for demonstrating 3Rs
- Classroom incentives
- Positive Office Referrals
- Bi-Quarterly Cart



# Volunteers

We encourage and welcome volunteers. Your classroom teachers will discuss opportunities for families to come in or support from home as a volunteer.

All volunteers and chaperones must complete training prior to coming to volunteer. Please share your certificates of training with your teacher and/or the front office.

Visit the HCPSS website for the training.

<https://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

# **Hollifield Station PTA**

**Welcome to our community!**

# What is a PTA?

**Vision:** Every Hollifield Station child is empowered to become their full, best self.

**Mission:** To build a thriving community and support the school staff.

We are a group of parents to volunteer our time and creativity to support the school and grow the community.

**What Did  
We Do Last  
Year?**



# Spring Blacktop Party





# Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

- 68 Huskies watched the Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays. Let's go O's!



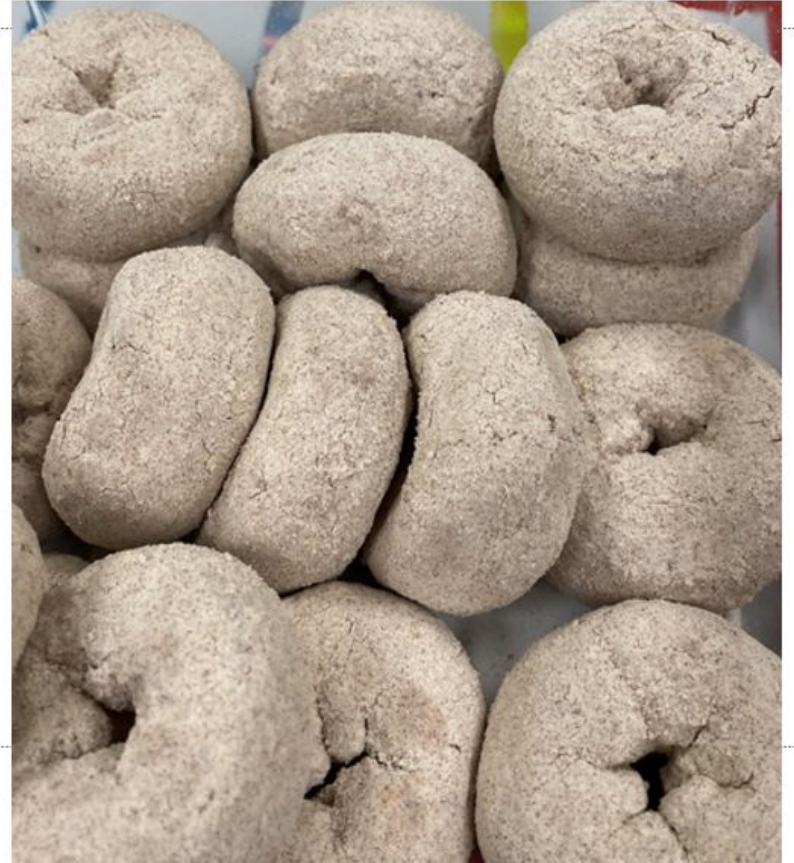
# Assembly

**SK8 4 LIFE** educated our kids about healthy life habits while performing skateboard tricks and *jumping over teachers!*





# Appreciation Events



# Books of Belonging

**700** new books to reflect our community's diversity

Special thanks to:

- Mary Hall
- Kelly Broccolino
- Jennifer Matthews







# Read-A-Thon starts Sept. 12!

- Our school's **ONE BIG** fundraiser for the year!
- Read-A-Thon runs 9/19 - 9/30
  - First week is spirit week
- Set up a fundraising page for your child when we share sign-up information on **9/12**.
- Up to 10 **Brag Tag prizes** for reading sessions at home and donations
- 2 **pizza parties** per grade
  - Most reading sessions
  - Most total donation amount
- Any questions: [hsesfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hsesfundraising@gmail.com)

## BRAG TAGS:





**Join Us!**

# Become a PTA Member

- Becoming a PTA member helps to support the students and teachers at Hollifield Station.
- PTA members get to vote in our elections.
- \$20 for an individual membership, \$35 for a family membership (two adults).
- **Stop by our table on the way out to get signed up!**





**MANY HANDS** MAKE LIGHT WORK



**I WANT YOU**  
**FOR HSES PTA BOARD**

# Join A PTA Committee!

Our committees plan and do all the great things our PTA does.

1. Research shows that kids do best when they grow up in **strong communities**. That's what we do!
2. It feels good to **support** the school and make kids **smile**!
3. Win a **\$25** Amazon Gift Card if you join a committee by **10/1/22**.

Email [hses.pta.prez@gmail.com](mailto:hses.pta.prez@gmail.com) or stop by our table to learn more!

# **Thank you for joining us!**

## Questions?

### **Contacts**

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