

Welcome
to



Hollifield Station
Elementary School

Introductions

Amanda Wadsworth - Principal

Aaron Tark - Assistant Principal

Laurie Poquette - Administrative Intern

Tyeisha Bydume - Principal Secretary

Rachel Maddock-Cosden - Teacher Secretary

Elise Allen - Teacher Secretary

Ida Waldron - School Nurse

Lauren Honza - School Counselor

Hanadi Hill (.5) - School Counselor

Matthew Castner - PTA President

Mental Health – School-Based Supports

School Counselor: Lauren Honza 1.0 (Lauren_honza@hcpss.org),
Hanadi Hill (.5) (hanadi_hill@hcpss.org)

School Psychologist: Alessa Christenson
(alessa_christenson@hcpss.org)

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International Liaison: Masooma Mohiuddin
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More information:

www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness

About Hollifield Station Elementary

School Hours:

Arrival

Doors Open: 9:05 a.m.

Late Bell: 9:20 a.m.

-Instruction begins

Dismissal

3:50 p.m. dismissal begins

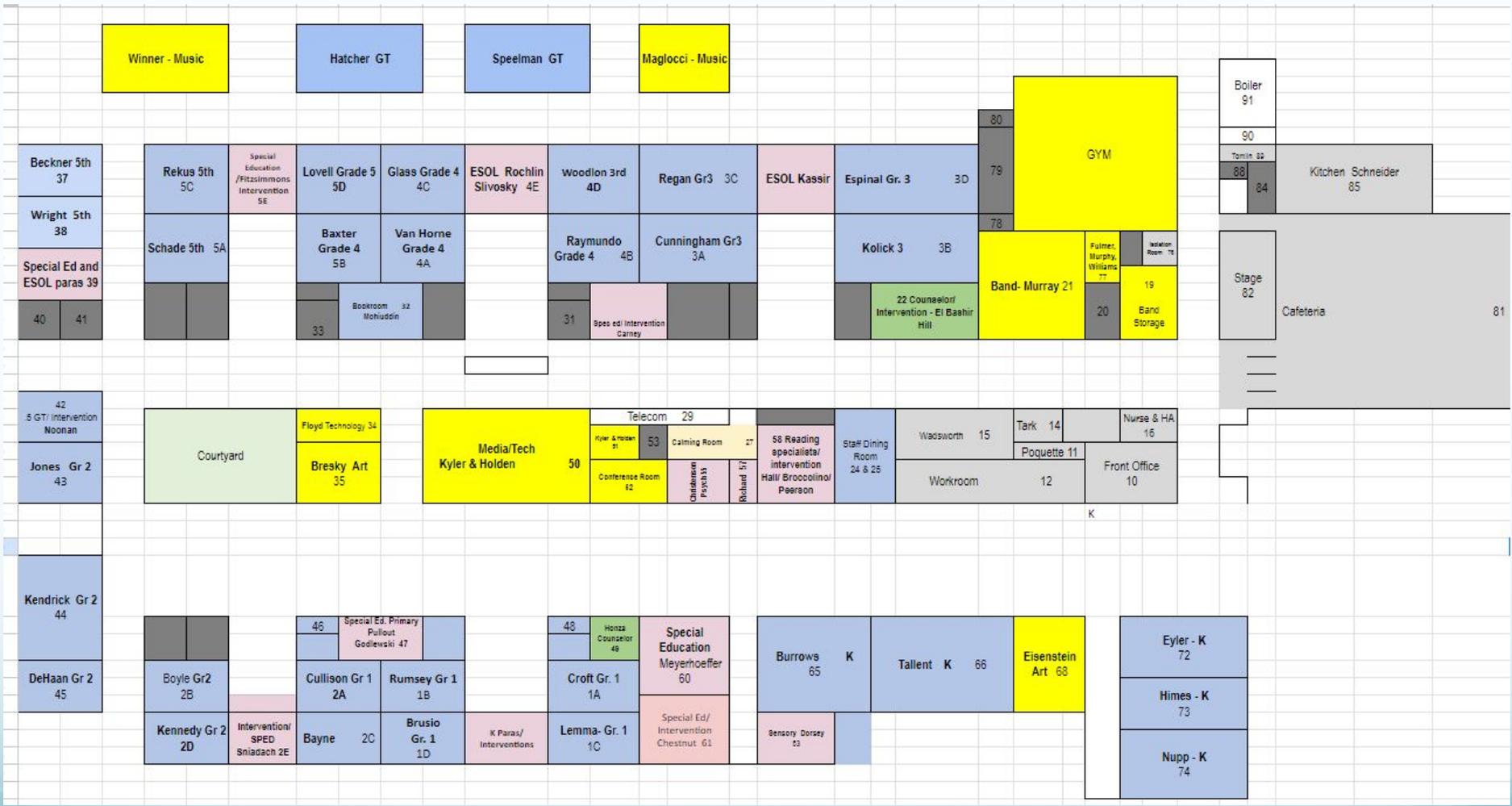


About Hollifield Station Elementary

- We have Kindergarten through 5th grade
 - Kindergarten = 5 classes
 - 1st & 2nd = 5 Classes
 - 3rd = 5 Classes
 - 4th = 4 Classes
 - 5th = 5 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 (optional)
 - 4th, 5th Grades

Important Websites

- **School System Website:** www.hcpss.org
- **HSES website:** www.hcpss.org/hses
- **Family File –** 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 →](#)

Update Student Information



- Parent contact information
 - Medical data and contacts
 - After-school transportation
 - Data privacy preferences
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www.hcpss.org/connect

School and System News and Information



Email

School news, HCPSS News,
emergency notices



Text

Priority/emergency
notices



HCPSS website

www.hcpss.org

Systemwide news and
information resource



Hollifield

Station website

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



@hcpss



HCPSS News



Hotline

410-313-6666



HCPSS Status

status.hcpss.org

Inclement Weather

Check the
Website for the
status
Status Codes
[Link](#)



Assessments at the Elementary Level

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



Your School Day

- 9:05 Breakfast
- 9:05 Bell Rings, Enter School
- 9:20 Instruction Begins
 - Morning announcements
 - Morning Circles
 - Lunch: 30 minutes
 - Recess: 30 minutes
 - Core Subjects
- 3:50 Bell Rings for Dismissal

Breakfast & Lunch

Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Step 1: Visit www.hcpss.org/farms/

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

HCPSS WEBSITE

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.

MY SCHOOL Apps
Howard County Public School System

APPLICATION

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

2023-2024 Student Meals

Daily Meal Prices –

Daily meal prices apply for students whose families do not qualify for free or reduced meals.

Student Breakfast

Breakfast – \$2.00

Reduced Price Breakfast – \$0.00 ([Find out how to qualify for FARMS](#))

Free Breakfast – \$0.00 ([Find out how to qualify for FARMS](#))

Student Lunch

Elementary School Lunch – \$2.80

Middle/High School Lunch – \$3.30

Reduced Price Lunch – \$0.00 ([Find out how to qualify for FARMS](#))

Free Lunch – \$0.00 ([Find out how to qualify for FARMS](#))

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

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.

Homework

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

Culture of Showing UP - Attendance is very important !

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

You can email HSESabsence@hcpss.org with your information and your homeroom teacher as well.

On or after 9:20 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?

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

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

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

**What Do We
Do?**

Grow our Community



Grow Our Community

- 120 Huskies watched the Orioles beat the Texas Rangers. Let's go O's!



Celebrate Our Students: 5th Grade

- Sponsors 5th Grade promotion activities
- Held 5th Grade party
- Planned 5th Grade pool party
- Funded 5th Grade t-shirts



Celebrate Our Students

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



Appreciate our Staff



Books of Belonging

700 new books to reflect our community's diversity

Special thanks to:

- Mary Hall
- Kelly Broccolino
- Jennifer Matthews



Organizational Structure

Priority
Committee/Role

President

VP of Community Engagement

VP of School Engagement

Secretary

Treasurer

PTACHC
Rep.

Membership

Family Fun

Assemblies

Staff
Appreciation

Communicat
ions

Fundraising

Grant
Administrator

Yearbook

Green Team

Spirit Wear

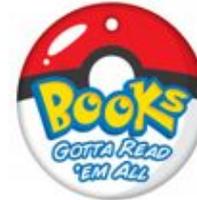
Books of Belonging



Read-A-Thon Starts 10/2

- Our ONE big fundraiser for the year! Let's beat last year!
- Dates: 10/2 - 10/13
 - First week will include spirit week
- Brag Tag prizes – Up to 12 tags per student
- 2 pizza parties per grade
 - Most reading sessions per class
 - Most total donation amount per class
- Make sure your student sets up a page!

BRAG TAGS:



Join Us!



I WANT YOU
FOR HSES PTA BOARD

Join The PTA!

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!**

Email hses.pta.prez@gmail.com or stop by our table to learn more!

How can I get involved?

1. Come to our events!
2. Join a Community Meeting
3. Become a member of the PTA
4. Volunteer or donate for an event
5. Donate to the PTA
6. Join a committee
7. Join the board

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!**

Join a Community Meeting!

- Join School Administration (Ms. Wadsworth) and PTA to hear what is happening at the school and what the PTA has been up to!
- Community Meeting dates:
 - 9/26/23
 - 11/28/2023
 - 1/23/2024
 - 3/19/2024
 - 5/21/2024



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

At Our Table You Can:

- Learn more about the PTA
- Scan a QR Code to become a PTA member
- Join a committee
- Scan a QR Code to download the calendar invite for all our PTA Community Meetings
- Give Matt a high five



Questions?