

Hollifield Herald

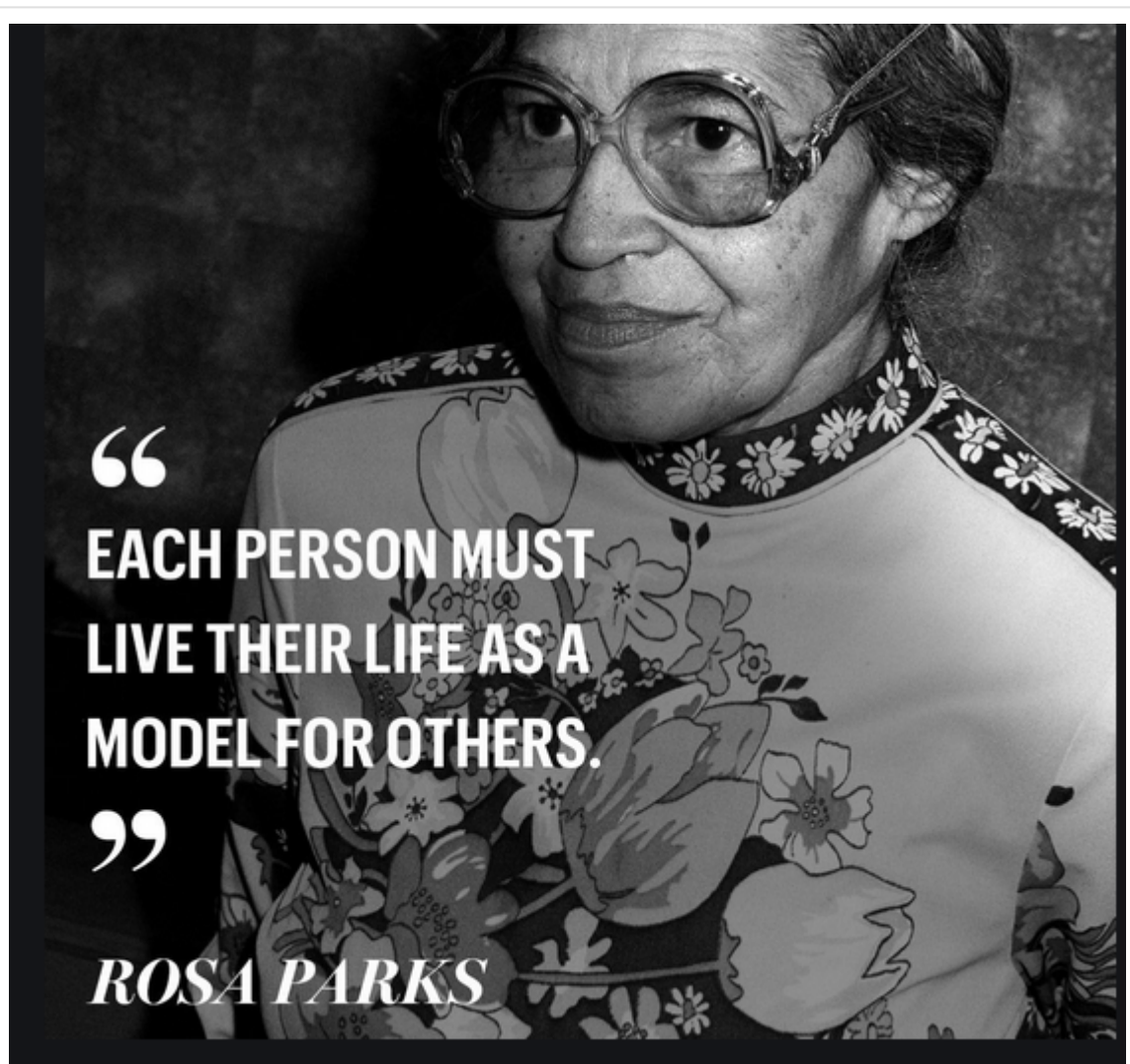
Week of 2/15/21

Dear HSES Families,

As shared in our previous newsletter, we are very excited to see the return of some of our students beginning March 1st. In preparation for the return of students whose families have selected hybrid, we are analyzing capacity, finalizing hybrid class lists, and preparing our building to meet all CDC guidelines. For more information on the reopening of Howard County Public Schools, please see [HERE](#) the detailed reopening guide found on the HCPSS website.

As soon as all details, schedules, transportation and plans are finalized for Hollifield Station, we will be sharing this information through an alert, our classroom teachers and on our website. We know families are anxious to learn more about the details, and we are working hard to ensure we share this information as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
HSES Administration



Important Dates:

Starting March 1st: School hours for hybrid and virtual students: 9:05 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Feb 15 Schools and Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

Feb 16 Administration return to school buildings

Feb 18 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Community Conversation with Administration/ Code: communityconversation

Feb 24 Staff supporting Group E students return to school buildings

Mar 1 Students identified for the 5-days-per-week program return

Mar 8 Staff supporting K-2 students return to school buildings

Mar 15 Students selecting hybrid in K-2 return buildings

Mar 22 Staff supporting 3-5 students return to school buildings

Mar 29 Students selecting hybrid in 3-5 return to buildings

Apr 12 Students selecting hybrid in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 return to building

Community Conversation 2/18/21 -- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dear HSES Families,

On February 18th, administration will hold another Community Conversation. The purpose of this meeting is provide an opportunity for families to engage in a question and answer session with the administration. In order to best meet each families needs, please submit any questions you have ahead of time in the following survey:

<https://forms.gle/NLQHbGLXxPptmPis5>

Please be signed in with your family account or with your student(s) account. **Use code: communityconversation.** We look forward to seeing you all!!!

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Hybrid Schedule for AA/BB and Group E. Please note
Group E is the only group attending Wednesdays.

Cohort Schedule for Hybrid Instruction

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Groups A & E in school	Groups A & E in school	Group E in school 2 ½ hours in the morning	Groups B & E in school	Groups B & E in school
Groups B & V virtual	Groups B & V virtual		Groups A & V virtual	Groups A & V virtual

Updates to 2020-21 Calendar

At yesterday afternoon's Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a change to the 2020-21 academic calendar. The purpose of this change is to provide our teachers and staff with time to prepare their classrooms for students to return for in-person instruction beginning on March 1. Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26 will now be 3-hour early dismissal days for students. The early dismissal schedule is [posted on the HCPSS website](#).

Important Technology Updates

The purpose of this message is to update you on the availability of digital tools on HCPSS Chromebooks. Recently an Opt-In letter was sent home requesting parent/guardian consent in

order for students to have access to the HCPSS authorized set of digital tools used for virtual instruction.

Update:

The following digital tools do not require consent because they are already available to students in HCPSS computer labs: [Book Room](#), [Word Work](#), [Scratch BluBot](#), [Scratch JR](#), [Sketch-Up](#), [Collector Classic](#), [JamBoard](#), and [Google Earth](#).

These supplemental digital tools are approved by HCPSS and comply with federal, state and Howard County Board of Education student data privacy policies.

Please note that your student(s) will have access to these digital tools when the second semester starts through the Google Play Store icon on the Chromebook when logged in with an HCPSS account.

If your elementary school aged child has not been issued a Chromebook, one can be picked up at a [Technology Support Center](#).

Please note:

- HCPSS cannot guarantee that apps are available on devices other than HCPSS Chromebooks.
- Teachers may or may not choose to use any or all of these apps during instruction. Students will be notified when a particular app will be used for instruction.
- In addition to these Google tools, HCPSS has approved a robust set of [supplemental digital tools](#). Your child's teacher will notify you of the particular supplemental digital tools being used in each class via email or on their Canvas course page.

For more information, please contact Heidi Shorter at heidi_shorter@hcpss.org or Administration.

Accessing MAP Scores

Scores are uploaded weekly into Synergy. Schools can direct parents to the Fall 2020 FAQ page for instructions on accessing the scores and score reports at the end of the window ([Direct Link to MAP Access FAQ](#)).

To access test scores:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Standardized Test Scores from the middle

Previously Shared Information

Black History Month

"Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history." To learn more about this important celebration click [HERE](#). At the school level, we will be using our SEL time and other opportunities to uplift and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Husky Highlight! Don't forget to send us a picture!!!!

Would your child enjoy seeing themselves in the morning announcement? Do you want to celebrate their hard work?!

Send in a picture to be shown during the weekly morning announcements. Just click on [this form](#) to upload a photo!

PTA Information

Cluster-Wide Hand Sanitizer Drive



Please assist the Hollifield Station, Patapsco Middle, and Saint John's Lane PTAs and the Mount Hebron PTSA in a hand sanitizer drive. As our schools look to reopen starting the week of March 1st, we want to ensure that all of our students and staff throughout the cluster stay safe. We will continue our drive through April 9th, the last day before the final wave of students returning starting April 12th. Collectors will drop collected hand sanitizer off at each school throughout the drive.

Our main collection site is at Hollifield Station (8701 Stonehouse Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21043). There is a bin marked "Hand Sanitizer Donations" inside of the main front doors.

For your convenience, HSES PTA members are also hosting two community collection sites:

Name: Smitha Bodepudi	Name: Sarah Dababnah
Address: 9809 Morning Choice Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043	Address: 2886 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

If you have questions, please contact Sarah at hsevp2@gmail.com.





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