

Hollifield Herald

Week of 1/25/21

Important Dates:

Jan 28 End of Quarter 2 (All completed assignments due.)

Jan 28 6:00 pm - Sesión de Apoyo a la Escuela Media para familias de habla hispana

Jan 29 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

Jan 29 Registration window opens for math conferences

Feb 2 7:00 pm - PTA General Meeting (All welcome)

Feb 3 9:00 - 11:00 am - MAP Testing for grades 1-5

Feb 3 - 15 Middle School Registration (Information below)

Feb 5 Report Cards Issued

Feb 5 Registration window closes for math conferences

Feb 9 9:30 - 10:30 am - Middle School Counselor's Corner (Information below)

Feb 10 9:00 - 11:00 am - MAP Testing for grades 1-5

Feb. 10 3-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences (Information below)

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Feb 12 School Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

Feb 15 Schools and Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

Feb 16 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Middle School Counselor's Corner (Information below)

PTA River House Pizza Kit Fundraiser Dates:

January 26: Kit pickup from 4-6pm (27th if needed due to weather).

Middle School Resource/Guide

Our wonderful counselors put together a resource/guide for our 5th grade families on registering for middle school. Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Jones will be holding two family sessions to discuss the transition to middle school. See information in the attached flyer below.



Middle School Course Request.pdf

[Download](#)
123.5 KB

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!

The Great Kindness Challenge - THIS WEEK!

Please select a Kindness Coloring Page to color and display in your window during the Great Kindness Challenge Week (January 25-January 29). We want everyone to see that Kindness Matters at HSES!

[Kindness Coloring Pages](#)

Take a look at the Great Kindness Challenge [Checklist](#) and try to complete as many activities as possible during the week.

Winter MAP Administration - Next Week!

On Wednesday February 3 and 10 from 9:00-11:00am, students in grades 1-8 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The data from the winter MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your child's learning progress since the test was first administered in the fall. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. **Please allow your child to take the test independently so that we can get accurate results to inform their instruction.** To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/> . Teachers will share Google Meet information as we get closer to the Feb. 3rd date. If your child receives IEP testing accommodations, you will receive information regarding testing from their case manager. If you have any questions, please email our School Test Coordinator, Aaron Tark at aaron_tark@hcpss.org.

No Change to Quarter 3 Schedules

At the Thursday, Jan. 21 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Michael J. Martirano reversed the earlier announcement regarding schedules for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year and announced that no changes are being made to student schedules at this time. [Sample student schedules](#) for all grade levels is provided online.

Conferences & Grades

Dear HSES Families,

As we approach the time for report cards and student progress conferences, we wanted to highlight some important information regarding both. Please see information below.

Student Progress Conferences (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

For the February conferences, we have fewer time slots due to the number of days allotted. As a result, we are holding 15 minute conferences for this quarter. Student Progress Conferences will focus on math, and will be held by invitation based on any concerns or specific needs identified by the math teacher. Your math teacher will reach out to invite you to register for a conference. However, if you have a specific concern and have not heard from your teacher by 2/3, please reach out to your student's math teacher. We want to support all our families who wish to have a conference. All 5th grade GT math students' families should sign up for a conference with your math teacher. Conference slots will be open from January 29 through February 5, 2021 and will vary by teacher. Please visit [HCPSS Connect](#) to begin the scheduling process on **January 29th**.

Registration Window Opens/Closes:

1/29 - Parent Teacher Conference scheduling window opens

2/5 - Parent Teacher Conference scheduling window closes

Grades

Grades for all classes are a combination of assignments in class and online, observational data and assessments. Please note, at the elementary level the gradebook may not reflect the final grade for a particular class as teachers collect many data points during class that are not always captured in the Canvas gradebook.

If your child receives a grade lower than a C, the teacher will have notified you prior to receipt of your student(s) report card. Again, grades are a reflection of completed assignments both online and in class, observations and assessments. Teachers have reached out to families where there have been concerns with completion of assignments, participation and/or attendance. Please let your teacher(s) and/or administration know if you need assistance with completion of any assignments or have attendance issues. We are here to support all students in achieving success in this virtual learning environment.

Related Arts – Please make sure your student(s) has all assignments for all Related Arts completed and submitted before the end of the semester (January 28). Please access the gradebook in Canvas to verify all assignments are turned in. **If you have any questions about Related Arts grades or assignments please email or use Canvas Inbox to contact your child's Related Arts teachers.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact teachers directly or administration.

How do I view my child's grades? Click [HERE](#)

Attendance Notification Reminder

Please send any attendance-related information to our Hollifield Station Attendance email address – HSESAbsence@hcpss.org. Please copy your child's teacher on the email as well.

Previously Shared Information

New Bullying Reporting Form

New Bullying Reporting Tool

The Howard County Public School System is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students. Preventing bullying is an important part of this goal and HCPSS recently launched a new bullying reporting tool that allows students, staff and family members to easily and confidentially report incidents of bullying.

The new form replaces a third-party reporting system that has been in place for several years. It is mobile-friendly, accessible to all users, better aligns to the State's reporting requirements, and seamlessly integrates with other HCPSS systems, which will provide greater efficiency for school administrators and reduce the potential for human error. The new tool was developed with input from students, parents, school administrators and other staff, and community members. Additionally, HCPSS staff collaborated closely with the Howard County Police Department and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office to review and clarify our procedures for reporting and the investigation of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation, and to discuss shared roles and responsibilities.

If you or your child is being bullied, please refer to the [Student & Parent Handbook](#) and be sure to [complete our new reporting form](#).

PTA Information

PTA Contacts and next meeting

Our next general body meeting will be after the New Years, but in the meantime please feel free to reach out if you need anything.

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