

# Hollifield Herald

Week of 10/25/20

## Important Dates:

### Virtual Lunch Bunches

Monday, October 26:

2nd Grade – 11:30 – Code: HSESLunch2 (Make-up for last week)

**Nov 3** Schools and Offices Closed (*Election Day*)

**Nov 6** 3 hour Early Dismissal for Students - 9:00 - 12:45 (*End of first marking period*)

**Nov 11** Community Conversation with Administration 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Nov 16** Report Cards Issued (**In order to get your report card and to register for conferences you MUST have your Family File completed.**)

**Nov 23** 3 hour Early Dismissal for Students - 9:00 - 12:45 (*P/T conferences*)

**Nov 24** 3 hour Early Dismissal for Students - 9:00 - 12:45 (*P/T conferences*)

**Nov 25** Schools closed for students (*P/T conferences*)

*\*\* Modified schedule for early closing days (See image below): <https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/elementary/#schedule-early-dismissal>*

## HSES Artwork!



## Holiday Support

This holiday season is going to be a much different experience for all of us as a community but especially for those that are struggling financially during this economic downturn and pandemic. At HSES, we hope to provide support for our community. If you are able, please consider donating \$10.00 or more in the form of a gift card from one of the following locations: Giant, Target, or Walmart. The front office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for gift card drop off. Please buzz the front office in order to ensure the gift card is received and safely in the building. Gift cards are due by noon on November 20th. We thank you in advance for supporting our community.

## HSES Food Pantry

Looking to support our community? Have extra non-perishables in your pantry? Bring them to Hollifield Station's front foyer! We have a rolling cart labeled for any donations. These non-perishables should not be expired. We are unable to provide families with expired food items. The HSES food pantry will remain open through the holiday season. At any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., please feel free to drop food off in the rolling cart in our front foyer. Hours don't work for you? Feel free to leave a bag outside the door! We can always bring it in when we come in the AM or our custodians can monitor the front doors for any drop-offs. In this challenging time, a little goes a long way. We appreciate your support!

## Contactless Pick up of Media Books - Week 3!

### **CONTACTLESS MEDIA BOOK PICKUP**

Week two of Contactless Media Book Pick up at HSES was another great event on Wednesday, October 21st! Mrs. Sczepanski and Mrs. Spence are looking forward another exciting pick up day on this coming Wednesday, October 28th at the same pick up window of 11:00am - 2:30pm outside of the school building by the front doors.

If you would like for your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade child to borrow media books [Click HERE](#). They can follow the directions outlined in this link for the Contactless Media Book Pick up for Wednesday, November 4, 2020 to select up to 6 books. Intermediate students will need to check their "Account Activity" on the PAC to see which books were available for checkout. Checking the evening of Tuesday, November 3rd, will give the best picture of what Mrs. Sczepanski and Mrs. Spence have been able to pull from the shelves and check out to your child.

If you would like your Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade student to be able to borrow books from our Media Center please support them by completing this [Google Form](#). Mrs. Sczepanski and Mrs. Spence will checkout a grab bag of 4 books for your child. .

Happy Reading Always,  
Mrs. Sczepanski and Mrs. Spence

## Attendance

If you have a planned absence, please remember to send an email to our "absence" email - [hseabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:hseabsence@hcpss.org).

Students must attend both the whole group and his/her assigned small group session in ELA and Math (if your math class is breaking into small groups) in order to be marked present for the full/half day. Additionally, students who turn their camera off and do not actively engage during the class in some manner (Examples: unmuting and responding when called upon or responding in the chat when prompted) will be marked absent as we will assume that the student is not present for the instruction. Some students are showing up at the start of class, but the camera is off and there has been no engagement in the instruction over the course of the class, even when prompted by the teacher. Your child's teacher will reach out to you directly if this happens more than one time.

Reminder, student attendance for Wednesday instruction occurs as follows:

- A student will be counted as present for Wednesday if they do one or more of the following since the previous Wednesday:
  - Submit an assignment to one of their teachers
  - Engage in synchronous instruction with an HCPSS teacher
  - Complete work in the Canvas learning management system, DreamBox or Lexia Core5

## Parent Conferences Nov. 23rd, 24th, & 25th

Scheduling of conferences: Beginning November 11th families will have the opportunity to schedule a conference with their homeroom teacher with a focus on language arts. Gifted and Talented Math teachers will meet with families of the 4th grade math students this semester. They will meet with the families of the 5th grade math students in the 2nd half of the year. Related arts will have open office hours for any questions you may have, and that schedule will be shared closer to conferences. This is our usual procedures, except this year we are virtual. Each teacher will develop their own schedule. Please stay tuned for more information on how to schedule a conference.

Dates of the parent-teacher conferences.

- Monday, Nov. 23rd
- Tuesday, Nov. 24th
- Wednesday, Nov. 25th

The first marking period ends on November 6th and report cards are issued on November 16th.

## Join the PTA & Support the Students of HSES

**Join our HSES PTA**

**Please consider showing your support for our HSES school community by joining our PTA! Money raised by memberships goes toward student & family engagement and staff appreciation. Visit our PTA website! See below:**

We would love to have you as a member of the PTA. Please visit our e-store to join:

<https://hollifieldstationpta.new.memberhub.store/>

## Previously Shared Information

How can my child have their Canvas page read to them?!

Click [HERE](#)

## Battle of the Books

5th grade students have been instructed on the virtual Battle of the Books by their media specialist. For more guidelines and resources please click on this link:

<http://hclibrary.org/new-a-main/battle-of-the-books/>

I've tried everything! How can I request technology help?! Click [HERE](#)

Attendance Information Click [HERE](#)

## Covid-19 Community Testing Sites

Howard County General Hospital is bringing testing for COVID-19 to neighborhoods around Howard County. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged. To learn more or register, visit [www.bit.ly/j2bh-testing](http://www.bit.ly/j2bh-testing). For additional assistance call 410-740-7601.

- Saturday, October 31 | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Celebration Church, 7101 Riverwood Drive, Columbia



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