

Week of 10/11/21



Hollifield Station Elementary School

Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week's edition of the Hollifield Herald. Important topics include:

- Important Dates
- Donations Request
- HSES Howl Outs
- Falling into Fun Week
- Mt. Hebron's Homecoming
- Updates to COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Volunteers and Visitors
- PTA News

Important Dates

10/15	Schools closed for students
10/21	HSES Spirit Day - Wear your spirit wear! Show that Husky pride! (Students will be voting on future spirit days in the weeks to come.)
10/25- 10/29	Falling into Fun Week - See information below.
10/28	For Students - 9:00 a.m. Fall Concert - 4th graders
10/29	Fall-themed Activities/ Parties School-wide

11/3	November 3rd- End of 1st Marking Period
11/4	School Closed Professional Learning
11/16	7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting (Virtual)
11/22 & 11/23	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)

Donations Request

We are looking for donations for two areas of need. We appreciate any assistance. If you are able to donate, please bring donated items to the front foyer labeled “donations” or send in the donations with your child(ren) clearly labeled.

- 1) Recess equipment - jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, kickballs, etc.
- 2) Tennis balls

HSES Howl Outs!

Our staff works hard everyday to make sure our students and families are happy and successful. Please take a moment to recognize a staff member who has made a positive connection with you and/or your child by filling out the linked form below..

<https://forms.gle/a1fNcCvsHsBJmuL96>

Falling into Fun!

As shared in our previous Hollifield Herald, as a school, we will be celebrating this beautiful time of year with Fall festivities. Please see below our plan for a week of “Falling into Fun!” In order to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment, we have moved away from a focus on Halloween towards a celebration of the Fall season. In collaboration with our PTA, school leadership team and members of the community, we determined that the exclusionary nature of Halloween during the school day did not create the sense of belonging that we wanted for all of our students and families, particularly those who do not participate in these activities. We know the activities outside of school focused on Halloween are a wonderful opportunity for those that do participate in Halloween. However, during the school day, our activities will align with our curriculum and/or provide a time to build community within each of our grade levels. Our “Falling into Fun” days will culminate in a Pajama Day Popcorn Picnic at the end of the week.

Falling Into Fun Week - October 25th - October 29th

Monday - Harvest of Huskies - Dress in your favorite Husky outfit!

Tuesday - Fall Colors Day - Wear the colors of the season!

Wednesday - Howling Hats of Fall - Wear your best Fall inspired hat!

Thursday - Fall into books - Dress as your favorite book character!

Friday - Pajama Popcorn Picnic Day!

Mt. Hebron Vikings Kickoff for Homecoming Breakfast and Game

MT. HEBRON VIKINGS

KICKOFF

HOMECOMING AT THE ANNUAL

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST

SATURDAY
10/16

7:30-10:30

SCAN QR CODE FOR
TICKETS
\$8 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR

Join us on Saturday, October 16th in front of Mt. Hebron High School to KICK OFF our HOMECOMING celebration. Come anytime between 7:30am-10:30am for breakfast. After breakfast head over to watch the Homecoming parade as you wait for the Varsity game vs. Hammond.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT MT. HEBRON FOOTBALL

Updates to COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Volunteers and Visitors

HCPSS is implementing changes to the vaccine and weekly testing requirements for community stakeholders that were announced at the start of the school year, in a continuing effort to maintain learning environments that are healthy and fully able to provide instruction and support for all students, while balancing multiple layers of staffing challenges and workloads.

Volunteers

All volunteers who interact with students or in or around a classroom setting with students will soon be required to show proof of full vaccination in order to be in a school. Because HCPSS does not have staff capacity to track and verify testing results, there WILL NOT be a testing option for volunteers.

HCPSS uses the PinPoint platform to verify vaccination status and is developing a vaccine verification process for volunteers, who will be required to complete the verification process at least five school days prior to entry into a school.

Vaccinated volunteers will need to complete the verification process 5 days before entering the building.

Unvaccinated volunteers will NOT be able to volunteer at the school building. Volunteers may continue to support through such activities as organizing, prepping of materials and other activities conducted from home.

Once the Pinpoint platform for volunteers launches, we can begin scheduling volunteers. . A late October availability for Pinpoint is pending.



Volunteering for Lunch Coordination

Our wonderful PTA is coordinating support for during our lunch and recess blocks of time. Please see the links below for volunteer information and signing up. We appreciate your help!

Volunteering for Lunch Link and Volunteer Training Link :

- Volunteering Training: Links a) [Confidentiality Agreement Training](#) b) [Child Abuse training](#) Print the above 2 certificates , date and sign them for Front office school and
- Vaccination Support [HCPSS News letter FAQ Link](#)
- Sign up sheet created for Lunch Volunteering by School: [Enroll here for Lunch Volunteering initiative](#)

REFLECTIONS The school PTA is excited to launch the 'Reflections' art program at Hollifield Station this school year. Reflections is a nationwide arts recognition and achievement program sponsored by the PTA. There is an annual theme/topic and students have the opportunity to submit their completed works of art in one or all of these arts categories:

Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

This year's topic is: *I Will Change the World By...* Entry forms and guidelines will be sent home with students. Completed Entry Forms and project can be placed in the Reflections box in the school's lobby. Last day to drop off is Friday, November 12th. Attached are all the links you will need. For questions please email: reflection.hses@gmail.com.

[Student entry Form](#)

[Official Rules](#)

[Summary Rules](#)

[Special Art Division Rules](#)

We are also looking for parent judges who are part of the arts community who could help us evaluate and judge the entries and need volunteers to help run this program. Interested parents please email us at reflections.hses@gmail.com

Let's change the world!

PTA Membership and Information website

This year, we are excited to launch the use of MemberHub to streamline communications and PTA membership sign-up. The MemberHub site will eliminate the need for paper membership cards, FaceBook alerts, etc. We, as the HSESPTA, will be able to directly communicate with all of our members once you are signed up.

Through this site we will keep you informed & engaged with what is happening at HSES! Within our MemberHub site, you will find important information such as spirit wear, fundraisers, sign-up sheets, shared calendar events, and much more in one place. Plus, you can upload photos to be used in our school yearbook.

Please visit our e-store to join:

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

Join our Facebook Group:

Another way to stay in touch with us is by joining our Facebook group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223238027809067> . We will share information there throughout the year, and it's a great place to connect with other parents from our community.

Thank you!

-The Hollifield Elementary School PTA