

Hollifield Herald

Week of 11/1/20

Important Dates:

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 16-20 American Education Week

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>*



Native American Heritage Month

[November is Native American Heritage Month](#)

The Howard County Office of Human Rights and a HCPSS parent have organized online events for Native American Heritage Month. Online events range from cooking lessons; dance demonstrations; storytelling; singing and drumming.

Native Americans are often spoken of in the past tense. They are still here.

<https://www.smores.com/7pxzy-native-american-heritage-month-2020>

Contactless Checkout of Media Books Continues with a twist!

At HSES we are starting week 5 of Wednesday Media Book Pickup which the rest of the HCPSS elementary schools just started last week and so now we have a small change in our program to align with the other 41 elementary schools. It was decided by HCPSS Media Services that students may request 5 books at a time. So, moving forward we will follow the same policy and reduce our total number for students in Third-Fifth Grade from 6 to 5 book Hold Requests while at the same time our Primary students in Kindergarten through Second Grade will be able to increase their requests by 1 book from 4 to 5 books. The circulation system rules have been changed so student placing holds on the PAC will only be able to have 5 holds at any one time, so, if a student has multiple Pending Holds for popular books, they will find they can only have 5 requests including them.

Please plan for the week of Thanksgiving Break as we will not be distributing books on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. All books that have not been picked up by Friday, November 20, 2020 will be checked in to allow for pending hold requests to be filled the following week on Wednesday, 12/2/2020.

If you would like to have your child borrow books from our Library Media Center, please have them access their Library Media Module -

Media Book • HOLD REQUEST • which is located at the top of their module links. We have heard that there are issues with the link and mobile phone access so we will no longer be linking the Google Forms in this Hollifield Herald article.

Happy Reading Always,
Mrs. Szczepanski and Mrs. Spence

The School Counseling Connection Newsletter - Click [HERE](#)

Stakeholder Input on Spring Semester Instructional Model

Parents/guardians, students, staff and other stakeholders may provide input and feedback to the Board of Education regarding the spring semester instructional model by emailing spring-input@hcpss.org. The Board will review all emails; however, due to the anticipated volume, individual responses should not be expected.

CogAT Information

The Office of Assessment and Reporting shared that HCPSS will not deliver the CogAT for grades 3 and 5 this December. As plans are finalized for the second semester, HCPSS will explore options for administration and we will share updates with you.

Previously Shared Information

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.

Student Support Team

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!

Attendance

If you have a planned absence, please remember to send an email to our "absence" email - hsesabsence@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/>



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