Hollifield Herald

Week of 11/15/20

Important Dates:

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 20 Special Education Progress Reports Issued by Today
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*)
Dec 2 Young Authors Contest Entries Due



American Education Week

American Education Week presents everyone with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every student receives a quality education.

In honor of American Education Week, we would like to cordially invite parents to visit their child's classroom next week. Try and go to a class that you haven't attended yet! Celebrate

your teachers with a special note or gesture!

We ask that you join by sitting with your child, as outside email addresses cannot be allowed into Google Meet sessions in order to ensure everyone's safety.

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during virtual learning, students and parents/guardians are asked to continue following the Google Meet <u>guidelines and expectations</u> detailed on the HCPSS website.

We thank you for your support during this special visitation time and throughout virtual learning. We know that both the teachers and your child, in particular, will be looking forward to your visit during American Education Week.

Parent - Teacher Conferences Information (updated)

Homeroom Teachers

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 23 - 25th. November 23rd and 24th are half days for students and conferences will take place in the afternoon. Many teachers will also host conferences on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th. Teachers who do not host evening conferences will offer conferences on the 25th. There is no school for students on the 25th. Conferences with the homeroom teacher will 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.

This is our usual procedures, except this year we are virtual. Each teacher will develop their own schedule.

The conference window opens up on Wednesday, November 13th and will be open through Thursday, November 19th. The conferences will be 20 minutes each.

To sign up for a conference, please login to <u>HCPSS Connect</u> and click on "Conferences" in the navigation pane. Attached below are directions for signing up.

Related Arts

Related Arts will hold office hours during parent teacher conferences. These available times are for GENERAL questions and not for individual student feedback. Please remember due to the rotating schedule of our related arts classes, there will be no Related Arts grades on this 1st report card. More information on codes to come.

Monday Nov 23rd

- Music 1:30-2:30 -
 - CODE: hses-music-office LINK: <u>http://g.co/meet/hses-music-office</u>
- PE 2:00-3:00

- CODE: hses-PE-office LINK: <u>http://g.co/meet/hses-PE-office</u>
- Art 3:00-4:00
 - CODE: hses-art-office LINK: <u>http://g.co/meet/hses-art-office</u>

Tuesday Nov. 24th

- Technology 1:00-2:00
 - CODE: hses-tech-office LINK: <u>http://g.co/meet/hses-tech-office</u>
- Media 2:00-3:00 hses-media-office
 - CODE: hses-media-office LINK: <u>http://g.co/meet/hses-media-office</u>

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MAP Score Reports

Fall MAP Reports Available in Synergy

For students in grades 2 - 5 that took the MAP assessment this Fall, the MAP Home Reports are now available to be viewed in Synergy. For more information about the assessment and for details on how to access the reports, visit this website: <u>https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores</u>

Google Play

• **Google Play Opt-In Directions/ Download Apps:** This <u>link</u> provides directions for how students can download the apps once their parent/guardian has opted in.

HSES Student Artwork!







Thank you Mrs. Coleman and all our Veterans!

We hope you enjoyed the video that was shared through Canvas, which highlighted our veterans! A special thank you for Mrs. Coleman for putting together this beautiful video, and to all those who contributed. We are eternally grateful for the service of our men and women in the armed forces. If you didn't have a chance to see the video, reach out to your teacher, and they can share through your student's Canvas account!

Previously Shared Information

How can you support our community? See below!

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 nonperishables 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!

End of the First Quarter-We did it!

This has been a challenging 1st quarter of school for many of our families. You worked hard and persevered! Thank you for all your support. Due to the negative impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and transition to virtual learning, the Howard County Public School System has made some changes to 1st quarter grading that you may see reflected on your child's report card.

Students in primary grades will earn an I (Independent) or W (With assistance) if they have engaged in synchronous instruction. Students in intermediate grades will receive A, B or C grades if they have engaged in synchronous instruction. As a result, Canvas grades may not align with quarter 1 report card grades.

These changes are in place for 1st quarter report card grades only. Asynchronous assignments complement and support synchronous learning, please support your child with task completion and with attending support sessions as needed in the second quarter.

PTA Information

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:



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