

Week of 11/9/20

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!

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.

Spring Parent Input and BOE Town Hall

Board of Education Virtual Town Hall on Spring Semester, November 9, 2020: As part of ongoing efforts to receive stakeholder feedback and answer questions related to the 2020-2021 spring semester, the Howard County Board of Education will host a virtual town hall, Monday, November 9 from 7-9 p.m. The event will be streamed live and may be viewed on the [HCPSS website](#), or on Comcast channel 95/Verizon 42 in Howard County.

The town hall will feature a panel of HCPSS leadership and Central Office staff, who will respond to pre-submitted questions. Panelists will address as many of the submitted questions as possible within the two-hour time period.

Any staff, students, parents/guardians, or community members may [submit questions via Google form](#), which closes at 7 a.m., Monday, November 9.

Please note, there was a Board of Education meeting Thursday, November 5, during which a proposed hybrid model for the spring semester was presented. That proposal is available on the [BoardDocs website](#).

Additionally, all stakeholders may continue to provide input to the Board of Education by emailing spring-input@hcpss.org.

Sign up for Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences—Begins November 11th

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 11th and will be open through Thursday, November 19th. The conferences will be 20 minutes each.

To sign up for a conference, please login to [HCPSS Connect](#) and click on "Conferences" in the navigation pane.

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
- PE - 2:00-3:00
- Art - 3:00-4:00

Tuesday Nov. 24th

- Technology – 1:00-2:00
- Media – 2:00-3:00

Google Play Store

In an effort to continue expanding our authorized set of digital tools for virtual instruction, HCPSS has curated a new set of digital tools that are available only through Google's menu of additional services. These digital tools are approved by HCPSS and comply with federal, state and Howard County Board of Education student data privacy policies. Due to Google's settings, students must access this set of tools by utilizing Google's menu of additional services, which requires consent by a parent or guardian.

To provide consent:

1. Log in to HCPSS Connect.
2. Select More Options from the left panel.
3. Select HCPSS Google Menu from the middle of the page.
4. Click the check box to provide consent. Changes are saved automatically.

A parent or guardian must provide consent for each student by selecting the student's name at the top of the page.

Great Resources:

The digital tools currently included are: Book Room, Word Work, Scratch BluBot, Scratch JR, Sketch-Up, Collector Classic, JamBoard, Google Earth and Minecraft: Education.

Note: Once authorized, the student will gain access within two work days.

Young Authors' Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades 1-5 to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called The Young Authors' Contest. Please see the attached [YAC Flyer Announcing Contest](#) for information about the rules and guidelines. All entries must have a completed [cover sheet](#) sent as a PDF. Submissions may be emailed to Kelly Broccolino or Mary Hall, Kelly_broccolino@hcpss.org or mary_hall@hcpss.org by December 2, 2020. Contact either with any questions.

Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the [HCLA website](#). Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the [HCLA Welcome Page](#) for information about joining.

Previously Shared Information

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

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:

We would love to have you as a member of the PTA. Please visit our e-store to join:
<https://hollifieldstationpta.new.memberhub.store/>



Fall Mini Sessions

We have good news! We've added one more fall mini photo session! THE HSES PTA is partnering again with Love the Lense Photography to offer one more session with the cutest fall and school themed backdrops!

Where: Meadowbrook Park (5001 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043). The location will be next to the pavilion behind the Meadowbrook Athletic Complex.

When: Wednesday, November 11th. The session will run 9am-1:30pm.

Cost: \$30 for a 10 minute session, which will include up to 5 digital images. Siblings are welcome to share a session, but if you'd like more than 5 images, please book more than one session. Turnaround time to receive the images will be approximately two weeks after your session. Payment should be made through member hub link below. HSES PTA will receive a portion of the proceeds. *You do not have to be a HSES student to participate.

How to reserve your spot(s): To sign up, follow the below steps in order:

1. Sign up for a time slot on Sign Up Genius (The email you provide will be the email that is used to send your photographs).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AD2DAS5F85-hses1>

2. Submit payment at Member Hub within 24 hours

<https://hollifieldstationpta.new.memberhub.store/store/items/215792>

Questions: Please email hsefundraising@gmail.com



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