

Week of 11/12/21



Hollifield Station Elementary School

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Lost and Found
- Parent - Teacher Conferences this Week!
- COVID-19 Contact Tracing Procedures
- Our Book Fair for 2021 Reminders
- PTA News

Important Dates

11/17-11/22	Scholastic Book Fair (information provided in 11/5 Herald)
11/22 & 11/23	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual) - School Closes 3 hours early - Dismissal 12:15 p.m.
11/24	Schools Closed - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/25 & 26	School Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
12/6-12/10	Inclusive Schools Week
12/15	School closes - 3 Hours Early
12/21	7 PM Concert advanced ensembles (Fifth grade band, Fifth-grade strings, Fourth grade strings and fifth grade chorus -- Details to come)

12/23 - 1/2	Winter Break - Schools closed
1/19/22	Vision and Hearing Screening for K, 1 and New Students

Lost and Found - Last Call

If your child is missing an item of clothing, water bottle, or lunch box, please stop by and look at the lost and found tables that will be located out front of the main entrance after dismissal 11/22 and 11/23. All items not claimed from our Lost and Found by Tuesday, November 23rd, will be donated to clothes collection shed.

Parent Teacher Conferences begin Monday!

Conferences with Homeroom/Language Arts teachers will take place on November 22-November 24th. Meeting codes are sent directly from your homeroom teacher.

If you encounter any technical issues or do not have a compatible device for your virtual conference, please use your phone to dial into the conference using the phone number listed in the session code. We look forward to meeting with you soon!

Related Arts Conference Office Hours

During conference time, Monday November 22nd and Tuesday November 23rd, the Related Arts team will be offering Office Hours from 1:30-3:30 and from 5:00-7:00 both days.

No appointment is necessary but please know that the office hours are for general questions about related arts at HSES.

Should you have specific questions about your child in a certain related arts class, please contact the related arts teacher(s) individually.

To join the Related Arts Office Hours video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/gnn-zewv-ptd>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 470-771-2891 and enter this PIN: 271 434 658#

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Procedures

This message is to remind families of a change to [HCPSS contact tracing procedures \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

In an effort to increase efficiency at notifying families, and to ease the burden on school nurses, health assistants and other school staff who had been handling contact tracing, HCPSS has contracted with Ameridial to manage contact tracing.

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive a phone call and follow up email from Ameridial. Parents/guardians who do not answer the call will be left a voicemail and provided with a return call number. **Please do not return the call to our school.** We ask that you return the call to Ameridial at 888-984-3953, which will provide you with necessary information.

Additionally, if your child tests positive for COVID-19, please call Ameridial at 888-984-3953 to begin the contact tracing process. Ameridial is available to take calls from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Calls received outside of those times will be directed to a voicemail.

Ameridial deploys a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant infrastructure to protect student's/family's medical records and other personal health information. [Details on Ameridial's privacy policy \(Links to an external site.\)](#) can be found online.

More [information on HCPSS contact tracing and additional health and safety details \(Links to an external site.\)](#) can be found online.

Our Book Fair for 2021 Reminders:

- **November 17-23, 2021** in our Library Media Center, with strict Covid Guidelines.
- No shopping will occur during the student day.
- Masks are required for everyone during our Special Family Nights:
 - **Monday, November 22, 2021 from 12:30pm-7:00pm (Please do not come to HSES prior to 12:30 p.m. as we are dismissing students until that time.)**

*Reminder, all previous Hollifield Herald Newsletters can be found on our website.

<https://hses.hcpss.org/>



PTA Updates:

Rrooar:

The Hollifield Station Elementary School PTA has partnered with Rrooar for the 2022 Original Oratory Competition. By signing up for this competition, students will receive two one-hour sessions educating them how to write an original speech and how to deliver a speech. The mode of training will be over Zoom, which will be scheduled at a later date, with the final competition being scheduled in February. The cost of entry is \$25, but \$5 of that will be coming back to our PTA. If you are interested, **before 12/3** please sign up for the program here: <https://www.rrooar.com/programs-1/compofall21> . If you have any questions, please email hses.pta.prez@gmail.com.

SPIRIT WEAR: We are excited to announce that our NEW spirit wear store is OPEN! This year, we've partnered with 1st Place Spiritwear, and we are excited to share all of the new Husky items and designs! In a change from previous years, our online store will be open year-round, so there is no worrying that you have missed the window to order! We hope you are as excited as we are to show your Husky pride!

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MD/Ellicott%20City/Hollifield+Station+Elementary+School>

Soliciting a Family Fun/School Assemblies Chair for HSES PTA:

School Assemblies: We are planning to resume holding in-person PTA programming in 2022, including school assemblies. This is a great opportunity to help our kids get back to normal. We're seeking volunteers to help plan one or more school assemblies this spring. We anticipate this will be a 2-5 hour commitment. Please reach out if you might be interested or have any questions.

Family Fun: We are planning to resume holding in-person PTA programming in 2022, including family fun activities. We have tentative plans to hold an international night and a blacktop carnival. This is a great opportunity to help our kids get back to normal. We're seeking volunteers to help plan these events with a minimum commitment of 5 hours. Please reach out if you might be interested or have any questions.