

# Hollifield Herald

Week of 12/6/20

## Inclusive Schools Week

*Dear HSES Families,*

*Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated across the country the week of December 7th. "Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population.."*

*At Hollifield Station, we are proud of our diverse population and continue to look for ways to celebrate and honor each and every one of our students, staff and families every day. In honor of Inclusive Schools Week, our students will engage in learning experiences that recognize, celebrate, and teach about the strength that comes from our diversity and our focus on creating a warm and welcoming environment. Students will have opportunities to engage in discussions celebrating inclusion and the unique qualities of all our students during circle SEL time, and throughout their day. Although this week is designated as Inclusive Schools Week, our school improvement plan focuses on diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the year!*

*Sincerely,  
HSES Administration*

## Important Dates:

**Dec 11** Spirit Day - Fun Hair Day

**Dec 18** Spirit Day - Stuffed Toy Animal Day

**Dec 22** Spirit Day - PJ Day

**Dec 24** Winter Break begins

**Jan 4** Back to School

## Elementary Student Workload during Virtual Instruction

Families, particularly of primary students, have expressed concerns about the virtual elementary workload including the complexity of asynchronous lessons, the number of content areas taught, and the number of weekly asynchronous assignments. In order to support elementary students with successfully navigating during virtual instruction, the following adjustments have been made:

- Students will only have asynchronous assignments in social studies, science, or health during a given week. There will not be an overlap of instruction or assignments for these content areas.
- Health lessons will be taught for one week during the marking period and include two synchronous lessons and two asynchronous lessons instead of five asynchronous lessons as assigned in the first quarter.
- The length and complexity of social studies, science, and health asynchronous assignments have been reduced.
- Related arts asynchronous assignments have been streamlined.

## 2020-2021 Inclement Weather Protocols

The implementation of virtual instruction has changed the way the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) will manage inclement weather days. In prior years, inclement weather delays and closings have resulted in scheduling challenges and instructional disruption for students, staff and families, as well as unpredictability about when the school year will end.

Click [HERE](#) to see the 20-21 Inclement Weather Protocols on the HCPSS website.

## Student Preferred Name - Canvas and Synergy

Beginning the first week of January 2021, students' names on the online learning platforms will be populated with their Preferred Name information that was provided in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect. Preferred Name is a field parents can fill out in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect. This preferred name will display in Google and Canvas. **If you have a preferred name that your student would like to appear on these platforms and addressed by our staff, please confirm their Preferred Name in Synergy/ HCPSS Connect.**

After early January, if your student(s) want to edit their Preferred Name, please reach out to our front office.

## Buscando libros en español - Haga clic en los siguientes enlaces: (For books in Spanish, click on links below.)

<https://www.thespanishexperiment.com/stories>

<https://maguare.gov.co/leer/>

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ids=&pnum=1&cnum=1&text=&lang=English&ilangcode=en&ilang=English&langid=61>

## Preventing Youth Suicide

[Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Families](#)

[Howard County Health Department: Suicide Prevention Howard County Youth](#)

### Previously Shared Information

## What happens if I/my child has a connectivity or other issue logging on to class?

Here is a [FAQ sheet](#) that was developed to help students and parents/guardians understand the process for when they are experiencing internet or power outages that is preventing them from engaging in virtual instruction.

## Need a Movement Break?

Thank you to our PTA president and PE department for sharing these fun resources if you are looking for a way to get your child(ren) to move!

Move with Colour Homepage -

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MovewithColour/featured>

Sample dance - Cardio Jazz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUCaelHeJvQ>

## School Counselor Newsletter

**Please use this link to access the HCPSS Elementary School Counselor Newsletter. There are lots of amazing resources for students and families!**

[ES school counselor newsletter](#)

**HSES Food Pantry -- We continue to accept food items in the front fover!!!!**

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!

## 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/>





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