December
- 12/9 - 12/15 - 6th annual HCPSS Hour of Code and Computer Science Education Week (Information below)
- 12/11 Art Assembly 5th Grade (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 12/12 Art Assembly 4th Grade (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 12/18 - Winter Concert - HSES Cafeteria (Band, Orchestra, 4th Grade Chorus)
- 12/20 - Spirit Day - Comfy Clothes Day
- 12/20 - Brian Curry - Pop Quiz! Assembly K-5 (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 12/23 - 1/1 - Schools Closed

January
- 1/7 - 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting
- 1/7 - Kindergarten - Extreme Weather assembly (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 1/9 - Hearing and Vision Screening
- 1/13 - 3rd Grade Spelling Bee
- 1/16 - 2nd Grade Spelling Bee
- 1/16 & 1/17 - 4th Grade - Beyond Building assembly (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 1/17 - Spirit Day - Hat Day
- 1/20 - Schools and Offices Closed
- 1/21 - Hearing and Vision Re-screening
- 1/22 - 1st Grade - Cosmic Adventure assembly (PTA sponsored - Information below)
- 1/22 - Grade 2 - 5 - Spelling Bee
- 1/23 - Spelling Bee Snow Date
• **1/24** - End of 2nd Marking Period
• **1/27** - Schools closed for students - Professional Work Day
• **1/30** - 7:00 p.m. Winter Concert II (Evening performance for Beginning Band, Beginning Orchestra, 4th grade chorus and Station Singers)

**Celebrations: Inclusive Schools Week #expectAbility**

*Walking Wednesday*

_No Walking Wednesdays_ on the following dates due to staff meetings:

March 11, April 29, May 20.

**HSES Website:** [http://hses.hcpss.org/](http://hses.hcpss.org/)

**PTA Website:** What is a PTA? "The main role of the local PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students. This can include recruiting and coordinating volunteers, providing special recognition in awards ceremonies or through other activities, organizing parent education events, planning teacher appreciation activities and much more."

[https://hsespta.org/](https://hsespta.org/)

**Curriculum for coming weeks (Click Here):**
As the school year gets underway, we will provide the standards that each grade level is focusing on for that week. For deeper understanding of the standards, please visit HCPSS.org for links to the curriculum - [https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/curriculum/](https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/curriculum/)

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**HSES Information & Reminders**

**Early Dismissal**

Dear HSES Families,

We know that there are appointments and family needs that require you to pick your students up early from school. In order to support the busy end of the day for our front office, please plan to pick up your student(s) by 2:40 p.m. for any early dismissals. We appreciate your support of this new procedure.

**Every Student Succeeds Act**

The latest federal legislation about school accountability is the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law in 2015. Under ESSA, each state is required to submit a plan detailing how the law will be implemented, including how it will hold schools accountable for student
Some parts of the accountability system are required by law - for example, all high schools, nationwide, are accountable for the graduation rate. The law also allows states to choose components of the accountability system that are important to its students and stakeholders. Learn more about what this legislation means for HCPSS [here](#). You can also see the GCES Report Card [here](#).

**Schools Closed on February 4, 2019**

This is a reminder that all [schools and offices will be closed](#) Tuesday, February 4, 2020, due to the special primary election to fill the 7th congressional district seat vacated following the passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings.

**Concert Schedule for SY 19-20**

**Wednesday, December 18, 7pm**  
Winter Concert for Advanced Band, Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras

**Wednesday, January 29, 7pm**  
Beginner's Concert for Beginning Band and Orchestra

**Tuesday, May 5, 7pm**  
Spring Orchestra Concert for Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Orchestras

**Friday, May 15 12:00-6:00pm (approx.)**  
Howard County Elementary Jazz Festival  
JAZZ BAND

**Thursday, May 21 6:30-8:00pm**  
Enrichment Fair  
JAZZ BAND (performs at 7:30)

**Thursday, May 28, 7pm**  
Spring Concert for Beginning, Advanced and Jazz Bands

**Previously Shared Information**

**Redistricting Information**
Dear HSES Families,

As I am sure you are already aware, Hollifield Station Elementary is impacted by the redistricting decisions made by the Board of Education on November 21st. We know there are many emotions that our families impacted are feeling at this time. Please know that we will be very thoughtful and caring in our planning for this transition. We will work closely with the staff and Administration of Veterans Elementary School to support our students and ensure a successful and positive experience. We will continue to answer every decision we make with "What is in the best interest of the children?"

**Exemption information**
The decision included several exemptions. Current 4th, 7th, 10th and 11th graders are exempt, as well as any student with an IEP/504 plan, those with at least one parent who is active duty military, and current River Hill High School and Oakland Mills High School students who are formally enrolled (as of 9/15/19) in either the 30-credit or 60-credit structured JumpStart program. Current 9th graders and trailing siblings are not exempt from the Board decision.

The exemption process is not yet open and will begin shortly. More information is forthcoming.

**Additional Resources**

- Most Recent Information: [www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/](http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/boundary-review/)
- Call Center Numbers
  - Spanish: 410-313-1591 | Families may also email elisa_montalvo@hcpss.org
  - Korean: 410-313-1592
  - Chinese: 410-313-5920
  - Chin: 410-313-5968
  - All other languages contact Monica Ranta 410-313-7102

**December 9 - 15 – Hour of Code**

- The Hour of Code, created by [Code.org](http://Code.org), is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that everyone can learn the basics.
- All HCPSS schools will be participating in this event in the capacity deemed appropriate for each level.
Amazon Smile Donations

We are coming up on the holidays, and now is a perfect time to set up HSES PTA as you charity of choice on Amazon Smile! To do this, simply:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon account username and password
3. Enter “Hollifield Elementary School PTA” in the Charity search field
4. Confirm
5. That's it!! Now, a portion of all of your purchases made on Amazon will be donated to HSES PTA and in turn, back to the school.

Please feel free to share this information with aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends!

PTA Sponsored – 2019- 2020 Assemblies (as of Nov 11.)

December 11 & 12th
Grade 5 on the 11th and Grade 4 on the 12th
London Brass Rubbing Workshop presented by Margaret Lidster
Location: Mrs. Eisensteins Room
Time: All Day
Description: A fun & educational activity for students in 4th and 5th grade to take home a piece of history! The Brass Rubbing Workshop brings history alive and offers the fun of brass rubbing - an age-old English craft. Each session includes an introductory lecture and demonstration and multiple workshops, where the students create their own rubbings.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A82EA6FD0-london
https://www.facebook.com/lbrworkshops/

December 20
Grades K-5
Brian Curry - Pop Quiz!
Location: Cafeteria
Time: 2 shows: 9am - 9:50, 10am - 10:50 (setup will begin at 8:15, tear down will be complete by 11:10)
Description: Sensational Hit Game Shows like "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader," "Deal or No Deal," and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" have captivated the public and changed the face of television. Now, Pop Quiz brings the same thrills and excitement to your school by challenging your students' knowledge of Math and Science concepts. Student contestants will encounter six challenges involving crazy props like pinwheels, targets, bean bags, and a fog machine. Each challenge reviews mathematical theory or scientific facts in a way that they will remember long after the show!
http://www.briancurryassemblies.com/pop-quiz.htm

January 7
Grade: Kindergarten
Location: Cafeteria
Time: 9-10am (setup will begin at 8:15, tear down will be complete by 10:20)

**Extreme Weather** presented by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia Traveling Science Program

Description: Lightning, twisters and hail—oh my! This dynamic show reveals the science of weather—to the extreme. Where does our weather come from, and what factors make it a sunny day or a blustery one? We will discuss the water cycle, explore thunder and lightning, and even make a cloud. We promise a stormy ending to this show as we demonstrate how tornados are formed!

Pre Show Documents for Students and Parents

Post Show Activities

January 16 & 17
Grade: 4
Location: Mrs. Glass’s Classroom
Time: 9-12pm

**Beyond Building** presented by the Maryland Science Center Traveling Science Program

Description: Students will Participate in three engineering activities designed to engage in the engineering design processes, engage in engineering skills beyond building, including manipulating light with lenses and amplifying sound with different materials, and explore various real-world careers that use engineering to get the job done

January 22
Grade: 1
Location: Cafeteria
Time: 9-11:30am (setup will begin at 8:15, tear down will be complete by 12pm)

**Cosmic Adventures** Traveling Planetarium presented by Greg Anderson:

Description: We bring the planetarium (a twenty foot dome classroom) to your site and give presentations with our state-of-the-art digital projector that fire students’ imaginations while teaching them about the motions of the skies, the wonders of space, and the effects of light pollution.

http://cosmic-adventures.com

April 2
Grades: K-5
Author Visit: Chris Barton
Time: All day 3 shows.
Location: GYM

Description: Chris Barton is the author of picture books including bestseller Shark Vs. Train, Sibert Honor-winning The Day-Glo Brothers, and Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions, included on 19 state reading lists. His newest books include Dazzle Ships, the Mighty Truck early-reader series, and What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Chris and his wife, YA/middle-grade novelist Jennifer Ziegler, live in Austin, Texas, where Chris has advocated for greater diversity in children's literature by cofounding the Modern First Library program with BookPeople. For more information about him, please visit https://www.chrisbarton.info
Yearbook Pictures - Dropbox Links

Yearbook Dropbox links
If you have great pictures of your children that you would love to see in the 2019-2020 yearbook please add them to the dropbox links below for the different school events!
Please upload all/school-wide HALLOWEEN pics here:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/QpSOogjZ1uruYUYAqTpA
Folders for grade-specific various events (field trips, classroom photos, etc) here. These folders will be available all year!:
Kindergarten:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/Z6c8YaWT5bqTt2OKPPpU
1st Grade:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/nCzxqNvbzxu60EhhWjEp
2nd Grade:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/dZo6cdnblk5qaF8IM3Xe
3rd Grade:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/obxuKmgeksjhClASb94c
4th Grade:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/2RMK9ltkxkzwdfB2keky
**5th Grade:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/8oABk35bTEgN8x7PAWRv
**I will solicit 5th grade annual events (Gingerbread, Mt. Vernon) separately

BOX TOPS – SUPER EASY! MAKES HSES MONEY!!!!!
Reminder - Distribution of community flyers in schools: Community organizations wishing to distribute flyers must have an approval letter from the Public Information Office prior to distribution. Electronic announcements must also be pre-approved, and will be posted on the Community News and Programs webpage. Please include the following statement in your school newsletter rather than individual community announcements: Please visit the Community News and Programs webpage (http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/) for all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. Schools should refer any organization requesting distribution to Public Information at 410-313-6682 or publicinfo@hcpss.org.
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