

Week of 12/13/21



Hollifield Station Elementary School

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Vaccination Clinics
- December 15th Early Dismissal
- "We Belong at HSES" Night
- Reminders for Early Dismissal
- Concert times repeated
- PTA News (Including sign up for this Wednesday) (THANK YOU PTA!)

* Don't forget to recognize a teacher with a special message - Howl Out Link:
<https://forms.gle/zdK5a9RTai2VS47q6> *

Important Dates

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 -- Schedule below)
12/23 - 1/2	Winter Break - Schools closed
1/14	Day of Belonging - In-School Program (More information to come)

1/17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Schools closed
1/19	School closes - 3 Hours Early
1/19	Vision and Hearing Screening for K, 1 and New Students
1/22	End of 2nd Quarter
1/24	Professional Work Day - School closed for students
2/3	"We Belong at Hollifield Station" Night (See commercial below)

Vaccination Clinics for HCPSS Students Aged 5-11

Through a partnership with the Howard County Health Department and several local pharmacies, HCPSS is pleased to provide students ages 5-11 the opportunity to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

If your child is eligible to receive the vaccine and has not already done so, please visit the HCPSS website to [view upcoming clinic information and make an appointment](#).

Early Dismissal for All Students on Dec. 15 - HSES dismisses at 12:15 To provide staff with additional time to address their increased workload and to support employee well-being, the Board of Education approved several 3-hour early dismissal days during the remainder of the school year. The first of these early dismissal days is Wednesday, Dec. 15. Other dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, May 18, June 8. [View the HCPSS calendar](#).

"We Belong at HSES" Night

Student Video about "We Belong at HSES" Night – Click [HERE](#)

On February 3, 2022, we will hold the first of it's kind "We Belong At Hollifield" night, acknowledging our different cultures and heritages and celebrating our school family and community. You will also have an opportunity to share recipes, cooked food, cultural/heritage attires, and/or performances from your heritages and cultures.

Reminders for Early Dismissal

In order to support the front office and staff in the building during the busy end of the day, please come by 2:30 p.m. to pick up your student(s) for any early dismissals.

Concert Schedule

6:15PM 5th Grade Chorus students and parents arrive.

Parents enter the cafeteria with student belongings. Students, please report to Ms. Winner's classroom.

6:30PM 5th Grade Chorus Performs

6:45PM 5th Grade Chorus and Parents exit the cafeteria and building.

6:55PM 5th Grade Band, 5th Grade Orchestra, and 4th Grade Orchestra students and parents arrive. Parents enter the cafeteria with students' belongings.

Students report with instrument and music to the following rooms:

5th Grade Band: Mr. Velsey's Room

5th Grade Orchestra: Gym

4th Grade Orchestra: ESOL Room

7:15PM: 5th Grade Band Performs

7:25PM: 5th Grade Band students and parents exit the cafeteria and building

7:35PM: 5th Grade Orchestra performs

7:45PM: 5th Grade Orchestra students and parents exit the cafeteria and building

7:55PM: 4th Grade Orchestra performs

8:05PM: Concert concludes. All 4th grade students and parents exit the cafeteria and building.

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

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



PTA Updates:

The PTA is hosting a dessert bar (Sweets for a Sweet New Year!) for the HSES staff on Wednesday, December 15. If you are able, please sign up at the link below to donate sweet treats (please note, the associated dates are for drop off times):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cOf4baaa72babfdce9-sweets>

If you are able to volunteer to help set up the dessert bar on the morning of December 15, please email hsestahospitality@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

Still looking for holiday gift ideas? Give the gift of Hollifield SPIRIT! Help your loved ones share some Husky Pride!!!

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