

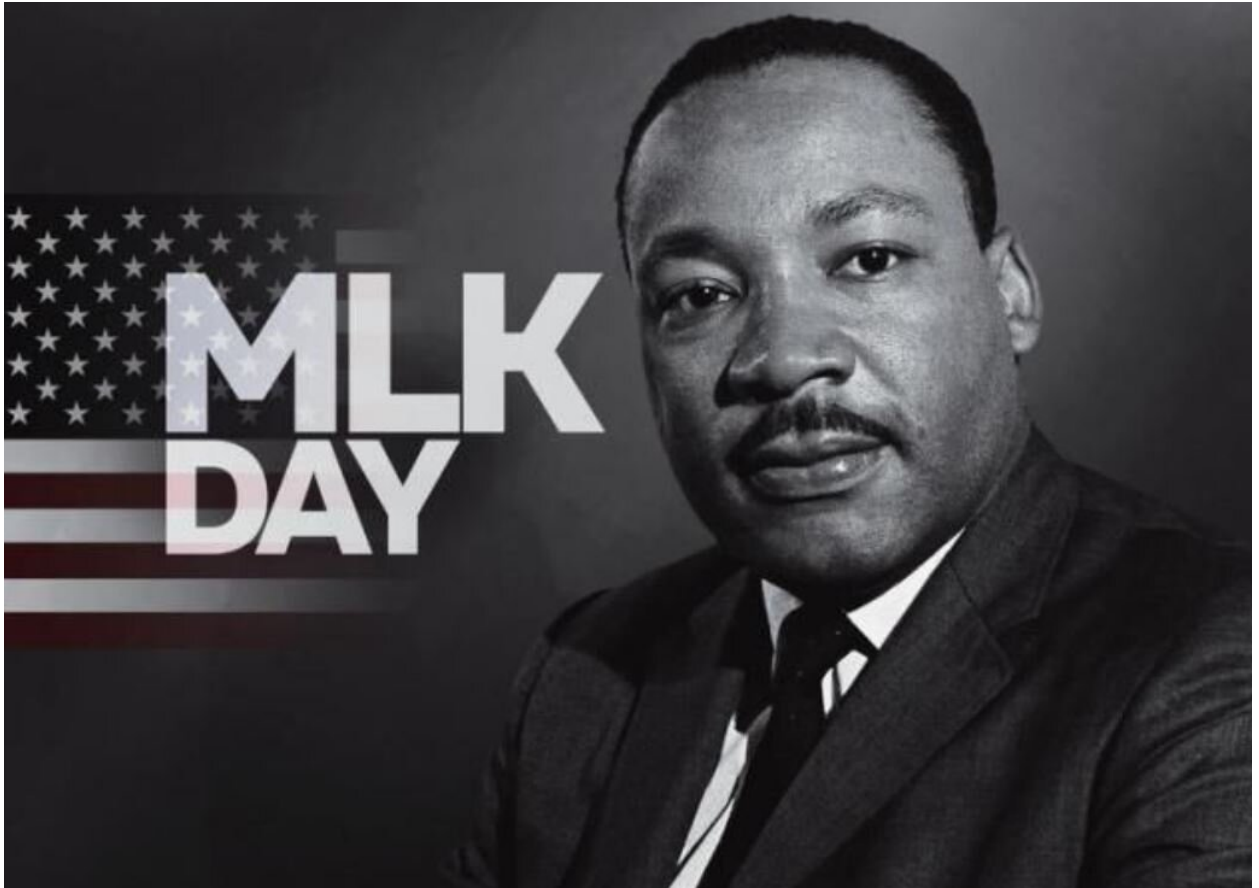
Week of 1/17/22

Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week's edition of the Hollifield Herald. Be safe and well! Important topics include:

- Important Dates
- DMS 6th grade orientation information
- Winter Concert Update
- Attendance Reminders
- CoGAT Update
- Volunteers
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- PTA Updates

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



In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we wanted to share the powerful “I have a Dream” speech Dr. King gave during the March on Washington.

[I have a dream - Martin Luther King and the March on Washington in full HD | Framepool \(Links to an external site.\) \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Important Dates

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

DMS 6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation (VIRTUAL)

Dunloggin Middle School will be hosting our annual New Student/Family Orientation on Thursday, January 20, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Please join us for this event as we welcome our rising 6th graders, and their families to DMS. Parents, you will have an opportunity to meet the staff and become familiar with your child's new school, learn about school programs, and hear ways you can get involved. More information will be shared in the coming week.

Thank you,

Antoinette Roberson, Principal

Dunloggin Middle School

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Winter Concert for Beginning Strings and Band (3rd grade strings, 4th grade band, 5th grade beginner violin, 5th grade trombone)

The beginning strings and band morning winter concert will be on Wednesday January 26th at 9AM. Due to the surge in COVID cases, we will not have an evening concert on January 26th. Our morning concert will not have an audience but will be recorded. The recordings will be sent to parents via Canvas after the concert. Please remind your student to bring their music and instrument to school on January 26th. They may choose to wear concert attire or casual clothing.

****More information to come on the Chorus Concert recording.**

Attendance Reminders

If your student is absent or will be absent, please email the following to explain the reason: hseabsence@hcpss.org

- If you are requesting 3 or more discretionary days, please download the PDF fillable [Discretionary Absence Form](#) and email it to the above email address.
- If you are requesting a day for a religious holiday not identified by the Howard County Public School System school calendar, please download the PDF fillable [Religious Obligation Form](#) and email it to the above email address.

Please review Policy 9010: <https://policy.hcpss.org/9000/9010/>

CogAT Assessment for 3rd and 5th Grades Updates

3rd Grade Families

Due to anticipated staff and student COVID-19 related absences, we will be postponing the January census administration of CogAT in 3rd grade.

4th Grade GT Math Placements

From February 14 to March 4th, we plan to administer CogAT to all 3rd grade students. Placements for 4th grade GT Math will be made following the CogAT administration and will include all available performance and assessment data in accordance with Maryland COMAR for Gifted and Talented Education.

If you have any questions about GT placement, please contact our school's GT Resource Teachers, Mrs. Speelman and Mr. Bayne.

5th Grade Families

Due to anticipated staff and student COVID-19 related absences, we will be postponing the January census administration of CogAT in 5th grade.

Middle School GT Class Recommendations

Although the CogAT administration may be delayed, all 5th grade students will be considered for potential placement in 6th GT classes using all available performance and assessment data in accordance with Maryland COMAR for Gifted and Talented Education. This includes data from students' 3rd grade CogAT administration in December 2019, if available.

From February 14th to March 4th, we plan to administer CogAT to any 5th grade students who do not have a prior CogAT score as well as all students in 5th grade GT Math. The data will assist with identification for Accelerated GT Math and provide an aptitude measure for students who had no previous CogAT test.

From February 8 until February 22, families will be able to review course recommendations and may request a course placement that is different from the school's recommendation through HCPSS Connect.

If you have any questions about GT placement, please contact our school's GT Resource Teachers, Mrs. Speelman and Mr. Bayne.

Volunteers

At HSES, we value and appreciate our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to a time when it is safe to have volunteers again in the building and in our classrooms. At this time, due to safety and health concerns, we are limiting volunteers in the building. For chaperones and volunteers who interact with students, you are required to use the PinPoint platform to show proof of full vaccination at least five school days in advance.

Parent Teacher Conferences - February 10th and 11th

HSES parent-teacher conferences will be held on February 10th and 11th. The focus for our conferences will be on mathematics, and will be held by invitation based on any concerns or specific needs identified by the math teacher. Your math teacher will reach out to invite you to register for a conference. However, if you have a specific concern and have not heard from your teacher by 2/3, please reach out to your student's math teacher. We want to support all our families who wish to have a conference. All 5th grade GT math students' families should sign up for a conference with your math teacher. The window to sign up for conferences is January 28th through February 4th and will vary by teacher. Please visit [HCPSS Connect](#) to begin the scheduling process on January 28th.

Additional Resources:

[How to Register for a Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Preparing for a Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Understanding Your Child's Elementary School Report Card](#)

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING ON JANUARY 19, 2022

The HCHD and HCPSS School Health Services support your child's success by providing vision and hearing screenings at all schools. These screenings are required by Maryland State Law.

Screenings are provided to the following students at Hollifield Station:

- All students in Kindergarten and 1st grade
- All newly entering students to the state of Maryland that do not have a record of prior vision and hearing screening within the last 12 months

If your child wears glasses, please make sure that they wear them to school on January 19, 2022.

Thank you,

Eileen Wilson, RN

Cluster Nurse

*Reminder, all previous Hollifield Herald Newsletters can be found on our website.
<https://hses.hcpss.org/>



PTA Updates:

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Community Meeting is being held Thursday, January 20 at 7 pm- open to all!

SPECIAL GUEST: Vicky Cutroneo, Chair of the Howard County Board of Education will be joining to address any questions or concerns. Please let us know if there are specific issues you want to make sure are discussed!

Email at: Hsesptacommunications@gmail.com

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpZklETU52aWh0QWJQRfgrdz09>

Meeting ID: 626 544 5192

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REMINDER: HSES Spirit Wear Sale continues!!!! Get your spirit wear show your school pride!!!

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