

Week of 1/24/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Prize Cart Support - Amazon Wish List
- 21-22 Calendar Reminders
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Information (Related Arts Primary Grades information)
- Student Registration
- Community News
- PTA Updates



Black History Month – February is a month devoted to honoring the important roles African-Americans play in the history of the United States. Across the country, schools and communities organize to learn more about black history and culture. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Important Dates

1/24	Professional Work Day - School closed for students
1/28	Parent Teacher Conference Registration begins
1/31	Report Cards Available in Synergy after 5:00 p.m.
2/1	Professional Learning Day - Schools closed for students
2/4	Last day to sign up for conferences
2/10 & 2/11	Parent/Teacher Conferences - School closes 3 hours early (12:15 dismissal)
2/16	President's Day - School closed

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

Prize Cart Support - Amazon Wish List - We need YOUR help!

As part of our Positive Behavior Instruction and Support program, we offer a prize cart twice a quarter to reinforce the expected behaviors of Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being Ready. Students earn H tickets for demonstrating these behaviors, and can use these tickets to purchase prizes from the cart. We need your help! We created an Amazon Wish List to help with our prize cart. Please see those items [HERE](#). We appreciate your support of this program! Any support is welcomed!

Reminder: 2021–2022 Academic Calendar Updates

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. [View the HCPSS calendar](#).

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. 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.

5th Grade Parents - Parent -Teacher Conferences

If you were unable to attend the middle school orientation night or if you have additional questions about placement in G/T courses in Middle School, please sign up for a conference with Ms. Speelman or Mr. Bayne. 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.

5th GT Math - If you were unable to attend the middle school orientation night or if you have additional questions about placement in G/T courses in Middle School, please sign up for a conference with Ms. Speelman or Mr. Bayne. 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](#)

Related Arts Primary Canvas Grades

As we approach the end of our 2nd quarter of instruction, it is important to remember that Canvas represents only a small portion of the learning continuum that happens in elementary school, especially in primary Related Arts Classes.. While there are “grades” that parents may see in a certain subject, please know that the teachers are using many different avenues to evaluate student learning. There is classroom participation, student observation and questioning as well as evidence of learning behaviors in the classroom that all work together to determine the actual grade a child may receive. It is also important to remember that at the primary level, we are working to build a basis for learning that develops at different times for different students. The score you may see in Canvas only represents a snapshot of the journey of learning and is based on percentages that are connected to but not absolute in our primary grading system.. We will evaluate our youngest student skills as independent (I), with assistance (W) or not yet apparent (N). The percentages you may see are NOT connected to letter grades at the primary level.

If any of your child's teachers have concerns about your child's learning, they will be in touch with you before the report card is ever issued.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's related arts teacher.

Student Registration for 2022-2023

Online registration for SY22-23 will open to NEW families on February 1. More information can be found on our website:

<https://hses.hcpss.org/news/2021/02/2021-2022-online-registration-open-new-students-grades-1-12>

The following auto-reply will be sent after you submit your child's registration:

The registration(s) for @STUDENT_NAMES@ have been successfully submitted. Please make sure you have uploaded the required documentation for review. School staff will contact you to schedule a time and date for a virtual meet to finalize the registration. If you are registering for the current school year, you will be contacted soon. If you are registering for next school year, you will be contacted once school staff begin processing those registrations. During the virtual meet, you must provide proof of parental relationship.

If you were unable to upload the required documentation during the online registration process, the registering staff will discuss with you a process for scanning or emailing your required documents to the school.

Community News and Events : HCPSS Community News and Programs Site

The HCPSS [Community News and Programs](https://hses.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations.

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](https://hses.hcpss.org/community-programs) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.

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



PTA Updates:

Help Support Our HSES Prize Cart!!!

Donations can be made via the Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/ls/1SW9ZDTJ3BRDQ?ref_=wl_cl_ll_vl

Your support is appreciated!!!

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

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MD/Ellicott%20City/Hollifield+Station+Elementary+School?utm_source=44479&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=school-direct