

Week of 1/9/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- COVID Information/ Notification
- Patapsco Middle School Orientation
- CoGat Assessments
- Masking at School
- PTA Updates

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

Important Dates

1/12	Patapsco Middle School (rising 6th grade) Orientation - Information below.
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
1/31	Report Cards Available in Synergy after 5:00 p.m.

Has your child or a family member tested positive for COVID or are they demonstrating COVID-like symptoms?

Please contact the school nurse immediately (eileen_wilson@hcpss.org). All students demonstrating symptoms should remain home. For further details on quarantining, please see the HCPSS January 6th guidance [document](#).

Patapsco Middle School (rising 6th grade) Orientation

January 12th at 6:30pm- Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation: On this night we welcome our rising 6th grade parents to attend our Orientation to learn about middle school, the 6th grade schedule, and answer any questions about the transition to middle school. Our orientation will be virtual through Google Meet: PMSorientation

In order to access the google meet, please use your child's HCPSS username and password. Remember you may need to log-out of your own google information and change it to your child's HCPSS google credentials. Also, this is a great opportunity for your future Knight to sit with you and log-in for you. We will open the room at 6:20 PM so you have time to make sure you are logged in.

[Here is information](#) and we look forward to seeing you on the 12th at 6:30 PM at PMSorientation.

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CogAT Assessment for 3rd and 5th Grades--January, 2022

Students in grades 3 and 5 will be participating in CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) the second and third weeks of January 2022. CogAT assesses the learned reasoning abilities of students, which are developed through both in-school and out-of-school experiences. The students will be assessed in three areas: verbal, quantitative and non-verbal reasoning. Verbal reasoning assesses the students' ability to use search, retrieval, and comparison processes using concepts essential for verbal reasoning. Quantitative reasoning assesses students' ability to reason about patterns and relations using concepts essential in quantitative thinking. Non-verbal reasoning assesses students' ability to reason with more novel questions that use spatial and figural content. CogAT is one of several assessments used to help determine eligibility for GT math placement in 4th and 6th grade. For further questions, feel free to contact Assistant Principal Aaron Tark (aaron_tark@hcpss.org)

Masking at School

Mask Availability in Schools

KN 95 masks will be available at schools. While KN95 masks are recommended by the CDC and students may bring their own if they have them, they are not mandated. Students and

staff will be permitted to use disposable or cloth masks. Disposable masks will continue to be available in schools for all students and staff, especially for younger children for whom KN95 masks may not fit. Masks will be given to students who arrive at school without a mask or if their mask is lost during the school day. Masks will also be given to students who have a mask that does not cover their nose and mouth.

Masking Expectations

CDC guidance for schools has not changed regarding removing masks while eating. Students and staff are permitted to remove their masks while eating or drinking, and are required to wear masks at all other times while indoors. Some students and staff have received medical exemptions for mask-wearing, which will continue to be granted.

Student Code of Conduct and Masking

Any student who needs one will be provided with a face mask. If a student has a medical condition that prohibits the wearing of a mask, that student's parent/guardian will need to submit a physician letter to the school nurse or health assistant.

Any student who does not adhere to the masking protocols may be in violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and subject to disciplinary measures detailed within.

*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!

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpPZklETU52aWhOQWJQRfgrdzO9> Meeting ID:
626 544 5192 Passcode: 8mi76q One tap mobile +13017158592,,6265445192#,,,*,564963#

Clothing Shed Donations

Cleaned out your closets over winter break? Consider donating to the clothing donation shed at the school! The HSES PTA receives a portion of those proceeds and the clothing is donated to local organizations!!!

Happy New Year!