

# Hollifield Herald

Week of 2/1/21



## Black History Month

"Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history." To learn more about this important celebration click [HERE](#). At the school level, we will be using our SEL time and other opportunities to uplift and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

## National School Counseling Week!

Every year, *National School Counseling Week* aims to highlight the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. We are so grateful for Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Jones' tremendous contributions to the Hollifield Station community! To show your appreciation, please send a kind message of thanks to [lauren\\_honza@hcpss.org](mailto:lauren_honza@hcpss.org) and [tracey\\_jones@hcpss.org](mailto:tracey_jones@hcpss.org)

## Important Dates:

**Feb 2** 7:00 pm - PTA General Meeting (All welcome)

**Feb 3** 9:00 - 11:00 am - MAP Testing (MATH) for grades 1-5

**Feb 3 - 15** Middle School Registration (Information below)

**Feb 5** Report Cards Issued

**Feb 5** Registration window closes for math conferences

**Feb 9** 9:30 - 10:30 am - Middle School Counselor's Corner (Information below)

**Feb 10** 9:00 - 11:00 am - MAP Testing (ELA) for grades 1-5

**Feb. 10** 3-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences (Information shared in last newsletter) – Quick reference guide for signing up is attached below

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**Feb 12** School Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

**Feb 15** Schools and Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

**Feb 16** 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Middle School Counselor's Corner (Information below)

**Feb 18** 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Community Conversation with Administration

**Mar 1** Students identified for the 5-days-per-week program return option

**Mar 15** Students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and grades 1-2 return option

**Mar 29** Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, and students attending programs at the ARL return option

**Apr 12** Students in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 return option



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Dear HSES Families,

Please see information below on some important topics related to next steps for Hybrid/Virtual Learning.

### **In-person Commitment**

On January 21, Governor Hogan shared his expectations for Maryland schools to change to a hybrid format by March 1. On January 26, the Howard County Board of Education voted to direct the Superintendent and staff to implement a phased-in approach to opening schools. Information was sent to you by email on Thursday, January 28. Please be sure to complete the survey indicating your instructional preference by February 5. An alert was sent with a video on how to select your commitment. The link is here: <https://youtu.be/gmsuoHHc1w8>

### **Hybrid Model - Concurrent teaching/In-person Instruction**

As the HCPSS continues to communicate with the overall Howard County community, we will provide meaningful updates regarding what specific plans/schedules/safety precautions look like for our HSES families at home and in the building. We want to make sure we provide the most accurate information to you in a timely manner. This change is new to us, and we are in the early planning phase to help implement this change according to the timeline. As we learn more information, we will share the changes required to implement the Hybrid model successfully in multiple ways. We will share information through Google Meets (Feb. 18th-next Community Conversation), email, and this newsletter. Our goal is to provide the best

educational opportunities for our students regardless if they are in-person at school, remain entirely virtual, or some sort of hybrid arrangement.

### **Family File**

This is also a great time to double check that your child's Family File is updated. We must have updated emergency contact information for your child with in-person instruction beginning in the coming weeks. To update your Family File, sign in to [HCPSS Connect](#). You will need to click through each of the pages, for each one of your children, and review all of the information in order to verify it is up to date. If you have any questions about your child's Family File, please contact the front office at 410-313-2550.

### **Report Cards**

As we prepare our Q2 report cards, you may recall that due to the challenges with adjusting to virtual learning, the Howard County Public School System made some temporary changes to grading that may have been reflected on your child's Q1 Report Card. Specifically, students in primary grades earned either an I (Independent) or W (With assistance) if they had engaged in synchronous instruction, and students in intermediate grades received A, B or C grades if they had engaged in synchronous instruction.

As was mentioned at the time, those changes were put in place for 1st quarter only. For Q2 SY20-21 grades, teachers will assign the appropriate grade based on student performance. In the primary grades that means students may receive an I (Independent), W (With Assistance), or N (Not Apparent at this Time). In the intermediate grades, students may receive any grade from A to E.

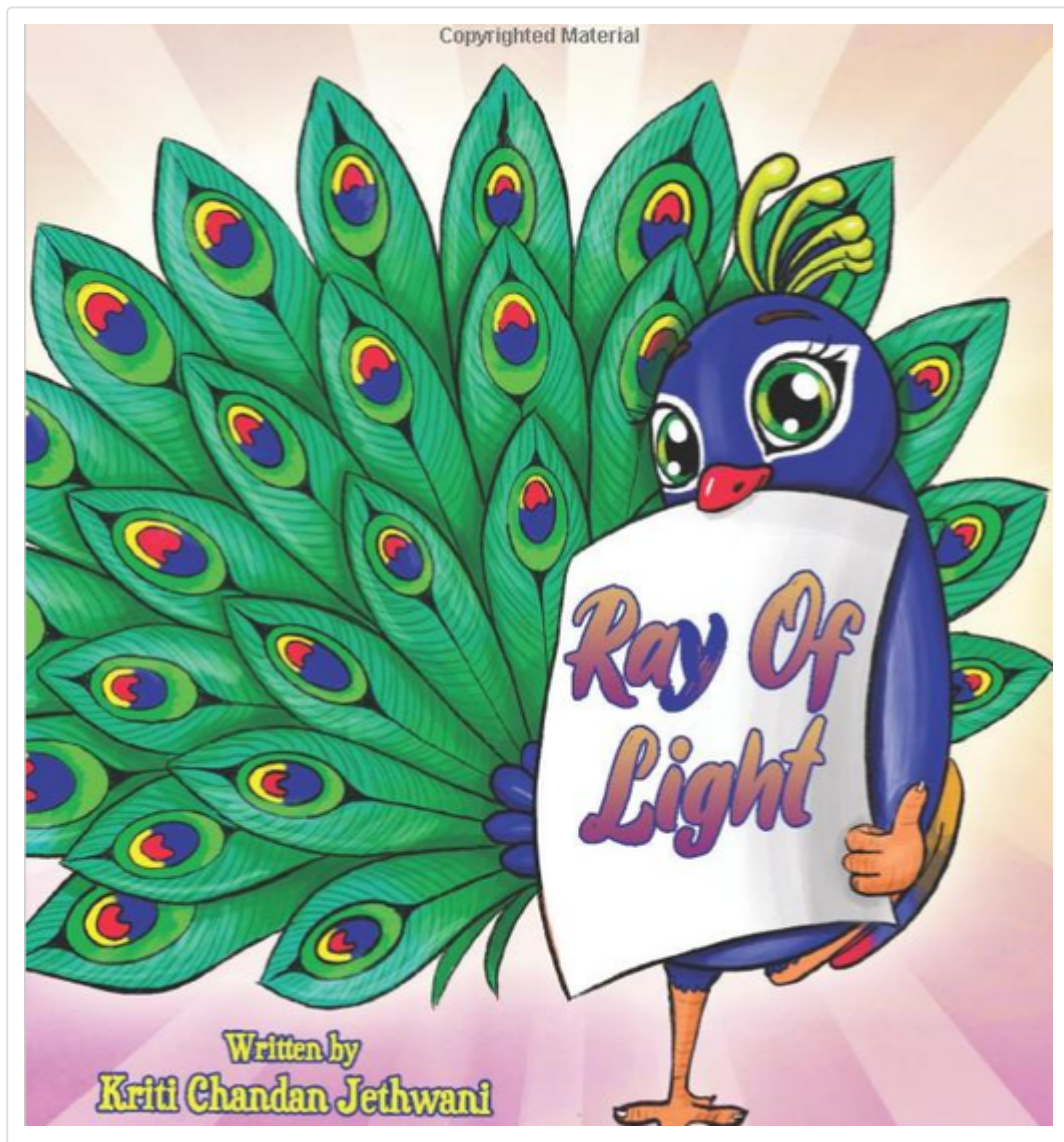
If you have any questions about 2nd quarter grading, please contact your child's teacher.

## **Shout out to the Jethwani family!**

Please join us in celebrating two students from the Jethwani family – Kriti and Vedant.

Kriti is now a published author on Amazon. During her time at home, Kriti dedicated her time to writing her book titled "Ray of Light." You can see her beautiful book below. This is quite an accomplishment. We are so proud of you Kriti!

Vedant earned 1st place in the Howard County Literacy Association Young Authors' Contest. His entry was also advanced to the state level of the Young Authors' Contest! Congratulations Vedant on this well-deserved recognition!



## Previously Shared Information

### Middle School Resource/Guide

Our wonderful counselors put together a resource/guide for our 5th grade families on registering for middle school. Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Jones will be holding two family sessions to discuss the transition to middle school. See information in the attached flyer below.



Middle School Course Request.pdf

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123.5 KB

Husky Highlight! Don't forget to send us a picture!!!!

Would your child enjoy seeing themselves in the morning announcement? Do you want to celebrate their hard work?!

Send in a picture to be shown during the weekly morning announcements. Just click on [this form](#) to upload a photo!

## PTA Information

### PTA Contacts and next meeting

Our next general body meeting will be February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

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