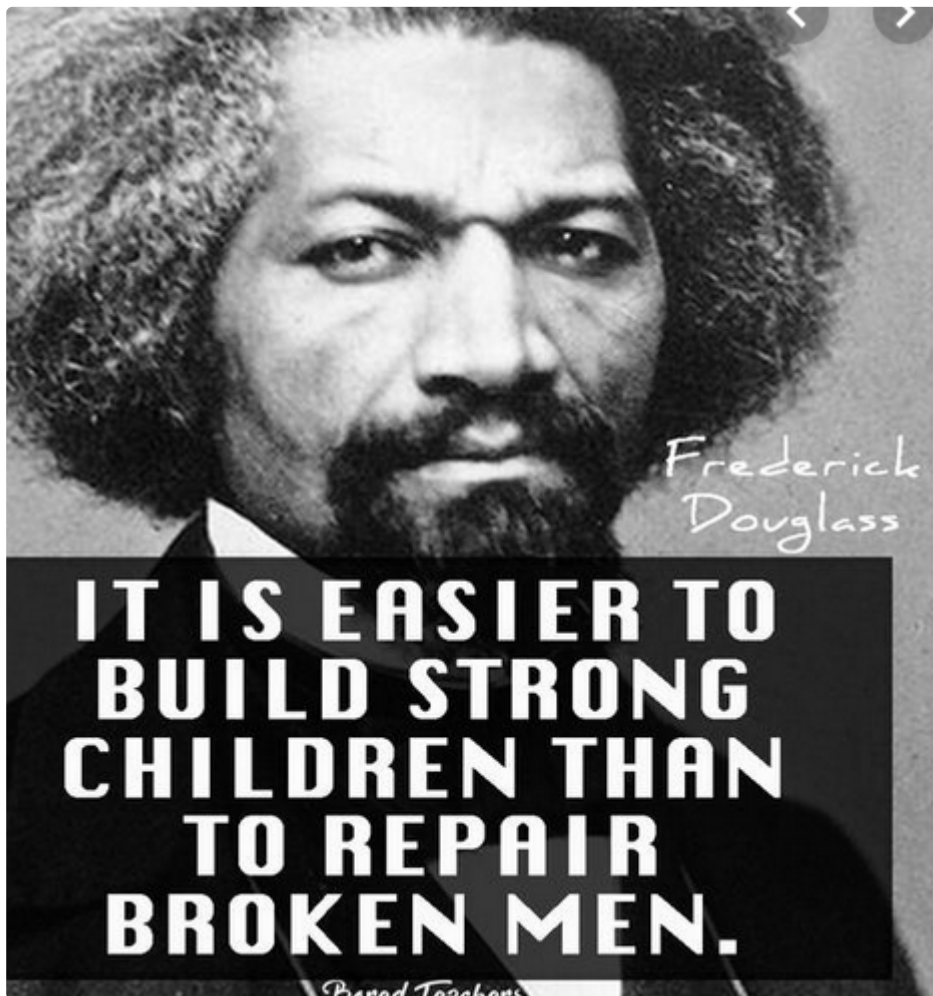


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Weekly News - 19th Edition - 2/3/20



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Calendar Events

February.

- 2/3 - Grade 1-5 MAP testing window opens
- 2/3-2/7 - School Counselor Week
- 2/4 - Schools and Offices Closed for Election
- 2/6 - Class Group Picture Day
- 2/13 - 3 hour early closing - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/14 - 3 hour early closing - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- 2/17 - Schools and Offices Closed - President's Day
- 2/21 - Spirit Day - Favorite Color Day
- 2/28 - Grade 1-5 MAP testing window closes
- 2/28 - Change Matters donations for GrassRoots kicks off during lunches

Celebrations: February - Black History Month/ Martin Luther King Jr.

Walking Wednesday.

No Walking Wednesdays on the following dates due to staff meetings:

March 11, April 29, May 20.

HSES Website: <http://hses.hcpss.org/>

PTA Website: What is a PTA? "The main role of the local PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students. This can include recruiting and coordinating volunteers, providing special recognition in awards ceremonies or through other activities, organizing parent education events, planning teacher appreciation activities and much more."

<https://hsespta.org/>

Curriculum for coming weeks ([Click Here](#)):

As the school year gets underway, we will provide the standards that each grade level is focusing on for that week. For deeper understanding of the standards, please visit HCPSS.org for links to the curriculum - <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/curriculum/>

This Quarter's Curriculum Corner is attached below.



HSES Curriculum Corner Qtr. 2.pdf



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HSES Information & Reminders

Parent Teacher Conferences in February

Dear HSES Families,

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held February 13th and 14th. The window for parents to schedule parent/teacher conferences will be open from January 30 - February 11. Please go to [HCPSS Connect](#) to schedule a meeting with your child's Math teacher. Contact related arts teachers directly if you would like to meet with them. GT will be meeting with 5th Grade GT families.

Call the front office if you need any assistance with scheduling a conference. We are here to help!

[Click here](#) to view the tutorial see the attached instructions below to assist you in your scheduling process.



Parent Conference Directions.pdf

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Husky Heroes

Welcome to HSES Husky Heroes!

Our new Husky Hero program aims to involve positive male role models in the HSES school community. The program will consist of adult males that would like to be involved here at HSES and wish to make a positive impact on children by volunteering in schools.

Who can be a Husky Hero?

Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, big brothers (ages 18 and older), and other adult males who wish to volunteer to serve in a variety of school activities.

What are our goals of having Husky Heroes at HSES?

- Students gain access to positive male role models in the school setting on a regular basis.
- HSES gains extra "sets of hands" supervising and interacting with students in different settings (lunch, recess, hallways, etc).
- The presence of a male figure can help provide additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and can help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Boost students academic performance, self-esteem, and social behavior.

What are some activities Husky Heroes can sign up for?

- Volunteering during lunch and recess at all grade levels
- Welcoming students and monitoring hallways at arrival and dismissal
- 5th grade basketball incentive program
- Guest readers in classrooms, all grade levels
- "Guys Read" once a month in the morning from 8-8:30
- Community Circles
- Chaperoning field trips
- Helping students "cash in" their tickets for quarterly cart items

- Participating in after-school events

How to Get Involved:

- Online sign-up
- Complete volunteer orientation
- Sign up for the activity and time slot that works for you!
- Arrive at HSES 5-10 minutes before your activity to sign in the front office

Interested in signing up?! Look for the sign-up genius coming out in the beginning of February!

Screening for Students at Risk for Reading Difficulties

In accordance with Maryland's Ready to Read Act (2019), all HCPSS kindergarten students* will be administered a screener assessment that includes a battery of four one-minute reading measures (DIBELS 8th Edition) to examine their letter naming, decoding, and word reading skills. The assessments will occur throughout winter, 2020. Parents and guardians will be notified if assessment results indicate that your child would benefit from an intervention.

*This includes kindergarten students who do not have a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with reading foundational skills goals.

Previously Shared Information

Winter MAP Testing

Winter MAP Testing

We will be administering MAP assessments in reading and mathematics to all HSES students in grades 1-5 throughout the month of February. Teachers will share specific testing dates with their students using Canvas messages and/or students' agenda books. MAP is a computer adaptive assessment. In a computer adaptive assessment, as a student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down the difficulty of the questions presented to the student. This creates a personalized assessment for every student.

A score report will be sent home to our families a few weeks after the Winter administration of the assessment concludes on February 28th. This report shares your child's overall score in reading and math, as well as scores in a variety of areas. MAP assessments measure a student's growth over time in reading and mathematics. MAP assessments let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific instructional area(s). Teachers use this information, along with the results of various other assessments and their own observation of student performance, to help guide instruction. Students will be writing their math and reading MAP assessment dates in their agenda books. Our students are familiar with these assessments.

Additional information is on the HCPSS website.

<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/map-information/>

National School Counseling Week 2020 (#NSCW2020) is Feb. 3–7, 2020. The week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Take a moment to thank your local school counselor(s). Follow #NSCW2020 on social media. To learn more about National School Counseling Week, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw.

Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Jones do so much to support our students and staff. Consider sending them a note of thanks or recognition. We are proud to have them as members of our staff!!!

Concert Schedule for SY 19-20

Tuesday, May 5, 7pm

Spring Orchestra Concert for
Beginning, Intermediate, and
Advanced Orchestras
Station Singers

Friday, May 15 12:00-6:00pm (approx.)

Howard County Elementary Jazz Festival
JAZZ BAND

Thursday, May 21 6:30-8:00pm

Enrichment Fair
JAZZ BAND (performs at 7:30)

Thursday, May 28, 7pm

Spring Concert for Beginning,
Advanced and Jazz Bands

PTA Information

PTA Sponsored - 2019- 2020 Assemblies

April 2

Grades: K-5

Author Visit: Chris Barton

Time: All day 3 shows.

Location: GYM

Description: Chris Barton is the author of picture books including bestseller Shark Vs. Train, Sibert Honor-winning The Day-Glo Brothers, and Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions, included on 19 state reading lists. His newest books include Dazzle Ships, the Mighty Truck early-reader series, and What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Chris and his wife, YA/middle-grade novelist Jennifer Ziegler, live in Austin, Texas, where Chris has advocated for greater diversity in children's literature by cofounding the Modern First Library program with BookPeople. For more information about him, please visit <https://www.chrisbarton.info>

Community News ([Click Here](#))

HCPSS Budget Process Information

The HCPSS Board of Education and the Howard County Council are currently in the process of determining the HCPSS budget for the 2020-21 school year. The Superintendent has submitted a proposed budget, which is currently being reviewed by the Board of Education. Next the Board of Education will make budget funding request to the County Executive and County Council. The Board of Education may decide to decrease their budget request to County government to less than the amount the Superintendent recommends, which may result in program cuts. Further, the County government may not fully fund the request made by the Board of Education.

If you would like to share your opinions about the HCPSS 2020-21 budget, such as maintaining class size, ongoing support for all academic and operational areas or continuing instructional programs at current levels, please contact both the BOE and the County Council.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: You may submit written public testimony to boe@hcpss.org. Please send testimony before February 13, when the BOE will adopt a budget.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Save the date to come to the County Executive public hearing on the budget. March 12 at the George Howard Building 6pm. Online sign ups available in February.

COUNTY COUNCIL: The first public hearing on the operating budget will take place on April 22. More details on registration will be available soon.


Reminder - Distribution of community flyers in schools: Community organizations wishing to distribute flyers must have an approval letter from the Public Information Office prior to distribution. Electronic announcements must also be pre-approved, and will be posted on the Community News and Programs webpage. Please include the following statement in your school newsletter rather than individual community announcements: Please visit the Community News and Programs webpage (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) for all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. Schools should refer any organization requesting distribution to Public Information at 410-313-6682 or publicinfo@hcpss.org.




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Vision - Our vision is to create and support a safe, diverse and nurturing learning community where staff, students and families are valued and respected.

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