

Hollifield Herald

Week of 2/8/21



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.

Important Dates:

Feb 8 Counselors Corner 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Google Meeting Link: meet.google.com/htn-bqiu-ojo

Feb 9 Counselor Open Office Hours 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/htn-bqiu-ojo

Feb 10 In-Person Commitment DUE

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

Feb. 10 3-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb. 11 3-Hour Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Schedule changes this week for Spring Conferences

We look forward to seeing you for conferences on Wednesday and Thursday this week! Early dismissal schedules for February 10th and 11th will follow the same schedule as previous early dismissal days. The master schedule for early dismissal is available at <https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/elementary/#schedule-early-dismissal>. On Friday, school is closed.

Dear HSES Families,

As we approach the start date for our hybrid-learning model, we know there are a mixture of feelings and emotions. There are also many questions that families have for the hybrid model. As shared in previous alerts, HCPSS has developed a FAQ/help page to their website that has an abundance of information. Website help page: <https://help.hcpss.org/> However, to assist our families, we have highlighted below some of the most common questions that have come to us as administrators. If you do not see your question, please use the link to the website help page or feel free to reach out to the front office or administration to assist you. As soon as any additional information becomes available, we will share it with you.

We are very excited to have some of our students back into the building, and we are working hard to ensure that all guidelines are being followed and all safety precautions are in place. The students are the heart and soul of our work, and we look forward to the building coming alive with the joy that they bring. Thank you for giving us your very best every day!

Sincerely,
HSES Administration

What are the requirements for students and staff to wear masks in school buildings?

Students and staff are to wear a mask at all times on the bus and at school, except while eating. Reusable, 3-ply cotton face masks and face shields will be provided for students. Families also may choose to provide a mask for their child(ren). [CDC recommendations for masks](#) for community use specify non-valved, multi-layer cloth masks to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. This refers to the use of well-fitting cloth face masks or face masks to cover a person's mouth and nose to prevent spread of respiratory secretions when they are talking, sneezing, or coughing. Students may wear a gaiter if they already have a face mask underneath the gaiter; they cannot be worn alone.

It should be noted that some students are unable to wear masks for any of several acceptable reasons, which are addressed on an individual basis. All students are welcome in classrooms and other building spaces, although those who are unable to wear a mask may be moved in/out of specific areas when needed. Please contact your child's teacher or school administrator with any specific concerns.

Can I/my child switch to a virtual instruction model after committing to an in-person learning model at any time during the 2020-2021 school year?

Yes. Parents/guardians will have the option of moving their student from in-person to virtual at any time. Additional information is provided online about a [switch from virtual to in-person](#) and the [absence of a requirement](#) for students to return in-person for the 2020-2021 school year.

Can I/my child switch to an in-person learning model after committing to remaining fully virtual for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year?

Parents/guardians who opt for their student to remain fully virtual may request to switch to the hybrid in-person model at any time during the 2020-2021 school year. However, approval of that request is dependent on available space, social distancing guidelines, and other factors.

What will a sample day look like? (Click [HERE](#))

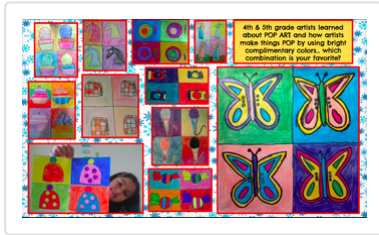
Will students transition to different classrooms throughout the school day?

Elementary school students who are in-person will transition physically to different classrooms throughout the day as needed. These transitions may include mathematics class, related arts classes, and lunch. Students attending virtually will transition into different Google Meet virtual classrooms throughout the day. Schools will utilize social distancing strategies such as one way hallways, direction signs for two way hallways and staggering the dismissal of classes if needed to assist with the social distancing of students. Teachers may also utilize outside learning spaces, weather permitting, when applicable.

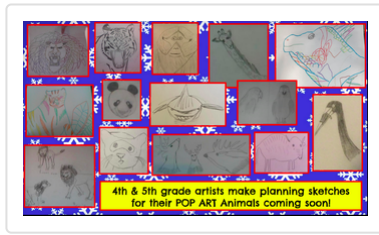
Middle and high school students who are in-person will transition physically to different classrooms throughout the day and those learning virtually will transition into different Google Meet virtual classrooms throughout the day. Schools will utilize social distancing strategies such as one way hallways, direction signs for two way hallways and staggering the dismissal of classes if needed to assist with the social distancing of students. Teachers may also utilize outside learning spaces, weather permitting, when applicable

How will students attending in-person eat lunch?

Students receiving in-person instruction will eat lunch in the cafeteria on their assigned lunch shift. Students will eat at desks in the cafeteria that are spaced six feet apart.



4th & 5th Pop Art



4th & 5th Sketches

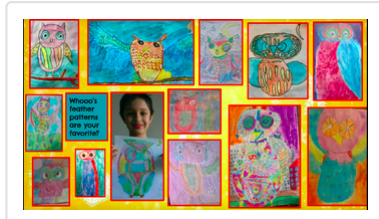


Hollifield Art Work!!!!

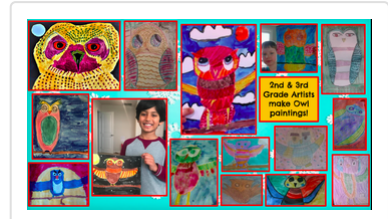
Please enjoy the beautiful artwork from our very own Hollifield Huskies!



Snow Portraits



Owl Feather Patterns



2nd & 3rd Owl Paintings

Previously Shared Information

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

Cluster-Wide Hand Sanitizer Drive



Please assist the Hollifield Station, Patapsco Middle, and Saint John's Lane PTAs and the Mount Hebron PTSA in a hand sanitizer drive. As our schools look to reopen starting the week of March 1st, we want to ensure that all of our students and staff throughout the cluster stay safe. We will continue our drive through April 9th, the last day before the final wave of students returning starting April 12th. Collectors will drop collected hand sanitizer off at each school throughout the drive.

Our main collection site is at Hollifield Station (8701 Stonehouse Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21043). There is a bin marked "Hand Sanitizer Donations" inside of the main front doors.

For your convenience, HSES PTA members are also hosting two community collection sites:

<i>Name:</i> Smitha Bodepudi	<i>Name:</i> Sarah Dababnah
<i>Address:</i> 9809 Morning Choice Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043	<i>Address:</i> 2886 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

If you have questions, please contact Sarah at hsevp2@gmail.com.



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