

# Hollifield Herald

*Weekly News - 20th Edition - 2/10/20*



## Hollifield Station Elementary School

### Calendar Events

#### February

- 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

#### March

- 3/2 - Read Across America Day (See information below)
- 3/2 - 3/6 - Change Matters Campaign
- 3/3 - Restaurant Fund Raiser- Manor Hill Tavern (See information below)
- 3/20 - Spirit Day - Sports Theme - Wear something that celebrates your favorite sport
- 3/23 - 3/25 - 5th Grade MISA testing
- 3/30 - 4th grade Art Museum field trip
- 3/31 - 5th Grade field trip to Mt. Vernon
- 3/31 - 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting - HSES Media Center

#### April 3rd

- 4/3 - 3 hour early closing - End of Marking Period
- 4/6 - 4/13 - Spring Break - Schools & Offices Closed
- 4/24 - Spirit Day - Culture Day - Wear or bring something that represents your culture

**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.

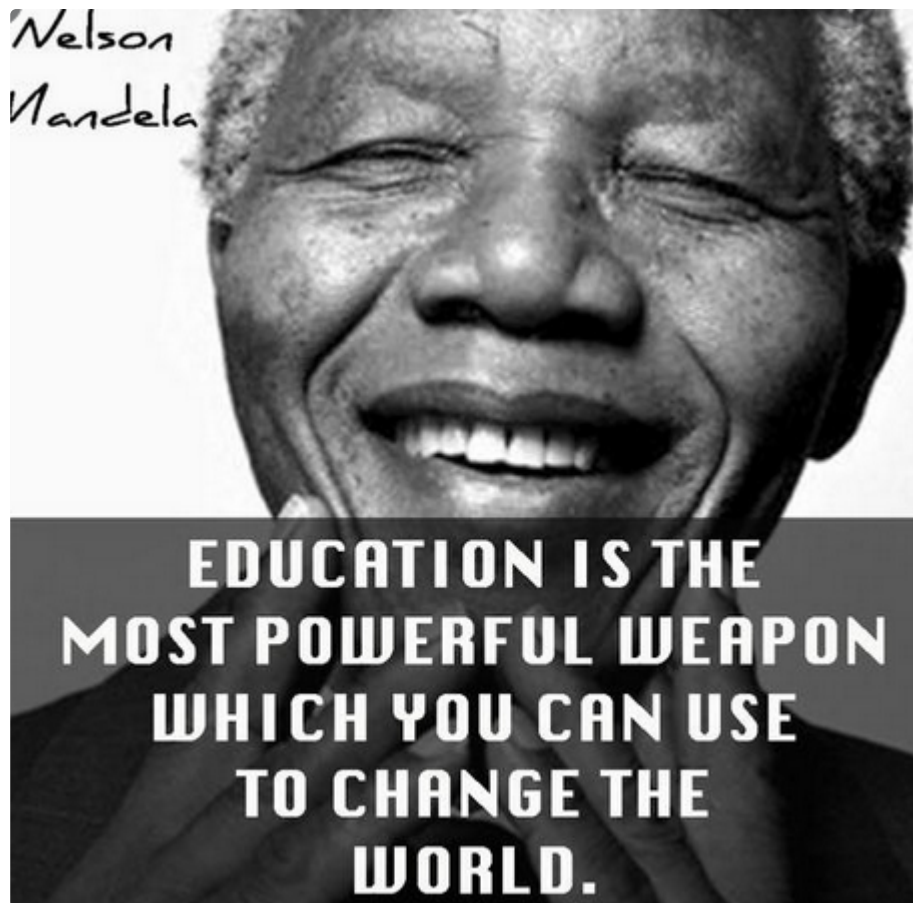


HSES Curriculum Corner Qtr. 2.pdf



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## HSES Information & Reminders

### In Search of Media Volunteers:

The media center is in search of volunteers for both Thursday and Friday morning. On the job training to help us shelve the books students return. If you have an hour or so to share we would love to have you email us.

[tammy\\_szczepanski@hcpss.org](mailto:tammy_szczepanski@hcpss.org)

[marcy\\_spence@hcpss.org](mailto:marcy_spence@hcpss.org)

Tammy Royo Szczepanski and Marcy Spence  
School Librarians HSES

### Read Across America Day

Read Across America Day will be celebrated on March 2, 2020. HSES is excited to bring you Read Across America Day to help motivate kids to read, bring the joys of reading to students of all ages, and make all children feel valued and welcome. The National Education Association, along with schools and organizations around the country, celebrate the joy and importance of reading with Read Across America.

At school, students will participate in a variety of activities with a reading focus including READ YOUR SHIRT DAY on Monday, March 2, 2020. Students will wear clothing with words written on them. Teams will post on canvas additional ways they will celebrate Read Across America Day.

At home, please promote the importance of reading by visiting the library, reading aloud to your child, encouraging time spent reading daily and modeling reading for your child.

The National Center for Education Statistics reports that reading 15 minutes a day seems to be the “magic number” at which students start seeing substantial positive gains in reading achievement. Students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day see the greatest gains of all.

## PERFECT JOB FOR PARENTS at HSES!

Are you looking for a job where you can still be home for your children during the Holidays, Summer vacation and when they come home from school? Also receive health benefits (if needed)

Well, Hollifield Station Elementary Cafeteria needs a Food Service Assistant. This is a high pace job, great exercise, serving our students nutritious meals. Hours are from 9:30-3:00 or 9:45-3:15.

Stop in to see Ms Judi in the kitchen for more information. Or go to the [hcpss.org](http://hcpss.org) website under “Employment” to fill out an application. “Food & Nutrition Service Assistant 1”

After submitting your application please notify Ms. Judi so she can let Food & Nutrition be on the lookout for it.

## Influenza-like Illness

Recently, students at HSES have become sick with influenza-like illness (ILI). Symptoms have included fever, cough, and sore throat. Students who have become ill at school with ILI have been evaluated and sent home as appropriate.

Influenza and other viruses that can cause ILI are spread mainly by droplets made when people who are ill cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get infected by touching a surface or object that has virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose.

Here are a few things you can do to help prevent the spread of ILI:

- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- Get a flu vaccine. To prevent flu, everyone 6 months of age and older should get vaccinated every year.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 °F, 37.8 ° C or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick with signs and symptoms of the flu. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs like acetaminophen (Tylenol). Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.

If your child exhibits symptoms associated with influenza such as a fever (100 °F or higher), please consult your primary care physician for evaluation. Infants, toddlers, seniors and pregnant women, and people with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk of severe illness or complications from influenza, and should consult with their primary care physician if they develop symptoms of influenza.

For more information on influenza, please contact your local health department, at 410-313-6300, or check the Maryland Department of Health website at:

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/influenza/Pages/home.aspx>

## Cub Scout - Recycling Program

Looking for a safe way to get rid of your old lithium and/or rechargeable batteries? These batteries should not be thrown out in the trash due to the amount of metals in them. Cub Scout Pack 2005 is collecting used rechargeable batteries to bring them to the Recycling Center. These batteries will be labelled such as Lithium Battery (Li-ion), Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), etc, and include coin cell batteries in watches, cell phone batteries, computers, RC cars. You do not need to include regular alkaline batteries that can be thrown away. Bins will be available outside the Fifth Grade classrooms and in Mrs. Speelman's classroom. Batteries will be collected until March 7th.

## Previously Shared Information

## 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.

## 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.





## 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

## Year Book Pictures!

Remember if you have pictures from a school event please upload them to the Dropbox links below (you don't need to have an account). This is the best way to make sure your child is featured in the book!

These folders are for grade-specific school events (field trips, classroom photos, lunch, related arts, recess, etc.) These folders will be available until the yearbook deadline on 2/28!:

Kindergarten:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/Z6c8YaWT5bgTt2OKPPpU>

1st Grade:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/nCzxqNvbz xu60EhhWjEp>

2nd Grade:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/dZo6cdnblk5qaF8lM3Xe>

3rd Grade:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/obxuKmgeksjhCIASb94c>

4th Grade:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/2RMK9ltkxkzwdfB2keky>

5th Grade:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/8oABk35bTEgN8x7PAWRv>

Want Spirit Wear? Click Here or See attached brochure!



HSES Spirit Wear Flyer Feb 2020-1.pdf

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## 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>

## Restaurant Night

Please bring your family and friends out to the HSES PTA's Restaurant Night on Tuesday, March 3, at Manor Hill Tavern in Old Ellicott City! This Restaurant Night is being held to support the newly-founded Husky Heroes program. Our goal is to raise enough money to buy a starter round custom t-shirts for our Husky Hero volunteers. **Please make sure you bring the attached flyer with you to the restaurant** - otherwise, your purchase will not be counted towards the fundraiser. A copy of the flyer will be sent home with your student the week before the event.

### Details

**Where:** Manor Hill Tavern (<https://manorhilltavern.com/>)

3733 Old Columbia Pike

Ellicott City, MD 21043

**When:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020

11:00 a.m. until midnight!

**What:** HSES PTA Fundraiser in support of the Husky Heroes Program

**Who:** We must have a minimum of 30 tables for the fundraiser, so please bring anyone and everyone! The event runs from open until close, and all purchases (in the restaurant and the bar) count towards the fundraiser. Make sure to bring the attached flyer!



## Community News (Click Here)

**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](mailto: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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