

Week of 2/28/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Employee Appreciation Week
- Read Across America Week
- Amazon HSES Wish List - NEW requests each week!
- 2021-2022 Health & Safety - Masks Updates
- HCPSS/The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy
- Girls on the Run - Spring Season!
- Are you a landscape designer?

Important Dates

2/28-3/4	Read Across America Week - See below for details!
2/28 - 3/11	Read - A - Thon - PTA fundraiser - See PTA Updates
2/28	K Field Trip to Miller Library (1st of 3 days - Information shared by grade level)
3/1	Masks in HCPSS buildings will be optional for all students, staff and visitors.
3/7	Kindergarten Registration
3/16	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
4/1	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
4/8	Report Cards Issued

4/11-4/18	Spring Break
4/20	Day of Belonging (More information to come)
4/21	Night of Belonging (More information to come)
4/28	Arbor Day Celebration 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Partnership - Patapsco Heritage Greenway - Tree Restoration Day

Employee Appreciation Week

Next week is Employee Appreciation Week! All employees at HSES are working very hard and deserve as much recognition as possible! In collaboration with our awesome PTA, we will be planning special activities in the month of March to show all of our employees how much we care! The smallest gesture with the greatest impact is a word of thanks. Recognize a staff member this week and throughout the year. Here is our Howl Out Link – Send a special message today!

<https://forms.gle/zdK5a9RTai2VS47q6>

Annual Read Across America

Our Annual celebration of Read Across America sponsored by NEA begins tomorrow, February 28th! This is the same day that the PTA's READ-A-Thon begins! What a great combination!

See below for our spirit days to “Celebrate Reading is for Everyone!!!”

Monday, February 28 Let's celebrate that reading is for everyone.
Activity for kids: Hats off to a week of reading! Dress up in your favorite hat.

Tuesday, March 1 Let's celebrate our favorite books.
Activity for kids: Dress in favorite shirt and bring a favorite book to share.

Wednesday, March 2 Let's celebrate that reading is fun to do as a team.
Activity for kids: Dress up to show off your favorite team or sport. You can even bring a book to share.

Thursday, March 3 Let's celebrate that reading is relaxing.
Activity for kids: Dress in your jammies to get cozy when you read today.

Friday, March 4 Let's celebrate being a community of readers.
Activity for kids: Dress in our school colors and get ready to cheer on all readers.

Amazon HSES Wish List - NEW requests each week!

Our reading specialists have put together books that would enhance their library! Check out the Amazon HSES Wish List [HERE!](#)

2021-2022 Health & Safety - Masks Optional 3/1/22

At its meeting on Feb. 24, 2022, the Howard County [Board of Education voted to make face coverings optional](#), effective **March 1**, based on the [Maryland State Department of Education's off-ramp option one](#) for school districts to lift mask requirements. In addition, based on updated CDC requirements, masks will be optional in HCPSS buildings and on school buses. For the most updated information, please visit the HCPSS website [HERE](#).

HCPSS/The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy

The Council of Elders of the Black Community in Howard County (TCOE) in collaboration with the Howard County Public School System will host a TCOE Community Academy on Substance Abuse on March 12 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. The session will provide information regarding substance abuse prevention and behavioral health within the Howard County community. Representatives from HC Drug Free will provide resources and education on prevention, risk factors, warning signs, and treatment. This session will be held virtually.

Registration is required at: <http://tinyurl.com/2p9dnz8f> (Links to an external site.). Flyers are located [here](#) (Links to an external site.).

Girls on the Run - Spring Season!

Registration for Girls on the Run's Spring season is OPEN NOW. Girls on the Run® inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using running to teach valuable life skills. Teams of 15-20 girls meet twice weekly after school for 9 weeks. Each season concludes with the girls and their running buddies completing a 5K run. The 9-week season begins April 3, with our celebratory, **in-person** 5K event scheduled for June 4, 2022. The registration fee is \$165, which includes 16 lessons, all program materials, 5K and program shirts, water bottle, and more. Financial assistance available - no girl turned away! Visit gotrcentralmd.org for registration information and a list of sites in Howard County.

Are you a landscape designer? Would you like to support our rain garden?

In order to mitigate the issues that arise around our back blacktop during inclement weather, we are working in collaboration with our Grounds Department, the PTA fundraising Committee and our Green Team to develop and implement a plan to mitigate run off. One of our main projects is to create a rain garden. However, we need a landscape drawing of the rain garden. If you a landscape designer and are willing to donate a few hours of your time to draw out a plan for our rain garden, please email amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org. Thank you in advance!!!!

2022 Summer Programs Registration

Online enrollment requests for summer programs will reopen on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. for the BSAP Summer Institute, Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes for Talent Development, Innovative Pathways High School (Math and Science only), and STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp programs. Please reference the [HCPSS News posting](#) (Links to an external site.). Families can find up-to-date course information and enrollment directions on the Summer Programs web page (<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> (Links to an external site.)).

***Reminder, all previous Hollifield Herald Newsletters can be found on our website.**
<https://hses.hcpss.org/>



PTA Updates:

THIS WEEK! – HOLLIFIELD STATION ELEMENTARY PTA Read-a-thon!!!

Our Read-a-thon starts Monday February 28, 2022 and will run through Friday, March 11. We are raising funds for two very special causes this year:

- First goal: The PTA would like to help fund a Rain Garden for the playground to help remediate weather-related problems.
- Second goal: We are very hopeful to have our End-of-Year black top party this year, and we want to make it the best one yet!

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/RtzwLT/1> and following the simple instructions.

Stay tuned for more details to come soon!

HSES - PTA - Yearbooks

The link to purchase the yearbook is live! The deadline to order is 4/15/22, but don't delay and check this off your list now!

Buy a yearbook here:

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB109657>

Parents and staff - please upload photos to the links below! The yearbook volunteers need YOUR help for the 2021-22 yearbook! More photo posting requests are below; we won't be able to accept additional photos past 02/24/22 (this week!!!) so we can make our printing deadline, so please post them ASAP. THANK YOU!

Kindergarten Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/A7PQGE>

1st Grade Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/TZ2R9C>

2nd Grade Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/B1DRTD>

3rd Grade Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/F7HUAD>

4th Grade Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/ZAWYU1>

5th Grade Candids

<https://plicbooks.com/go/KVL6QC>

Fall Festivities

<https://plicbooks.com/go/RZ94ZE>

Holidays

<https://plicbooks.com/go/WCUXXQ>

Winter Concerts

<https://plicbooks.com/go/6ZY57N>

Earth Force

<https://www.plicbooks.com/go/EHQF9T>

Valentine's Day

<https://plicbooks.com/go/MDM26M>

100 Days of School

<https://plicbooks.com/go/45A64Q>