Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week’s edition of the Hollifield Herald. Important topics include:

- Important dates
- Community News
- PTA News

## Important Dates

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<th>6th Grade Registration Dates</th>
<th>2/2 Synergy opens for parents of rising sixth graders</th>
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<td>2/3 10:00 Rising sixth grade parent information session (Virtual)</td>
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<td>2/15 6:30 p.m. Rising sixth grade parent information session (hybrid)</td>
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<th>2/8/23</th>
<th><strong>Updated:</strong> Band AND Strings Concert -</th>
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<td>6:00 p.m. (Band ONLY - Students arrival)  6:30 p.m. Band ONLY Concert begins</td>
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<th>2/9 &amp; 2/10</th>
<th>Parent - Teacher conferences (see previous Heralds for detailed information)</th>
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<th>2/20/23</th>
<th>President's Day - Schools and Offices closed</th>
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[Link to Community Virtual Office]
[Link to Hollifield Station Website]
Howl Out to Our Awesome Counselors

Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Tacka

School counselors make a positive impact in the lives of their students. Today’s young people are living in an exciting time, with an increasingly diverse and mobile society, new technologies, and expanding opportunities. To help ensure that they are prepared to become the next generation of parents, workers, leaders and citizens, students need support, guidance and opportunities during their school years.

The primary goal of the School Counseling Program is to promote and enhance student learning through the mindsets and behaviors of Learning Strategies, Self-Management Skills, and Social Skills.

Our two school counselors work with students individually, in small counseling groups, and teach whole class lessons in every grade level. They are members of our problem solving teams, consult with teachers and staff and support families in various ways. Mrs. Honza is scheduled at HSES every day and focuses her support in grades K, 2, 4 and 5. Ms. Tacka is split between two schools. She is scheduled to support HSES on Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Mondays. She focuses her support in grades 1 and 3.

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Grades K and 1 PTD Parent Information Sessions 2/9 and 2/10
Dear Kindergarten and First Grade Families.

Please join us for an opportunity to learn more about the Primary Talent Development Program being offered to kindergarten and first grade students at Hollifield Station. The PTD program is part of the Gifted and Talented Program for Howard County Schools and is taught to all kindergarten and first grade students at HSES.

Information Sessions are being offered so parents and guardians can better understand the PTD program and have the opportunity to hear about lesson activities which promote creative and analytical thinking skills. All Information Sessions will be virtual to accommodate as many families as possible. Please note that these sessions are for general information purposes.

Session dates, times and google meet codes will be as follows:

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**
- 2:00-2:30 - Kindergarten Session 1: [https://meet.google.com/owe-ityr-dru](https://meet.google.com/owe-ityr-dru)
- 6:30-7:00 - First Grade Session 1: [https://meet.google.com/hdm-arma-znm](https://meet.google.com/hdm-arma-znm)

**Friday, February 10, 2023**
- 2:00-2:30 - First Grade Session 2: [https://meet.google.com/uib-gvea-ybw](https://meet.google.com/uib-gvea-ybw)
- 6:30-7:00 - Kindergarten Session 2: [https://meet.google.com/zhe-vtvs-zaw](https://meet.google.com/zhe-vtvs-zaw)

If you are interested in attending, please select the following link to the google survey below and indicate which meeting you would like to attend: [https://forms.gle/XfYmD9s2QjzJ8sYs9](https://forms.gle/XfYmD9s2QjzJ8sYs9)

Thanks for your time and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

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**Community News**