# **Hollifield Herald**

Week of 3/22/21



## Why is March Women's History Month? Click HERE to learn more.

### Important Dates

Mar 22 Staff supporting 3-5 students return to school buildings Mar 29 Students selecting hybrid in 3-5 return to buildings Mar 30 Understanding Anxious Children Workshop Meeting ID <u>meet.google.com/agt-xutw-tie</u> Phone Numbers (US)+1 518-499-6082 PIN: 523 502 073# <u>RSVP - Parent Workshop - 3/30/21</u>

Apr 2 - 6 Spring Break

Apr 7 Group E in-person returns to the building
Apr 7 Picture Day (More information below)
Apr 8 Group B and E in-person returns to the building (Virtual & Students online)
Apr 12 Students selecting hybrid in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 return to building
Apr 14 End of 3rd Marking Period
Apr 22 Report Cards Issued

### Arrival Reminders

#### **Bus Loop**

• No cars are allowed to enter the bus loop until after arrival (9:05 a.m.)

#### Car Loop

- Please remain in your car when dropping off and picking up your student.
- Please stay in line and wait until the car in front of you moves. Do NOT go around cars in front of you, as this causes potential safety issues for students, staff and families.
- Please follow the directions of the staff to ensure a smooth and safe arrival for all families.

#### **Digital Education Center**

The Howard County Public School System is considering a virtual school option for students in grades K-12 who wish to remain virtual for the 2021-2022 (upcoming) school year. Once finalized, the Digital Education Center program will give students the option to access synchronous (real-time) instruction and digital assignments while receiving support services from the student's districted home school. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

#### COVID-19 Rental and Home Owner Assistance

Howard County residents whose income was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of assistance with paying past due rent, mortgage payments and/or to prevent eviction or foreclosure there's help. Note: maximum assistance per household is twelve (12) months and household income limits vary for both rental and foreclosure. Visit <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/HoCoHousingCOVID">www.tinyurl.com/HoCoHousingCOVID</a> for more details about the Foreclosure Prevention Program (FPP) and Rental & Utility Assistance.

#### 2nd HoCo VIRTUAL Rainbow Conference

Please join us virtually to learn more about how to be better advocates for the LGBTQ+ Community at our second HoCo Rainbow Conference. With over 24 concurrent sessions and local as well as national speakers, we have a full day of fun and learning lined up for Saturday, May 15, 2021. Session speakers include Jane Clementi and Joshua Patel of the Tyler Clementi Foundation, Rae Sweet of the It Gets Better Project, Maryland House Majority Leader, Eric Luedtke, Kevin Naff of The Washington Blade, Ying Matties and Robyn Page of Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY), and many more! Registration for this FREE conference will go live on Friday, April 2nd. Until then, you can browse our conference website to learn more about the sessions and view the conference schedule <u>here</u>. We hope many of you will join us!

## **Previously Shared Information**

#### Want to learn more about HCPSS summer programs?

Summer Programs information – <u>HCPSS News posting</u>. Families can find up-to-date course information and enrollment directions on the Summer Programs web page (<u>https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/</u>).

#### New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new <u>Community News and</u> <u>Programs</u> website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations." Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit <u>community-programs.hcpss.org</u> for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at <u>publicinfo@hcpss.org</u>.

#### HSES Picture Day Reminder

In collaboration with Strawbridge Studios, Hollifield Station will hold picture day on April 7, 2021. We have collaborated on safe practices and implementation of picture day, and more information will be coming. Below please find the information for picture day as well as an attachment of options. Below is also a link that will allow parents to sign up to receive updates via email regarding their child's school portraits. These updates include promotions, additional deals and the ability to order more pictures at a later time. When entering student information, parents should be sure to enter the student's name as it is on file at the school.

Link <u>HERE</u>

#### Picture Day Options Form attached below

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### A Message from the Health Room

The Health room is very excited to see our Group E, A, and B children back in school. Our goal is to keep every student and staff member healthy. We can only accomplish this if we work together. If your child has any of these symptoms:

- 1 of the following:
  - New onset cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing;
  - New loss of taste or smell;

OR

- 2 of the following:
  - Fever over 100.4 or chills within the past 24 hours;
  - Fatigue;
  - Muscle or body aches;
  - Headache;
  - Sore throat;
  - Congestion or runny nose;
  - Chills or shaking chills;
  - Nausea or vomiting;
  - Diarrhea.

#### Please keep them home!

If we see them in the health room and they complain of any of the above symptoms, they will be sent home to quarantine for 14 days. At that time, they can attend school virtually but they will not be allowed back in the classroom/building until we receive a negative Covid test or 14 days. Many of these symptoms are similar to seasonal allergy symptoms. Even if you believe your child's symptoms are seasonal allergy related, please follow the guidelines above and keep them home and attend school virtually until the symptoms subside. Together we can keep our community healthy and our school open during these Covid times.

When should my child stay home and what health checks should families conduct?

## **PTA Information**

### Yearbooks

Attention families and HSES staff! We're working towards producing the 2020-2021 Hollifield Station Elementary School Yearbook! It might look different than any other year, but we're going to try to capture the memories of this unique one.

The yearbook is always a volunteer production --and we can't do it without help--this year more than ever. We will need photo submissions from families AND staff since COVID-19 protocols prevent volunteers from entering the building to take pictures during hybrid instruction this year. It's hard to ask our wonderful teachers and staff members to add additional tasks to an already challenging school year, but the yearbook will only be a wonderful keepsake for the students with your help - we hope you'll consider taking many photos at school! We have multiple categories so photos can be directly uploaded to specific folders - please see the attachment for all of the details. The folders will be available for uploading through mid-May, but the earlier photos are submitted, the easier it will be on us volunteers. Please upload, upload, upload!

The yearbook will once again be sold for \$20 and TBD summer pickup dates will be announced. Order now to ensure you receive a copy! Yearbooks can only be ordered online by 6/1/21 here: <u>https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/FMYB109657</u>

Parents of 5th graders - we will also be collecting images for 5th grade dedications this year - more info to follow!

Thank you! HSES PTA Yearbook Volunteers

#### Yearbook Picture Links

*Thank you for sharing photos for the 2020-2021 Hollifield Station Elementary School Yearbook! Click the buttons below to upload your photos!* 

Please note for photos uploaded by families:

- image content should comply with CDC COVID-19 guidelines
- please be sure you own the rights to the images you submit (ie. obtain permission before, or avoid uploading, professional photos)

Anyone can upload to any category below, *STAFF* included! – learning from home or in school, we will incorporate the photos!

1st day of school/1st day of hybrid return Show us your face masks! Virtual desks/work spaces Music Physical Education (PE) Library/Media Chorus **Battle of the Books** Projects/hobbies/new skills Winter Celebrations/Holidays Lunchtime/virtual Lunch Bunches/home lunch **MISC school related photos** HSES Spirit! (weeks/branded clothing) <u>Art</u> <u>Technology</u> Orchestra math/reading science/social studies

Enjoying Nature

Fall/Halloween Birthdays Front line/essential worker family members



