

3/27/23

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important dates
- Student Shout Out
- Earth Day Poem Contest
- Rainbow Conference
- Community Survey
- Community News
- PTA News ([Including Yearbook Deadlines for ordering](#))

Important Dates

3/27/23 & 3/28/23	<i>CORRECTED</i> dates: Kindergarten Field Trip to library
3/28/23	7:00 p.m. HSES PTA Meeting - All Welcome - Virtual information below
3/30/23	PTA and Administration celebrate our support staff
3/31/23	Deadline for ordering yearbook
3/31/23	End of 3rd Marking Period/ 3 hr. Early Dismissal (12:15 p.m. dismissal)
4/3-4/10	Spring Break - Schools Closed
4/11 - 4/14/23	Casey Cares Foundation - PJ Collection this week (See information below)

	4/12/23 - School-Wide PJ Day
4/17/23	Spring Picture Day
4/21/23	Professional Work Day - Schools Closed for Students
4/22/23	Eagle Scout Project - Raised beds built by the playground.

[Link to Community Virtual Office](#)

[Link to Hollifield Station Website](#)

Shout Out to Kriti Jethwani

Reflections Program

**Kriti received an Award of Merit for her film production of “Rumor-be Ice and Not Fire.”
We are so proud of her and wish her the very best at the National Level.**

From the PTA Council of Howard County: “Congratulations to all of our talented students who entered and competed in this year’s National PTA Reflections program. The theme for 2022-23 was “Show Your Voice!” Our students submitted some very thoughtful, creative, and beautiful entries. Howard County students have so many hidden talents! They are to be commended.

Thanks to all of the Reflections Chairs who worked so hard participating in this event. Your tireless effort is greatly appreciated.

Howard County has **23 students who have won Reflections awards at the state level!** They will now advance to the National level.”

Pick up your Pen for the Environment!

Earth Day Poetry Contest

We are thrilled to be sponsoring an environmental poetry competition with the theme “Why Earth Day Matters,” inviting writers to interpret Earth Day in a variety of ways. The competition is open to all Hollifield Station students.

The competition is a celebration of Earth Day, taking place this year on April 22, 2023, and is intended to highlight the importance of standing up to protect the planet’s dwindling natural resources and working against the threats of climate change.

POEM REQUIREMENTS:

- All poems must be the entrant’s original work and must not have been published on any other publication or online platform prior to March 31, 2023.
- All poems should reflect competition theme, “Why Earth Day Matters.”
- Poems should be written and submitted as a hard copy or submitted electronically as a word document to Lori_Speelman@hcpss.org.
- Poem must fit on one 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with font size no smaller than 10 points.
- All poems should have a title.
- All poetry styles welcome. Rhyming is not required.
- The poem, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material written by the Competition entrant. By entering the Competition, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted poem is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the poem does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the poem.

All poems are due by 3:00 pm on Friday, April 14. All poems should have the child’s full name, grade, and homeroom teacher on the submission.

Top 3 entries for primary (K-2) and top 3 entries for intermediate (3-5) will be notified by Tuesday, April 18th and will be required to do a live reading of their poem for the April Video Announcements. Good Luck!

HCPSS Rainbow Conference

The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the [Rainbow Conference Flier](#) or access this [link](#).

Reminders - We want to hear your voice! Closes 3/31/23

Indicators of Educational Equity Survey

In Howard County, all schools will be partaking in the Educational Equity Survey. This is part of our school improvement process, and we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at HSES. Please use the link below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey. We use this data, along with other school data, as part of our school improvement process. This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school.

- [English survey](#)
- [Spanish survey](#)
- [Chinese survey](#)
- [Chin survey](#)
- [Korean survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Razia Kosi, HCPSS Coordinator of Culturally Responsive Practices and Anti-Racism Development at: Razia_Kosi@hcpss.org

Community News

[HCPSS News and Community News Link](#)

PTA News

Please join us for the next PTA Community Meeting! THIS TUESDAY! March 28 from 7-8 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpPZkIETU52aWh0QWJQRfgrdz09>

Order the Yearbook- Final chance!!! Ordering ends FRIDAY!

It's time to order your HSES yearbook. The cost is \$20. The **deadline to order is March 31**. The online code is YB26058.

(Please don't delay; each year, parents ask if they can order a book after the deadline, and unfortunately, the answer is always no. Yearbooks must be purchased by the deadline.)<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB26058>

SAVE THE DATE: End of the Year BLACKTOP PARTY!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7!!!

Rain date: June 8

Come join the Hollifield Station Elementary School and Patapsco Middle School PTAs to cheer on the O's as they take on the Texas Rangers on **Sunday, May 28th!** Tickets will be \$15 per seat, and for each ticket sold, the Orioles will be donating \$5 to us. After the game, kids ages 4-14 can run around the bases. When you order your tickets, make sure to check off which schools your kids go to, and that will let us know where the raised funds should go. Please order your tickets by April 28th!

<https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store/items/834102>

Want to help support your students and their teachers this year? **Join the PTA!** Let's help Hollifield Station have our most successful year yet! Membership requires you to join yearly, so please visit the site below even if you were signed up last year!

To join, please click on this link through memberhub:

<https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store>

Don't forget to **join the Hollifield Station Elementary PTA Facebook group** for updates!

Show your school spirit while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!**

To purchase: <https://1stplace.sale/44479>

Reunión de la PTA de la comunidad de HSES: ¡martes 28 de marzo a las 7 pm!:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpZklETU52aWh0QWJQRfgrdz09>

RESERVA LA FECHA: ¡FIESTA de fin de año sobre el Asfalto(Blacktop)! MIÉRCOLES 7 DE JUNIO!!!

Fecha en caso de lluvia: 8 de junio