

Week of 3/28/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Howl Outs - We share your Howls every week!
- Amazon HSES Wish List - NEW requests each week!
- Day of Belonging
- HCPSS Update to Vaccination and Testing Requirements
- Birthday Reminders
- Special Education MSDE Parent Survey
- PTA News

Important Dates

3/7	Kindergarten Registration Opens
4/1	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal - End of Quarter
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)
4/27	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
4/27	HSES 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grade Orchestra Concert 7pm at

	HSES
4/28	Arbor Day Celebration 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Partnership - Patapsco Heritage Greenway - Tree Restoration Day
5/2	Schools Closed – Staff Professional Day
5/18	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
5/18	HSES 4 th and 5 th grade Band and Chorus Concert 7pm at HSES
5/30	Schools Closed - Memorial Day

Howl Outs - We share your Howls every week!

<https://forms.gle/zdK5a9RTai2VS47q6>

Amazon HSES Wish List - NEW requests each week!

Our staff members are really using this platform to share what they need. Check it out and know that it is appreciated by each and every one of them! AND it benefits students! Check out the Amazon HSES Wish List [HERE](#)

Day of Belonging

We need t-shirts donated

On April 20, each grade is going to be assigned to wear a specific color t-shirt to celebrate Belonging Day. We would like to ask for some donations for extra t-shirts (gently used) to support students who may not own a specific color shirt. If you can send in a spare t-shirt (or two) **that you do not need returned to you**, please just send it in with your child in their backpack. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. We need them by April 19.

K-yellow

1-red

2-green

3-purple
4-orange
5-white

HCPSS Update to Vaccination and Testing Requirements

Unvaccinated staff no longer are required to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing, and visitors/volunteers no longer are required to provide proof of vaccination when entering a school building. Please note that public health agencies continue to recommend vaccines as a primary means of protection against severe COVID-19 symptoms.

Birthday Reminders

Please note, we are not able to distribute food for a student's birthday. As shared in the [Policy 9090](#):

"For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended to be consumed by their individual student.

For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for their own personal consumption given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some children's diets."

Special Education MSDE Parent Survey

Each year the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) surveys parents of children receiving special education services in the state. The purpose of the survey – *The Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey* – is to hear from parents about how well they think their child's school is partnering with them and promoting parent involvement in their child's education.

[Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey site](#)

PARENTS:



MARYLAND
LEARNING LINKS



MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

Please Take 5 Minutes to Complete the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

As the parent or guardian of a child receiving special education services in Maryland, you should have received a copy of the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey in the mail. By completing the survey, you can tell us how your child's school partners with you. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system.

We want to hear from you.

OPTION 1:

Complete the hard copy survey that was recently sent to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope by May 27, 2022, or

OPTION 2:

Complete the survey online at www.mdparentsurvey.com.

Questions?

Please contact Kenneth Hudock, MSDE, at **410-767-7770** or Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov.

PADRES:



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EDUCATION
EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

Tómese cinco minutos para completar la encuesta de participación de los padres en la educación especial de Maryland

Como padre o tutor legal de un niño que recibe los servicios de educación especial en Maryland, usted debió haber recibido por correo una copia de la encuesta de participación de los padres en la educación especial de Maryland. Al completar la encuesta, usted nos puede decir cómo es la relación entre la escuela de su hijo y usted. Su opinión ayudará a enfocar los esfuerzos para mejorar la educación especial y los servicios afines en el sistema escolar de su localidad.

Queremos escuchar su opinión.

OPCIÓN 1:

Complete la encuesta impresa que le enviamos recientemente y devuélvala en el sobre pre-estampillado antes del 27 de mayo de 2022, o

OPCIÓN 2:

Complete la encuesta por internet en www.mdparentsurvey.com.

¿Preguntas?

Comuníquese con Kenneth Hudock, de MSDE, llamando al **410-767-7770** o escribiendo a Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov.

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



PTA Updates

MemberHub

Are you receiving our HSES PTA emails regularly? If not, you may still need to join MemberHub to have access to our regular updates!

Through this site we will keep you informed & engaged with what is happening at HSES! Within our MemberHub site, you will find important information such as spirit wear, fundraisers, sign-up sheets, shared calendar events, and much more in one place.

Please visit our e-store to join Memberhub:

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

Join our Facebook Group:

Another way to stay in touch with us is by joining our Facebook group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223238027809067> . We will share information there throughout the year, and it's a great place to connect with other parents from our community.

Book Drive

The Hollifield Station Elementary School PTA is hosting a book drive to help replenish our school library and our teachers' classroom libraries. What better way to kick off spring cleaning? While the HSES will always accept book donations, this book drive is running from 3/28 and 4/8. Please drop off ANY book you have inside the front door at Hollifield Station. We cannot accept any CDs, DVDs, encyclopedia sets, magazines, textbooks older than 5 years old, or books that are damaged or moldy. We will be passing along any books for older readers on to the Maryland Book Bank or another school in our area, so we are happy to accept any book in good condition.

Don't have used books, but want to contribute? The school has set up a Scholastic account

for those wishing to donate to purchase books for the school. See link below:

<https://shop.scholastic.com/viewCampaign?campaignId=080a79d7-f064-463e-9bf2-ea51c8fbc74d>

Interested in joining HSES PTA for an Orioles Game on May 8?

The Hollifield Station PTA is coordinating a trip to an Orioles game, so come cheer on the O's as they take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday (5/8)! Tickets will be approximately \$20 for adults and kids age 10 or over. For each adult ticket, we will receive two free tickets for kids age 9 and younger, so kids will likely be free. Seats will be in the upper deck near third base (so we can stay in the shade). After the game, kids age 4-14 can run around the bases.

If you would like to attend the game, please complete this survey by 4/8, as we will be purchasing tickets then. After we make the group purchase, we will transfer the tickets to you through Ticketmaster, and send you an email with final cost of the tickets. Checks for that amount should be made to "Hollifield Station PTA" and brought to the game to give to a representative of the PTA, or left with the front office at the school.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEWqkLVDXWf2ncKVfQ8BWMQLEKGfVhj4DgF6KIsFsqAbubjA/viewform>

If you decide to come after 4/8, you can get access to the same pricing through the 'Kids Cheer Free' program.

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>