

Week of 3/7/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

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Important Dates

2/28 - 3/11	Read - A - Thon - PTA fundraiser - See PTA Updates below
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)
4/27	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
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
5/30	Schools Closed - Memorial Day

Hollifield Howl Out to our PTA and Community

In this time of appreciation, we want to thank our wonderful PTA for their collaboration, support and communication. They support us in so many ways, and we want to recognize them for always being willing to enhance our school. From donuts to donations, our community truly is the very best! Thank you!!!

Employee Appreciation Every Day!

If you haven't had a chance to thank a staff member, the link is below. The Howls that have been sent this year truly make a staff member's day and only takes a few minutes:)

<https://forms.gle/zdK5a9RTai2VS47q6>

Chromebook Updates

Now that we are in the second semester of the school year, we will be making a shift in how and where Chromebooks will be stored.

Beginning next Monday, March 14th, students in grades 2nd through 5th will be keeping their Chromebooks at school. When our students in Kindergarten and grade 1 receive their Chromebooks, they will remain at school, too.

This shift will help reduce the wear and tear during the transport of devices and allow for consistent use in instruction during the school day. Students will still be using the Chromebook assigned to them throughout the day.

If a student has a specific need for the device to go home each day, special permissions may be granted. Students are expected to abide by the HCPSS Code of Conduct and Policy 8080 Responsible Use of Technology. Please continue to talk with your child about the appropriate use of technology in and out of the classroom.

For our 5th graders, based on computer wear and tear as well as inappropriate use, we are implementing two weeks of limited use of our Chromebooks starting tomorrow, March 7th. Chromebooks will not be going home for any student in 5th grade for two weeks. There will be no assigned homework on Chromebooks for any 5th grader during this two week period. After that time, as shared above, we will only send home Chromebooks for specific instructional needs/ programs. Again, this will be determined on an individual basis.

Please make sure that your child returns their computer tomorrow, Monday, March 7th. PLEASE take a look around and see if you have a charger and return that to school as well.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

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](#)

HSES - Outdoor Seating Form

As we move into the spring of 2022, we want to have the most up to date information from our families. As we know, the County has moved to masks optional and has taken down the plexiglass. As the environment improves, we know some families may still need to have their students eat outside. Tents will be re-installed in the coming weeks.

Please fill out this form to have your child eat outside. We will use this list beginning March 14th. Please complete this form prior to March 14th. By filling out this form, you are indicating your child needs to eat outside.

<https://forms.gle/6jK5h8RkYMPwo7XMA>

Calendar Change Reminder

The Board of Education recently approved a modification to this year's academic calendar, impacting the May schedule. Schools will now be closed for students Monday, May 2 and open on Tuesday, May 3.

- Monday, May 2: Schools closed for students. Professional Learning Day for staff and offices will be open.
- Tuesday, May 3: Regular school day.

Attention 5th Grade Families- MSDE Student Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Maryland requires that all public schools survey students about school climate. Last year the Maryland School Survey was administered with great success and data has been shared with schools. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the survey during regular school hours between February 22nd and April 22nd. The survey will take about 30 minutes and will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your child's school and about schools across the state.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Survey Administrator at the Maryland State Department of Education by emailing to: survey.msde@maryland.gov

*Sincerely,
Pauline Carey*

MSDE Project Specialist and Survey Administrator

**Are you a landscape designer? Would you like to support our rain garden?
We need just an hour or so of your time!**

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!!!!

In support of our HCPSS Schools, we are sharing an opportunity below:

WLHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE & STEEL DRUM BAND CONCERT

Please join us for a toe-tapping evening on March 29th for a Jazz Ensemble and Steel Drum Concert. Music starts at 7pm in the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School.

Also, you won't want to miss Jazz Cabaret on May 7th so save the date! More details to follow.

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



PTA Updates:

PTA all Community Meeting: THURSDAY March 24 at 7 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us via at the zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpZklETU52aWhOQWJQRfgrdzO9>

Meeting ID: 626 544 5192

Passcode: 8mi76q

Employee Appreciation

Employee Appreciation Day is coming up! The PTA would like to show the staff of HSES how much we appreciate them by stocking the staff room with hydration, just because, and pick-me-up drinks. Please use the link below to sign up for donations. Generic or store brand drinks are welcomed, and if you do not see a drink listed on the sign-up, you are more than welcome to send it in. Please send your donations in by Friday, March 11th.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAA72BABFDCE9-employee>

If you have any questions, please email me at hseptahospitality@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

HOLLIFIELD STATION ELEMENTARY PTA Read-a-thon is underway!!!

Our Read-a-thon runs Monday February 28, 2022 through THIS 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.

At this time, the following classes are in the lead! That means they are reading....a LOT! Any class has the chance to win that pizza party. Sign up today!

Kindergarten: Mrs. McLaughlin's Class

1st Grade: Ms. Lin's Class

2nd Grade: Mrs. Brengle's Class

3rd Grade: Ms. Espinal's Class

4th Grade: Mrs. Glass' Class

5th Grade: Mrs. Kyler's Class

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>

