

4/2/23

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important dates
- Happy Spring Break
- HSES Family Game Night
- National Assistant Principal Week
- Reminder: Poetry Contest
- Community News
- PTA News ([Including Yearbook Deadlines for ordering](#))

Important Dates

4/3-4/10	Spring Break - Schools Closed
4/3 - 4/8/23	National Assistant Principals Week
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
4/18/23	Report Cards Issued
4/19/23	6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - HSES Family Game Night (Information below)
4/21/23	Professional Work Day - Schools Closed for Students

4/22/23	Eagle Scout Project - Raised beds built by the playground.
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[Link to Community Virtual Office](#)

[Link to Hollifield Station Website](#)

Happy Spring Break!



Enjoy this time to relax and refresh! The Herald will resume on 4/16/23.

HSES FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Who: The whole family!

Where: The HSES Cafeteria

When: April 19th from 6:30-8:00

Family time is one of the most important aspects of building a strong and loving family bond. Playing games together increases family connectedness, teaches academic as well as social skills, and is a lot of fun! Come see what games we suggest and have fun playing!

- Snacks and games will be provided
- Toddler play area with high school helpers
- A short presentation by the HSES Student Services department followed by games, games, games!
- Jenga, Uno, Candy Land, Memory, Guess Who and more!

National Assistant Principals Week

National Assistant Principals Week is this week, April 3–7, 2023. We have the very best in Howard County. We celebrate Mr. Tark and Mrs. Van Osdel and all that they do to encourage our staff, support our students and their principal, and create a positive learning environment.

Mr. Tark and Mrs. Van Osdel play a critical role in the success of our school! **Please join us in celebrating Mr. Tark and Mrs. Van Osdel upon our return from spring break!**

Reminders

**You Are Invited to Casey Cares
Biggest Pajama Party!**

Help us help sick kids!
Please have your child bring new pajamas to school for
critically ill children in your area



What is #CaseyCaresBiggestPJParty?

April 19th is National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day, but more importantly, we are celebrating Casey Cares 8th Annual Biggest PJ Party **all month long!** The Casey Cares Foundation provides ongoing, uplifting programs to critically ill children and their families. This is our school's chance to support children in our area. **We will be collecting new PJs from April 11 – April 14, 2023!**

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 the 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@hcps.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 are 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!

Community News

[HCPSS News and Community News Link](#)

PTA News

**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>