

Week of 4/4/22

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Community Survey
- Ramadan
- Measures of Academic Performance
- Last Day of School
- Reminder - Belonging Day donation request
- PTA News

### Important Dates

<b>4/4 - 4/8</b>	National Assistant Principals Week - Big Howl out to Mr. Tark for the wonderful work he does everyday supporting our staff and our students!
<b>4/4</b>	National School Librarian Day - Mrs. Szczepanski is our full time Media Specialist and does an extraordinary job of serving our students and our Media Center. Mrs. Spence is our part time Media Specialist and has been a terrific support for our Media Center as well. Thank you to both of these wonderful educators for all their hard work! They are essential in creating a diverse and rich media center.
<b>4/8</b>	Report Cards Issued
<b>4/11-4/18</b>	Spring Break
<b>4/20</b>	Day of Belonging (More information to come)

<b>4/21</b>	Night of Belonging (More information to come)
<b>4/27</b>	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
<b>4/27</b>	HSES 3rd, 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Concert 7pm at HSES
<b>4/28</b>	Arbor Day Celebration 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  Partnership - Patapsco Heritage Greenway - Tree Restoration Day
<b>5/2</b>	Schools Closed – Staff Professional Day
<b>5/3</b>	PTA Sponsored Assemblies
<b>5/12</b>	Middle School Visits
<b>5/18</b>	School Closes 3 Hours Early - 12:15 p.m. dismissal
<b>5/23</b>	Field Day
<b>5/18</b>	HSES 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Band and Chorus Concert 7pm at HSES
<b>5/30</b>	Schools Closed - Memorial Day
<b>6/2</b>	Simulated Congressional Hearing (Virtual)

**Howl Outs** - Link to send a howl out to our staff: <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](#)

## **We need your help! Share your voice!**

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by April 22nd. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year.

The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Wadsworth at [amanda\\_wadsworth@hcpss.org](mailto:amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org).

[English survey](#)

[Spanish survey](#)

[Chinese survey](#)

[Chin survey](#)

[Korean survey](#)

## **Ramadan**

Ramadan begins the evening of April 2nd this year. Any students who are fasting and attending school in-person may request to stay in the conference room during lunch. Please email Mrs. Wadsworth, ([amanda\\_wadsworth@hcpss.org](mailto:amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org)) if you would like for your child to have an alternative location while fasting.

Wishing you an easy fast and many blessings.

## **MAP Assessment for Students in Grades 1-5 Begin this Month**

Students in grades 1-5 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment beginning Wednesday, April 6th, and continuing through April 22nd. Teachers will share specific dates with you via Canvas announcements. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for

students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding MAP testing, please reach out to Mr. Tark, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator.

## **Tentative Last Day of School**

HCPSS has used four inclement weather days this school year and made up one of those days by opening schools February 21. As such, the last day for K-12 students is Friday, June 17, 2022. See full details [HERE](#).

## **Reminder - 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

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



## **PTA Updates**

## 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>