

Hollifield Herald

WEEKLY NEWS - 6TH EDITION



Hollifield Station
Elementary School

Calendar Events

BOOSTERTHON UPDATES UNDER PTA BELOW!!!!

October

- 10/16 **Main Event: Fun Run** 9:00 a.m. K-2 | 10:00 a.m. 3-5 | 2:10 p.m. 5th grade Glow Dance Party
- 10/16 HCPSS GT Information Night - See community news below
- 10/18 Schools Closed for students - MSTA Convention
- 10/21 Post Program Meeting and 1st Collections at 9:00 a.m.
- 10/21 Flu Clinic
- 10/27 Diwali
- 10/28 2nd Collections at 9:00 a.m.
- 10/29 PTA General Meeting 6:30 -8:00 p.m.
- **10/31 Halloween Parade --- Information coming soon on costumes, parties and parade!**

November

- 11/1 Schools Close 3 hours Early - End of 1st Marking Period

- 11/8 Make-up Picture Day
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/13 ESP Day - Educator Support Professional's Day
- 11/18 American Education Week
- 11/22 Positive Office Referral Picture
- 11/25 Kid's Heart Challenge
- 11/25 Schools Close 3 hours early - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 Schools Close 3 hours early - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Celebrations: National American Indian Heritage Month

Walking Wednesday

No Walking Wednesdays on the following dates due to staff meetings:

September 25, October 23, November 26, March 11, April 29, May 20.

MAP Testing

We are approaching the Fall window for MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) Testing at HSES. This is an online assessment administered to all students in first through eighth grade, county wide. There is no preparation needed other than a good night's sleep, a good breakfast, and being at school ready to learn. This assessment provides teachers one data point to identify academic strengths and areas of need for your child. It also allows you to track your child's progress over time. The results of the assessment will be sent with your child(ren) once they become available. If you would like more information about the MAP Assessment you may visit the following link: <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/map-information/>

1st Grade – September 23rd Week

2nd Grade – October 1st Week

3rd Grade – October 7th Week

4th Grade – October 14th Week

5th Grade – October 14th and 21st Week

Advanced Planning Calendar: Information on this calendar is subject to change, but provides some additional information on upcoming dates. All confirmed dates will be reflected in the dates above. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zk9QED0QBAJI_b46s6-U14D9FBHhTV9hYNBLRonoFKg/edit#gid=1548803383

HSES Website: <http://hses.hcpss.org/>

PTA Website: What is a PTA? "The main role of the local PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and schools, in support of students. This can include recruiting and coordinating volunteers, providing special recognition in awards ceremonies or through other activities, organizing parent education events, planning teacher appreciation activities and much more."

<https://hsespta.org/>

Curriculum for coming weeks [\(Click Here\)](#):

As the school year gets underway, we will provide the standards that each grade level is focusing on for that week. For deeper understanding of the standards, please visit HCPSS.org

Reminders & Information

All new Information will be in color. Any repeated information will be in black.

HCPSS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Research is clear that showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic and social success starting from kindergarten and continuing through high school. Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school or even facing social challenges.

- Missing 10% (or about 18 days of a school year) can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- By the 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that can indicate if a student is at risk for dropping out of high school.
- In the 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Student attendance is a major point of focus for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Starting in school year 2018-2019, MSDE lowered the chronic absenteeism rate from 20% to 10% which means that at 10% a student should be receiving support and interventions to improve their absenteeism.

Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) believes that attendance is key for student success. Per Policy 9010, HCPSS defines exemplary attendance as a final attendance rate of 96% or more of the student year.

In support of achieving Exemplary Attendance for all students, we are sharing with you a comprehensive approach for attendance supports and interventions.

- If a student has missed 5% of their monthly attendance days (as few as 1-2 days a month), parents will receive a Care and Concern Phone Call and letter from their school. This step will allow staff members to coordinate with families to determine how the student can be supported for better attendance.
- If a student has missed 10% of their monthly attendance days (this is defined as chronic absenteeism by MSDE), parents will receive a 10% Chronic Absenteeism Attendance Letter. Parents and students may be scheduled for an attendance conference. Other interventions and supports may also be used in an effort to assist the student.
- If a student has missed 15% of their monthly attendance days, in addition to the interventions and supports at 5% and 10%, these students may require an attendance support plan. Students may also be referred to the Central Attendance Team.
- If a student has missed 20% of their monthly attendance days, parents will receive a 20% Emergency Chronic Absenteeism Letter or Habitual Truancy Letter. Students may be referred to Project Attend and may be referred to the State's Attorney's Office for habitual truancy.

With the collaborative effort of HCPSS parents, staff and students, we are confident that all students can have successful attendance. This will improve student success in school and in future life.

CHAPERONES SEE BELOW!!!!

How To Volunteer at Hollifield Station Elementary

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer this year at Hollifield Station Elementary School. Your involvement helps nurture our school community, and the help you provide will be an essential support to the success of our students and staff. Please do not hesitate to ask the staff or administration if there is something we can help you with. In order to volunteer at HSES, please complete the following trainings:

Maryland Child Abuse State Law and HCPSS Policy 1030

http://www.hcpss.org/employees/childabuse_ppt.pdf

Child Abuse Awareness Training Certificate

http://www.hcpss.org/parents/abuse_certificate.pdf

Confidentiality Training

<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

Confidentiality Training Certificate

<https://www.hcpss.org/parents/parent-volunteer-confidentiality-certificate.pdf>

Child Abuse Awareness and Confidentiality certificates must be on file in the school office before you may chaperone for field trips or volunteer in the school. Once you have completed all three trainings, you will be able to register to volunteer.

YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONTEST (CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION)


Entries will due on December 2


Who: Students in Grades 1-5
What: Write a poem or short story





Entries must be **original work**.

All entries must use no smaller than
12 pointfont in Times New Roman.

 Short story entry must range between **100-400 words** (gr. 1-2)
and **300-800 words** (gr. 3-5).

 Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must
range between **25-150 words** (all grade levels).

 Entries must **not** include graphics.

 Each entry must include a completed cover sheet **signed** by the
student author's **parent**.

PTA Information

2 DAYS AWAY – BOOSTERTHON!!!

Hi parents! The fun run is just 2 days away, and we are getting so close to our fundraising goal! As of today, we have raised over \$17,000 which is just over 75% of our overall goal. Remember we would like to go above this and support 3 additional classrooms. Let's do it Hollifield!

Tonight's challenge is called "PJs for a Pledge." If your students earn a new pledge **of any amount**, they may wear their favorite, school-appropriate pajamas to school tomorrow! To earn this incentive, your student can log their new pledges on [funrun.com](https://www.funrun.com) tonight, or they can bring the donations to their teachers tomorrow as well.

Thanks for supporting Hollifield Station!

***We are keeping our eye on the weather for Wednesday, and will make the call tomorrow on whether students will be running outdoors or indoors. Please note that if the run is to be held indoors, we will unfortunately not be able to have parents come and watch, due to safety reasons. Stay tuned for more information!

If we are able to run outdoors, we still need volunteers to help to pass out water or keep the track clear: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545abad2da5f85-boosterthonf>

COMMUNITY NEWS (CLICK HERE)

HC DrugFree Updates for Parents/Guardians

Free Parenting Classes for Parents/Guardians of 9-14 Year Olds:

HC DrugFree and the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, partnering with the Howard County Public School System and the Howard County Health Department, will once again provide the evidence-based series Guiding Good Choices for parents to gain skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs. This 4-week series will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12 at Wilde Lake Middle School in Columbia. Parents are expected to attend all 4 sessions. To register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGCOct2019>. Free workbook included. If you have questions, email Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree's Executive Director at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

Drive-thru EpiPen, Medication and More Collection:

Howard County's next convenient drive-thru collection for over-the-counter and prescription medication and "sharps" (needles, syringes and EpiPens) will be held on Saturday, October 26 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center and The UPS Store.

HC DrugFree and the Howard County Police urge you to clean out your medicine cabinets. Teams, clubs, students, PTAs/PTSAs, families, scouts, etc. are welcome to volunteer at the event and receive community service hours. Please visit HC DrugFree's website at www.hcdrugfree.org and go to the Events/Drug Take Back Day page for more information about medication disposal, or let us know if you plan to volunteer by emailing Admin@hcdrugfree.org or calling 443-325-0040.

Community Service Hours:

All students (elementary through college) may receive Community Service Hours for volunteering during any HC DrugFree event. For information, please email Admin@hcdrugfree.org or call 443-325-0040.

Howard County G/T Program Parent Academy |

When: Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 7-8:30pm

Where: 6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD

More information

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program are invited to come learn about the advanced-level offerings available through the G/T Education Program and how their students can become involved.

The evening will begin with an overview of the G/T Education Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Following the general session, parents and community members will have an opportunity to meet for a question and answer session by school level.

Full Schedule:

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: G/T Education Program Overview Presentation – Auditorium

8:05 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Question and Answer Sessions:

- Elementary G/T Program Offerings: Auditorium
- Middle G/T Program Offerings: Classroom A127
- High School G/T and AP Courses: Classroom B115

For more information, please email hcpssgtac@gmail.com or alyson_tommins@hcpss.org

Reminder - Distribution of community flyers in schools: Community organizations wishing to distribute flyers must have an approval letter from the Public Information Office prior to distribution. Electronic announcements must also be pre-approved, and will be posted on the Community News and Programs webpage. Please include the following statement in your school newsletter rather than individual community announcements: Please visit the Community News and Programs webpage (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/>) for all announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations. Schools should refer any organization requesting distribution to Public Information at 410-313-6682 or publicinfo@hcpss.org.



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Vision - Our vision is to create and support a safe, diverse and nurturing learning community where staff, students and families are valued and respected.

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