

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important dates
- School Breakfast and Lunch
- Family File Reminder
- HCPSS Code of Conduct
- Reminders about Bus Transportation
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Important Dates

8/29/22	First day of school for students. Doors open at 8:30 am. Late Bell is 8:45 am. Dismissal is at 3:15
9/5/22	Labor Day - Schools and Offices Closed
9/12/22	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 1st and 2nd Grade Back to School Night Back to School Night is a night for families in which teachers share more specific details to families about the curriculum, classroom expectations and schedule.

9/14/22	<p>6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gifted and Talented presentation</p> <p>GT teachers share information about their program.</p> <p>Back to School Night is a night for families in which teachers share more specific details to families about the curriculum, classroom expectations and schedule.</p>
9/26/22	Schools and Offices Closed
9/19/22 - 9/30/22	PTA Read-A-Thon begins (Information below)
9/26/22	Schools and Offices Closed
10/27/22	Night of Belonging (more information to come)

Link to Community Virtual Office:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PvKpL4YijXFNNIAzOcc6a4OMkELBVo4sywl822pgGqk/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to Welcome Back Letter with detailed information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rupONfimy9HqO2sywo7OCv3NiHhGndDI9NV_MtOsaoM/edit?usp=sharing

Link to Hollifield Station Website:

<https://hses.hcpss.org/>

School Breakfast & Lunch

Reminder: Breakfast & lunch are no longer free this year. Students wishing to buy breakfast or lunch will need to know their pin number (see below). In addition the following are the costs for breakfast and lunch, along with the link to the menus found on the HCPSS website.

Student Pin Number for Breakfast & Lunch (POS Number)

Go into your parent account under HCPSS Connect

Click on More Options.

Then go to Homeroom/Transportation/POS

The POS number is the number for lunch.

Menus, Costs and Payment

Breakfast: \$2.00

Lunch: \$2.80

Menus: <https://hcpss.nutrislice.com/>

Meal Payment: myschoolbucks.com

Family File Reminder

We are including this information again as an important reminder that we need all Family Files completed. This has information that we use for dismissal, emergencies and more! We need all of this information for the very **first day** of school. 69% of our families have completed their Family File. **We need 31% more.** Please take time to complete it today.

Video Guide: <https://youtu.be/t4wmGcTUNDo>

Link to HCPSS Connect: <https://www.hcpss.org/connect/>

HCPSS Student Code of Conduct

The HCPSS Student Code of Conduct provides a framework to support behavioral goals and disciplinary policies. While students are expected to be aware of and abide by this Student

Code of Conduct, we all play a part in ensuring our school is a safe place where all students can learn. We look to partner together as families and school staff to support the social-emotional skill development of our students. At Hollifield Station Elementary School, we implement programs such as Caring School Communities and PBIS to help teach and reinforce school-appropriate behaviors and build community amongst our students and staff. We thank you in advance for your partnership in working together to create a safe learning environment for all of our students. Please learn more about the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct by clicking the link below.

[HCPSS Student Code of Conduct](#)

Reminders about Bus Transportation

If you have not already done so, please use the [bus locator link](#) to identify your child/children's bus number, bus stop and estimated travel times. Once you click the link above, you will enter your child/children's grade, and your home address. The bus number, bus stop location, and pick-up/ drop off time will be listed.

Students who receive specialized transportation though their IEPs will be contacted by their bus driver with bus numbers and pick-up/ drop off times.

For all bus riders, please plan to arrive at the bus stop 10-15 minutes early the first two weeks of school, to allow the bus the flexibility needed to pick up and drop off all students. Additionally, we ask for your patience as the bus drivers are learning new routes, and a lot of our students are learning the process for riding the bus. As a result, there may be instances where the bus is arriving later than anticipated specifically during the first couple weeks of school.

Kindergarten students will be let off the bus last at the start of the school year and walked to the cafeteria to be picked up by their teachers.

If you have questions about transportation, please contact Mr. Tark (aaron_tark@hcpss.org) or Jerome Pickens (jerome_pickens@hcpss.org), or call the Front Office, 410-313-2550

Personal Technology Devices/Cell Phones

Families are reminded that students must abide by [Board of Education Policy 8080 Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media](#), and specifically Standard E. Student Use-Technology, which states that “HCPSS permits students to bring personal technology devices to school, according to the following rules:

- Elementary Schools – Students will keep personal technology devices in backpacks during the school day, unless otherwise authorized by school administrators or instructional staff.

PTA News

Hollifield Station Elementary PTA has decided to hold a Read-a-thon this year!

Read-a-thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-a-thon starts Monday September 19, 2022.

About one week before our Read-a-thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/GUsamZ/1> and following the simple instructions.

We've chosen Read-a-thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Thanks so much,

Hollifield Station Elementary PTA

PTA updates

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! 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!

We are still **recruiting volunteers** for some important roles with several PTA committees. If you are interested in getting more involved or want to learn more, please contact hses.pta.prez@gmail.com

SAVE the Date: Please join us for our first **PTA community meeting** for this school year on September 29 at 7 pm. All are welcome! Zoom link to follow.

Show your school spirit while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!** To purchase:<https://1stplace.sale/44479>

¿Quiere ayudar a apoyar a sus estudiantes y sus maestros este año? ¡Únase a la Asociación de Padres y Maestros! (conocida como PTA por sus siglas en inglés) ¡Ayudemos a Hollifield Station a tener nuestro año más exitoso hasta ahora! Para unirse, haga clic en este enlace a través de memberhub:<https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store>

Aún estamos reclutando para algunos roles importantes con varios comités de la PTA. Si está interesado en involucrarse más o desea obtener más información, comuníquese con hses.pta.prez@gmail.com

Acompáñenos para nuestra próxima reunión comunitaria de la PTA el 9/29/22 a las 7 pm. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

¡Muestre su espíritu escolar mientras apoya a la PTA de HSES con ropa Husky Spirit! Para comprar:<https://1stplace.sale/44479>

Spanish Interpreter

Are you fluent in Spanish and English and have a student at Hollifield Station Elementary this year? If so, the PTA needs YOUR help! We are seeking a bilingual parent volunteer to help us to translate important PTA announcements in order to help all families participate in all of the fun this year! Please contact hsesptacommunications@gmail.com if you are able to help us out. Thank you!