

Hollifield Herald 9/13/21

Dear HSES Families,

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

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Important Dates

- 9/13** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 1st and 2nd Grade -- Back to School Night (*In-person and virtual option - Codes sent via homeroom teacher*)
- 9/14** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 3rd - 5th -- Back to School Night GT (6:00 - 6:30 p.m.)
- 9/16** Schools closed - Yom Kippur
- 9/17** 5:30 p.m. - Mt. Hebron and HSES - Viking Night
- 9/20** PTA Meeting - Virtual (*More information to come.*)
- 9/24** Picture Day

Student voice form: At Hollifield Station, we are committed to making our school a comfortable and respectful place for all of our students. Our school expectations are being respectful, responsible and ready. In order to create an environment of respect within our school, we are asking each parent to provide the phonetic spelling of your child's name. This will help us to properly pronounce your child's name throughout the school year (i.e. birthday announcements, Positive office referrals, etc.).

Student Voice Form: <https://forms.gle/M7KP7qUkv2YFZNNt5>

Headphones Needed:

As we move into the school year, there will be some assessments and instructional tasks that require students to use headphones. We are asking that our families send in headphones with their students. Please label them with your student's name. Headphones can remain at school for consistent availability. Thank you for your support!

1st Grade Chromebooks - Please Return:

If you were a family that had students attending HCPSS last year, then your child received a Chromebook. All 1st grade students are required to return their Chromebooks at this time. In the future, 1st graders will receive another Chromebook. However, at this time, families should bring or send their 1st grade student's Chromebook in as soon as possible to be scanned and re-assigned.

Husky Heroes: Over the last two years, we have had wonderful male role models from the community support a variety of initiatives for our students. If you are interested in supporting HSES and being a positive male role model, please reach out to Amanda Wadsworth at amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org.

Volunteers - Vaccine and Testing Information:

Will school volunteers who work with students be required to show proof of vaccination or testing?

Effective Monday, Sept. 20, all volunteers who enter HCPSS schools to interact with or support students must provide proof of vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test (within seven days of the current date) to school administration when they check in at the front office.

Volunteers must be masked regardless of their vaccination status. Volunteers may be able to access the free weekly testing offered within school and office buildings, subject to availability of tests. Volunteers should [perform a COVID-19 health check](#) every day before coming to an HCPSS building and should stay home if they are experiencing any symptom(s) associated with any communicable disease.

Additionally, all [volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course](#) about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools, and the [Child Abuse and Neglect Training](#) about reporting any suspicion of child abuse or neglect to Howard County Department of Social Services.

- [Will parents and other visitors entering the school be required to show proof of](#)

[vaccination or testing?](#)

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Whats on the menu?

If you are looking for information on what is served for lunch, there is an app (Nutrislice) for the menu.

<https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

What State of Maryland early fall 2021 assessments will be given and when?

Please see detailed information on the HCPSS website:

<https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/mcap-early-fall-2021>

Towson University Free Tutoring Program



COE Tutors

We understand the impact the shift to virtual learning has had on all students, but in particular our underserved student populations. Therefore, the TU College of Education has established the COE Tutors program.

COE Tutors is a **free** online tutoring program for K-12 students in Maryland. The tutors are teacher candidates at Towson University. With support and guidance from faculty members, they will **design lessons** for each tutoring session based on students' needs and will provide families with **feedback on student progress**.



The program will offer:

- tutoring in specific content areas (math, reading, writing)
- additional support for students with exceptionalities
- English language support



Tutoring sessions will occur **weekly** and last **30-60 minutes**.



All tutoring sessions will occur via [Zoom](#). You can learn more about the policies for tutoring sessions on the [COE Tutors site](#).

Interested families can apply for the Fall semester starting on **September 12th**. The application form will be posted on the [COE Tutors site](#).

COE Tutors

Entendemos que la transición al aprendizaje virtual impacta a todos los estudiantes, pero especialmente a aquellos de grupos desatendidos. Por eso, la Escuela de Educación de la Universidad Towson estableció el programa COE Tutors.

COE Tutors es un programa **gratuito** de tutorías en línea para estudiantes de grados K-12 de Maryland. Los tutores son estudiantes de educación en la Universidad Towson. Con el apoyo y guía de profesores, **diseñarán lecciones** para cada sesión de tutoría en base a las necesidades de los alumnos y brindarán **comentarios a las familias** acerca del **progreso de su estudiante**.



El programa ofrecerá:

- Tutorías en áreas de contenido específicas (matemáticas, lectura, escritura)
- Apoyo adicional para estudiantes con necesidades especiales
- Apoyo para fortalecer el idioma inglés



Las tutorías tendrán lugar **semanalmente** y durarán **30-60 minutos**.



Todas las sesiones de tutoría se desarrollarán vía [Zoom](#). Se puede obtener más información sobre las tutorías en el sitio de [COE Tutors](#).

Las familias interesadas pueden solicitar admisión para el semestre de otoño a partir del **12 de septiembre**. El formulario de solicitud será publicado en el sitio de [COE Tutors](#).

Information Previously Shared

HSES Synchronous Quarantine Support (For Canvas Homepage or as a letter for you to send if needed)

- All students in prekindergarten through grade 5 have been/will be provided a packet of grade level instructional materials that cover all content areas including related arts. (Students in the PreK program are to receive their instructional packets on September 2, 2021, and students in grades kindergarten through 5 on or before September 10, 2021.) The packets are only to be used in the event a student needs to quarantine. These packets also will be available via Canvas. The tasks that students complete from the packet will not be used as an assessment or counted toward any part of the students' report card grade.
- Students may also access instructional materials via their teacher's Canvas page. If a student does not possess a device, one will be assigned by the school.
- Students may participate in two weekly 20 minute virtual check-ins with their teacher(s) to ask questions or receive help with reading/language arts and mathematics asynchronous assignments. Scheduling instructions will be provided by

the school.

- Beginning in mid-September, students will have access to virtual tutoring services via the Evening School program.

Grading:

Most grades will be posted through our teacher Canvas pages. However, please know that some grades that teachers collect are observational and anecdotal. As a result, Canvas will not reflect all grades collected. Should a teacher have any concerns, they will inform the parent prior to the quarterly report card.

Chromebook Obligations: Beginning Monday, September 13, HCPSS will charge families for lost, stolen, or damaged devices per the following parameters.

- Families will be charged for any devices that are lost, stolen or damaged while in their care.
- If devices are lost, stolen or damaged during school hours and in the school building, school administrators will conduct an investigation to determine if the incident was the result of neglect on the part of the assigned student.

Chromebook Expectations: Please continue to remind students and families that it is our expectation that students in grades 2-12 bring the Chromebook that was issued to them to school daily. Schools have a limited number of devices to loan to students. Information related to [HCPSS technology and devices](#) is online and may be shared with families.

News from the PTA

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

The Hollifield Station Elementary School (HSES)

PTA partners with school administrators and educators to support our school community.

We invite you to join the HSES PTA today.

This year, we are excited to launch the use of MemberHub to streamline communications and PTA membership sign-up. The MemberHub site will eliminate the need for paper membership cards, FaceBook alerts, etc. We, as the HSESPTA, will be able to directly communicate with all of our members once you are signed up.

Through this site we will keep you informed & engaged with what is happening at HSES! Within our MemberHub site, you will find important information such as spirit wear, fundraisers, sign-up sheets, shared calendar events, and much more in one place. Plus, you can upload photos to be used in our school yearbook.

Since we will not be hosting our main fundraiser from past years, the Boosterthon Run, this year we are depending on PTA memberships and donations as our biggest fundraiser. Please consider joining the PTA. And, please consider an additional donation.

As always, your donation directly benefits our teachers, staff, and students. Hollifield Station Elementary School PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN 23-7077082). All donations are 100% tax deductible. Your store receipt will be your donation receipt.

Your information is stored securely & privately. Once you've joined, you will have access to various hubs that are specific to you and your family. You will be able to manage your profile and communication preferences, & download the MemberHub iPhone or Android app.

We would love to have you as a member of the PTA.
Please visit our e-store to join:

<https://hollifieldstationpta.new.memberhub.store/>