

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- Student Voice
- Headphones needed
- 1st Grade Chromebooks - Please return
- Husky Heroes Program
- Volunteer - Vaccination and Testing information
- Menu App
- Maryland State Testing information
- Free Tutoring information
- Previously shared information
- PTA information

**9/20** 7:00 PTA Meeting - Virtual Meeting

Link for PTA meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWpPZk1ETU52aWh0QWJQRfgrdz09>

**9/24** Picture Day

**9/27** 4th Grade Math

**9/28** 5th Grade Math

**9/29** Math Make-ups

**9/30** 4th and 5th Grade ELA

**10/1** 4th and 5th Grade ELA

**10/4** Testing Make-ups

**10/15** Schools closed for students

**What happens if there is a positive case of COVID?** The entire community will receive written communication in the event we are informed of a confirmed positive COVID case. Parents of students who are identified as close contacts will receive additional, more specific communication. Please review the information about the following related topics:

- [Contact tracing and quarantines for students](#)
- [Instructional supports for students in quarantine](#)
- [Quarantine protocols for students in RECC programs](#)
- [Direct link to HCPSS COVID Dashboard](#)

### **Quarantine Supports and Homeroom Codes/Times**

When students are required to quarantine due to Co-Vid symptoms and/or a positive Co-Vid test, there are supports in place to support our students while they are at home. Please see the supports listed below:

- 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.

Grade	Time #1 <b>ELA</b>	Time #2 <b>MATH</b>	Codes
K	Monday 10:00	Friday 10:00	kburrows keyler khimes-smith kmclaughlin knupp ktallent
1	Monday 10:15	Thursday 8:00	1croft 1lin 1ryan 1brusio 1aspel 1rumsey
2	Monday, 10:45	Thursday, 10:45	2Brenge 2Hatcher 2Jones 2Kennedy 2Tate 2Woodlon
3	Monday, 12:00	Friday 12:00	
4	Tuesday 11:15	Thursday 11:15	4schade 4kenderdine 4glass 4wright 4raymundo
5	Monday, 12:30	Thursday, 8:00	5aragon 5defrancesco

### **Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)**

As part of continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, the Maryland State Department of Education is conducting an early fall student assessment as one of several strategies to identify how students are performing academically. The results will help educators better understand student needs, so that we can address disrupted education and accelerate learning opportunities for all students. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth, and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance.

MCAP is the overarching term used for all state assessments. MSDE will administer assessments in the Early Fall for English Language Arts/Literacy & mathematics.

Students need to bring a fully charged laptop, corded headphones, & a positive attitude! Please contact Mr. Tark and Ms. Stairs at [aaron\\_tark@hcpss.org](mailto:aaron_tark@hcpss.org)/  
[jennifer\\_stairs@hcpss.org](mailto:jennifer_stairs@hcpss.org) with any questions about the MCAP assessment.

## **When Your Child is Absent From School**

Excuses for absences from school are required by Maryland law. Please email your excuses to [hsesabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:hsesabsence@hcpss.org) and copy your child's teacher. You must include your child's first and last name, the date of the absence, and the reason for absence. Attach any documentation from medical professionals if needed.

## **We need your help! Lunch and Recess Volunteers Needed**

As we conduct the hiring process for our lunch and recess monitors, we need assistance with our cafeteria and recess coverage. Please click on the link below and sign up for one or more spots. We appreciate any assistance you can provide us.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Al7HCzXSbaM7nf7KgXzUXtfD5eGhRdTOWFNyFvjcAys/edit?usp=sharing>

Able to volunteer? Please review the HCPSS [Visitor](#) and [Volunteer](#) vaccine protocols, effective Monday, October 4. These were also communicated in the September 2, September 9, and September 15 HCPSS News email messages.

## **PREVIOUSLY SHARED INFORMATION**

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](mailto:amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org).

## Community News and Events

### New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations.

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit [community-programs.hcpss.org](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).

### **PTA News**

#### **First Community Meeting 9/20 at 7 PM**

This is our first community PTA meeting of the year. It will be held on Zoom and can be accessed with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6265445192?pwd=dWRhZWWhPZklETU52aWhOQWJQRfgrdzO9>

We look forward to talking with you all about our priorities for the year! Agenda will be added, please let us know of any topics you'd like to see discussed.

We have also tentatively scheduled our Community meetings for the remainder of the year, so mark your calendars now!

Date	Day of week	Time
9/20/2021	Monday	7-8 PM
11/16/2021	Tuesday	7-8 PM
1/20/2022	Thursday	7-8 PM

3/24/2022	Thursday	7-8 PM
5/24/2022	Tuesday	7-8 PM

#### Membership Drive Continues:

We are up to 46 members

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/>

Thank you!

-The Hollifield Elementary School PTA