

Week of 9/27/21



Hollifield Station Elementary School

Dear HSES Families,

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

- Important Dates
- **WEDNESDAY - BRING IN CHROMEBOOKS**
- HSES Students donate lemonade sales!
- HCPSS Educational Partnerships
- HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program
- Message from Technology
- HSES Gifted and Talented News
- PTA information (NEW and Previously shared)
- Previously shared information

Important Dates

9/27 4th Grade Math MCAP Testing
9/28 5th Grade Math MCAP Testing
9/29 PTA Restaurant Night - Ernestos Fine Mexican Food (Information below under PTA News)
9/29 Math MCAP Make-ups
9/30 4th and 5th Grade ELA MCAP Testing
10/1 4th and 5th Grade ELA MCAP Testing
10/4 Testing Make-ups
10/15 Schools closed for students

National Hispanic Heritage Month



September 15th to October 15th is celebrated each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month. When people celebrate Hispanic American Heritage Month, they often just focus on Mexico. But Hispanic and Latin Americans come from many different nations. In fact, September 15th was designated as the starting day of Hispanic Heritage Month because it is the Independence Day of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Similarly, Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrate their Independence Days on September 16th, September 18th, and September 21st. Each of these nations has its own unique culture and traditions, and immigrants from these countries have and continue to add value to, and enhance the evolving culture of this county. Please join us as we highlight and celebrate the tremendous contributions and impact of our Hispanic/Latinx community.

WEDNESDAY - BRING IN CHROMEBOOKS!!!!

A full inventory of student Chromebooks was not able to be completed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. In order to ensure there is accountability for all student devices and enable HCPSS to plan for sufficient access, it is necessary to verify students are assigned the correct Chromebook in the Central Inventory Database (CID). Our school will be conducting the inventory for 2nd -5th grade students on Wednesday September 29th. Please be sure that your child has their Chromebook at school on Wednesday.

HSES Students donate their lemonade sales to the “No Bake, Bake Sale” in support of HSES student-centered programs!

Thank you to Ayan Singh(4thGrade), Viaan Singh(1stGrade), Tyler Jiang(2ndGrade), Tristen Jiang((K), and Madhavan Nair(2ndGrade) for showing what true community service means. Your generosity and donation of your hard-earned lemonade sales reflect great character and heart. Thank you all so much.



HCPSS Educational Partnerships

The [HCPSS Educational Partnerships 2020-2021 Annual Report](#) has just been released. Check out the report for a complete list of partners and examples of how partners work to make a thriving community that cares for all of its members.

HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching! This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer a virtual enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12. Registration will take place online September 25 from 9:00 a.m.-until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the

[HCPSS Connect Website](https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/09/bsap-saturday-math-academy-virtual-fall-2021-program/). For more information, please visit:
<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/09/bsap-saturday-math-academy-virtual-fall-2021-program/>

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2021 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2021 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

Message from Technology

At this time, we are still waiting on the delivery of new Chromebooks for our youngest students as well as replacement for the many Chromebooks that were returned in non-working condition.

Please know that we do have available loaner devices for all students to use while at school.

Below is a reminder of the new Chromebook Care policy developed by the county.

Thank you for all of the understanding and support for having working computers available to all students. We will continue to focus on learning the proper use of technology and how we can all move and grow safely through the digital world in which we live.

Chromebook Responsibilities:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VhcZnaC8Kr3SyRMQk46QDHDC2BNxWn3IAFARfLa-Wtw/mobilepresent?slide=id.gecda11e38d_0_0

HSES Gifted and Talented News

Last chance to sign up for Fall Instructional Seminars (Grades 2-5)

Instructional Seminars:

- Designed to develop advanced-level skills in an area of interest for students
- Topics vary based on the needs and interests of students
- Open to all students regardless of instructional level
- Students self-select based on their interest in the topic
- Students will meet during their recess time one day a week
- Work is often required outside the classroom

2021/2022 Fall Instructional Seminar Course Offerings

Grade 2 - [Design Squad](#)

Grade 3 - [Cryptology](#)

Grade 4 - [Unheard Perspectives Showcase](#)

Grade 5 - [Earth Force](#)

To join a seminar, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday, October 1.
Seminars will begin the week of October 4, 2021.

G/T Program Information Session

If you were not able to join us for Back To School Night and you would like to know more about the G/T program at HSES, please check out our [slide presentation](#) and contact us with any questions.

If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the HSES G/T Resource Team.

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Mr. Gangloff Steven_Gangloff@hcpss.org

PTA News

HSES PTA is hosting our FIRST Restaurant Night of the year!!! Please join us at Ernestos Fine Mexican Food on Wednesday September 29! This event is in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, and proceeds will directly benefit the school! Plus, you get to skip dinner prep for the night! We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Please visit our e-store to join:

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

Join our Facebook Group:

Another way to stay in touch with us is by joining our Facebook group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223238027809067> . We will share information there throughout the year, and it's a great place to connect with other parents from our community.

Thank you!

-The Hollifield Elementary School PTA

PREVIOUSLY SHARED PTA INFORMATION

PTA Meetings

We have 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	Thursda y	7-8 PM
3/24/2022	Thursda y	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.

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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:

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Thank you!

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All previously shared information will be available only through shared Hollifield Heralds found on the HSES website.