Life’s *most* persistent and *urgent* question: What are **YOU** doing for others?

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**January**

- 1/21 - Hearing and Vision Re-screening
1/22 - 1st Grade - Cosmic Adventure assembly (PTA sponsored - Information below)
1/23 - Grade 2 - 5 - Spelling Bee
1/24 - HAT Day on repeat!!! For those who missed it!
1/24 - End of 2nd Marking Period
1/24 - SPIRIT DAY REVISITED - Hat Day
1/27 - Schools closed for students - Professional Work Day
1/29 - 7:00 p.m. Winter Concert II (Evening performance for Beginning Band, Beginning Orchestra, 4th grade chorus and Station Singers)

February

2/3 - Grade 1-5 MAP testing window opens
2/3-2/7 - School Counselor Week
2/4 - Schools and Offices Closed for Election
2/6 - Class Group Picture Day
2/13 - 3 hour early closing - Parent/Teacher Conferences
2/14 - 3 hour early closing - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
2/17 - Schools and Offices Closed - President's Day
2/21 - Spirit Day - Favorite Color Day
2/28 - Grade 1-5 MAP testing window closes
2/28 - Change Matters donations for GrassRoots kicks off during lunches

Celebrations: February - Black History Month/ Martin Luther King Jr.

Walking Wednesday

No Walking Wednesdays on the following dates due to staff meetings:
March 11, April 29, May 20.

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 for links to the curriculum - https://www.hcpss.org/academics/english-language-arts/curriculum/

HSES Information & Reminders
Translated Report Card Information

Translated report cards are accessible via the following link: https://www.hcpss.org/academics/learning-behaviors/

Road to Kindergarten Workshops

The Howard County Public School System’s Office of Early Childhood Programs, in partnership with the Howard County Transition to Kindergarten Workgroup, is pleased to present The Road to Kindergarten, an informational workshop to support families of children headed to kindergarten. The purpose of the session is to help make the process of entering kindergarten less stressful and more exciting! Howard County parents with children who will be five years old by September 1, 2020 are invited to come to one of the sessions.

Each workshop will offer information for the upcoming kindergarten year, such as kindergarten registration, school readiness and kindergarten curriculum. Workshops will be held at several locations throughout the county and childcare is available for children ages 2 and older. Doors open at 6:10 p.m. for child care sign-in; information sessions are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please check out the Road2KEvent Flyer 2020 (1).pdf

Kindness Pantry and Amazon Wish List

HSES and HSES PTA have two additional ways of supporting our school and our students!

HSES has joined Kindness Pantry. Every school has students who have additional needs and times when there is a family crisis. When this occurs, we want to be able to support our families. Here are two ways you can support HSES students and families:

HSES - Kindness Pantry
Click on the link below to donate. The items you wish to donate will be delivered DIRECTLY to that school.
Hollifield Station ES: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2UEXFS6VHGHQ...

HSES PTA -- Amazon Smile!!
When purchasing from Amazon go to https://smile.amazon.com/ instead and give back to the school. It is super easy, after loading the page under the search bar you should see "supporting" and what charity you are currently supporting. Change to "Hollifield Elementary School PTA" to give back to the school with every purchase

School Counselor Week - Feb. 3 - 7

National School Counseling Week 2020 (#NSCW2020) is Feb. 3–7, 2020. The week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Take a moment to thank your local school counselor(s). Follow #NSCW2020 on social media. To learn more about National School Counseling Week, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw.

Mrs. Honza and Mrs. Jones do so much to support our students and staff. Consider sending them a note of thanks or recognition. We are proud to have them as members of our staff!!!

Concert Schedule for SY 19-20

Wednesday, January 29, 7pm
Beginner’s Concert for
Beginning Band and Orchestra
4th grade chorus and Station Singers

Tuesday, May 5, 7pm
Spring Orchestra Concert for
Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Orchestras
Station Singers

Friday, May 15 12:00-6:00pm (approx.)
Howard County Elementary Jazz Festival
JAZZ BAND

Thursday, May 21 6:30-8:00pm
Enrichment Fair
JAZZ BAND (performs at 7:30)

Thursday, May 28, 7pm
Spring Concert for Beginning,
Advanced and Jazz Bands

PTA Information

PTA - Rescheduled PTA Meeting
The PTA meeting that was cancelled on January 7th will be rescheduled to January 28th at 6:30 p.m.

HSES Technology teacher, Heidi Shorter, will be presenting on understanding and managing technology as an elementary parent. In addition, you will hear more about our Husky Heroes initiative to involve male role models in various roles here at HSES.

PTA Sponsored - 2019- 2020 Assemblies

January 22
Grade: 1
Location: Cafeteria
Time: 9-11:30am (setup will begin at 8:15, tear down will be complete by 12pm)

**Cosmic Adventures** Traveling Planetarium presented by Greg Anderson:
Description: We bring the planetarium (a twenty foot dome classroom) to your site and give presentations with our state-of-the-art digital projector that fire students’ imaginations while teaching them about the motions of the skies, the wonders of space, and the effects of light pollution.

[http://cosmic-adventures.com](http://cosmic-adventures.com)

April 2
Grades: K-5
Author Visit: Chris Barton
Time: All day 3 shows.
Location: GYM
Description: Chris Barton is the author of picture books including bestseller Shark Vs. Train, Sibert Honor-winning The Day-Glo Brothers, and Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions, included on 19 state reading lists. His newest books include Dazzle Ships, the Mighty Truck early-reader series, and What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Chris and his wife, YA/middle-grade novelist Jennifer Ziegler, live in Austin, Texas, where Chris has advocated for greater diversity in children's literature by cofounding the Modern First Library program with BookPeople. For more information about him, please visit [https://www.chrisbarton.info](https://www.chrisbarton.info)

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.hcps.org/community-news-and-programs/](http://www.hcps.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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