



Hollifield Station Elementary School

School Hours

9:10 a.m. Bell Rings

9:25 a.m. Late Bell - Instruction begins

3:55 p.m. Dismissal begins

Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week's edition of the Hollifield Herald.

Important information included:

- Important dates
- Fall into Flannel
- HSES is Hiring
- Flu/Covid Clinic Tomorrow
- Digital Citizenship
- Absence over 10 Days
- Policy 3060
- Crossing Guards Needed
- Howl Out Read A Thon
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- PTA News - Updates

Important Dates

October 16	Flu Clinic - More information below
October 17	Individual Fall Portraits The HSES PTA is joining the Patapsco Middle School PTA in hosting a Virtual Family Tech Talk Night where parents can get information about internet safety. Please join us for this important discussion: Oct 17, 2023 (Tue) at 7pm. (Information Below)
October 20	Schools Closed for Students
October 26	Husky Heros - Breakfast to learn more about the program—Invited - Male adult family member and child of HSES. (More information to come)
October 31	School Closes 3 hours Early - End of 1st Marking Period
November 13-17	American Education Week

November 15-22	Fall Book Fair
November 21	HSES Fun Run (During Related Arts Blocks)
November 20-21	School Closes 3 Hours Early - Parent - Teacher Conferences
November 22-24	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
February 15	Save the Date - Belonging Day and Belonging Night will be Thursday February 15th. Belonging Night from 6PM-8PM. Snow Date February 22nd.

Virtual Office [Link](#)

Related Arts Color Days Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	orange	yellow	green	blue		
		BOE meets with PTA Presidents & CAC 7 pm			Professional Work Day MSEA Convention Schools closed for students	

Fall into Flannel

On October 31st, our students are invited to Fall into Flannel and wear their best Fall gear! Classrooms will have fall focused activities and crafts to celebrate this beautiful time of year!

HSES is Hiring! Join our team as a lunch/recess monitor!

Our school is in need of a lunch/recess monitor. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Aaron Tark at 410-313-2550 or email aaron_tark@hcpss.org

Flu and/or Covid vaccine – TOMORROW

Each year, the Howard County Public School System partners with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention to bring flu immunizations into our schools for students and staff. This year, they will also be offering the latest Covid vaccine (Moderna.) The clinic will be held on the stage on the morning of **Monday, October 16th**. If you would like to be vaccinated against the flu and/or Covid at this clinic,

YOU MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW. MPP will not accept any paper consents on clinic day.

YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR INSURANCE INFORMATION, as MPP will bill your insurance for the vaccines. You will not be required to pay anything.

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1282973603>

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is safe to [get a flu and COVID vaccine at the same time](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your personal physician. Unfortunately, the window to register for the clinic is only a week due to unforeseen

circumstances. **The link will close at the end of the day on Monday, October 9th.** This allows time to review and prepare the consents and make sure enough vaccine is ordered. If you have any questions, call the Health Room at x52347

Digital Citizenship Week October 16-20

Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce the upcoming Digital Citizenship Week 2023 (October 16-20). This initiative aims at promoting responsible and safe online behavior among our students. In today's digital age, our students must develop the skills and awareness necessary to navigate the online world confidently. One critical improvement point is balancing screen time and offline activities. Encourage your children to set limits on their screen time, engage in physical activities, and enjoy face-to-face interactions with friends and family. Use conversation starters like, "What's your favorite non-screen activity?" or "Tell me about a positive online experience you had recently." Additionally, explore resources such as Common Sense Media's Family Media Agreement and ConnectSafely.org for valuable tips and guidelines to help create a healthy digital environment at home.

Absences over 10 days

Local Discretion Days

In accordance with Policy 9010 Attendance, if students are traveling or participating in other activities, principals may grant up to three days of excused discretionary absences. Please find the local discretionary day form [HERE](#).

Work is not provided to students who are withdrawn from school. Below are reminders from Policy 9010:

Policy 9010 Implementation Procedures: Attendance

Students with unlawful absences of ten (10) consecutive school days or more will be withdrawn from school and may be allowed to re-enroll, provided they meet enrollment requirements, upon their return. Upon expiration of the 10-day window, the student will be withdrawn and the date of the exit will be the first day after the last day of attendance. Teachers will not be required to provide make-up work during this time of absence. For these absences to be considered as lawful, parents will need to exercise the option outlined in Section III. of these procedures.

Policy 9010: Attendance

Make-up Work

- 1. A student may make up work missed due to lawful absence and receive a recorded grade in accordance with Policies 8010 Grading and Reporting: Prekindergarten through Grade 5 and 8020 Grading and Reporting: Middle and High School.*

Students cannot make up missed assignments due to an unexcused absence. No grades are given for make-up work.

Book Donations are still welcomed. Below is the QR code.



Policy 3060

In order to support privacy of all students and staff, and ensure implementation of HCPSS Policy 8080 and Policy 3060 (see linked form) while also supporting student's communication and safety needs—the school administrator will require the completion of this [form](#) before allowing any student to use certain types of personal technology, assistive technology, and/or tracking devices at school.

Interested in being a Crossing Guard?

Please see this [LINK](#) for more information.

HOWWLLL Out Read A Thon

The PTA Read A Thon benefits all students at HSES, and our community has shown their generosity and support! We cannot wait to share the final outcome. Below is a picture of our goal thermometer (thank you Mrs. Eisenstein for the visual)! We still have time! Keep on reading and donating:)



Community News

The HCPSS [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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.



PTA News

Our **ONE BIG FUNDRAISER** for the year, the **Read-A-Thon**, is completes THIS WEEK! On October 17th, your kids will have the opportunity to earn two prize tags each day! One for logging a reading session, and one for receiving a donation! On October 17th, there will be an additional prize tag given for anyone that raises more than \$100 in donations total on their page! Classes will have a chance to win pizza parties as well!

Before any of that can happen, make sure you set up each child's pages here:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/FloNeq/1>

Thanks to the volunteers who handed out brag tags at lunch to help make this event such a success! Thank you for helping foster a love of reading, and supporting your school!

The HSES PTA is joining the Patapsco Middle School PTA in hosting a **Virtual Family Tech Talk Night** where parents can get information about internet safety. Please join us for this important discussion:

Oct 17, 2023 (Tue) at 7pm.

Webinar link:

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/95280197801?pwd=T3NjcyszNUY2dC9lNkt5R2l4THZxdz09>

The PTA is excited to conduct the **National PTA Reflections Program** at Hollifield Station again this school year. Reflections is a nationwide arts recognition and achievement program sponsored by the PTA. There is an annual theme/topic and students have the opportunity to submit their completed works of art in one or all of these arts categories: Dance Choreography,

Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. This year's topic is: "**I am Hopeful Because...**" Entry forms and guidelines are available on our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hsespmsreflections>

Completed Entry Forms and projects can be emailed to reflectionshses@gmail.com or placed in the Reflections box in the school's lobby starting on 10/10/23. Last day to drop off is Wednesday, November 15th. For questions please email: reflectionshses@gmail.com.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run this program. Interested parents please email us at reflectionshses@gmail.com.

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! **Membership requires you to join yearly, so please visit the site below even if you were signed up last year!**

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!

Show your school spirit while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!**

To purchase: <https://1stplace.sale/44479>

¡Nuestra **GRAN RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS** del año, el **Read-A-Thon**, comenzará pronto el 2 de octubre! ¡Nuestros premios serán "brag tags" (distintivos) y la próxima semana se enviarán más detalles sobre cómo los estudiantes pueden ganarlos!

Todos los estudiantes recibirán sus "brag tags" (distintivos) durante el almuerzo. Estamos pidiendo voluntarios para ayudar a distribuirlos a la hora del almuerzo. ¡Esto va a ser súper divertido y gratificante!

La PTA de HSES se une a la PTA de la escuela secundaria Patapsco para organizar una noche **virtual familiar de charlas tecnológicas** donde los padres pueden obtener información sobre la seguridad en Internet. Únase a nosotros en esta importante discusión:

17 de octubre de 2023 (martes) a las 7 p.m. Enlace del seminario web:

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/95280197801?pwd=T3NjcyszNUY2dC9lNkt5R2l4THZxdz09>

¡Gracias por ayudar a fomentar el amor por la lectura y apoyar a su escuela!

¿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>

REFLEXIONES (Reflections) La asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) de la escuela se complace en llevar a cabo el programa de arte 'Reflections' en Hollifield Station este año escolar. Reflections es un programa nacional de logros y reconocimiento de las artes patrocinado por el PTA. Hay un tema anual y los estudiantes tienen la oportunidad de enviar sus obras de arte completadas en una o todas estas categorías de artes: coreografía de danza, producción cinematográfica, literatura, composición musical, fotografía, y artes visuales.

El tema de este año es: **"Tengo Esperanza Porque..."**

Los formularios de inscripción y las instrucciones están disponibles en nuestro sitio web en:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hsespmsreflections>

Los formularios de inscripción completados y los proyectos se pueden colocar en el buzón de 'Reflections' en el vestíbulo de la escuela o los pueden enviar por correo electrónico a partir del 10 de octubre.

El último día para entregar sus proyectos es el miércoles 15 de noviembre. Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico a: reflectionhses@gmail.com.

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