



## 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
- Giving Tree
- Howl Out
- Curriculum Corner
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Text Messages
- Road to Kindergarten
- Community News
- PTA News - Updates

### Important Dates

<b>December 11</b>	<b>Save the Date</b> - Council of Elders Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Virtual
<b>December 13</b>	<b>3 Hour Early Dismissal Day, Professional Work Day</b>
<b>December 25 - January 1</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Winter Break</b>
<b>January 2</b>	<b>Students Return from Winter Break</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL (12:55PM) - Professional Work Day)</b>
<b>January 19</b>	<b>End of 2nd Quarter</b>

<b>February 15</b>	<b>Save the Date</b> - Belonging Day and Belonging Night will be Thursday February 15th. Belonging Night from 6PM-8PM. Snow Date February 22nd.
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**Virtual Office [Link](#)**

Related Arts Color Days Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

10	11 yellow	12 green	13 blue Professional Work and Wellness Day Schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K.	14 red	15 orange	16
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**Giving Tree Gifts**

Thank you to all those who took an apple from the Giving Tree! The deadline is fast approaching!

Please remember to:

1. Wrap the item in gift wrap or a gift bag.
2. **Tape the apple to the gift** (no cards or name tags attached)
3. Return the gift to the front office by **December 15th**.

Thank you for helping to brighten someone's holiday!

Sincerely,

The Hollifield Station Staff

**HOWL Out!**

We want to congratulate the following students who were recognized tonight by The Council of Elders of the Black Community at the Celebration of Academic Achievement.

Sajed A.

Joshua A.

Olasubomi O.

Justin O.

Mubarak O.

Keep up the great work, Huskies!

## Curriculum Corner

Looking for resources to support your student with the curriculum. Below are links to the Family Resources pages provided by HCPSS.

[Kindergarten Parent Page](#)

[Grade 1 Parent Page](#)

[Grade 2 Parent Page](#)

[Grade 3 Parent Page](#)

[Grade 4 Parent Page](#)

[Grade 5 Parent Page](#)

## The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching!

### Registration for BSAP Saturday Math Academy:

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching! This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.- until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#)

For more information, please visit:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2023/12/black-student-achievement-program-bsap-saturday-math-academy-spring-2024-program/>

Flyers for distribution:

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(English\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)

[BSAP SMA Spring 2024 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

## HCPSS Text Messages

As the weather gets colder, make sure you are receiving emergency weather information in addition to other text messages from HSES and HCPSS. Text "Yes" to 67587 from the cell phone number that is on file with HCPSS Connect Family File.

## The Road to Kindergarten

The **Road to Kindergarten** information sessions will be held for families of children who will begin kindergarten in Fall 2024.

Sessions are 6:30-7:30 and are offered on the following dates:


- Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, Centennial High School
- Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, Hammond High School
- Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 Wilde Lake High School
- *SNOW DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, Hammond High School*

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



The Council of Elders Community Academy

**Social Emotional Well-Being  
and Substance Misuse**



This virtual session is for families of all HCPSS students


**Saturday, December 16, 2023  
9–10:30 a.m.**

Attend via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/mct-udzq-usa>  
Or attend by phone: Dial +1 267-415-1911 and enter this PIN: 386 452 712#



**Learn how to identify behaviors that affect your child's social-emotional well-being and how to prevent substance misuse.**

Community partner organizations will provide resources on social-emotional development as well as education on prevention, risk factors, and warning signs of substance misuse.

Sponsored by:



Please register at:  
<https://forms.gle/FqV7f3VWwJQn9vi99>

## Community News

**MHHS 49th Annual Food Drive – Please consider donating!**

Dear Mt. Hebron, St. Johns Lane, Holifield Station, and Patapsco Middle School Communities,

For unforeseen reasons we are underfunded this year for our annual Mount Hebron community food drive. We are struggling to raise the money that we have raised for years. For the past 5 years, going into the final week of fundraising, we have consistently raised close to \$15,000. As of Friday, we had raised only \$5,000. This is far short of our \$20,000 goal. This year we decided to turn our focus on mainly the families we work with in the Mount Hebron area. Food and gifts will be going directly to families with students attending St. John's Lane Elementary, Hollifield Station Elementary, Patapsco Middle School, and Mount Hebron High School.

Please consider contributing to our students and their families. Here is a [link](#) to a flier with a QR link to directly donate. See details below for how to contribute.

*For those new to the event, this is our 49th Annual Drive. Over the years, we have grown from 25 families getting only canned food to over 200 families getting cans, produce, fresh dairy and gifts. Since the pandemic, our community's need has only increased. On Delivery Day, students, staff, and volunteers begin the work bright and early, preparing all donated and Costco goods for drivers. Drivers then deliver the gifts to each of the designated families' homes. Any remaining items are donated to local community food banks and our own Mount Hebron year-long pantry. This effort is possible with the help and contributions of everyone, and we greatly appreciate your support!*

#### Important Dates:

Wednesday, December 20th is the scheduled Delivery Day.

While all cans are accepted, to prevent infestation in our storage pantry and to target most desired foods, our collection is focusing on different items each week:

- 12/11 - 12/15 → Rice, bags of beans, and pasta

#### How to Contribute:

It takes the entire community to pull together our Food Drive each year! Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

- If you have an MHHS student
  - Send cans and toiletries with them to school on Tuesdays/Thursdays
  - Send cash or check with them to school on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
- Use our dropbox outside of school to deliver canned goods
- Click the [OSP link](#) to contribute online!

Check out last year's [Food Drive Video 2022](#) to see all the amazing things your contributions would help! Thank you for your support. We hope to make this the best year yet!

With Gratitude,

MHHS Student Government Association

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](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

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!

Great chance to grab some holiday gifts and show your school spirit while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!**

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

¿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>

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