



# 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
- Emergency Closing Procedures
- TCOE Community Academy
- Black History Expo
- Repeated News
- Community News
- PTA News - Updates

## Important Dates

January	Measures of Academic Performance (MAP Testing) will occur throughout the month of January.
January 15	SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17	EARLY DISMISSAL (12:55PM) - Professional Work Day)
January 18	Patapsco Middle School Rising 6th Grade Orientation 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Information below.)
<b>January 18 - Date will be rescheduled in February</b>	Date will be rescheduled – 6:00-7:30 Coffee and Conversation with the Administration  Media Center - All welcome (more information below)

January 19	End of 2nd Quarter
January 22	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
January 23	7:00 pm 4th and 5th Band and Strings Concert Students arrive at 6:30 pm
January 30	Report Cards Issued
January 30	4th and 5th Grade Chorus concert and Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm students arrive 7:00 pm Concert begins
February 1	3rd Grade Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm students arrive 7:00 pm Concert begins
February 6	7:00 pm PTA Meeting (Rescheduled) Virtual
February 7-9	Winter Parent-Teacher conferences (Information below)
February 15	Save the Date - Belonging Day and Belonging Night will be Thursday February 15th. Belonging Night from 6PM-8PM. Snow Date February 22nd. (Information below.)

**Virtual Office [Link](#)**

Related Arts Color Days Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	<b>orange</b>	<b>yellow</b> <b>Professional Work and Wellness Day</b> Schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K.	<b>green</b> High schools only close 3 hours early. No half day BOE Public Work Session I on Supt's Proposed FY25 Operating Budget 1 pm	<b>blue</b> High schools only close 3 hours early No half day Pre-K/RECC End of 2nd marking period.	

**Review Emergency Closing Dismissal Procedures**

When schools have an unscheduled/emergency early dismissal, students are sent home using the departure method provided by parents/guardians in Family File. Parents/guardians should [review the information](#) selected for their child and make changes as necessary. (In Family File, select Arrival/Departure from the navigation pane on the left, and then expand the section for each student listed to view the departure method indicated under the heading “If there is an unscheduled early closing of school.”)

## HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy

Processes for Parent Empowerment: The next HCPSS and The Council of Elders (TCOE) Community Academy will take place on January 27 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Parents and families are invited to attend a virtual session regarding parent advocacy topics include: Bullying, Parent Concerns, Special Education, Advanced Placement. Representatives from HCPSS will provide resources. This session is for families of students at the elementary, middle, or high school levels and will be held virtually. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#)

.More information can be found in the [TCOE Processes for Parent Empowerment Flyer](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Sheree Tilley at [sheree\\_tilley@hcpss.org](mailto:sheree_tilley@hcpss.org).

## National Pan-Hellenic Council of Howard County Black History Expo 2024

The annual Black History Expo sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council of Howard County and the Howard County Public School System will be held on February 17 at Long Reach HS from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme of this year’s event is “African Americans and the Arts.”

HCPSS student organizations are invited to participate with exhibits that speak to the theme “African Americans and the Arts” (exhibit fee is waived), as assistants in various areas, or provide program performances. Students can receive community service hours for their participation. Registration forms for exhibitors, vendors and program performances are included in the [Black History Expo packet](#). The deadline to register to participate is January 20,

For more information please contact Muriel G. Mitchell, Black History Expo Coordinator at (410) 461-4717 or [blackhistoryexpo@gmail.com](mailto:blackhistoryexpo@gmail.com).

## February Parent Teacher Conferences - Repeated News

- HCPSS elementary schools will close 3-hours early on Wednesday, 2/7 and Thursday, 2/8, for parent teacher conferences. HSES will begin dismissal at 12:55 on 2/7 & 2/8.
  - HCPSS schools are closed on Friday, 2/9.
- Conferences can be scheduled in 15-minute blocks with your child’s *math teacher*.

- Families of fifth grade GT Math students can sign up for a conference with Mrs. Hatcher or Ms. Speelman.
- Fourth grade families met with GT math teachers at the end of quarter one.
- Families wishing to conference with any of our related arts teachers can email the teacher(s) directly to set up a mutually agreeable time during the conference window. Staff contact information is on our website: <https://hses.hcps.org/school-staff>
- The scheduling window opens in Synergy on Thursday, 1/25, and closes on Friday, 2/2.
  - [Click here for directions to schedule a parent teacher conference](#)
- Wednesday, 2/7 - all afternoon conferences (1:30-4:00) will be in person only.
  - Teachers will host afternoon conferences in person at HSES and parents may only attend their scheduled conferences from 1:30-4:00 in person on this day.
- Wednesday, 2/7, all evening conferences (starting with the 4:15 time slot) will be virtual only via google meet if teachers choose to host conferences on Wednesday evening.
  - Please check teacher schedules in Synergy.
- On Thursday, 2/8, afternoon conferences (1:30-4:00) will be virtual only if teachers choose to host conferences on Thursday afternoon.
  - Please check individual teacher schedules in Synergy.
- The HCPSS Family Engagement Committee has developed a Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheet ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#)) to support families in preparation for February conferences.
- Once the scheduling window opens, please email your child's teacher or call 410-313-2550 for assistance.

## 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.hcps.org](http://community-programs.hcps.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcps.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcps.org).

## PTA News

Save the date: **Our next community PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm on zoom!** Please also note the date change from the original calendar. ALL ARE WELCOME- hope to see you there!

**Seeking PTA Treasurer for next year!** This is our current treasurer's last year at Hollifield Station, and we will need a new treasurer to start at the end of the school year. Our treasurer is an elected member of our board and is responsible for maintaining the PTA's budget, paying checks as needed and maintaining compliance with our State PTA guidance. If you are interested in the role, or have questions about it, please send an email to [hses.pta.prez@gmail.com](mailto:hses.pta.prez@gmail.com)!

**HSES Yearbook: Do you have any photos you'd like to share for the yearbook? Click this link to set up your account and start uploading!**

<https://community.lifetouch.com/invite?code=HSES-YEARBOOK-24>

*To help us better organize the photos, please remember to tag your photos!*

Example tags- first day of school, Kindergarten , 1st grade, 2nd grade, etc., readathon; field trip (followed by grades); spirit week, etc. Thank you!

**Belonging Night:** Join us for an evening of food, fun, and performances as we explore and learn about many of the cultures here at Hollifield Station. Our school boasts a wonderfully diverse student body with ties to over 30 different countries. Here's your chance to showcase your cultural pride by volunteering to host a country table.

How can I help? Sign up to create a country poster, bring items for display, share food samples, or organize a simple craft or activity. Our goal is to have as many countries represented as possible! Families are more than welcome and encouraged to sign up for more than one category.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../8050C49ACAD2AAA8...>

Is your student ready to shine on stage with a cultural performance or to showcase their talents? Don't miss this chance to participate in our cultural performance and talent show! Slots will open up on Jan. 15, 2024 and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please check on our Belonging Google Site on Jan. 15 for the sign-up link. There is a minimum 2 person requirement for all slots and group performances are highly encouraged.

More detailed information is available on our Belonging site:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hsesbelongingnight/home>

If your country is not included in the list or if you have any questions, please contact [hsestafamilyfun@gmail.com](mailto:hsestafamilyfun@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! Please complete all questions when you request to join the group to avoid delays.

Refresh your family wardrobe for 2024, and show your school spirit, while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!**

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

## Reunión de la PTA de la comunidad de HSES: ¡martes 6 de Febrero a las 7 pm!

¿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>