



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
- Bullying Reporting
- HCPSS Budget Information
- Repeated News
- Community News
- PTA News - Updates

Important Dates

January	Measures of Academic Performance (MAP Testing) will occur throughout the month of January.
January 22	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
January 23 (Still On!)	7:00 pm 4th and 5th Band Concert Students arrive at 6:30 pm
January 25 UPDATED due to inclement weather	End of 2nd Quarter
February 5 UPDATED due to inclement weather	Report Cards Issued

January 30	4th/ 5th Orchestra Concert and 4th Chorus Concert 6:30 pm students arrive 7:00 pm Concert begins 5th Chorus Concert Delayed - More Information to come
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:

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Professional Work Day Schools closed for students	red	orange	yellow	green	
				BOE Meeting 4 pm Public Hearing 1 on Supt's Proposed FY25 Operating Budget 7 pm		

Bullying Reporting

As we approach the second half of the school year, we wanted to remind you that HCPSS is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment that focuses on student well-being. We are taking this time to uplift the importance of reporting any type of bullying that has occurred. We will be reviewing this with our students and staff as we start the second half of the school year, and hope that you too can uplift this at home.

For children facing the emotional toll of bullying, a supportive individual can make all the difference. Please encourage your children to reach out to a trusted staff member at school should they need to report anything. As parents and guardians, you will use the same reporting form as students by following the steps outlined below.

How do I report bullying?

1. When you believe bullying has taken place, you should report it through the Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment and Intimidation (BCHI) reporting form. Reporting can take place

in one of three ways:

- a. Complete a [BCHI online reporting form](#)
 - b. BCHI paper reporting form (available in the main office, staff workroom, school counseling office, media center, and health services office)
 - c. An oral report to a staff member
2. It is important to note that policy states “in the event the reporting party does not complete a BCHI Reporting Form, school administrators/supervisors will take the appropriate steps to address and document the incident.” Therefore, if you or someone else makes an oral report, it then must be documented (i.e. through a BCHI reporting form) by the administrator.

Thank you for your partnership and attention to this important topic.

Budget

As most of our families have heard, HCPSS has put forth their proposed budget. We want you to have as much information as possible to support you in understanding the impact of the proposed budget. The best place to start is the [HCPSS website budget page](#) [Links to an external site.](#) This page is updated regularly as new information becomes available and resources are developed and posted.

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 will be able to connect via a Google Meets (more information to come). Staff contact information is on our website: <https://hses.hcpss.org/school-staff>
- The scheduling window opens in Synergy on Thursday, 1/22, 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.hcpss.org for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.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!

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 opened up on Jan. 15, 2024 and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please check on our Belonging Google Site 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/hsc_belonging_night/home

If your country is not included in the list or if you have any questions, please contact hsesptafamilyfun@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>