



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
- February Parent Teacher Conferences
- Patapsco Middle School Rising 6th Grade Orientation
- Road to Kindergarten Workshops
- Early Drop off of Students
- 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.)
January 18 - Date will be rescheduled.	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	Virtual PTA Meeting 7:00 pm (Information for links coming soon.)
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 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:

7	8 orange	9 yellow	10 green	11 blue <small>BOE Meeting 4 & 7 pm Presentation of Supt's Proposed FY25 Operating Budget 7 pm</small>	12 red	13
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February Parent Teacher Conferences

- 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.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 SJLES 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.

Patapsco Middle School - Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night

PMS will be hosting their annual Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night on Thursday, January 18 at 6:00-7:00 pm in the Patapsco cafeteria. Snow date is January 25.

Parents can visit PMS to meet the administrators and school counselors. They will share important information that can help you support your child in their transition to 6th grade.

Road to Kindergarten Workshops Begin Jan. 18

Save the date for an upcoming Road to Kindergarten [parent information session](#), providing information on expectations for school readiness, the HCPSS kindergarten program, and more. The first session will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Centennial High School.

Reminder - Regarding dropping off students early

For the safety of our students, please remember there is no supervision for students until

9:10 outside of the school. Please do not drop off your child prior to this time. Staff will be collecting names of any students dropped off early so that we can contact families who may miss this information.

Repeat News

SAVE THE DATE - BELONGING NIGHT

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 from 6PM-8PM (Snow Date: 2/22)

Hello HSES Families,

We are very excited to announce the return of 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/go/8050C49ACAD2AAA8-44632055-hses#/>

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 hsesptfamilyfun@gmail.com.

Mrs. Cassandra Miranda-Murray

Band and Orchestra Director

Hollifield Station Elementary School

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

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>

¿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>