

4/2/24



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.

This week, April 2nd-April 5th, is National Assistant Principals Week. Please join me in celebrating and saying thank you to Mr. Aaron Tark.. He is a supportive and engaged assistant principal and does so much for our school community. Let's celebrate him. Have your child(ren) draw him a picture, write him a thank you note or give him a high five this week!

Warmly,
Amanda Wadsworth

Important information included:

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Important Dates

March 19 - April 30	Casey Cares PJ Drive (Information below)
April 3	3rd Grade Field Trip to SkateZone
April 4	Group Picture Day
April 8	Solar Eclipse (Information below)
April 9	4th Grade Field Trip to Annapolis
April 9	End of 3rd Marking Period
April 10	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

April 15	Kindergarten Field Trip to Library
April 17	Report Cards Issued
April 18	Family Game Night 6:30 pm (Information below)
April 21	Deadline to order Yearbook (PTA- information below)
April 26	5th Grade Field Trip to Gettysburg (extended day)
April 29	Spring Book Fair begins
May 3	Save the Date - Field Day
May 28th (Updated)	PTA Sponsored Assembly - Justin Berk Faith in the Flakes

Virtual Office [Link](#)

Related Arts Color Days Schedule for the Upcoming Week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SPRING BREAK <small>Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)</small>	yellow	green	blue	red	

Family Game Night

Who: The whole family!

Where: the HSES cafeteria

When: April 18 from 6:30-8:00

Family time is one of the most important aspects of building a strong and loving family bond. Playing games together increases family connection, teaches academic and social skills, and is a lot of fun! Come see what games we suggest and have fun playing!

Refreshments and games will be provided [BOOK HERE](#)

Toddler play area with high school helpers

Board games in the cafeteria: HSES will provide as many as we can, but it would be helpful if you could bring your favorite game to play with a friend!

Lawn games in the gym and/or outdoors (weather permitting)

Quien: ¡Toda la familia!

Adonde: la cafeteria de HSES

Cuándo: 18 de abril de 6:30-8:00

El tiempo en familia es uno de los aspectos más importantes para construir un vínculo familiar fuerte y amoroso. Jugar juegos juntos aumenta la conexión familiar, enseña habilidades académicas y sociales, ¡y es muy divertido! ¡Ven a ver qué juegos te sugerimos y diviértete jugando!

Se proporcionarán refrigerios y juegos [RESERVE AQUI](#)

Área de juegos para niños pequeños con ayudantes de la escuela secundaria

Juegos de mesa en la cafetería: HSES proporcionará tantos como podamos, ¡pero sería útil si pudieras traer tu juego favorito para jugar con un amigo!

Juegos de césped en el gimnasio y/o al aire libre (si el clima lo permite)

Solar Eclipse Visible in Howard County

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Howard County, Maryland. This partial eclipse will begin at 2:05 pm, with maximum coverage at 3:21 pm, and end around 4:35 pm. We will be dismissing during the solar eclipse.

Safety during a solar eclipse is important. Please review this information with your child(ren) to ensure safety at home:

- Never look directly at the Sun, especially during a solar eclipse.
- It is dangerous to look directly at the Sun and can cause permanent damage to the eyes.
- Do not look at the Sun through sunglasses, telescope, or binoculars.

We encourage you and your family to read more about [solar eclipses](#) and [safety](#) and enjoy experiencing this rare, exciting phenomenon.

MCAP - Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program

Dates of testing

Math/ELA	Students will take testing in their homerooms during the math or reading block.
Grade 3	April 22-25/May 20-23
Grade 4	April 15-18/May 6-9
Grade 5	April 8-9,11-12/April 29-May 2

Casey Cares PJ Drive - March 17th Donations Begin

This week, we will be kicking off our Casey Cares Foundation Pajama Drive!!

From March 19 - April 30, our Hollifield Huskies will be collecting donations of **NEW** Pajamas for infants through young adult sizes. Casey Cares is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of critically ill children and their families by providing opportunities for family fun and engagement

outside of the doctor appointments and hospital stays.

Join in the fun and win prizes!

Individual Prizes

----PARTICIPATION PRIZE: Each student who donates a new pair of pajamas will receive a coupon good for a free Chick-fil-A® Kids Meal.

----SUPER STAR PJ COLLECTOR: Any individual that collects more than 40 new pairs of pajamas by hosting their own drive will receive a 20" Plush Chick-fil-A® Cow, and Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray Card good for a free small tray.

Team Prizes

-----TOP 3 FUNDRAISING SCHOOL HOMEROOMS: (Collecting over 40 new pairs of pajamas)

- Prize: Milk & Cookie Party and Small Plush Cows delivered to your school
- Homeroom Teacher will receive a coupon for a Small Chick-fil-A® Catering Tray.

----TOP FUNDRAISING GRADE LEVEL: (Collecting over 100 pairs of pajamas)

- Prize: 5 ct. Nuggets, Buddy's Fruit Apple Sauce & Cookie party for the entire class level!

LEARN MORE: www.caseycares.org

PTA News

The PTA was thrilled to host all 3 candidates for the Howard County Board of Education, who joined us at our recent Community PTA meeting. If you would like to learn more about any of the candidates, please see their websites below:

Pravin Ponnuri: [Pravin Ponnuri for BOE](#)

Meg Ricks: [Meg Ricks for BoE](#)

Andre Gao: [Dr. Andre Gao for BOE](#)

Join us for our **third annual trip to Camden Yards on Sunday, April 14th!** Tickets will be \$17 per seat, and for each ticket sold, the Orioles will be donating \$5 back to our PTA. This is also **Kids Opening Day**, so all kids age 14 and under will get a free O's hat. After the game, kids ages 4-14 can run around the bases. This is a collaborative fundraiser with the other schools in the Mt. Hebron cluster, so make sure to check off which school or schools your kids go to.

<https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store/items/993847>

Seeking PTA Leadership volunteers for next year!!! We are seeking volunteers for the following positions for next year's PTA leadership:

1) Vice President 2

2) Treasurer

3) Secretary

4) PTACHC representative

We are also in need of volunteers for our nominating committee for this year.

If you are interested in any of these roles, or have questions about them, please send an email to hses.pta.prez@gmail.com!

For those with children starting or attending Patapsco Middle School, they are also seeking volunteers for the following positions:

PTA President, Secretary, Spirit Wear/Fundraisers, and PTACHC representative

Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering!

HSES Yearbook:

It's time to order your HSES yearbook! The cost is \$20. The deadline to order is April 21.

Link to order: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order>

The yearbook ID code is 15161824

Please don't delay! Yearbooks must be purchased by the deadline. Online orders only, no cash please.

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!

Want to help support your students and their teachers this year? **Join the PTA!** It's not too late! 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!** Spring sale is 25% through March 26!

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

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

Únase a nosotros en nuestro tercer viaje anual a Camden Yards el domingo 14 de abril! Los boletos costarán \$17 por asiento y por cada boleto vendido, los Orioles donarán \$5 a nuestra PTA. Este también es el Día Inaugural para Niños, por lo que todos los niños menores de 14 años recibirán una gorra O's gratis. Después del partido, los niños de 4 a 14 años pueden correr por las bases. Esta es una recaudación de fondos colaborativa con las otras escuelas del grupo Mt. Hebron, así que asegúrese de marcar a qué escuela o escuelas asisten sus hijos.

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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.