

4/7/24



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.

As a reminder: 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.

All students, staff, and parents/guardians are encouraged to be aware of the following safety tips during the eclipse:

- ***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. To view the eclipse, always use special solar viewing glasses (eclipse glasses) or a safe handheld solar viewer.***
- ***Anyone using special viewing glasses should only use those that conform to all International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards.***
 - ***If you purchase special viewing glasses, ensure they are from reputable manufacturers. There have been reports of counterfeit products labeled as if they conform to international safety standards The American Astronomical Society [provides a list of companies](#) whose products are known to conform to ISO standards.***

Students and families are encouraged to [read more about solar eclipses](#) and safely enjoy experiencing this exciting phenomenon.

Warmly,
Amanda Wadsworth

Important information included:

- Important dates
- Bus Transportation for 24-25
- End of School Year Dates

- Repeated News
- PTA News - Updates
- Community News

Important Dates

March 19 - April 30	Casey Cares PJ Drive (Information below)
April 8	Solar Eclipse (Information reminders above)
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:

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	orange	yellow		green	blue	
		<small>End of 3rd marking period</small>	<small>Professional Work Day Schools closed for students</small>	<small>BOE Meeting 4 & 7 pm</small>		

2024-2025 Bus Transportation Registration Opens April 8, 2024

Parents/guardians whose children are eligible for bus transportation are asked to register to receive bus service each year to help the school system plan for student transportation needs. The

transportation registration process will open at 9 a.m. Monday, April 8 through May 31, and will be completed online via HCPSS Connect Synergy. Registration must be done for each eligible child. More [information](#).

End of the School Year Dates

As of Tuesday, April 2, HCPSS has used three inclement weather days this school year.

- The last day of school for students in full-day Pre-K through grade 12 is now scheduled to be Friday, June 14.
- The last day for half-day Pre-K/RECC students is currently Tuesday, June 11.

The two final weeks for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows:

Monday, June 3 – Regular school day

Tuesday, June 4 – Regular school day

Wednesday, June 5 – Schools dismiss three hours early (Professional Work Day)

Thursday, June 6 – Regular school day

Friday, June 7 – Regular school day

Monday, June 10 – Regular school day

Tuesday, June 11 – Regular school day (Last day for half-day Pre-K/RECC students)

Wednesday, June 12 – Schools dismiss three hours early (Professional Work Day)

Thursday, June 13 – Schools dismiss three hours early

Friday, June 14 – Schools dismiss three hours early (Professional Work Day – Last scheduled day for full-day Pre-K-12 students)

The complete [HCPSS academic calendar](#) is available online. This information is subject to change, pending any additional inclement weather.

Repeated News

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 cafetería 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)

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

HSES PTA Camden Yards

We are very excited for those who are joining for the third annual trip to Camden Yards on Sunday, April 14th! Looking forward to seeing you there!

HSES PTA Leadership Opportunities

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! We especially need any photos for the 100th day of school celebrations!

Join PTA

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.

HSES Spirit Wear

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>

Espanol

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

Community News

The HCPSS [Community News and Programs](https://www.hcpss.org/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](https://www.hcpss.org/community-programs) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.