



Hollifield Station Elementary School

School Hours:

9:00 a.m. Bell Rings

9:15 a.m. Late Bell - Instruction begins

3:45 p.m. Dismissal begins

Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week's edition of the Hollifield Herald. We will send out a weekly newsletter every Sunday or Monday for the week ahead. If there is any information that you would like us to consider including, please do not hesitate to email amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org. We will upload our newsletters to our website.

Important information included:

- Important dates
- Virtual Office Link
- New! Student Meals and Payments
- Information and Reminders
- Community News
- PTA News - Coming Soon

Important Dates

August 23, 2023	Students and families will be able to view 2023 - 2024 homeroom teachers at 8:00 a.m. if their family file is complete.
August 24, 2023	Kindergarten Back to School Night <u>Parent(s) ONLY</u> meeting - Kindergarten Back to School Night. Meet the teachers and administration, learn what will happen in the classroom. Have your questions answered. Find out what you need to make the first day and weeks of school a success!
August 25, 2023	10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Kindergarten Open House Visit your classroom, find your seat, and say hi to your teacher. Bring in your school supplies if you choose. Open House and Orientation Open House is an opportunity to see your student's classroom, meet the teacher and drop off supplies for the new year. Our New Family Orientation is for all families new to HSES. It provides a brief overview of HSES. Kindergarten families need not come as the information will be shared at your Open House timeframe.

	11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 1st & 2nd Open House 12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m. New Family Orientation (1st-5th) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Open House
August 28, 2023	First Day of School for Students Send students to school the same way they will be coming every day. Start the routine!
September 4, 2023	Schools and Offices Closed - Labor Day
September 11, 2023	Back to School Night Back to School Night is a night for families in which teachers share more specific details to families about the curriculum, classroom expectations and schedule. Back to School Night 6:00 - 6:30 PM GT BTSN Information sessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade
September 12, 2023	Back to School Night 6:30 - 7:30 PM - 1st and 2nd Grade
September 20, 2023	Save the Date - PTA Back to School Party on the blacktop Rain Date: September 21st

Virtual Office [Link](#)

HSES Important Community Information and Reminders

New! Student Meals & Payments

New for the 2023-24 school year, HCPSS no longer will use Nutrislice for school menus or MySchoolBucks for payment. Instead, we have a [new parent site](#) for all things food and nutrition. LINQ Connect is a secure, online portal that allows families to make online payments to their child’s meal account, monitor their child’s account, schedule automatic recurring payments, set up low balance alerts, submit a Free and Reduced Meals program application, and more.

Please note: MySchoolBucks meal balances were automatically transferred to LINQ Connect. If your child had a balance at the end of the 2022-23 school year, when you add your child to your profile, that meal balance will be displayed.

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HSES Website: <https://hses.hcpss.org/>

HCPSS Website: <https://www.hcpss.org/>

[HCPSS](#) Calendar

PTA Website (More information coming soon.)

[PTA Facebook Page](#)

HSES Transportation Information [Link](#)

Important information regarding bus riders, walkers and car/ van riders.

HCPSS Information on transportation SY 23-24 [Link](#)

Information on bus routes, school start times, and more!

Free and Reduced Program [Link](#)

Information on how to apply for the free and reduced meals program. This program has many additional supports for families in need. Click the link to learn more.

Family File (Emergency Card) [Link](#)

Every year HCPSS parents must complete a Family File for each child. HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) PARENT ACCOUNT and selecting the MORE OPTIONS tab on the left and then clicking on Family File. Click the link for directions.

Volunteers [Link](#)

Based on HCPSS policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer in a classroom. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Click link for training and information.

School Supplies [Link](#)

School supplies for SY 23-24

Login Credentials for New Students [Link](#)

Information for new students on login credentials for technology.

2023-2024 School Meals [Link](#)

Information on the school meals program can be found on the HCPSS website.

Medication Forms [Link](#)

If your child requires medication at school for the upcoming school year, you will find the forms needed on the HCPSS website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Cluster Nurse, Eileen Wilson at eileen_wilson@hcpss.org after August 17th.

Absences

Attendance in school is critical to a child's success. If you are going to miss school for any reason, please email HSESabsence@hcpss.org. For more information click this [LINK](#).

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

Coming Soon!