



Hollifield Station Elementary School

School Hours

UPDATED and Starting 9/20/23:

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
- Attendance Information
- FARMS Application Information
- Community News
- PTA News - Updates

Important Dates

September 18	6:00 - 7:00 p.m. New - K-2 Families - New Report Card -Information Session <u>Virtual Information:</u> https://meet.google.com/qng-ndtm-wsp Or dial: (US) +1 470-722-0318 PIN: 548 379 838#
September 20	5:00 - 7:30 p.m. - PTA Back to School Party on the blacktop Rain Date: September 21st
September 25	Schools and Offices Closed
September 29	PTA - Read-A-Thon Kick Off during lunches
October 9	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Learning Day
October 16	Tentative Date for Flu Clinic
October 20	Schools Closed for Students
October 31	School Closes 3 hours Early - End of 1st Marking Period

Virtual Office [Link](#)

2023-2024 Attendance Information and Resources

9/17/23

Research is clear that showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic and social success, starting from pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school.

- Missing 10% (or about 18 days of a school year or 2 a month) can drastically affect a student's academic success at each grade level.
- By the 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that can indicate if a student is at risk for dropping out of high school.
- In the 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Please help us support a culture of showing up to school every day!

Please review Policy 9010: <https://policy.hcpss.org/9000/9010/>

If your student is absent or will be absent, please contact us at the following email address to explain the reason: hseabsence@hcpss.org. In the email please include the following information:

- Student First and Last Name
- Grade
- Reason for absence (e.g., illness, bereavement, observance of a religious holiday, lack of transportation)

Discretionary Days

HCPSS students are granted 3 days a year to use at their discretion for scheduled interviews with prospective employers, visits to post-secondary institutions, family trips, civic engagement, and other special events.

- Such absences may not occur during exam or state-mandated testing periods unless authorized by the principal/designee.
- A written request for such absences to be lawful/excused should be submitted at least **one week** in advance to the principal/designee. Please download the PDF fillable [Discretionary Absence Form](#) and email it to hseabsence@hcpss.org. The form is also available in [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), and [Spanish](#)
- If you are requesting a day for a religious holiday not identified by the Howard County Public School System school calendar, please download the PDF fillable [Religious Obligation Form](#) and email it to hseabsence@hcpss.org.

With the collaborative effort of HCPSS parents, staff and students, we are confident that all students can have successful attendance. This will improve student success in school and in future life!

FARMS APPLICATION INFORMATION

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMS\) program](#), which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing

and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals.

Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a FARMs application as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year.

[Details on the Free and Reduced Meals program](#) are available online. Use the link below to apply.

REMEMBER - you have to apply EVERY year. If you were approved last year, it will expire on October 11th.

FARMs Online Application Link: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Did You Know??

Participation in the Free and Reduced-Price Meal program qualifies students for the following opportunities:

- [Access to HCPSS Pre-K](#) program.
- [Free registration fees for SAT and SAT I](#) subject tests
- [Free registration for ACT](#) tests
- [Reduced AP exam registration](#) fees.
- Up to four [free college applications](#) [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Summer Programs](#) (High School, G/T Summer Institute, CTE, Summer Institute)
- [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Innovative Pathways Program](#) which offers an evening and summer program
- [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Digital Education Program](#) which promotes anywhere, anytime learning

Reminders

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 join us for our **WELCOME BACK PARTY!**

When: **Weds., Sept. 20 5:00pm - 7:30pm (Rain Date: 9/21)**

Where: HSES Blacktop

DJ, MUSIC, GAMES, INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING, WATER DUNK, FOOD TRUCKS, AND MORE!

Featuring delicious eats from Between the Buns, Crazy Dave's Pizza, Sno Blast DMV, and Rocky Ice Cream.

We need volunteers to help make this a successful event!

Please sign up for one or more slots here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49ACAD2AAA8-hses#/>

We hope to see you there!

Show your school spirit while supporting the HSES PTA with **Husky Spirit wear!** 30% off sale happening now!

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>

¡Únase a nosotros para nuestra FIESTA DE BIENVENIDA!

Cuándo: miércoles 20 de septiembre de 5:00 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. (Fecha de lluvia: 21/9) Dónde: Asfalto HSES

¡DJ, MÚSICA, JUEGOS, INFLABLES, PINTURA DE CARAS, DUNK DE AGUA, FOOD TRUCKS Y MÁS!

Con comidas deliciosas de Between the Buns, Crazy Dave's Pizza, Sno Blast DMV y Rocky Ice Cream.

¡Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a que este sea un evento exitoso! Regístrese para uno o más espacios aquí: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49ACAD2AAA8-hses#/>

¡Esperamos verte ahí!

¡Muestre su espíritu escolar mientras apoya a la PTA de HSES con ropa Husky Spirit! Para comprar:

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CALLING ALL HUSKIES!

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ANY QUESTIONS?
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@GMAIL.COM