

9/30/24



## Hollifield Station Elementary School

### School Hours

9:05 a.m. Bell Rings

9:20 a.m. Late Bell - Instruction begins

3:50 p.m. Dismissal begins

Dear HSES Families,

Please enjoy this week's edition of the Hollifield Herald.

Warmly,

*Amanda Wadsworth, Principal*

*Aaron Tark, Assistant Principal*

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*Laurie Poquette, Administrative Intern*

Important information included:

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## Important Dates

October 1st	Patapsco Day of Service - 5th Grade (Date Change)
October 3rd	Schools and Offices Closed
October 9th	Picture Day - Individual Portraits
October 15th	Flu Clinic at HSES
October 18th	Schools and Offices Closed
October 30th	End of 1st Marking Period

October 31st	Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day
November 5th	Election Day - Schools & Offices Closed

Virtual Office [Link](#)

## Related Arts Color Days Schedule for the Upcoming Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October holidays and other dates of interest <small>LGBTQ+ History Month  3 Navratri (10 days)–Hindu  3 Rosh Hashanah (2 days)  –Jewish*  12 Dussehra–Hindu  12 Yom Kippur–Jewish*  14 Columbus Day  *begins sunset of previous day</small>	<small>14 Indigenous Peoples' Day  17 Sukkot (7 days) – Jewish*  20 Installation of Guru  Garth Sahib – Sikh  24 Shemini Atzeret –Jewish*  25 Simchat Torah –Jewish*  31 Halloween</small>	1 <b>red</b>	2 <b>orange</b>	3 Schools and offices closed	4 <b>yellow</b>	5

## Young Author's Contest

The Howard County Literacy Association invites students in grades 1-5 to submit their original poems and/or short stories to the annual writing contest called **The Young Authors' Contest**. Please see the attached [Young Authors' Contest Guidelines](#) for information about the rules and guidelines. All entries must have a [completed YAC Cover Sheet](#) sent as a PDF. Submissions may be turned into your teacher or emailed to [alicia\\_peerson@hcpss.org](mailto:alicia_peerson@hcpss.org) by December 13, 2024. Contact Alicia Peerson with any questions. All Young Authors' Contest information can be found on the [HCLA website](#).

Howard County Literacy Association welcomes parents as members. Visit the [HCLA Welcome Page](#) for information about joining.

## Library Advisory Committee Information - HSES Media Center

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading and learning, our library media program is forming a Library Advisory Committee for HSES. The committee will consist of a diverse group of community members, including parents, teachers, and students who will work collaboratively to help build and diversify our library collection.

The Library Advisory Committee aims to:

1. Foster a partnership between the school library and the community to create a welcoming and inclusive learning environment.
2. Support and guide library initiatives that meet the needs and interests of students, teachers, and families.
3. Encourage community involvement in library events, reading programs, and literacy activities.
4. Provide input on the selection of books, digital resources, and materials that reflect the diverse backgrounds and cultures of the students and community.
5. Promote reading, literacy, and learning within the school and the broader community.

Members may include:

- Parents and guardians with students in various grade levels
- Teachers from different grade levels
- School librarians
- Student representatives

Anyone interested in hearing more about the library advisory committee is invited to meet with HSES librarians Ami Holden and Tonya Kyler on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6pm. We will meet virtually on Google Meet (code: hseslibrary). During this meeting, we will share a presentation on how to recommend collection materials, the resources needed to select titles, and answer any questions you may have.

**Decision-Making Process:** We will make every effort to respect and consider the recommendations from our community. Decisions will ultimately be placed at the school librarian's discretion, based on our current county guidelines and criteria requirements.

Ami Holden and Tonya Kyler


## PTA Yearbook Photos Wanted!


The PTA Yearbook committee is soliciting photos for school events. The best way to ensure your child is featured in the yearbook is to upload and tag your images.

If you have photos from any of these events, please upload (and don't forget to TAG them with the grade(s) and activity name) ASAP so your child can be included in the yearbook!

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 First day of school 8/26 (tag: firstday + [student's grade])

 Spirit week 9/23-9/27 (tag: spiritweek+ [student's grade])

 Fall festivities (tag: fall+ [student's grade])

 Read-a-thon/any photos of your child reading! (tag: readathon+ [student's grade])

Click the link below to set up your account and start uploading:

<https://community.lifetouch.com/invite?code=HSES-YEARBOOK-25>

*To help us better organize the photos, please remember to tag your photos!*

*Stay tuned for ordering info!*

## Important Attendance Information

Please find important information on attendance [HERE](#).

## Fall Picture Day Flier - October 15th

See attached flier for more information.

## **HSES International Liaison**

HSES has a wonderful resource in our International Liaison, Masooma Mohiuddin. See attached flier for more information.

## **Congratulations**

After a competitive audition, both Ishika Talreja and Ethan Lor were selected to play violin in the Howard County ES GT Orchestras! Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

## **Community News**

### **Fall for All at HCC**

Howard Community College is thrilled to host our second annual Fall for All event on October 18, 2024!

This family-friendly, free event *falls* on a day when HCPSS schools are closed so it's the perfect time to explore our campus and enjoy fall festivities. We'll have pumpkin-themed activities and a pumpkin patch, face painting, moon bounce, candy, a corn maze, and more! Our sustainability group will feature local exhibitors that will have activities for all ages. .

More information about the event is available at [HowardCC.Edu/FallForAll](https://www.howardcc.edu/fallforall)

## **Repeated News**

### **Standards Based Instruction and Reporting**

HCPSS prioritizes student growth. Standards based instruction and reporting (SBIR) makes each elementary student's learning path more personal and individualized. Students' scores represent their own, unique learning journey. With SBIR, teachers gather evidence of student learning over time and are able to clearly articulate a student's relative strengths and growth areas as compared to the grade level standards. For more information and to learn more about how your child's report card will change, click [HERE](#).

## **HSES Flu Vaccine Information**

Each year, the Howard County Public School System partners with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention to bring flu immunizations into our schools for students. This year, they will also be offering the latest COVID-19 vaccine *if it is available at the time of the clinics*. The Hollifield Station Elementary School clinic will be held on October 15th during school hours. If you would like your child to be vaccinated against the flu and/or Covid at this clinic, please register at this link:

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/O117762592>

**Estimada comunidad escolar de Hollifield Station:**

Cada año, el Sistema de Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Howard se asocia con la Asociación para la Prevención de Maryland para llevar las vacunas contra la gripe a nuestras escuelas para los estudiantes. Este año, también ofrecerán la última vacuna contra el COVID-19 *si está disponible en el momento de las clínicas*. La clínica de la escuela primaria Hollifield Station se llevará a cabo el 15 de octubre durante el horario escolar. Si desea que su hijo sea vacunado contra la gripe y/o el COVID en esta clínica, regístrese en este enlace:

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/O117762592>