



# 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.

Important information included:

- Important dates
- Texts and Emails
- Transportation Reminders
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Policy 9460 (Bullying)
- Universal Screener Reminder
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## Important Dates

<b>September 4, 2023</b>	<b>Schools and Offices Closed - Labor Day</b>
<b>September 11, 2023</b>	<p><b>Back to School Night</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Back to School Night</b> 6:00 - 6:30 PM GT BTSN Information sessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM - 3rd - 5th Grade</p>
<b>September 12, 2023</b>	<p><b>Back to School Night</b> 6:30 - 7:30 PM - 1st and 2nd Grade</p>
<b>September 18, 2023</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 p.m. New - K-2 Families - New Report Card -Information Session</b>
<b>September 20, 2023</b>	<p><b>Save the Date - PTA Back to School Party on the blacktop</b> Rain Date: September 21st</p>

Virtual Office [Link](#)

## HSES Important Information and Reminders

### Are You Receiving Emails and Texts?

HCPSS uses both text messages and email to communicate important and time-sensitive information, including bus delays and emergency closings. Parents/guardians are automatically enrolled for email notification; however all users [must opt in one time to receive texts](#) by texting “yes” to 67587 from the mobile number listed in their Family File. If you are not receiving HCPSS or school emails/texts, please contact your school’s front office.

### Transportation

Thank you to our families for their patience during the first week of school and the challenges with transportation. We are grateful to have an unbelievable number of staff members who have supported us in staying late and caring for our students. Some reminders about the upcoming week:

- If you would like to change your child from a car rider or from any dismissal procedure, you must inform their homeroom teacher and the front office prior to the end of the day. When families come at the end of the day and share they are changing the dismissal of their child, it increases the volume in the front office. This creates an unsafe situation for everyone. Thank you for letting us know prior to 2:00 p.m.
- Please go all the way around the car loop when leaving the parking lot. Do NOT cut through the cones that are placed around the parking lot to indicate the blocked areas.
- Please review the carloop and bus expectations. Below are a few reminders for some incidents we have observed over the last week:
  - Students should NOT be getting out on the parking lot side of the car and adults must stay in their car. If you have a carseat for another child, please move it to the parking lot side so that your student can get out safely on the sidewalk side of the car.
  - No families can park in the car loop parking lot during arrival or dismissal. This week, you will be asked to move your car.
  - No adult should be walking across the bus lane during dismissal. Please use the sidewalk. Students will often try to run to their family members and then put themselves in an unsafe situation with arriving buses.

[Link](#) to Arrival / Dismissal Expectations

### Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy Fall 2023 Program

Registration for HCPSS’ BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an [in-person enrichment](#)

[program](#) for HCPSS students in all levels of math for grades 3 through 12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until capacity is reached. Class space is limited.

## **HCPSS Policy 9460: Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, & Intimidation Involving Students**

HCPSS is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students. Preventing bullying is an important part of this goal. [HCPSS Policy 9460](#) states that bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation are prohibited in HCPSS. The BCHI Reporting Form should be used to report all alleged incidents of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation that occur at school or have a connection back to the school setting that create a risk of harm to other students while they are at school, or interfere with the educational environment. An [online version](#) is available and can easily and confidentially be used by students, staff, and family members. Hard copies of this form are available in the main office, staff workroom, school counseling office, media center, and health services office. If you believe that a student has been bullied, please complete and submit this form as soon as possible.

Once the form is submitted, school administrators will ensure the parent/guardian of both the alleged target and alleged offender are aware of the report and will begin an investigation within two school days of receiving the report. Parents/guardians can expect a school administrator to reach out to them during the investigation. Once the investigation is completed, parents/guardians will be provided written notice of the outcome of the investigation within fifteen days of receiving the complaint, excluding extenuating circumstances.

I want to take a moment to specifically lift up cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is bullying using electronic media like computers, cell phones, and game systems. Our digital interconnectedness makes bullying different and more damaging than it's ever been before. It allows hatred and publicly humiliating gossip or photos to be instantly far-reaching and inescapable as electronic media is everywhere. It can NOT simply be ignored. In October 2013, the State of Maryland enacted Grace's Law, making misuse of interactive computer services a criminal offense. Its purpose is to prohibit anyone from using electronic media (computers, tablets, phones, etc.) to maliciously engage in conduct that inflicts serious emotional distress on a minor and/or places that minor in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. A person who is found guilty of violating this law is subject to imprisonment and/or fines. While this will be reviewed with students at school, we are asking you to do the same at home. Thank you for your partnership.

More information can be found on the [HCPSS Stop Bullying website](#). If you have any questions regarding this policy or its implementation, please contact a school administrator.

### **Universal Screener Parent and Guardian Notification**

HCPSS kindergarten to grade 5 students will participate in the 2023 - 2024 administration of the Amplify mClass with DIBELS 8th Edition universal screener to identify potential reading difficulties. The first DIBELS screener window begins 9/11/23. Families can access full details regarding this in the following [Universal Screener Notification](#).

## Resources

### Hollifield Station Elementary School

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Ellicott City, Maryland 21043  
410-313-2550

**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

## RA Color Day Schedule Attached

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).

## PTA News

The PTA wishes to express a huge thanks to the teachers, administration, and staff who all worked tirelessly to overcome all of the expected and unexpected hurdles in the first week of school! We are so lucky to have such dedicated educators leading our children through the year!

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!

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

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

Save the date: PTA Back to School party September 20!!! Rain date 9/21!

¿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>

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