

Welcome Back Community 21-22

Dear HSES Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We have been working all summer to prepare for our beautiful children to return. As a staff, we are excited to have our students return in-person this school year. We know there are mixed feelings in the community, and we want you to know that safety will certainly be our top priority. We will follow the guidelines set forth, and look for all opportunities to keep our students healthy and happy. In order to address these concerns, I am sharing some of the top frequently asked questions directly below, and have provided a link to the Howard County Public School System's website for more detailed information. In addition, I will be providing a lot of information in this newsletter for the upcoming weeks. Please read it carefully, and let us know if you have additional questions. We are here to serve our community at the highest level.

Frequently asked questions

What safety precautions are the schools implementing for this school year?

Howard County public schools will be open, in person, five days per week beginning on the first day of school. We are back to a normal instructional program, with the addition of masks regardless of vaccination status and the additional precautions of increased ventilation, continued hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer, and use of plexi-glass where appropriate.

What are the expectations for the cafeteria?

Students will be required to wear masks unless they are eating. Lunch-recess monitors will be monitoring this requirement closely and prompting students to pull their masks up when not eating. We will maximize the space available in the cafeteria with as many tables being used as possible. We are in discussions over the ability to have outdoor seating. Appropriate space and oversight are two of our largest barriers.

Students who eat breakfast will eat in the cafeteria. Grade levels that implement snack will look for opportunities for students to eat outdoors.

What happens if a student or staff displays symptoms?

The health professionals in our schools will continue to provide diagnostic testing to students and staff who display COVID-19 symptoms during the school day. These tests consist of rapid antigen testing with results in under 15 minutes and a confirmatory PCR test for those that test negative on the rapid test. Any students demonstrating symptoms will also be quarantined, and contact tracing will be conducted to determine if other students have been exposed and to determine next steps for those students.

What are the expectations on the bus?

Buses will be back to capacity with windows and roof hatches open for ventilation when possible and students and drivers will be wearing masks.

What new steps has the County taken to mitigate the risk of CoVid 19?

Howard County PublicSchool System will require all employees to provide proof of full vaccination or undergo regular COVID-19 testing.

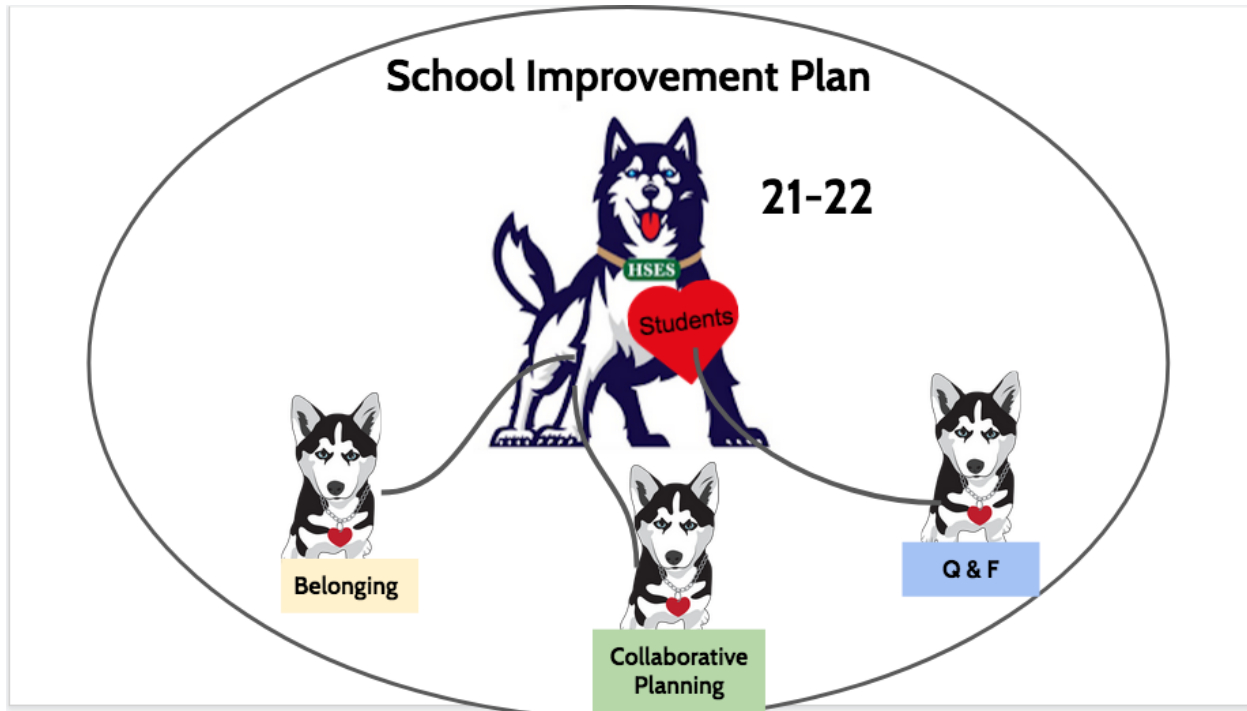
Can my child get lunch at school?

Yes. All students may receive a FREE breakfast and lunch for the school year 21-22. Students may elect to bring their lunch. Both options are always available.

For more frequently asked questions related to the overall school year 21-22, please visit the HCPSS website - <https://www.hcpss.org/2021-2022/>

School Improvement Focus Areas

As an overview of our focus for the year, we have a visual of where we are headed below. Our school improvement plan has been updated and our focus remains relatively the same. With our “Literacy” and “Mathematics” SIP, we are going to continue our journey with questioning and discussion, with a focus on facilitation strategies and collaborative planning. In addition, our school improvement plan for “Belonging” will continue to focus on creating an environment for our students, staff and community that is welcoming and reflects our work with restorative justice. We will shift our focus to *looking within* and reflecting on our understanding of racial equity and inclusion, and how this impacts our interactions and actions with our students, staff members and our community.



Staff Roster

Over the summer, there have been several changes in staffing that resulted from new opportunities and retirements from last year. Please see the roster linked below and join me in welcoming our new staff members and wishing the following staff members a fond farewell. It has been a pleasure getting to know our new administrative intern, Jennifer Stairs. She has been a wonderful addition to our Administrative team. Welcome Jennifer!

Fond Farewell:

- Erin Coleman - New Assistant Principal at SJLES
- Susie Cochran - Move to the Digital Education Center
- Erica DeWind - Gorman Crossing Elementary
- Tess Gemmell - Private school
- Kimberly Worthy - Teacher program

Best wishes for their retirement:

- Amanda Slatin
- Margina Luecking
- Kathy Beavan
- Kathy Shown
- Joel Trumper

Best wishes to the following staff who have transferred to another school for a 1.0 position or new school.

- Catherine Chapman - PPW
- Joan Chipman - Occupational Therapist
- Keisha Pendleton- ESOL .5
- Ann Marie Goforth - Reading Specialist .5
- Natalie Ricketts - GT Teacher .5

WELCOME new staff members:

- Jennifer Stairs - Administrative Intern
- Nicole Moody - Teacher's Secretary
- Michael Shettig - Night Custodian
- Amy Eyler - Kindergarten Teacher
- Mini Burrows - Kindergarten Teacher
- Melissa Beckner - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Shelbie Zukoski - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Yoselin Espinal - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Grace Akoji - 3rd Grade Paraeducator
- Madeleine Kenderdine - 4th Grade Teacher
- Irfan Dean, SPED Paraeducator
- Carole Culberson-Phillips, .2 SLP
- Rachel Dorsey, OT
- David Murphy, PE
- Cassandra Miranda-Murray, .5 Band, .5 Strings
- Steven Gangloff, .5 GT
- Alicia Peerson, .5 Reading Specialist
- Michele Glenn - MST (BWES)
- Sara Cox- RST (BSES)
- Leslie Evans, PPW
- Nadia Nazir - Lunch Recess Monitor
- Shamica Gaskins, TE

Our Interns:

Jasmine Montiel- Kelley Hatcher (2nd)

Kyra Lawson - Kellie Kennedy (2nd)

Julia Greben - Suzanne Ryan (1st)

Bridget Arensmey - Tonya Kyler (5th)

Shannon Garvey - Emily DeFrancesco (5th)

As you can tell, it was a busy end to our school year and busy summer! We are blessed to have had the honor to work with our departing staff, and also fortunate to have gained some exceptional new staff members. Welcome to the Hollifield family!

**Hollifield Station Elementary School
Staff Roster - 2021-2022**

Principal: Amanda Wadsworth

AP: Aaron Tark

AP Intern: Jennifer Stairs

Front Office	Custodial	Health	Cafeteria
Susan Ginsberg, Principal's Secretary Rachel Maddock-Cosden, Teacher's Secretary Nicole Moody, Teacher's Secretary	James Tomlin, Day Chief Marc Casborn, Night Chief Molley Kromah, Custodian Michael Shettig, Custodian	Eileen Wilson, Cluster Nurse Carol Mertz, Health Assistant	Judi Schneider, Manager

Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
Amy Eyler, ITL Ann McLaughlin Nicole Himes-Smith Kim Nupp Rachel Tallent Mini Burrows Carol Price, Paraeducator Virginia Jarvis, Paraeducator Sandra Kleinberger, .5 Para (PM) (AM - JHES)	Cindy Croft, ITL Batina Aspel Connie Lin Suzanne Ryan Julie Brusio Barbara Rumsey Rhonda Fabella, Paraeducator	Kelley Hatcher, ITL Tishawna Tate Jennerfer Jones Kellie Kennedy Robin Woodlon KK Brengle Michelle Knorr, Paraeducator

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Amy Callan, ITL Melissa Beckner Yoselyn Espinal Mandy Regan Shannon Cunningham Grace Akoje, Paraeducator	Erin Schade, ITL Erica Glass Jennifer Raymundo Emily Wright Madeline Kenderdine Shawne Glass, Paraeducator - Leadership Rep	Jennifer Aragon, ITL Emily DeFrancesco Lauren Stanczyk Aimee Wasson Tonya Kyler Eleanor Philmon, Paraeducator

Academic Specialists	Student Services	Lunch & Recess Monitors
Time Bayne, GT, ITL Lori Speelman, GT Steven Gangloff, .5 GT (MT - HSES/ ThF - RBES/ alt. W) Kelly Broccolino, Reading Specialist Mary Hall, Reading Specialist Alicia Peerson, Reading Specialist (AM HSES/ PM LOES) Michele Glenn - MST (BWES) Sara Cox- RST (BSES)	Nancy Hammer, Psychologist (MTWF) Lauren Honza, Guidance Counselor Tracey Jones, .5 (MW - Alt F) Guidance Counselor (.5 at HHES) Leslie Evans, PPW ADA Kay Kim, International Achievement Liaison	Nadia Nazir

ESOL	Special Education	Related Arts
Emily Kassir, ITL Sarah Slivosky Pam Rochlin Jennifer O'Toole, Paraeducator Pam Gogol, Paraeducator	Shelley, Godlewski, ITL Maria Hindman, ITL/SLP Joanne Grabowski Judy Fitzsimmons Harriet Sniadach (ALS) Alexa Chestnut Lisa Dahle, Paraeducator Susan Lloyd, Paraeducator Angie Perez, Paraeducator Amy Barton, Paraeducator Irfan Dean, Paraeducator Carole Culberson-Phillips, .2 SLP Rachel Dorsey, OT Toshia Jefferson, PT Suzanne Brinkley, APE Mimi Arsenault, SA Mary Ault, SA Michelle Weaver, SA Lakisha Opher, SA Erin Neville, TE Shamica Gaskins, TE	Heidi Shorter, Technology, RA ITL Tammy Szczepanski, Media Marcy Spence, .5 Media/ .5 Technology , .5 Band, .5 Strings Jonathan Velsey, .2 Strings, (Fri.) (M-Th Waterloo) Margie Eisenstein, Art Jamila Denkel, Art Judith Fulmer, PE David Murphy, PE Daniel Hagler, PE .4 (Tuesday/Thursday) Aimee Winner, Vocal Molly Park, Vocal Suzanne Brinkley, APE

Logistics and Resources

School Hours: 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. The doors open at 8:30 a.m., and the late bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Anyone arriving after 8:45 a.m. must be signed in by an adult.

Late Arrival Procedures: Please come to the front vestibule, use the sign in sheets, and ring the bell for assistance from the front office. They will direct you from there. Be prepared to share the name of your student and their grade/ homeroom teacher.

Early Dismissal Procedures: Please come to the front vestibule, sign the early dismissal sheet, and ring the bell for assistance from the front office. State the name, grade and homeroom teacher of the student you are picking up early. The front office will direct you from there.

What are the procedures for arrival and dismissal?

Arrival and Dismissal

Bus Arrival

- Students will exit bus as they arrive at school
- Enter in front doors
- Go to Cafeteria for Breakfast (optional)
- Walk into building wearing a mask

Bus Dismissal

- Students will be called for dismissal as busses arrive
- Walk out of front doors wearing a mask
- Sit in assigned seat

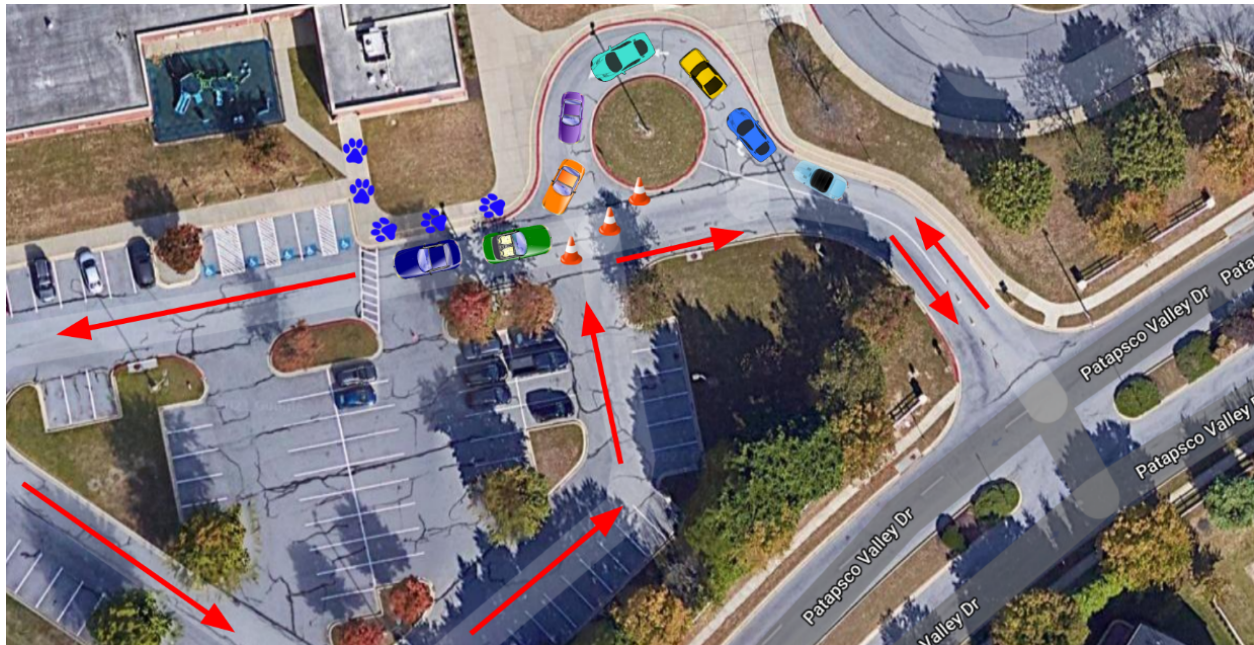
Car Arrival

- Drop off at Car Loop
- Do NOT pass cars in Circle Drive
- Students should exit on the Right side onto the sidewalk
- Adults MUST stay in car
- Must wear a mask once out of car
- Students will enter through side door as seen in the visual.

Car Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed by grade levels to help with transitions in hallways
- Students will exit through the side door
- Students will wait on sidewalk with their masks on socially distanced to the extent possible
- Adult MUST stay in car

Please follow the direction of the arrows when arriving and moving through our car loop. See below:



Where can I find the school supplies list?

The school supplies list is located on our website: <https://hses.hcpss.org/news/2020/05/school-supply-lists>

What should we do if our family can't make it to the open house and we would like to drop the supplies off before the first day?

After August 20th, you can drop your child's supplies off to the front vestibule in a bag labeled with your child's first and last name and grade level. If you have more than one child, do not place all supplies in one bag, please provide one bag for each child.

Important Dates

August 26th 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kindergarten Back to School Night

August 27th Open House and New Family Orientation

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Kindergarten Open House

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1st and 2nd Grade Open House

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. New Family Orientation

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Open House

August 30th 1st Day of School for Students

September 6th Schools Closed - Labor Day

September 7th Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah

September 13th 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 1st and 2nd Grade -- Back to School Night

September 14th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 3rd - 5th -- Back to School Night

GT (6:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

September 16th Schools closed - Yom Kippur