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Holiday Happenings at Holley Elementary

On Dec. 22, students and staff gathered to celebrate and sing holiday songs at the annual sing-along. Sally Martin, choral director, and Hannah Bock, band director, led the chorus and band performances of familiar holiday tunes for the students to listen to and sing along. Assistant Principal Tim Artessa even guest conducted the band in "Frosty the Snowman." Two of the students' favorite songs were the "12 Days of Christmas" and "Must be Santa." Holley staff members were selected from the audience, and they brought along students to hold up picture cues to help the audience sing all the verses of both songs. Fourth graders played "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" on their recorders. Teacher Crystal Elliott won the Ugly Sweater Contest among the faculty and staff.



Kindergarteners went caroling through the Village of Holley in December, bringing small treats to residents. Here they are visiting the Heises.



Second graders made gingerbread houses in the Elementary Café on Dec. 19, with help from family members and members of the National Junior Honor Society and Middle School Student Council. Houses were constructed in the morning, left to dry, and then decorated in the afternoon.



First graders participated in Grinch Day. Here, the Grinch is seen with some members of Whoville.



Kindergarten students participated in making holiday crafts.

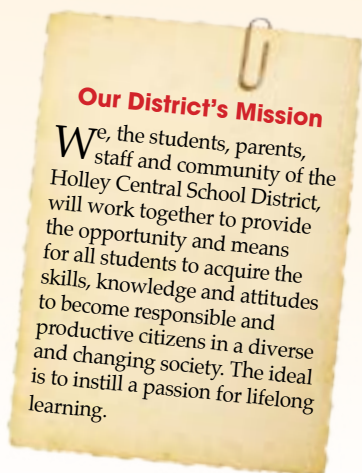
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1. From your mobile device, go to <http://readydl.com/orleans-aware>
2. Select **App Store** if using an iPhone or **Google Play** if using an Android smartphone
3. Click **GET** icon
4. Launch the app

The app includes interactive and instructional guides to help users prepare for emergencies. Orleans County can use the app to send out news alerts, hazardous weather alerts, evacuation routes and emergency shelter information. The Orleans Aware app can also be used to transmit public information about health issues and emergencies.



Pizza Peels on Display at Dustin's Pizzeria

High school students in Brandi Zavitz's and Evinn Neadow's art classes completed their projects of creating menu items and painting Holley landmarks onto pizza peels for an art display at Dustin's Pizzeria. Pizza peels are wooden paddles used to remove pizzas from the restaurant's ovens. Customers are invited to visit Dustin's Pizzeria and vote for their favorite peels until Feb. 4. Art students will attend a reception on Feb. 7, where the winners for each class will be revealed.



District Website Has a New Look

If you've visited the Holley Central School District website lately, www.holleycsd.org, you may have noticed that the website has a new look and feel to it. It still features an online calendar that you can sync to your electronic device, access to our reorganized information and resources, many photographs of our students, news items, and a search function to find anything on the site. Important documents and links to resources are now located on the right side of each page under the Downloads and Links headings, as appropriate. Our new website is able to be used by online screen readers for the visually impaired, as part of the district's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Some improvements we have made include being able to access our social media accounts from any page within the site by clicking the Facebook or Twitter icons at the bottom of the page. To help you locate Holley faculty and staff members, click the people icon in the lower right corner of any page, and the staff directory will open. Feedback may be submitted by clicking the envelope icon located on the lower right corner of any page. By clicking the house icon at the top or bottom of any page, you are returned to the Home page of the site.

We hope you enjoy this fresh look into our district and visit our site often to stay updated on the latest news and events.

ES Student Council Raises Money to Help a Former Student

by Sally Martin, ES Student Council Advisor

The ES Student Council has placed their collection containers in local businesses. They are raising funds to help Sierra Mendes, a former Holley student, purchase a running blade for her prosthetic leg. Sierra was involved in a serious car accident that severely injured her legs.

The ES Student Council is making plans to host a Walk-a-thon next month to help raise more funds. Thank you for your support of us in this fundraiser!



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Mid-winter recess is fast approaching in February. We know that a week with no school in session means hungry mouths to feed. Our Food for Families program can help with those "extra" meals that the kids will now be home for. This program provides your family with a small bag of food to help get through the week off from school. This program is first come, first served, so please call Roxanne Wagner in the MS/HS Main Office at 638-6318, extension 5500 to reserve your food. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 14 by 1 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no "drop off" service. You will need to pick up your food on Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center.



Rotary Club Helps Spread Some Joy This Holiday Season

The Holley Rotary Club made a \$1,000 donation to Holley Elementary at the Dec. 18 Holley BOE meeting. This gift allowed the ES social worker to distribute the Walmart gift cards to those families in need within the district before the holidays. Accepting the gift cards are, pictured from left, Principal Karri Schiavone, BOE and Rotary Club member John Heise, Assistant Principal Tim Artessa and Rotary Club member Jeff Martin.



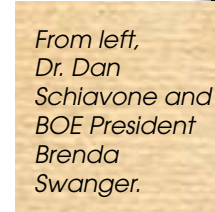
Soaring Awards

Dr. Dan Schiavone received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Dec. 18. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. Dr. Schiavone received the Soaring award from BOE President Brenda Swanger for his continuous generous donations to the district's Food for Families and Holley Days of Shopping programs.

Elementary Principal Karri Schiavone honored fourth grader Sheelsy Gonzalez with the "Soaring to New Heights" award for her willingness to take two new students from Puerto Rico under her wing. Sheelsy acts as an interpreter and tour guide, helping the new students navigate the cafeteria lines and open their lockers, teaching other students some Spanish so they can communicate with their new classmates, and translating for adults so they can speak with the students' parent. "Sheelsy comes in with a smile every day, willing to help with whatever is needed," said Principal Schiavone. "Sheelsy came to the Elementary School from Mexico when she was in kindergarten, so she can really relate to the new students' experience."



From left, Sheelsy Gonzalez and Principal Karri Schiavone.



From left, Dr. Dan Schiavone and BOE President Brenda Swanger.

Holley Staff Give Back to the Community

by Karin Richards, Fourth Grade Teacher

The Holley Teachers Association (HTA) PR Committee worked with The Eastern Orleans Community Center to provide 20 Thanksgiving dinners to families, with HTA PR Committee members making the deliveries.

Gifts were purchased for 60 individuals in need during the holidays, too. Recipients' information was put on tags on the Giving Tree, which was made available to both schools' staff members. Holley staff members voluntarily selected a tag, bought the gift and brought the wrapped gift back to school. We have hosted the Giving Tree event for over 10 years. Every year, staff members are excited about giving gifts to members of the Holley community.

Even though these events are sponsored by the HTA, staff members from **all areas of the school district** participate by signing up to purchase an item for Thanksgiving dinner, as well as taking a tag from the Giving Tree. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



Alt HS Students Help First Graders

by Tracy Annable, ELA Teacher

During ELA time, Tara Grillo's and Leslie Piedmonte's first grade class wrote letters to Santa. The responses to those letters were delivered by Santa's elves to the Alternative High School students, who distributed the responses to the first grade recipients. The older students spent time reading with the younger students, then showed them how to sprinkle reindeer food outside. This was a great opportunity for partnership between the two groups of students. It was really nice to see the huge hearts our "elf helpers" have!



Track Fundraiser

The Holley Track Team is hosting a fish fry dinner on March 16. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased from a track team member beginning March 5. Krolick's fish fry dinners will be served at the MS/HS Dining Hall from 3-6:30 p.m. Orders are also available for takeout. Help support the track team!

PARP Program Popular Again with Elementary Students

Holley Elementary's Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program proved popular once again with students. With the prize of taking a limo ride to McDonald's for lunch motivating them, students began reading on their own or with a partner on Dec. 11. They tracked their minutes all through holiday break until the program ended on Jan. 5. Their reading logs were turned in and two winners from each grade level were revealed at the assembly on Jan. 19. The PTSA sponsored this event to encourage students to enjoy reading. The winners were: Brielle Carpenter, Cian Foss, Aidan Soehner, Haidyn Gomez, Leon King, William Butler, Calista Maggard, Peyton Caufield, Mason Girangaya, Bella Hernandez, Alyssa Lipke, Liam Jenks, Zachary Fichter, Laura Moak, Stephanie Miles, Cora Hudzinski, Bella Thom and Carter McGuire. Congratulations! **Note:** Pre-K students will not take the limo ride, but have a special treat with Principal Karri Schiavone at a later date.

New this year was PARP t-shirts for all the elementary students provided by the Holley PTSA. They were designed by Holley senior Andrea Payne. All students wore their turquoise t-shirts to the assembly where the PARP winners were revealed.



Scholarships



GCC Tech Wars Scholarship

Two, \$250 scholarships will be awarded; one to a senior girl and one to a senior boy. For more information and the application, visit <http://www.techwarsgcc.org/>. Deadline is Feb. 9, 2018.

Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY - Ned Carter Scholarship

The student must be related to a firefighter, or be a firefighter or an explorer in a fire department that is a current paid member of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a New York State high school senior who will be enrolled at a two- or four-year college and will be entering a career of service to the community (for example, nursing, social work, health-related services or teaching). For more information, visit www.afdsny.org/general_information.php. The deadline is Feb. 24, 2018.

American Legion Scholarship

The American Legion is giving out two, \$200 scholarships to qualifying seniors who are attending an accredited institution of higher learning or trade school, or entering the military, and have 10 hours of volunteering for the American Legion/Auxiliary. Applicants must hand in their applications to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Scholarship Chair Sue Orman by the deadline of March 1, 2018. The application is available in the Counseling Office.

COUNSELING News

Scholarship Opportunities

This time of year, scholarships are added to the list weekly. Keep an eye on new scholarships; they are located in the Counseling Office and on our website: <http://www.holleycsd.org/Scholarships2017-18.aspx>. Please pay attention to the deadlines. Apply early! Please see Kristina Tese for more details. In addition, most colleges offer their own scholarships; please check their websites.

Attention: Seniors

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work study programs. The form must be completed online and submitted to each college before their due dates in order to be eligible for these programs. Additionally, worksheets can be printed out from the FAFSA website to assist in this process. As a reminder, do not mail the worksheets to the colleges. If you need additional assistance in completing these forms, please contact FAFSA directly at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/home>. If you are planning to attend a four-year institution, you will need to complete the application as soon as possible. Those students who have applied to two-year institutions should be making appointments to take placement tests. If you have already applied and been accepted to a two-year institution, you should be meeting with your advisors. As a reminder, please inform your counselor as to which college(s) you have been accepted to.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Melody Purtell was accepted to Alfred State College with a \$2,000 scholarship; Hanna Waterman was accepted to Alfred State College with a \$9,500 scholarship; Jessica Sedore and Dalton Thurley were accepted to Alfred State College, each receiving a \$15,000 scholarship; Diana Castillo was accepted to Alfred University with a \$13,000 scholarship; and Alex Lane was accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology with a \$40,000 scholarship.

Congratulations!

Attention: Juniors

What are your plans after graduation? Attending college? Working full-time? Now is the time to start thinking about the direction you would like to take. Counselors recently met with juniors to discuss their PSAT results, create their accounts on www.collegeboard.com and do some career exploration in order to get them thinking about life after high school. If you haven't registered for the SAT/ACT, now would be the time to do so. Many four-year colleges require the exams as part of the admission process. Don't delay!

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

Test will be administered at the MS/HS on Feb. 26. If you plan on enrolling in the military upon graduation, this test is mandatory. Any student in grades 10-12 who is interested in taking the exam needs to register with Kristina Tese in the Guidance Office. If you would like to know more about which careers you would be successful in, we recommend registering for the test. The ASVAB workshop to review and discuss student results will be on March 6.

PTSA News

Winter Bash for students in Pre-K-grade 3 will be on Feb. 9 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the ES. If the weather permits, we will be outdoors, enjoying sledding and games. If not, indoor games will be played in the ES Café. Since there is no 5 p.m. bus run, students need to be picked up from this event by 5 p.m. Permission slips will be sent out soon. Volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged!

Students of the Month for December

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. Each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. The certificates are also displayed in the glass display case outside the MS/HS Library and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. Pictures of the elementary students are displayed in the hallway near the Elementary Library and archived in a binder in the library.

Once each month, students of the month from grades K-12 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café or MS/HS Dining Hall (location rotates monthly). Breakfast is supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for December: Archer Hills, Miori Fisher, Abigail Reed, Michael Ornt, Peyton Caufield, Felicity Virgilio, Averie Johnson, Dylan Warner, Kourtney Gates, Mason Merle, Mya Brown, Isla Schultz, Dakota Arnold, Ryker Knight, Camden Mosier, Alyssa Abbondanzieri, Cassidy Bowen, Chelsea Bowen, Alexia Renner, Zachary Mrzywka, Colin Liese, Ruthie Patton, Logan McHenry, Grace Fuller, Landen Goodrich, Cheyanne Bowen, Leah Pasch, Sophia Satter, Bella Laboy, Breanna Girangaya, Cheyan Palmer, Cody Thorne, Cora Bennage, Dakota Thompson, Hanna Guck, Jesse Reome, Jordan Gates, Katelyn Randall, Kory Puente, Nicole Gardner, Paige Dolliver, Antonio Torres, Tia Hoffarth and Robert Torres.



Holley Students Raising Funds for Polar Plunge

The Senior High School Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Polar Plunge event held at Ontario Beach Park on Feb. 11. Members of the Holley Central School District community are invited to join the Holley team and/or make a donation through the Holley Hawks Plunge page: http://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?team_id=5329&pg=team&fr_id=1319. Contact Student Council President Angie Weaver or Senior High Student Council Advisor Jim Di Sessa to make a donation or to find out more information about joining the team. This fundraiser benefits the Special Olympics New York organization. Last year, \$1,500 was raised by the Holley team; let's see if we can reach \$2,000 this year!

Wrestling Youth Club

The Wrestling Youth Club will begin on **Monday, Feb. 26**, for any Holley Central School District students in **grades K-8**. The High School Wrestling Coaching Staff, along with several Holley Club Coaches and members of the high school wrestling team, will conduct the Club at the Elementary School.

Registration will be held on **Monday, Feb. 26, from 5:45-6 p.m.** Registration and practice will be held in the Intermediate Gym. **ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND REGISTRATION** to fill out the proper information needed. **There is no registration fee; however, if you want to purchase a Wrestling Club t-shirt for your child, the cost is \$10.**

Students in grades K-8 will participate from 6-7:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- Mon. February 26 Registration and first practice
- Tues. February 27
- Mon. March 5
- Tues. March 6
- *Fri. March 9 Volunteers needed to set up for the Wrestling Club Tournament from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Elementary School
- *Sat. March 10 Wrestling Club Tournament
- Mon. March 12
- Tues. March 13
- Mon. March 19 Fun night and intra-squad competition
- Tues. March 20 All wrestlers are to wear their club t-shirt for the group picture
- Mon. March 26 Fun night and intra-squad competition
- Tues. March 27 Fun night and intra-squad competition

This Club will continue through May 29 on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. for grades 7-12, plus those advanced youth wrestlers who are asked by the coaching staff to attend.

Basic wrestling techniques will be taught. Wrestling drills, intra-contests and physical fitness will also be a part of the club. Fun, sportsmanship and participation are what every student should experience by attending this club. There will be wrestling items for sale at the club.



(DETACH HERE AND BRING TO CLUB. Do not turn this in until the day of registration.)



HOLLEY WRESTLING YOUTH CLUB

Name _____

Full Address _____

Grade _____ Phone # (____) _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Email Address _____

I, Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. _____, give my permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Wrestling Club. The Holley Central School District, Village of Holley and the coaching staff hold no liability for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the wrestling club's meetings. If, by any chance, there is an injury sustained, I must pay for the medical services obtained. (The chances of an injury are very unlikely; however, we all must be protected.)

Signed _____ Paid For T-Shirt _____

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FEBRUARY 2018

- 2 All-County Rehearsal, Kendall Schools
Report Cards Sent Home
- 3 All-County Performance, Kendall Schools 2 p.m.
- 5 Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 9 Pre-K-Grade 3 Winter Bash, ES 3:30-5 p.m.
- 10 Jump Rope & Hoops for Hearts, ES Intermed.
Gym 10 a.m.-noon
- 12 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 14 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 19-23 No School, Mid-Winter Recess**
- 26 ASVAB Exam, MS/HS 8 a.m.

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

PRE-K EMBRACES SNOW

by Allison Jaworski, Pre-K Teacher

Allison Jaworski and Amy Bennage's Pre-K friends have been busy exploring snow! They have been using snowflakes and mittens to count to 15, and snowballs to make their names into snowmen. After playing in the cold snow, they warmed up with some hot cocoa math. We are SNOW HAPPY in Pre-K!

