



HOLLEY DIMENSION

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Sixty-four seniors graduated from Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) on June 29. All students wore red caps and gowns as they filed onto the field in the Holley Hawks Stadium. Forty-one graduates will head off to higher education, 15 will join the workforce, three will join the military, two are undecided and three foreign exchange students will return to their home countries. Graduates received over \$25,000 in local scholarships and awards, and are eligible for up to \$400,000 in specific college scholarships.

Class of 2019 President Abrianna Kruger and Vice President Julia Smith started the ceremony. High School Student Council President Aaron Strathearn presented the class gift of a \$500 gift card to Garden Factory to be used to add flowers and trees to the campus landscaping in memory of Holley students and staff members who have died. Salutatorian

Abrianna Kruger and Valedictorian Shawna Lusk gave their speeches to an audience that filled the bleachers and grounds surrounding the stadium. Graduates were acknowledged with awards from Senior Class Advisor Suzanne Lepkowski. MS/HS Special Education Teacher Shawna Benzan gave the commencement address, encouraging students to overcome their fears as they venture into the next chapters of their lives.

After Holley staff announced the graduates' names and future plans, MS/HS Principal Susan Cory posed with the graduates after giving them their diplomas. Superintendent Brian Bartalo and the Board of Education members offered handshakes to the graduates on their way back to their seats. Graduates adjourned to the corner of the field by the scoreboard for the traditional cap toss photo.

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A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

It's hard to believe, but the school year has come to a close. It also marks the end of my first year as Superintendent of Holley CSD. It's been an amazing year full of learning and growth. I trust this newsletter finds you enjoying all the best of summer! I hope it is a fun and safe season for all our district families, filled with great times and sunny weather!

I want to start off by thanking all the parents and community members for reading the *Dimension*. Hopefully, we've been able to keep you informed of all the great things happening in our district. More importantly, I want to thank you for your ongoing support for our schools overall. The partnership we have with you will continue to guide our work and make us even stronger for the future. I believe our students deserve that, just as they deserve our best here in this district every day.

We've accomplished a lot in the 2018-19 school year, and we have more exciting things to look

forward to. Within the district, our summer days are busy planning and preparing for the start of the 2019-20 school year. Minor construction is underway in and around the Elementary School to make it an even brighter facility than it already is. If you visit the Elementary School this summer, please know that there may be times that certain rooms and/or areas may not be accessible. Our buildings and grounds crews are working hard to make our schools, fields and surroundings not only look great, but be safe and secure for the opening of school in September. Many of our teachers are engaged in curriculum projects and other work to provide the best instruction possible for our students. Administrators are also hard at work all summer to hire new staff, construct schedules and plan for what will be a great academic year at Holley.

This year, we have had the chance to reflect a great deal and determine some plans to help us improve, particularly in the areas of instruction and the overall culture of our schools. In the fall, you will be introduced to two new positions within the district that help lead the way in these efforts. We have created a Director of Teaching

and Learning position, which will be a district-level administrator in charge of curriculum, instruction and assessment, along with instructional technology integration. We are very excited to have a strong leader working with us in this area. We will also be introducing a new Middle School Coordinator, which will be a Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA) who will be responsible for the management (discipline) of our middle school students and coordinate efforts to provide the best education possible for those very important "middle years." Due to our state designation as a "Target District," we were able to secure grant funding to support us in the creation of this TOSA position. We are very excited to have one of our own in a leadership role at our MS/HS to help staff and students be as successful as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District. Have a great summer!

Go Hawks!

Brian Bartalo
Superintendent of Schools



Holley Budget Passes and Two Board Members Elected

On May 21, Holley voters passed the budget with 335 yes votes and 170 no votes. Both propositions passed - one for the purchase of school buses with 331 yes votes and 198 no votes, and the other to support the Holley Community Free Library with 378 yes votes and 151 no votes.

Holley voters also elected two members to the Board of Education, each with three-year terms: John Heise (340 votes) and Anne Winkley (132 votes).

The District congratulates the members of the board on their election and thanks voters for supporting our budget and propositions.

BLAST Program Offered to School Athletes This Summer

Holley Central School District is pleased to announce that the BLAST program (Biomechanical Learning And Stability Training) will return to Holley MS/HS this summer to help students in grades 7-12 stay conditioned for sports. Leroy Physical Therapy & Village Fitness offers this program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. from July 16 to August 15. This session is offered for free to Holley students as part of our Athletic Training contract with LeRoy Physical Therapy. Sessions will be held on the Holley Central School District campus. Students will meet in the MS/HS Foyer each day.

Transportation to school for this session is not provided. Students can enjoy a **free** breakfast in the MS/HS Dining Hall before or after each session.

Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Holley Central Schools will offer **free** breakfast and lunch to all children age 18 and younger, from July 8-Aug. 16. Children age 18 and younger who live in the district this summer are eligible for this program, regardless of income level. Pre-registration is not required. Transportation will not be provided by the district for this program.

Breakfast will be served from 8-11 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Middle School/High School Dining Hall.

Adults may also purchase breakfast and lunch during this program. Breakfast is \$2.60 and lunch is \$4.35.

Soaring Awards

Several "Soaring to New Heights" awards were distributed at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on May 21. 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. Congratulations to all of this month's recipients!

Seniors Kory Puente and Braden Ferranti received Soaring awards from Middle School/High School (MS/HS) Principal Susan Cory for their achievements in gaining vocational skills. Both students attend the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES; Kory for dental assisting and Braden for HVAC. Kory placed first place in the state Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) competition and will go on to compete in the international competition. Braden's team placed first in the state-wide SkillsUSA competition; he competed using his plumbing skills in the

Teamworks contest. Next, he will compete with his team in the national competition. He is the only CTE student to compete at the national level two years in a row.

Junior Allana Knopp received a Soaring award from Cory for taking third place in a digital photography competition. Her work "Teepee" was featured in the May issue of the *Dimension*; it was also featured in the display cases in the MS/HS Foyer during the Art Show.

Senior Greg Morrill received a Soaring award from Cory for being named to the Varsity Masterminds Regional All-Star Team.

The JV Masterminds Team received a Soaring award from Cory for taking first place this year. Members of the team are John Patt, Cora Bennage, Brandi Heffernan, Callie Updike, Hayley Lipke, Shashona MacPhee, Riley Weaver and Brad Kingdollar.



From left, Principal Susan Cory and Braden Ferranti.



From left, Cory and Kory Puente.



From left, Cory and Allana Knopp.



From left, Cory and Greg Morrill.



From left, Cory, John Patt, Riley Weaver, Cora Bennage, Callie Updike and Brandi Heffernan.

Holley Students and Coach Honored at Youth Recognition Banquet

Five Holley students were honored at the 37th Annual Youth Recognition Banquet on May 16. Harleigh Andrews, Damyan Famyol, Harley Felerski, Matthew Skehan and Callie Updike received the 2019 Youth Recognition Awards from the Orleans County Youth Board for their outstanding or extraordinary contributions to their communities or families. Students were nominated for this award by a member of the Holley faculty or staff. Holley-Kendall Wrestling Coach John Grillo was honored with the 2019 Helen R. Brinsmaid Professional Award at the banquet. Grillo was recognized for his many years of teaching physical education, and coaching tennis and wrestling at HCSD; mentoring student teachers; and managing the Albion Recreation Program. He has impacted the youth of Orleans County in many different ways.



From left, Harley Felerski, Callie Updike, Harleigh Andrews, Matthew Skehan, Damyan Famyol and Coach John Grillo.

Online Registration for Athletes

Holley Athletics is excited to announce that for the third year, we are offering the convenience of online registration for sports clearances through FamilyID (www.familyid.com). When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

You may begin to create your FamilyID profile anytime. Clearance forms can be uploaded using the online system. Completing the FamilyID profile prior to registering your son/daughter for each sports season will help

expedite the sign-up process. For more information on how to register, visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/OnlineRegistrationforSports.aspx>.

The registration for Fall 2019 sports will open on **Friday, July 19**. Dr. Goetz will be at Holley MS/HS to perform sports physicals on Aug. 13 at 9 a.m. Any student registering to play a fall sport will need to be seen if they do not have a current physical on file; this is a NYS requirement. Please call the Main Office to be placed on the list to be seen by Dr. Goetz, if needed. Students cannot start a sport season without having a current physical completed.

School and Public Library Serving the Community Together

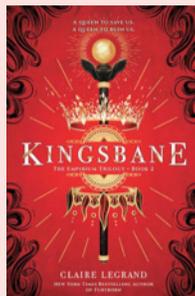
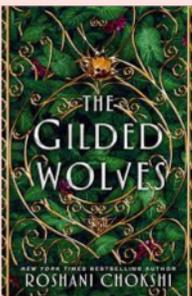
by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

The Holley MS/HS Library partners with the Holley Community Free Library each year to share resources during the summer months. We work together on a lot of projects throughout the school year - inter-library loans, author visits, makerspaces, literacy events and more - but this collaboration benefits our students and the community **all summer long**.

Every May/June, students begin selecting which MS/HS Library books they would like to have access to throughout the summer. In some cases, students begin reading a series, so the entire series goes in the "on loan" box; other times, it's something brand-new that the Holley Community Free Library does not own. Some of the selections are simply materials that are checked out frequently, so an extra copy is welcomed. These 50-75 books are labelled as "ON LOAN from the HOLLEY JrSr High School Library" and the public library adds a temporary barcode to them so they can circulate. The books are delivered to the public library during the last week of school, and picked up the week of Labor Day.



These are some of the new titles students have chosen for this year's partnership:



If students do not currently have a Holley Community Free Library card, they are welcome to stop in at the public library to sign-up for one anytime. Many of our students have said they think they have a card, so we encourage them to stop in to the library to renew, activate or sign-up for a new card.

Studies show that **reading** stems the tide of learning losses over the summer, also known as the "summer slide." **Please encourage your children to read, and read to them!**

AMPED Class Visits Local Small Business

by Jim Di Sessa, AMPED Teacher

The AMPED class visited Waddington North America (WNA) in Holley on May 15. We were given a history of the company, an overview of what the company does and a tour of their facilities, led by managers Greg Piedmonte and Mike Lavender. The math and business concepts we learn in class were emphasized by both Greg and Mike. Students were able to see the connections between the classroom and the "real-world." Students asked a lot of great questions about WNA's manufacturing process, their hiring process and the potential for career growth.



Holley Students Participate in Special Olympics

by Lori Passarell, Physical Education Teacher

Teacher Alexandra Gudonis' class enjoyed a fun day at the Special Olympics at Greece Arcadia High School on May 30. Students trained for eight weeks with Physical Education Teacher Lori Passarell; they ran the 50 meter dash, and performed the long jump and softball throw. They all did their best, and they came home with ribbons. It was a great first experience for BOCES students and teachers.



Art Show Awards

Holley MS/HS students had their artwork on display in the foyer of the high school this spring. Students were recognized in several categories as their artwork included painting, drawing, photography, mixed media, textiles, sculpture and ceramics. Winners were announced during the MS/HS Concert on May 30. The winning artwork is pictured below.



Excellence in Art 8
Casey Onisk



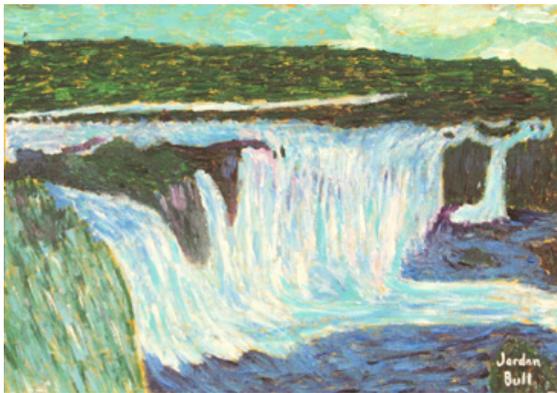
Superintendent's Award
Allana Knopp



Excellence in Ceramics
Gabe Smith



Excellence in Mixed Media
Autumn Moy



Excellence in Painting
Jordan Bull



Excellence in Drawing
Nicole Bull



Principal's Pick
Tessa Szczepanski



Excellence in Sculpture
Autumn Moy

Excellence in Textiles
Serene Lin



Excellence in Photography
Sierra Apicella

Students of the Month for May

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. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. A group photo of the elementary students is displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. A group photo of the MS/HS students is displayed outside the MS/HS Counseling Office and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. MS/HS students also receive Dining Hall vouchers for food and their names are read aloud on the announcements.

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 May: Myah Cecchini, Evelyn Zingo, Ava Grzywacz, Brooklyn Larnder, Colton Foeller, Shiloh Stanley, Julianna Church, Chelsea Cervone, Kamari Williams, Bentley Harner, Emma Kinsey, Madison Bonacci, Ava Mosier, Addyson Moyer, Isabella Wiczorek, Hunter Sommerfeldt, Mia Thom, Skylar Gallagher, Layla Jones, Emma Schultz, Zoey Wolf, Abigail Merkley, Kaden Rheinwald, Bella Klafehn, Thomas Brozek, Jule Hudzinski, Noelani Andrews, Dexter Vonglis, Jordan Gates, Braden Ferranti, Mikaela Auch, Ruth Miller, Aiden Zadorecky, Akiyah Zadorecky, Abby Bubb, Erin Kelly, Rachael Howard, Alejandro Buchiere, Storm Boyce, Alex Knopp, Broek Ostrom, David Farruggia, Evan Towsley, Jake Silpoch, John Patt, Makayla Famoly, Riley Weaver, Triston McFadden, Zach Dann, Zach McAllister, Zachary Grinnell, Cavan Bennage, Allison Lyndaker, Loriana Proctor, Jasmine Apicella, Layne Walker, Leigha Walker, Molly Welch, Jocelyn Chilton, Kohl Morgan, Megan Donohue, Erik Balys and Jordan Bull.



Elementary students of the month for May



High School students of the month for May

Theatre Guild Performance

On May 22, Holley Elementary Theatre Guild students performed the play "Toy School" for half of the student body in a morning assembly. It was a play about toys that had to work together to graduate toy school so they could be placed for sale on a store shelf. The lessons learned from the play were to practice, study and work together to meet your goals. Forty-two kids in grades 4-6 participated in the play, which they had been working on since Spring Recess. In the words of co-director Alexa Downey, "they were like *Hollywood* professionals!"



Top 10 Seniors Honored



The Top 10 Seniors were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards Dinner on June 3 at Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club. Pictured below, front row, from left, Kristina Yaroshchuk, Madison Marsh, Shawna Lusk, Lexianne Seewagen, Neila Hand and McKenzie Hill. Back row, from left, Principal Susan Cory, Superintendent Brian Bartalo, Anastasiya Yaroshchuk, Emily Bibby, Gregory Morrill, Abrianna Kruger and Board of Education President Brenda Swanger.

Pictured above, Dr. Kaci Schiavone was the guest speaker at this event. She was a member of the Holley Top 10 in the Class of 2009. She is a general surgery resident physician at the University of Rochester. She gave a speech about the road trip that students are on as they navigate through life after high school. She told them to always remember where they came from, as that will be an asset to them, not a hindrance.



MEMORIAL DAY ASSEMBLY

On May 23, elementary students participated in a Memorial Day assembly in the Intermediate Gym to honor those who lost their lives serving our country. Local veterans posted and retired the colors. The Elementary Chorus and Concert Band performed several patriotic songs. Third graders played "Yankee Doodle" on their recorders. Two poems were read by students and a history of Memorial Day was recited. Gerald Harter was honored as a Holley hometown hero for his time serving during the Vietnam War. Teacher Assistant Jennifer Morgan received the Red, White and Blue Award from Orleans County Commander John Pera for her patriotic spirit; Morgan is one of the key organizers of the Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veterans Day assemblies for the Elementary School. These three events are led by students during the school year to celebrate those who serve in the military and patriotism in America.



Students Participate in Project Sticker Shock

by Lynnette Short, Special Education Teacher

On May 16, Jason Maihofer and Lynnette Short's Life Skills Class participated in GCASA's Project Sticker Shock for the second time this year. GCASA (Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) informs students and the community of the effects of drugs and alcohol. With graduation party season and summer approaching, the stickers students place on alcoholic beverages thank people for keeping our youth alcohol-free. Students visited four local convenience centers to place stickers on every pack of alcoholic beverages.



Students Became Famous New Yorkers for a Day

Fourth grade students created a Famous New Yorkers Museum for a day in the ES Primary Gym. Visitors were invited to tour the gym and press a colored dot on the student's hand to begin the recital of information about the famous New York resident the student was impersonating. Students selected famous New Yorkers from George Eastman to Abby Wambach. Fourth graders spent three weeks researching their assigned people. They wrote speeches and created displays to illustrate information about the famous people they portrayed.





Flag Day Celebration

You may have seen a parade of Holley Elementary students and staff dressed in red, white and blue walking through the village on June 14. They were headed to the grounds of the former train depot to celebrate Flag Day for the 62nd year. The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Elementary Chorus sang patriotic songs, and the Concert Band played their tributes to the flag. The American Legion Honor Guard ended the ceremony with a gun salute.



Good Citizen Awards were handed out to students at all grade levels. The Catherine B. Press Award winners were Caydence Merkle and Grant Smith. This award goes to the fifth grade boy and girl who demonstrate honesty, responsibility, respect and courage. Their names will be added to the plaque in the ES Foyer.



The Flag Day program was a wonderful way for Holley Elementary to show their patriotic pride, which is something that this community holds near and dear to its heart.

Students Create Guides for Other Students

Students in the Life Skills class created pamphlets on different topics for the sixth graders to review before they move to the high school building in the fall. The "Things You Need to Know When You come to Middle School" pamphlets were shared with the sixth graders when they came to the MS/HS to shadow the seventh graders in May. The Life Skills students worked hard to create pamphlets covering topics such as lockers, being prepared for class, where to go for help, how to deal with stress and reading a schedule.



Senior Walk

Holley seniors completed their "Senior Walk" on June 10. Wearing their graduation gowns and a sign listing their post-graduation plans, seniors walked through the halls of the MS/HS, cheered on by the underclassmen, faculty and staff. Seniors also walked through the hallways of the Elementary School, accompanied by kindergartners, as they greeted teachers from their elementary school days. This is the fourth year Holley CSD has hosted a Senior Walk for students.



Holley Students Witness the Results of Unwise Decisions

On June 7, Holley seniors attended an assembly and mock accident scene to understand the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol. After watching a video of a party that their classmates attended, students transferred to the parking lot, where two vehicles had collided. One student had crashed through the windshield of one vehicle and the remaining students were trapped and appeared unresponsive in both vehicles. Students portraying the victims of the accident were made up to look like they were injured.

The Holley police, ambulance and fire departments responded. The emergency responders enacted what they would do at the scene of a two-car motor vehicle crash with injuries and a fatality. The fire department worked to free the victims from the vehicles. The driver of one car was questioned by police and went through a sobriety field test before he was handcuffed and placed in the back of a police car. After students were evaluated by ambulance and fire department personnel, two were loaded onto stretchers and placed in ambulances. The coroner had the "deceased" student's mother identify her before she was zipped into a body bag.

Students filed back into the MS/HS Auditorium to witness the re-enactment of the

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- Holley Police Chief Roland Nenni

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arraignment and sentencing hearing against the "arrested" student in front of a judge. Orleans County District Attorney Joe Cardone presented the charges against the student to Orleans County Court Judge Sanford Church while Public Defender Joanne Best negotiated for lesser sentencing. Church talked through the possible sentencing decisions he would make in a case like this and answered students' questions about the legal process. "Try to avoid bad decisions so you can have more fun," said Church. Cardone echoed those sentiments. "It's important for the next few years for you to put yourself in a position to have the best opportunities," he said. "The few moments it takes you to make a bad decision is going to affect you for the rest of your life." Best reiterated the seriousness

of the re-enactment. "These situations we present to you are real, they happen to a lot of people," she said. "If you're convicted of charges like this, you can't apply for a driver's license until after you turn 21."

Holley Police Chief Roland Nenni told students to have those "courageous conversations" with friends. "You have to be courageous and talk to that friend who should not be driving," said Nenni. "Tell them not to drive. Call 911 if you can't get home because you know you're too impaired to drive or your ride is too impaired to drive. We will find a way to get you home. Please make good decisions."

Principal Susan Cory urged students to think before they get behind the wheel. "Studies have shown that watching an assembly like this only affects students up to 48 hours after the event," she said. "Since tonight is your prom, I want you to use your heads and make smart decisions. I want to see you at graduation." She reiterated that the consequences for arriving at prom under the influence of drugs or alcohol would mean that students are suspended from school and cannot participate in any senior activities, including graduation. She read a letter to students from the family of a former student who died in a car accident.



Hawks Play Unified Basketball Against Kendets

On May 16, the Holley Hawks Unified Basketball Team played against the Kendall-Hilton Kendets team in the Kendall Junior/Senior High School Gym. This is the fourth year that Holley has participated in this league. Unified sports brings together students with cognitive disabilities and those without to compete together on an authentic school team. While this program provides an opportunity to play a sport, it also promotes understanding of differences and displays how these differences can be overcome with the involvement of all.

What is it like to attend a Unified Sports basketball game? You'll see and hear more direction given from coaches and teammates, so that players are at the right end of the court and in their proper position. There's

more kindness exhibited, with players handing off the ball to teammates who haven't had a chance to make a basket yet. There's plenty of supportive cheering from the stands, as the hosting team's friends and families, as well as the opposing team's fans, encourage all players to shoot for the basket, hustle down the court or pass to a teammate.

There's a lot more dancing, not just at half-time, but at any time when there's a time-out and dance music is playing. Both teams participate in the dancing, and spectators from the stands come down onto the court to dance with them. The referees indulge players with this break as they shake their heads and smile, waiting for the teams to be ready to resume play.

Fouls are still called. Players fight for possession of the ball. Mad basketball skills are exhibited as players streak down the court and attempt to sink a shot at the hoop. The action may or may not be as fast, but the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat for each team are the same. However, these players seem to let the wins and losses roll off their backs as they become anxious to participate in the next game, work on their ball-handling skills or cheer on their teammates. Everyone looks forward to the next season and how they will work together as a cohesive unit once again. With a successful support system like this, who wouldn't want to participate?



Players on the Holley team are: front row, Jordyn Feiock. Middle row, from left, Amanda Ryan, Emilie Strayer and Yasmin Helsdon. Back row, from left, Alex Brimacomb, Janelle Miles, Ally Benson, Tyra Shepherd, Nicole Ramsey, Zach Warney, Dawson Moy, Liz Kruger and Cassie Heaster.



Annual Dessert Concert is a Sweet Success

Holley High School students hosted a Dessert Concert on June 13. Thirty-one songs were performed as solos, duets or trios and many were accompanied by Music Teacher Kelly Marzano on piano. All students selected their own pieces to perform, with songs ranging from country music to show tunes from musicals. Desserts were served in the MS/HS Foyer while the concert was performed in the Auditorium



Kindergarten Year-End Program



Eighty-one students in Sue Thornton's, Leigh Weaver's, Lindsay Cooper's and Kim Harrington's kindergarten classes participated in a year-end program on June 20. They performed a variety of songs. Good luck in first grade!

Retiring teacher's aide Toni Barber was given a special tribute by students and faculty members. She has worked for HCSD for 30 years, with 20 of them in kindergarten classes. In honor of her legacy, her family will donate a bike to one kindergartner each year. Congratulations, Toni, on your retirement!

Pre-K Graduation



Amie Callen and Alexa Downey's Pre-K A.M. class held their graduation ceremony on June 18. Eighteen students performed 11 songs. Congratulations to the Pre-K graduates!

Sixth Grade Graduation



Sixty-nine sixth graders received certificates of graduation on June 24 as they left their elementary school days behind. They nervously smiled for photos as they proudly crossed the stage to shake hands with ES Principal Karri Schiavone and Superintendent Brian Bartalo. They also received numerous awards for their involvement in school activities and academic achievements. Congratulations to these students and keep an eye on the future Class of 2025!

Senior Breakfast

The parents of the senior class hosted a breakfast for the graduating students on June 26 in the MS/HS Dining Hall. Parents also put together a slideshow of photos of the seniors over the years and gave each senior a gift bag with a senior t-shirt and candy in it. Senior athletes received plaques from the Sports Boosters. Many faculty and staff members from both the Elementary and Middle/High Schools dined with the students.



Pictured are HTA representatives Kathy Monks, at left, and Melanie Montague surrounding Board of Education (BOE) President Brenda Swanger as they thank her with flowers for her years of service on the board. Swanger is stepping down from the school district's BOE at the end of June after serving on it continuously since 2004.

The Monroe County Council of School Superintendents (MCCOSS) recognized senior Matthew Skehan, at left, as the Outstanding Senior at Holley Central School District. Superintendent Brian Bartalo presented Matt with the award, which distinguishes students based on their scholarship, service and leadership. MCCOSS selects one senior from each high school in Monroe County for this honor.



ES Spends Morning Caring for Community

The Elementary School hosted their first Day of Caring event on June 7. Students in Pre-K through grade 6 spent approximately an hour working in various areas around the Village of Holley. They did everything from weeding gardens to painting a soccer wall. They could be seen working on and around school grounds, the Woodlands, Fireman's Field, Holley Depot, Holley Falls, and the canal path, as well as in the Community Free Library, Public Square, and the Community Center. The ES Student Council devised the idea for this day, facilitated the event, and distributed red t-shirts to every student and faculty or staff member who participated. Well done, students!

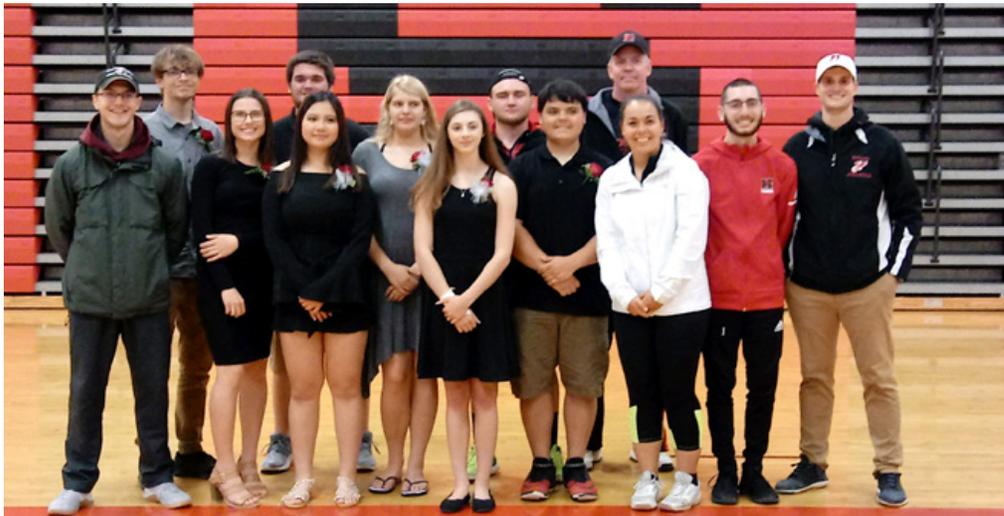




Fourth grade students participated in Pioneer Day on May 30 at the ES. Students and their teachers dressed in attire appropriate to the time period and learned how to make a "quill" pen, churn butter, stencil and tin punch. They also visited with real farm animals such as a goat, duck, hens, and peacocks. What a fun way to go back in time!



Holley students Braden Ferranti (front row, third from left) and Ethan Bibby (back row, on far right) each received a \$5,000 Make All the Difference Scholarship from the Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation. They received this scholarship for taking nontraditional paths through their K-12 schooling, and both plan on continuing their education through college or career training.



The tennis team had a record 10 seniors on the team this year. We wish them the best in their future endeavors! Front row, from left, Coach Jacob Bialek, Kristina Yaroshchuk, Serene Lin, Cheyan Palmer, Aaron Strathearn, Megan Donohue, Kory Puente and Coach Andrew Grillo. Back row, from left, Jake Peters, Eli Bibby, Nicole Ramsey, Erik Ballys and Coach Sal DeLuca.

Tenured Teachers

At the May 21 Board of Education meeting, four Holley teachers were granted tenure. Art teacher Evinn Neadow, ESL teachers Emily Harms and Crystal Gurney, and Speech Pathologist Kristina Rich completed the four-year process to become tenured teachers for the district. Congratulations to all!



From left, Crystal Gurney and Kristina Rich.



From left, Principal Susan Cory and teacher Emily Harms.

Holley Hosts Successful Blood Drive Again

The Senior High School Student Council sponsored a second blood drive this spring. We had 41 donors and 35 usable units of blood were collected. This helped our students qualify for \$500 in scholarship money. Thanks to all who volunteered to donate blood for the American Red Cross and support our students!

ES Spring Concert

The Elementary Spring Concert was held in the MS/HS Auditorium on May 21. The Beginner Band played 16 songs to demonstrate their progression of learning to play their instruments this year. The Elementary Choir sang four songs, with one song highlighting the sixth grade choir members. The Jazz Band (aka The Angry Turtles) played two songs, with both pieces featuring several solos. The Concert Band played four songs, including the theme to "Mission: Impossible." These budding musicians are off to a great start in the elementary music program at Holley!



Retirees Honored at Board Meeting

On June 17, six Holley faculty members were honored at the monthly Board of Education meeting for their years spent working in education. Pictured, from left, are elementary special education teacher Denise Johnstone, elementary teacher Jolynda Elsenheimer, elementary teacher's aides Maureen Christian and Toni Barber, and MS/HS science teacher Dan Orbaker who all retired in June. MS/HS technology teacher Tim Rogers was also honored even though he was unable to attend the meeting. Congratulations to all of you on your retirements!



Soaring Award

Kevin Robison received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on June 17. 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. Robison received the award from MS/HS teacher Jason Maihofer and speech and language pathologist Anna LaForce for his help with the Service Learning Class. Robison is an outside partner of the school district and helps students in this class find opportunities for their futures beyond high school. He praised the strong team at HCSD that he works with and stated how pleased he was to receive the award. Thank you, Kevin, for all you do for our students!



From left, Anna LaForce, Kevin Robison and Jason Maihofer.

Yearbook Dedications

During an MS/HS assembly on May 30, students dedicated their yearbooks to two staff members who have shown dedication to the school district and shared their passion with students. The Holley Middle School Yearbook was dedicated to technology teacher Tim Rogers, and the High School Yearbook was dedicated to science teacher and coach Dan Orbaker. Both teachers are retiring this year.

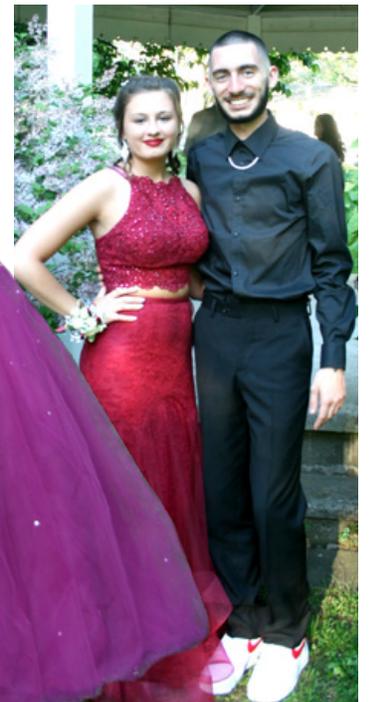


At far left, Dan Orbaker with his family.



At far left, Tim Rogers with his wife and son.

Prom 2019 at Plantation Party House on June 7





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Mission Statement

We, the students, parents, staff and community of the Holley Central School District, will work together to provide the opportunity and means for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and changing society. The ideal is to instill a passion for lifelong learning.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the following dates for the 2019-20 school year:

- School Opens – Sept. 4
- Half Day for Staff Development – Sept. 27
- Staff Development – No School for Students Oct. 11
- Columbus Day – No School Oct. 14
- Veterans Day – No School Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Recess – No School Nov. 27-29
- Half Day for Staff Development – Dec. 13
- Holiday Recess – No School Dec. 23-Jan. 3
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed – No School Jan. 20
- Midterm & Regents exams – Jan. 21-24
- Half Day for Staff Development – Jan. 24
- Mid-Winter Recess – No School Feb. 17-21
- Half Day for Staff Development – No School for Students March 13
- Staff Development – No School for Students April 3
- Spring Recess – No School April 6-10
- Memorial Day Recess– No School May 22-25
- Final & Regents exams – June 2, 17-25
- Last day of school for students – June 25
- Regents rating day/last day for teachers – June 26
- High School Graduation – June 27



While the Intermediate Gym was set up for an assembly, ES students spent their physical education class time on the playground. Even heavy cloud cover couldn't dampen their spirits!