

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | November 2014

## FIRE PREVENTION AT HOLLEY ELEMENTARY



The Clarendon, Holley and Hulberton Fire Departments demonstrated to the Pre-K-3 students at Holley Elementary School what to do in case of a fire. The students practiced stop, drop and roll; went through a simulated fire in a safety house; watched a fireman put on his protective gear; and learned about the different tools on the fire trucks. The firefighters didn't want the children to be afraid of them in their full gear. The firefighters demonstrated what they sound like talking through a mask and how hard it was to hear with the head gear on. *(continued on p. 7)*

### School Board Recognition Week

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaimed School Board Recognition Week as Oct. 27-31, 2014. To quote Governor Cuomo's proclamation, "the men and women serving as members of school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education"; this is an accurate description of the Holley Board of Education. Thank you to the members of the board for all you do to support the Holley community.



Holley board members are seated, from left, Salvatore De Luca, Jr., Mark Porter and John Heise. Standing, from left, John C. Welch, Jr., Vice President Robin Silvis, President Brenda Swanger and Anne Winkley.



Mrs. Kipp and Mrs. Shepherd's Pre-K class, front row, from left, Sawyer Schutz, Tavish Moore, Matthew Armstrong, Jayden Gleason and Isaac Bartlett. Back row, from left, Brianna Pellegrino, Michelle Lonnen, Hanna Ostrom, Lily Moore, Kyla Burne, Tarek Garrett, Alexander Kuszlyk, Russel Samons and Evan Bannister.

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## A Message from the Superintendent

### Keeping Away From That Nasty Flu Bug



As the colder weather approaches, everyone needs to be vigilant and take good care of themselves to avoid getting sick. An ounce of prevention could be worth a week's time in the sick bed. So what does the medical profession say about staying flu-free? Here's a list of all the things you should be doing anyway for the good of your health:

- take a daily vitamin,
- get plenty of rest and regular physical activity,
- drink plenty of fluids and
- eat healthy.



Don't forget to take simple respiratory health precautions that can help reduce the spread of disease in places such as schools and school-related events.

- Wash your hands frequently, using soap, for at least 15 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean the headsets of your phones and wash doorknobs, railings and other frequently handled objects to keep them germ-free.



- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.

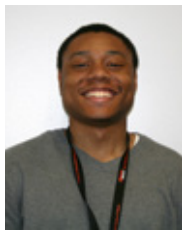
If we all remember these helpful hints throughout the upcoming flu season, we can minimize the number of students, staff and parents who come down with the flu. Stay healthy everyone!

*Robert C. D'Angelo*

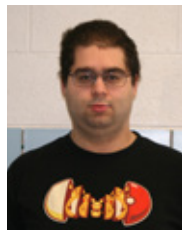
Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

## College Students Lend Technical Support and Gain Real-World Experience

Two college students from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) are working on their degrees while gaining work experience at Holley Central Schools. Tyrail Leverett, who is working on his undergraduate degree in Information Technology, and Andrew Bedia, who is working on his graduate degree in Networking and System Administration, can be found working alongside Greg Schuler in the Technology Support Department at Holley. They are responsible for setting up SMARTBoards, networks and computer labs, finding software solutions, patching cables, and responding to Help Desk tickets.



Tyrail Leverett



Andrew Bedia

Leverett, who is a native of Bradenton, FL, but transferred to Edison Tech High School in Rochester to finish out his last two years of high school, enjoys working at Holley because of the variety of responsibilities he is given. He said the staff has been really good to work with. Leverett completes his year-long internship at Holley in December 2014 and will graduate from RIT in May 2015. He hopes to land a job where he will be working in a help desk, analytics or technician role.

Bedia, who is a native of Mobile, AL, but came to Rochester to attend RIT for his undergraduate degree, also seconds the sentiment of working well with the Holley staff. He said the staff is very nice to work with and he likes working for the Holley school district. He has spent two years working for the district and hopes to continue working on a part-time basis until he finishes his degree. After graduation, he hopes to land a system administrator job.

## Holley Students are on the Move as Part of the PEP Grant

If your child was randomly selected to wear a movable band, they received a letter indicating the reporting requirements for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant that Holley has received. Students in grades K-4 wear the bands for four days and students in grades 5-12 wear the bands for seven days. The device tracks moves and miles, and the students were asked to aim for 11,000 moves each day. They must turn in their bands to their physical education teacher at the end of their collection period so they can record the results. The next collection periods will be in February and May 2015 and students will be randomly selected to participate in each of these collection periods.

### FIT4U! Fall Session

The fall session of the FIT4U! program began Oct. 20, offering free activities for students in the Elementary School (ES) and Middle School/High School (MS/HS). Students in grades 3-6 can participate in African Dance on Thursdays or students in grades 1-6 can participate in Bowling/Walking/Jogging for Fitness/Circuit Training on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Both sessions run from 3:30-5 p.m. and students can ride the 5 p.m. bus home.

MS/HS students can participate in Speed/Agility, Hand-Eye Coordination, and Cardiovascular Endurance from 6-7 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. They can also participate in Zumba and Yoga from 2:45-4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can ride the 5 p.m. bus home after the Zumba and Yoga session. All programs end on Dec. 19.



**New fitness center opening in the ES**

... more details soon!

**Coming in December**



# PTSA NEWS

PTSA membership drive occurred in October, but you can join at any time! The \$9 per family fee is used for field trips for students, Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program, field days, elementary theatre guild, high school play, Flag Day popsicles, budget vote ice cream, Pre-K kits, senior scholarships, homecoming float, senior breakfast and many other activities. Four dollars of the membership fee goes to the National PTSA organization. Without the membership support and parent volunteers at events, all this would not be possible. Please consider joining so we can continue to help and support the students! The membership form can be found at [http://www.holleycsd.org/files/368085/holley\\_ptsa\\_membership\\_form.doc](http://www.holleycsd.org/files/368085/holley_ptsa_membership_form.doc).

## UPCOMING PTSA EVENT:

### Book Fair

**Dec. 15-19** from  
**8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
in **Room 49** in the  
**Elementary School.**



The Senior class donated their \$75 reward from their first place win for Homecoming float to the Make A Wish Foundation Zombie Run at Hamlin Beach.



*Students from each class accepting plaques for their Homecoming floats, from left, standing, Lucas Silvis, Jade Underwood, Zach Trask, Claudia Drechsel, Madison Papaj and Angela Weaver. Seated, from left, Colin Papaj, Amber Becker, Makenzie Ferranti, Katie Morgan and Emma Kennedy.*

*Accepting plaques for each class' Homecoming floats at PTSA meeting on Oct. 8, from left, Mrs. Marzano and Mrs. Lepkowski (senior class advisors), Carm Miller (PTSA member), Corinne Johnson (sophomore), Jenn Morgan (PTSA member), Nancy Manard (PTSA President) and Brenda Baxter (PTSA Secretary).*



## Scholarships

### \$500 Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award - applications due Nov. 29

To be eligible for the Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award, students must have completed at least 50 hours of volunteer work, maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher, and be under the age of 21. For more information, visit [http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10421/youth\\_volunteer\\_scholarship\\_award\\_scholarship.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10421/youth_volunteer_scholarship_award_scholarship.php).

### Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship - applications due Dec. 5

This scholarship is for high school seniors and they do not need to be associated with an Elk member. The SAT and ACT have to be taken prior to November. An essay is required about the student's future plans and how they impact him/her. Contact Mrs. Tese for details.

### Professional Engineers Society Scholarship - applications due Dec. 19

Seniors interested in majoring in engineering at an accredited college in the fall of 2015 are encouraged to apply. Average one-time scholarship award is \$2,000. Over \$15,000 worth of scholarships will be awarded. Minimum criteria is SAT score of 600 on Math and 500 on Verbal or ACT score of 29 on Math and 25 on English, and GPA of 3.0 or 85 percent. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 19. Stop by the counseling office for an application or contact Bruce Wallman at (585) 738-2670.





## Hawks Athlete of the Week

We are happy to announce that Holley Central School District will be recognizing a Hawks Athlete of the Week for the 2014-15 school year. The winners for September and early October were:



**Joe DeFelice,**  
Senior,  
Varsity Boys' Soccer



**Christopher Balys,**  
Sophomore,  
Varsity Boys' Soccer



**Samantha Barniak,**  
Senior,  
Varsity Girls' Soccer



**Tessa McArthur,**  
Senior,  
Varsity Girls' Volleyball



**Nicolas Passarelli,**  
Junior,  
Varsity Football

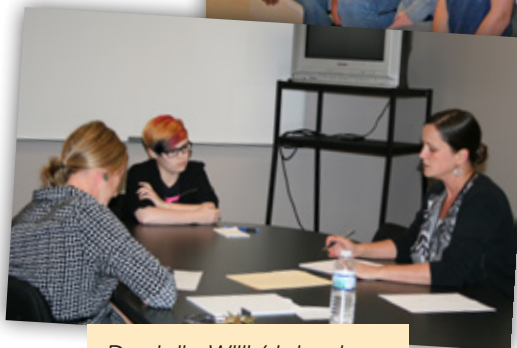
## Freshman Transition Class Endures “Mock Interviews” at MS/HS

Thirteen freshmen in Renee Wolf's class completed sample job applications and put together portfolios in preparation for their mock job interviews with Wolf and Kristina Tese, Guidance Counselor at Holley MS/HS. Wolf and Tese reviewed the applications and portfolios, took turns asking each student typical job interview questions, and notated their answers. After the interviews for various entry-level positions at local businesses were over, Wolf and Tese gave the students feedback so they can better prepare for future job interviews.

Mock Interview Class



Maya Cruz being interviewed  
by Renee Wolf on left and  
Kristina Tese on right



Danielle Willis' interview



Joshua Kelly's interview



## Literacy Awareness & Promotion

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Librarian

*Yes, teens READ! And so do their teachers!*

During the months of September and October, Holley MS/HS students and staff visited the library to have their READ pictures taken. From those pictures, READ posters were produced and posted in the display case right outside the library to encourage others to read.

"First Rate Reads" was a project Julie Wantuck, a ninth grade English teacher, initiated, asking students and staff for the names of books they read over the summer. The book covers were included on the sign in the display case. The sign was made by Brandi Zavitz and Nicole Rowley, MS/HS art teachers.

In 2004, the National Endowment for the Arts published a study entitled "Reading At Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America," concluding that we were a nation in crisis. The Harry Potter novels changed all that, and now young adult publishing is the fastest growing segment of the publishing market, with books such as The Hunger Games trilogy, Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and "The Fault in Our Stars" selling copies in the millions. Books are not only accepted in our current culture, but embraced and celebrated!



In the month of September alone, the Holley MS/HS Library increased circulation by 25 percent with our seventh graders checking out the new-to-them audiobook options, Playaways. Many students were drawn to the 250 new books in the fiction and nonfiction collections, which we displayed throughout the library. Last year alone, our students checked out over 14,000 library materials.

*Our students are reading!*



## Kristen Pelkey Wins Ward's Science Pinterest Contest

When Holley Middle School/High School science teacher Kristen Pelkey entered the Ward's Science Dream Classroom Contest, she figured her chances of winning were slim, but she knew the prize would help her class with more hands-on learning experiences. To enter the contest, Pelkey pinned images on Pinterest of what her ideal science classroom would look like, incorporating some Ward's Science products on her board. She was randomly selected as one of four winners of \$500 gift cards to Ward's Science, a provider of science supplies and services for primary and secondary teachers. Two students, Tyler Jones and Tyra Shepard, helped her shop for the items. Pelkey ordered organ tissue slides, animal specimens in jars, a water rocket launcher, a solar-powered cell phone charger, millipedes, water plants, and UV lights to give her students in her Science 7, Zoology, and Anatomy & Physiology classes real-life examples of what they're learning.



*Ruth Miller looks at a baby chicken in a jar*



*Amanda Ryan peers through a microscope at some organ tissue slides*

**To view Pelkey's board, visit**

<https://www.pinterest.com/kplky/wards-science-dream-classroom-contest/>.



## Elementary Students of the Month for September



Congratulations to the following students in grades K-6 who were recognized as students of the month for September. Pictured in front row, from left, Morgan Blosenhauer, Liam Jenks, Joscelyn Underwood, McKayla Malone, Emeline Capurso, Aubrey Hazzard, Ruthie Patton, Ozzy Stephens, Devin Graham, Kaitlyn Kennedy and Allison Alcott. Second row, from left, Breeonna Vargas, Allyson Skehan, Lena Hayes, Samantha Bates, Adrian Gamble, Ava Quincey, Andrew Thomas and Michael Samons. Back row, from left, Annalise Tinkous, Alex Knopp, Zeufirse Merkely, Storm Boyce, John Patt and Madelyn St. John. Missing from photo: William Kruger and Michael Pappas.

## Student Council Officers at Holley Elementary

Holley Elementary recently elected its Student Council officers. They are responsible for meeting at least monthly afterschool to decide on school matters, such as fundraising, and representing their classes. Pictured, from left, Nathan Nothnagle, president; Elise Quincey, vice president; Allyson Skehan, treasurer; and Rachael Howard, secretary. Elise is the only fourth grade officer; the rest are sixth graders. Nathan enjoys his responsibilities as president, and checks in often with Sally Martin, student council advisor, to address any concerns. Two students from each grade fourth through sixth are also part of the Council. The bookstore helps fund Student Council activities.



## Safety Patrol Keeps Students Safe at Holley Elementary

Twenty-nine sixth grade students serve on the Elementary School's safety patrol. Pictured in front row from left, Arianna Ianello, Ava Hayes, Ricky Hodge, Skyla Milazzo, Allyson Skehan, Brandi Heffernan, Brianna Heffernan and Abby Bubbs. Second row, from left, Nathan Nothnagle, Garrett



VanLogten, Storm Boyce, Madison Lorenzo, Makayla Famoly, Alexandra Mendoza, Parker Walker and Karl Biedlingmaier. Third row, from left, Isabella Jenks, Katherine Klaver, Madelyn St. John, Brendan Collins and Shashona McPhee. Back row, from left, Mackenzie Calus, Callie Updike, Dawson Moy, Sandra Graham and Andrew Dreschel. Missing from photo: Ally Lyndaker, Elizabeth Kruger and Sabrina Blosenhauer.



Alexandra Rivera, sixth grader, paints in Mimi Reyngoudt's art class



## Homework Lab and Extended Day Programs in Full Swing at Holley Elementary

If you stop into the library after school on Monday through Thursday afternoons, you'll find students hard at work on their homework as part of the Homework Lab program at Holley Elementary School. There is also an Extended Day program that runs after school, but varies each week by subject (Math or ELA) and grade level (3-4 or 5-6). Students report to the supervising teacher's room for Extended Day sessions. Both programs run from 3:30-5 p.m. and students can take the 5 p.m. bus home. Students in grades 3-6 are eligible for both programs. Contact your child's teacher or the Main Office to register your child for one or both programs.



## Fine Arts Department Supports Holley Athletics



Members of the Fine Arts department volunteered to work the concession stand at the Woodlands soccer field one evening in October. Pictured, from left, Nicole Rowley, Kelly Marzano, Hannah Bock, Dan Wakefield and Mimi Reyngoudt.

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## FIRE PREVENTION AT HOLLEY ELEMENTARY



Students from Holley Middle School/High School also participated in the fire prevention activities. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to belong to the Youth Fire Group and they work with the Clarendon, Holley and Fancher Hulberton Murray (FHM) Fire Departments. Currently, 14 students in grades 7-10 belong to the group and several have joined the Clarendon and Holley Fire Departments. The students meet every other Monday at the Clarendon Fire Department and receive the same training, with some restrictions, as adult firefighters. They use turn-out gear donated by other fire departments. "There aren't many youth groups like this across the country, but this group has been at Holley for two and a half years," said Clarendon Fire Chief Bob Freida. To join the Youth Fire Group, contact Chief Freida at [cfcchief@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cfcchief@rochester.rr.com) or call (585) 764-6540.





## Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

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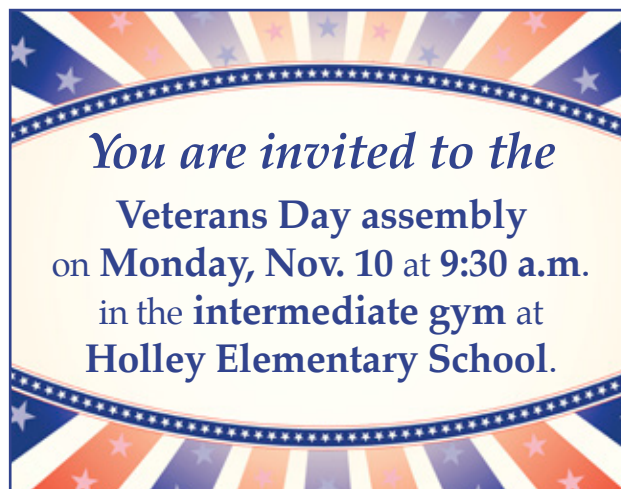
## REMINDER

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Thursday, Nov. 20 3-6 pm MS/HS
- Monday, Nov. 24 4-6:30 pm ES
- Tuesday, Nov. 25 noon-3:30 pm ES

There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. from the ES on Nov. 25 to accommodate the parent-teacher conference times.

At the MS/HS, we will have scheduled conferences from 3-4:30 p.m. and drop-in conferences from 4:30-6 p.m. Please contact Penny Cole at 638-6335, ext. 5510 to schedule a conference. Parents will receive a letter from the Counseling Office if a teacher wants to schedule a conference with them.



### Our District's Mission

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.

## NOVEMBER 2014

- 4 **No School – Staff Development Day**  
Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Fitness Center 6:30 p.m.  
Sports Boosters Meeting, HS Library 7 p.m.
- 5 HS Dessert Concert, HS Dining Hall 7 p.m.
- 7 First quarter marking period ends
- 8 SAT Exam
- 10 ES Veterans Day Assembly, Intermediate Gym 9:30 a.m.
- 11 **No School - Veterans Day**
- 12 PTSA Meeting, ES café 5 p.m.
- 14 First quarter report cards sent home
- 17 Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m.
- 18 ES Picture Makeup Day
- 20 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m.
- 24 ES Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-6:30 p.m.
- 25 ES Early Dismissal at 11:30 am  
ES Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences noon-3:30 p.m.  
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, MS/HS Aud. 1 p.m.
- 26-28 **No School - Holiday Recess**

*Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*

## High School Thanksgiving Feast

*by Tim Dunham, Director of Special Programs*

The Holley Alternative School students are once again looking forward to one of the social components of the program: hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner, prepared in conjunction with Mrs. Scroger and the cafeteria staff. This year the dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25. The students invite their family members to join them for this meal and assist in the preparation of the main course, desserts, table setup and clean up. This annual dinner has proven to be a fun and delicious event for all.

