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Holley Central School District | December 2014

Library Hosts

CHARACTER-INSPIRED PUMPKIN CONTEST



In October, a variety of pumpkins disguised as characters from children's books could be found on top of the shelving units in the Holley Elementary School Library. Julie Bader, elementary library media specialist, and Sandy Carroll, teaching assistant, challenged the students to decorate a pumpkin to look like their favorite book character. One hundred ten entries were featured in the contest, everything from The Grinch to Olaf from "Frozen." The winners were:

Kindergarten-second grade:

- First place – Rainbow Fish by Aidan Kelley
- Second place – Minion by Joshua Silpoch
- Third place – Great White Shark by Luca Szepetyk

Third-sixth grade:

- First place – Mad Hatter by Sabrina Blosenhauer
- Second place – The Lorax by Luminara Virgilio
- Third place – Fly Guy by Miles Lammes

Classrooms:

- First place – Big Bad Wolf by Mr. Grasta's class
- Second place – Peter Hatcher by Mrs. Richards' class
- Third place tie – Bedhead by Mrs. Bannister's class and Dribble the turtle by Mrs. Vendetti and Mrs. Miles' class

Honorable Mentions:

- Kindergarten-second grade – Mouse by Jacqueline Thompson, Olaf by Cole Madden and Cinderella by McKayla Malone
- Third-sixth grade – Jack Skellington by Joseph Silpoch, Wimpy Kid by Chuck MacPhee and Mooseltoe by Emmanuel Floyd



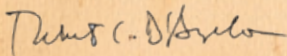
Superintendent's Message

Join Us for the Grand Opening of the Holley Fitness Center

Please join us for the **Grand Opening** of the Holley Fitness Center, located in the Holley Elementary School, on Monday, Dec. 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. The Fitness Center was made possible through the Carol M. White PEP Grant. Lisa Campbell, our District Health/PE Director, was primarily responsible for securing the grant for the district. I am greatly appreciative of her hard work and perseverance in both obtaining the grant for the district and managing the grant. It is a sizeable grant as the district qualifies for almost \$800,000 of federal funding to promote good nutrition and physical exercise among the students, staff and district families as well. The Fitness Center will be open for family fitness activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Trained supervisors will be on duty during family fitness times to assist you and to promote a safe and orderly environment in which to work out. The following list of fitness equipment is an example of what will be available for your use:

- Virtual Reality Bikes
- Interactive Life Fitness Treadmills
- Cross Trainer
- Upper Body Ergometer
- Gaming Bikes
- iDance
- Weight Bench
- Adaptive Motion Trainer

The District is very pleased to be able to offer such an outstanding fitness center to the students, staff and our families. We encourage you to attend our Grand Opening on Dec. 1 to view this outstanding fitness center and all that it has to offer.



Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

Holley Days of Shopping Event on Dec. 4-5

All parents/guardians of Holley Central School District students are invited to "shop" for their children for the holidays. Each parent/guardian will be able to choose a limited number of gifts for each of their children, free of charge. There are no income requirements for this event, but only one parent/guardian is able to shop for each child. This means that the second parent/guardian and other relatives cannot shop for the same child. No prior registration is needed, but we will be verifying they are Holley students at the event.

The event is held on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Elementary School Primary Gym. Please report to the Elementary School foyer first. Be prepared for long wait times and plan extra time in your schedule. There will be no babysitting service available, so please make other arrangements for your children.

If you have any questions, contact Micaela Lauer at 638-6318, ext. 2558.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Takes Off at Holley Again

On Oct. 29, 14 girls met after school to practice running a 5k in preparation for the Girls on the Run (GOTR) event held at Buffalo State College on Nov. 9. The third through sixth graders were part of the GOTR team at Holley Elementary. The furthest distance the girls had previously run was 2 miles, so they were anxious to see how long 3 miles would take them. The girls were accompanied on their practice run by teachers, parents, grandparents and middle school students. As they ran through the village of Holley, the girls proudly wore their purple GOTR t-shirts. Many of the girls finished the run in 35-40 minutes, with most of them stating that the run wasn't as bad as they feared. "It was fun!" said Tia Hoffarth, in her first year with GOTR.

Since the beginning of September, the girls practiced for an hour and a half twice a week under the guidance of Lynn Vendetti and Paula Sanford. This is the third year Holley has participated in this event. The mission of GOTR is for girls to gain confidence in themselves and feel empowered to tackle challenges and complete them successfully. They learn about healthy eating and exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle that will extend beyond their elementary school years. The girls gave out "energy awards" to a teammate at each practice. The girls worked on their running skills to prepare themselves to run the 5k race at the end of the fall session. For the event held on Nov. 9, the girls ran with an adult buddy, whether it was a family member or a volunteer. The girls ended their runs with a huddle and a chant: "Girls on the Run is so much fun!"

The girls on the GOTR team are:

- Sixth graders: Rachael Howard, Emily Gemerek, Kalee Passarell, Callie Updike, Kaleigh Neale and Ava Hayes
- Fifth graders: Mya Hayes and Kira Gantman
- Fourth graders: Tia Hoffarth and Sara Kingdollar
- Third graders: Iris Capurso, Ruthie Patton, Lena Hayes and Loretta Sorochty



COUNSELING News

CTE Field Trip

On Dec. 12, 10th graders will be able to explore a field of interest at the Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) in Spencerport. Students can select two courses from two different clusters. Three sessions are available and participation is on a first come, first served basis. Interested students should sign up in the Counseling Office. The students will have the opportunity to gain specific hands-on vocational experience and to obtain general CTE information. The tour will take place in the morning and transportation will be provided.

Scholarship Opportunities

New scholarship opportunities are posted on the Holley website at: www.holleycsd.org/scholarships/. Check the website regularly and contact Kristina Tese to obtain paper applications. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines and apply early. More scholarship information is located simply by searching online (for example, www.fastweb.com).

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is open online starting Jan. 1. Please access the website at www.fafsa.ed.gov and apply early.

Attention High School Seniors

Seniors should be applying to colleges at this time and taking the SAT (www.collegeboard.com) and/or ACT (www.actstudent.org). Make sure application information is sent on time and pay attention to the deadlines. In addition, seniors should provide their counselors with a list of colleges to which they have applied and been accepted.

Save the DATE!!

"College and Career Readiness" formerly known as C.A.I.N. (College Admission Information Night) will be Tuesday, March 3, 2015, from 6-8 p.m. at Spencerport High School. Please make every effort to attend! This event is the perfect opportunity to learn about financial aid opportunities and how to complete the FAFSA. College representatives, along with industry leaders, will be available to answer any questions/concerns regarding the admission process. The area colleges attending will be as follows:

- Genesee Community College
- St. John Fisher College
- SUNY Binghamton
- Nazareth College
- Alfred State
- Finger Lakes Community College
- Monroe Community College
- SUNY Brockport
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- University of Rochester

Elementary Students Participate in Healthy Soup Day

During Red Ribbon Week at Holley Elementary last month, students were encouraged to bring in canned vegetables and noodles to create a healthy soup for lunch. School Counselor Wanda Farrell, Psychologist Keri Pratt and Social Worker Micaela Lauer, along with Assistant Principal Ashley Grillo, served soup to the students.

Any extra canned goods and non-perishable items were collected for the local food cupboard, Food for Families.



Holley Cafeterias Host Fruit and Vegetable of the Month

As part of the Carol M. White PEP grant requirements, Holley students are being educated about healthy fruits and vegetables. This learning extends to the cafeteria, where Food Service Director Vickie Scroger is hosting a fruit and vegetable of the month event throughout the year. In November, students in both the Elementary School and MS/HS experienced spaghetti squash and butternut squash, since squash was the featured vegetable of the month. Apple was the featured fruit.

Students participated in a survey during their physical education classes to find out how many times they eat fruits and vegetables. At the end of the year, they will retake the survey as part of the PEP grant requirements. Educators are

hoping for an increase in fruit and vegetable intake for each student through exposure to trying new fruit and vegetable dishes in the cafeteria throughout the year and listening to their physical education and classroom teachers promote the event monthly.

To help support this effort at home, here is the list of fruits and vegetables featured each month:

- November: apples and squash
- December: oranges and broccoli
- January: pineapples and beans
- February: bananas and cabbage
- March: kiwi and salad
- April: strawberries and asparagus



Autumn Moy Wins Ghost Tales Writing & Art Contest

Seventh grader Autumn Moy placed fifth in the 13-15 age group in the 2014 Ghost Tales Writing & Art Contest with her story "The Dark Well." She won free tickets to Holiday Hollow in Batavia. The contest was sponsored by *The Daily News*, Genesee County History Department and Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (GO ART!). An excerpt from her story is below.

"Follow me!" Connor said, running along the path ahead. I ran after him, clutching my stuffed rabbit. It was cold and dark. The only light source came from the full moon that hung in the sky, coming down from in-between the bare branches of the trees, casting eerie shadows across the forest floor. Connor stopped and turned around. "Come on Amber! What's taking so long?" he asked and started to run again.

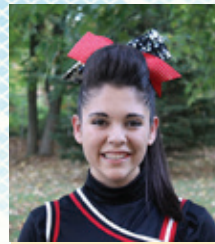
Connor stopped running in front of the ruins of an old house and a well. I ran up beside him, gasping for breath. "Here we are!" he said happily. I gazed up at the old house. The glass windows were broken; the roof had holes and was sunken in; and the outside was overgrown with plants. I looked into the well; all that I could see was darkness. I looked up and stepped away. "What's down there?" Connor asked, walking over to it. He leaned over, looking down into the abyss of darkness. "Be careful!" I said, holding my rabbit tighter. "Don't worry! I'm okay," he said, still looking into the well. I looked around; I had this weird feeling ... like someone was *watching* us. "C-Connor ... let's go. I'm scared," I said, looking back at him. He was leaning forward, trying to reach a rope that was stuck in-between two rocks that made up a part of the wall of the well. "Connor!" I shouted in horror, rushing over to him. "Hmm?" he looked at me, still reaching out to grab the old rope. "You're going to fall!" I said. Connor rolled his eyes. "Amber, I'm fi-," he slipped on some loose rocks below his feet and began to fall, trying to regain his balance. "Connor!" I screamed, dropping my stuffed rabbit and running over. He fell forward, trying to grab the sides of the well. I hurried and grabbed his foot, but it was no use. Seconds later, Connor was falling into the dark well.

For the rest of the story, visit www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/The_Dark_Well.docx.

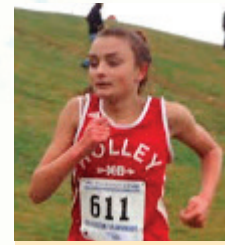


Hawks Athlete of the Week

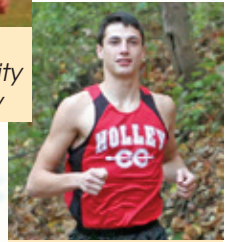
The winners of Hawks Athlete of the Week for October and early November were:



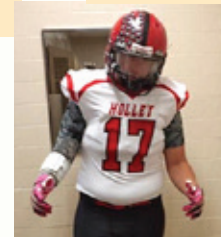
Nicole Boyle,
Senior, Varsity
Cheerleading



Lindsey Allen,
Freshman, Varsity
Cross Country



Martin Beadle,
Senior, Varsity
Cross Country



Lucas Silvis,
Senior, Varsity
Football

Student Council Helps Community Library "Raise the Roof"

During an afterschool meeting, the Elementary Student Council created coin collection containers to assist the Community Free Library raise funds to replace their roof. Larry Dabney, a retired Holley teacher who also serves on the library board, assisted the students in creating the containers. His grandson, Thomas Dobri, is also on the Student Council. Dabney expects that the fundraising will take quite a while. The students walked into the village and asked local businesses permission to leave a collection container for public donations. The containers have been placed in the following locations: Community Free Library, Village of Holley offices, Dr. Schiavone's practice, First Niagara bank, Sam's Diner, Heath & Martin, Nationwide office, Dr. Thompson's office, Kurtz's Car Care, Wiley's Ark Animal Care, Save-A-Lot food stores, Holley Pharmacy, and the Holley Post Office.

Donations can be made at the library and collection containers can also be found at Holley Elementary.



Alternative High School Students Read to Kindergarteners

On a recent afternoon, Alternative High School students read "Sleepy Time Fun" to a group of Holley kindergarteners. At the end of story time, the kindergarten students received their own copy of the book and CD as a part of the Scott Spino Literacy Program. This program is part of the Scott Spino Foundation, which was begun after Rochester city school teacher Scott Spino was killed by a drunk driver in 2004. His parents, Geri and Jerry Spino, created the foundation to carry on his legacy of making a difference in the community, especially in the lives of children through education. The Literacy Program's focus is to increase students' access to literature. The Alternative High School students participated in the monthly Guest Reader program, which is when an adult or older student reads to an entire classroom of elementary students. Each elementary student receives a copy of the book that was read, so they can build their own libraries and "read" the story again and again.



Aliesha Wright reads to the class alongside teacher Stacey Braley



Breanna Hagberg reads to kindergarteners

Character Club Participates in Service Project for Veterans

Each month, students at Holley Elementary are nominated by teachers and staff for exhibiting the character traits consistently. The character traits are being respectful, responsible and safe. The children receive a character certificate recognizing their good character traits. The students' names are entered into a random drawing to participate in the Character Club Activity of the Month. The activity is a craft, project or service that benefits a community group. In November, the activity was creating foam turkeys for the veterans' hospital.



"Mix It Up at Lunch Day"

Gives Students a Taste of Other Cultures

The Multicultural Club sponsored "Mix It Up at Lunch Day" on Oct. 28. As students came in the door to the MS/HS Dining Hall, they received a ticket with a country's name on it, indicating at which table they should sit. The tables were marked with flags from each country. The event was inspired by the national campaign launched by Teaching Tolerance in 2001, as a way to encourage students to meet someone new and sit at lunch with a different group of students.

When students went through the lunch line, they had a chance to taste recipes from a variety of countries. Multicultural Club members worked with Vickie Scroger and her staff to create these dishes. Members of the club

gave Scroger family recipes representing their cultures. The kitchen staff prepared Danish Apple Pudding, Irish Potato Bread, Lazy Pierogi from Poland, Blanc Manger from Haiti, Schokoladenpretzels from Germany, and Italian Meatballs. The students had a chance to try different foods in the company of other students that they would not usually sit with, based on their assignment to that country's table. The most popular dishes that the students enjoyed were the Schokoladenpretzels, Danish Apple Pudding, and Italian Meatballs. The consensus among the students was that they would enjoy another tasting menu and participating in this event again. "I liked it all, especially the Irish Potato Bread," said seventh grader Jonathan Schultz.



Links to recipes:

- **Blanc Manger:** http://haitian-recipes.com/recipes/413_blanc-manger.html
- **Italian Meatballs:** www.chow.com/recipes/10958-italian-meatballs
- **Danish Apple Pudding:** www.danishnet.com/info.php/food/apple-pudding-275.html
- **Irish Potato Bread:** www.yourirish.com/irish-potato-bread-recipe
- **Lazy Pierogi:** <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/lazy-pierogi/>
- **Schokoladenpretzel:** www.food.com/recipe/schokoladenpretzel-chocolate-pretzels-53607



PTSA NEWS

by Nancy Manard, PTSA President

This year, Holley PTSA sponsored the "Rolling in the Dough" fundraiser, an idea that was submitted last year by fifth grader John Patt. One hundred percent of this fundraiser goes to Food for Families, which helps feed local families. They operate completely on donations. Over 30 families were helped last year by this organization.

The PTSA hosted three events for Halloween which included a Halloween party for Pre-K-3 classes, a Halloween Social for grades 4-6 and a Halloween Dance for grades 7-8. These events had a great turnout and were one of our fundraisers for the year. The events would not have been possible without the support of our parents and PTSA board members. A big thank you goes to the following: Holley Elementary School Student Council, Sally Martin, Donna Moore, Marla Ann Daly, Debbie Patt, Michele Andrews, Kathy Norton, Jeff MacPhee, Alexa Downey, Laurie Gemerek, Michelle Hodge, Christine Blosenhauer, Karri Schiavone, Ashley Grillo, Carm Miller (PTSA), Brenda Baxter (PTSA), Jennifer Morgan (PTSA) and Joanne Major (PTSA), among others.



Halloween Social Costume Contest Winners



John Patt

Elementary Students of the Month for October

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for October. Pictured in front row, from left, Aidan Kelley, Maggie Skehan, Fabiana Geronimo-Pluekhahn, Owen Schultz, Jayda Shampine, Alexis Vanameron, Liana Robb, Amarionna Vargas and Laura Moak. Second row, from left, Christopher Lyndaker, Shannon Kelly, Leigha Walker, Mason Merriam, Lance Babcock, Caitlin Dobri, Fabryce Polite and Brianna Heberle. Back row, from left, Kameron Walsh, Garrett Vanlogten, David Farruggia, Isabella Jenks, Rylee Secor, Rubie Maxwell, Mya Hayes and Emmanuel Floyd. Missing from photo: Dominic Hills-Boucher and Caleb Skowneski.



Twenty Holley Elementary School teachers receive \$50 gift cards from Walmart/Sam's Club for their hard work.

High Honor Roll and Honor Roll Students Recognized

Please go to www.holleycsd.org/files/news/holley%20announces%20first%20quarter%20honor%20roll.docx for the full list.

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.

Veterans Day Assembly at Holley Elementary

The annual Veterans Day assembly at Holley Elementary School featured veterans and current military members, flags, music and poetry. Local veterans sat in the audience with their students during the assembly. The guest speaker was Captain Noberto M. de Nobrega from the U.S. Navy and the Commanding Officer of the Navy ROTC at the University of Rochester. Captain de Nobrega said "how wonderful it was to drive through Holley and see such patriotism alive ... how great it was to see Veterans Day honored still." A group of local veterans from the American Legion and VFW posted and retired the colors to begin and end the assembly. The Elementary Chorus sang while the Band played the "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Fifth Grade Ensemble played the glockenspiels and xylophones to accompany the Chorus singing "America, the Beautiful." Sixth graders Evan Valentine and Nathan Nothnagle played "Taps" and "Bugle Call," respectively, on their trumpets. Poems were read by Allyson Skehan, Andrew Dreschel and Callie Updike. After the assembly, the honored military guests were invited for refreshments provided

by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger.



Scholarship Opportunities

SUNY Oswego Scholarships - applications due Jan. 15, 2015

At SUNY Oswego, there are three merit scholarships that high school seniors are eligible for. These scholarships apply to their freshman year of college and can be renewed over four years if they meet academic requirements. The scholarships include the Presidential Scholarships, worth \$18,800 (\$4,700 per year); Deans Scholarships, valued at \$6,000 (\$1,500 per year); and Merit Scholarships worth \$3,000 (\$750 per year). Students must meet grade average and SAT or ACT minimum scores in order to qualify. To learn more about these and other scholarships at SUNY Oswego, visit www.oswego.edu/admissions/costs/financial/scholarships/merit.html.

Paid Multi-Year Summer Internship Program for Minority Students - applications due Jan. 31, 2015

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the media industry, consider applying for the Emma L. Bowen Foundation scholarship. Minority high school seniors and college freshman with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and an interest in media careers (marketing, public relations, news, web design, promotion, production, finance, operations, human resources, technology or sales) are eligible to apply. During this multi-year internship, students in the program receive an hourly wage and matching scholarship. For more information, visit www.emmabowenfoundation.com/.

Holley Alumni is Athlete of the Week at GCC

Claudia Passarell, a freshman at Genesee Community College (GCC), was named Athlete of the Week for Women's Soccer in October. Passarell graduated in June 2014 from Holley. She plays defense for GCC. She has helped the Cougars have nine shut-out wins this season.



College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Felicia Clawson, Zachary Farruggia and Zackaery Burch have been accepted to Monroe Community College (MCC), Jade Underwood has been accepted to New Haven University and Nicole Boyle has been accepted to the University of Tampa for the fall of 2015. Congratulations!

Superintendent of Schools

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Freshman Class Hosts **Movie Night Fundraiser**

The Freshman Class is hosting a Movie Night Fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 12 in the High School Auditorium. The double feature is "Polar Express" (rated PG) at 6:30 p.m. followed by "Pitch Perfect" (rated PG-13) at 8:30 p.m. Children under age 13 who wish to attend "Pitch Perfect" must have a parent/guardian attend with them or bring a signed permission slip. Two dollar donations and refreshment sales will benefit the Freshman Class.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Holley Elementary students had a chance to parade around in their costumes on Oct. 31. There were two parades throughout the Elementary School, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and both were led by the Student Council. They proudly carried the banner they made during one of the Student Council meetings. Superheroes, princesses, witches and scary characters were seen walking through the halls. Even the teachers and staff dressed up!



Quick Links on Holley Site Have Moved

You may have noticed that some of your favorite links on the Holley Central School District website (www.holleycsd.org) have moved. This is due to limited space to list items that apply to the District, Middle School/High School (MS/HS), and Elementary School pages, respectively. Items that apply only to the Elementary School, such as the Library and 6th Grade Website, have been removed from the main page and placed on the Quick Links list for the Elementary School home page. Items that apply only to the MS/HS, such as the Library and 7th and 8th Grade Homework, have been removed from the main page and placed on the Quick Links list for the MS/HS home page. There are always multiple ways to find a link on our site, so don't hesitate to use the **Search** function that is found on the left pane of every page in the site.

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| 1 | Holley Fitness Center Grand Opening, ES 6-7:30 p.m. | 13 | ACT Exam |
| 2 | Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Fitness Center 6:30 p.m. | 15 | Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m. |
| 2 | Capital Project Information Meeting, HS Aud. 7 p.m. | 15-19 | PTSA Scholastic Book Fair, ES 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| 4 | Masterminds Competition, MS/HS 3:30 p.m. | 15 | Kindergarten Caroling in the Village |
| 4 | Holley Days of Shopping Event, ES Foyer 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | 17 | Santa visit, ES 9 a.m. |
| 5 | Holley Days of Shopping Event, ES Foyer 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | 19 | Elementary interim reports sent home |
| 6 | SAT Exam | 19 | ES Sing-a-Long Assembly, ES Int. Gym 9:30 a.m. |
| 9 | Capital Project Phase III Vote, MS/HS Foyer 6 a.m.-9 p.m. | 19 | MS Dance, HS Dining Hall 7-9 p.m. |
| 9 | Winter Concert Elementary Band and Chorus, HS Aud. 7 p.m. | | 22-31 No School - Holiday Recess |
| 11 | Winter Concert MS/HS Band and Chorus, HS Aud. 7 p.m. | | |
| 12 | Freshman Class Fundraiser Movie Night, HS Aud. 6:30 p.m. | | |

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.