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Holley Central School District | March 2015



Family Fitness Center Extends Hours

Due to the high rate of usage of the Family Fitness Center located in Holley Elementary School, the Holley Board of Education approved a proposal to expand its hours. Effective Feb. 2, the Family Fitness Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. when school is in session. The Family Fitness Center is available for use by residents of the Holley Central School District free of charge. Children age 10 and older may use the center with their families in the evening.

Students and adults have regularly used the iDance pads, treadmills, and stationary bikes with virtual reality screens since the Family Fitness Center opened on Dec. 1, 2014. The Family Fitness Center is available for use by classes during the school day and by staff when not in use by classes. The Family Fitness Center is open for family fitness activities in the evenings. Trained supervisors are on duty during family fitness times to assist participants and to promote a safe and orderly environment in which to work out.

The Family Fitness Center was made possible through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant. The district qualified for almost \$800,000 of federal funding to promote good nutrition and physical exercise among the students, staff and district families.

The Family Fitness Center also has a cross trainer, weight bench, upper body ergometer, and adaptive motion trainer for district residents to use. Some pieces of equipment are youth-sized to enable children ages 10 and older to exercise alongside their family members.



From left, Ava Hayes, Kylie Towne, Allyson Skehan, Rachael Howard and Storm Boyce interact with iDance



Glenn Clark, on left, works out in the Family Fitness Center on his 79th birthday with Dave Press

FIT4U! Class Takes Place in Family Fitness Center Afterschool for Elementary Students

Approximately 20 elementary students flock to Sharon Gross' FIT4U! fitness class each day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for an hour and a half afterschool. They learn how to use the new fitness equipment that is in the Family Fitness Center, then spend some time exercising and learning about nutrition. The FIT4U! class and Family Fitness Center are funded by the Carol M. White PEP Grant that Holley received last year.



Brody Schutz on the upper body ergometer

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Holley Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent for Business

In January, Sharon Zacher began working as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business for Holley Central School District. She came to Holley after working eight years for the Medina School District, with five of those years spent working as the Business Administrator. Zacher, a native of Medina, appreciated the opportunity to come to Holley. "Working in a small district, you wear several different hats, such as Transportation, Building & Grounds, Lunch Program, Budget and Finance," Zacher said of her capital project experience in Medina. She is anxious to share her small town experience here at Holley.



Zacher received her B.S. in Business Administration from Daemen College and her Masters of Science in Education and Certification from the State University College at Brockport. Her work experience has always been in the accounting field prior to jumping into the education field. She is married to Tim Zacher, who works at his family business, Zacher Construction in Medina, and they have two sons, Brad, 22, and Tom, 19. Brad works in the family business, too, and Tom is a sophomore at Canisius College. Zacher enjoys golfing, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

Zacher is concerned about the issue of state aid for the district and the lack of consistency from year to year. She said she is a team player, approachable and wants to help any way she can. "It's a balancing act between state aid and the property taxes, while doing the best to give students what they need for a well-rounded education," said Zacher.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Taylor DeSimone was accepted to University at Buffalo and Jade Underwood was accepted to Roberts Wesleyan College. Gunter Hotchkiss was accepted to The College at Brockport, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Potsdam and SUNY Plattsburgh. Jonathan Bower was accepted to Clarkson University with a Merit Scholarship. Anthony Wright was accepted to Keuka College with an annual \$11,500 Gold Scholars Scholarship.



National Guard Acceptance

We are pleased to announce that Zoe Harding has been sworn into the National Guard on Feb. 4. She will be leaving for Fort Jackson, SC on Aug. 25.

Congratulations!

Free Snacks Afterschool for Holley Students

Students staying afterschool for help with a class, participation in a club or activity, rehearsal for the musical or athletic practice now have a chance to pick up a free healthy snack in the cafeteria before heading off to their event. The free snack differs by the day and gives students an opportunity to try a new snack without spending any money. Snack offerings have included assorted fruit juices, carrots with ranch dressing, celery with peanut butter, cheese sticks or pepperoni with

crackers, yogurt, Goldfish® crackers, strawberries, oranges and frozen bananas with Nutella®.

The program began in both the Elementary School and MS/HS on Jan. 5 and has been well-received by students in both schools. In the MS/HS, about 70 students a day grab the free snack before heading off to their activity. Ninth grader Nathan Towne said that the snacks are "delicious," with the carrots and juice as the best snack for him so far. The elementary students appreciate having some healthy fuel in their bodies before they head down to the Fitness Center to participate in a FIT4U! session. They are fans of the pepperoni, cheese and crackers or Goldfish® crackers with peanut butter.

This program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) because at least 50 percent of Holley students qualify for free or reduced meals. All students are eligible to receive the free afterschool snacks, regardless if they qualify for free or reduced meals.



From left, Angelena Golisano, Destiny Blosenhauer, Efrain Cruz and David LoDolce enjoy their afterschool free snack

Nathan Towne

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High School Seniors

If you plan to attend college after graduation, you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your form online. The FAFSA is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work-study programs. The form must be filled out online and submitted to the colleges by their due dates in order to be eligible for these programs. If you are planning on attending a community college after graduation, hopefully, you have already applied. Once the deposit has been made, students can take placement tests and register for classes. The earlier, the better!

Financial Aid Workshop

Holley will be hosting a **Financial Aid Workshop** on March 2 from 4-6 p.m. in the High School Library. Please bring all your paperwork with you to apply. You are encouraged to apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) prior to the event. **Please call** Penny Cole at 638-6335, ext. 5510 to reserve your spot if you are interested in attending.

Attention Juniors - Sign up for SAT and/or ACT

Juniors who are considering college after graduation should plan to take the SAT and/or ACT in May or June. Students can register online at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT and at www.actstudent.org for the ACT. Students currently receiving free or reduced price lunches should see their counselor for a fee waiver; act quickly because the number of fee waivers is limited.

College and Career Readiness Night (formerly known As CAIN)

The College and Career Readiness Night will be held on **Tuesday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m.** at Spencerport High School. **College representatives** from the following SUNY colleges will be there: Alfred State College, Binghamton University, State University College at Brockport, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College and Monroe Community College. **Area college representatives** will also be present: Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College and University of Rochester. There will also be **community/industry representatives** from Electrical Union, Wegmans, Carpenter's Union, SPX, Earth Link and Unity Health. Parents and students will learn the training and education needed to navigate the planning process and academic requirements for employability in the field. Combined efforts between the college professor, representative in the field and middle skills specialist will be able to answer questions and give information on specific trends in the area of employment. This is a great opportunity for both parents and students to research jobs and career choices. You don't want to miss out!

Rochester National College Fair

The Rochester National College Fair will be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on Sunday, March 15 from 1-3:30 p.m. and Monday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and hosted by the New York State Association for College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC), this event is free and open to the public.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test

The ASVAB Interest Inventory test will be held on March 2 from 7:45-11:15 a.m. in the MS/HS auditorium. Interested 10th-12th graders are encouraged to sign up. The ASVAB is mandatory for students who plan on enlisting in the military upon graduation. An ASVAB workshop will be held at the school to review the results of the test on March 10. During the workshop, students will become familiar with career exploration and be able to determine which careers/interests work best for them.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-K and kindergarten registration will take place in the Holley Elementary Library Classroom on Wednesday, March 18 from 1-5 p.m. This is the only registration event that Holley will be hosting for Pre-K and kindergarten enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. Pre-K registrations will not be accepted before March 18.

The age requirements are as follows:

- Pre-K children must be four years of age by Dec. 1, 2015.
- Kindergarten children must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2015.

Parents and/or guardians must bring the following documents with them to register their child:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency (for example, a utility bill)

Registrations will not be completed without these items.

Physicals for Pre-K and kindergarten students are required by Sept. 1, 2015.

For more information about registration, contact Karen Bower at Holley Elementary School at (585) 638-6318, ext. 2580.



Scholarships

Niagara Orleans Counselors Association (NOCA) Scholarships, applications due March 13, 2015

Eight different scholarships are available. For an application form and more information, visit http://www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/noca_scholarships.doc.

Junior League of Buffalo Scholarships, applications due March 13, 2015

The Junior League of Buffalo offers two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating female high school students who are volunteers in the Western New York community. The scholarships are awarded based on a record of outstanding quality volunteer experience, which exceeds the minimum high school requirements. Visit www.jlbuffalo.org to access the application package. Call 716-884-8865 if you're unable to access it online.

Peter Pasula Student Habits Scholarship, applications due April 1, 2015

To be eligible for the \$500 Student Habits Scholarship, students must be attending an accredited post-secondary school by the fall of 2015 and be enrolled in a program that is two years or longer in length. To complete the online application, visit <http://www.mortgagebrokerscoquitlam.com/mortgagebrokerscoquitlam.php>.

The GCASA Foundation Scholarship, applications due April 1, 2015

The GCASA Foundation Scholarship is open to Genesee and Orleans County residents entering college in the fall of 2015. The scholarship was established to provide financial support to individuals pursuing their education at an institution of higher learning in the fields of human services or social services for the purpose of contributing to improving community health. For more information, visit <http://gcasa.net/Portals/0/2015%20scholarship%20application%20and%20document.pdf>.

Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship, applications due April 4, 2015

The Alpha Theta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society will award \$500 to a young woman who will be graduating from high school in June 2015 and has been accepted at a four year institution, with the goal of entering the teaching profession. Please contact Kristina Tese for an application.

Bambino/Jensen Scholarship, applications due April 6, 2015

The Bambino Scholarship is available to a special education student who is college bound. Applicants must complete a 650-word essay about the student's accomplishments; how the student overcame challenges; how he or she serves as a role model for other people with special challenges; and what the student will study in college. Scholarship amounts range from \$3,000-\$5,000.

The Jensen Scholarship is available to a student who has excelled in design and wishes to pursue their talents in college. Applicants must complete a 650-word essay explaining how they might create a design or adapt an existing design for a specific purpose and why it would be useful. Schematics or drawings are not required, but may be attached to help explain the design or adaptation. One scholarship for \$3,000 and another for \$5,000 will be awarded statewide.

For more information on both scholarships, visit <http://nysir.org/category/scholarships/>.

Clarendon Lions Club Scholarship, applications due April 15, 2015

A \$250 award is given by the Clarendon Lions Club in memory of our deceased members. The award will be granted to a student(s) based on grade average, acceptance to a college or trade school, and service to others, including community, church, school or Lions Club. Please contact Kristina Tese for an application.

Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek American Legion Scholarship Trust, applications due May 8, 2015

This scholarship is intended to assist New York State Veterans, their families and patriotic students who share the ideals of the American Legion. For more information, visit <http://eriecounty.al.org/pdf%20files/MJK%202015%20Scholarship.pdf>.

Dana Fry Scholarship, applications due May 15, 2015

The Vietnam Veterans of America are offering two scholarships to high school seniors. The amount of scholarship has increased from \$500 to \$750 each. The 500 word essays must be completed by May 15. Please contact Kristina Tese to obtain an application and an essay topic.

Athnet Sports Recruiting Scholarship, applications due June 1, 2015

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to high school seniors and current college students who played sports at the high school or college level and are attending college next year. Write a 400-500 word essay describing how the lessons you have learned through playing sports have positively impacted you as you pursue your college education. For more details, visit <http://www.athleticscholarships.net/scholarship-contest.htm>.

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship Program, applications due June 15, 2015

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are offering their eighth annual scholarship of \$1,000. High school juniors and seniors, as well as currently enrolled college students, are eligible to submit an essay on a topic that appears on the scholarship page of their website: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Full details are available on the site.



Tickets on Sale for MS/HS Musical



Tickets are on sale now for the Holley MS/HS production of

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Performances are on
March 13-14 at 7 p.m.
and on March 15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 each and can be
purchased online at Showtix4U
or in the MS/HS office. Tickets
are reserved seating only.

The musical tells the biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, which signifies him as his father, Jacob's, favorite son out of 12 boys. Joseph has the ability to interpret dreams and often has dreams that foretell the future. His jealous brothers sell him into slavery. After a series of adventures, Joseph lands in jail. When Joseph's abilities reach the ears of the Pharaoh, he is released from jail and promoted to the Pharaoh's second in command. When a famine drives Joseph's brothers to encounter him later in life, they do not recognize him, so Joseph turns the tables on them to test their loyalty. This popular musical has lyrics written by Tim Rice and music written by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The musical has very little spoken parts, but hosts a variety of engaging musical styles.

Soaring Awards

Sixth grader Austen Berns and fifth grader Jaiden Sargent at Holley Elementary were the recipients of the “Soaring to New Heights” award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Feb. 9. This award is given monthly to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations and who lend their skills and abilities to help others. The boys received this award from Elementary School Principal Karri Schiavone for their assistance with the afterschool free snack program. Both boys help set up the room, serve the snacks, make sure students sign in to receive their snack, and clean up afterwards. They saw an opportunity to help without seeking any benefit for themselves and stepped in to help. They continually ask what else they can do to help out. Schiavone cited the boys' character qualities of leadership, respect, responsibility and compassion as their reasons for receiving the award.



From left, Jaiden Sargent, Karri Schiavone and Austen Berns.

Two Holley Students Have Award Winning Handwriting

Breanna Hagberg and Madeline Rowley recently won the Clarkson Historical Society Handwriting Contest. Hagberg, a senior, and Rowley, a sophomore, placed first and second, respectively, in the high school category. They were honored in an awards ceremony at the Clarkson Academy on Jan. 23. Hagberg received a check for \$15 and Rowley received a check for \$10 and \$5 off a book at Lift Bridge Book Shop in Brockport.

Both students were required to handwrite a quote to participate in the contest. Rowley said that she entered the contest just to see if she could win. She was encouraged to participate by her English teacher, Julie Wantuck. Hagberg said she was “shocked to win” when she found out there were 70 entries she competed against. She had been working on her handwriting a little bit under the guidance of teacher Suzanne Lepkowski. Both students said they originally learned how to write cursive in elementary school.

From left, Breanna Hagberg and Madeline Rowley



High Honor Roll and Honor Roll Students Recognized

Please go to <http://www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/holley%20announces%20second%20quarter%20honor%20roll.docx> for the full list.

Holley Singers and Musicians Participate in All-County Concert

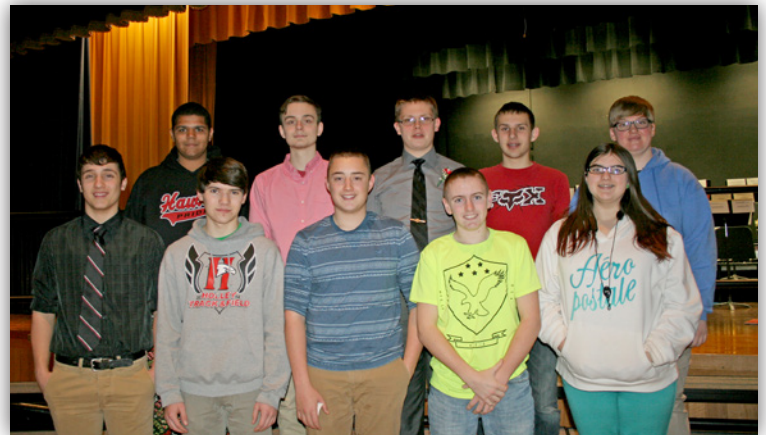
Holley Elementary Band, Middle School Chorus and High School Band students participated in the All County Concert on Saturday, Feb. 7. Their first rehearsal together with students from other Orleans County schools was on Friday, Feb. 6, where they worked with guest conductors to fine tune the pieces they would perform the next day. The students had received the music previously and practiced their parts on their own. The two-day event gave students a chance to interact with other performers from Albion, Kendall, Lyndonville and Medina who may or may not sing the same part or play the same instrument that they do. It also provided the opportunity for students to learn from another music teacher about how to tackle new material, participate in a large band or chorus, and acquire new skills and techniques from their fellow musicians.

Guest conductor Caelin Kordziel is an Instrumental Music Teacher at Romulus Central Schools; she conducted the All County Elementary Band. Dr. Todd E. Ranney is an Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania; he conducted the All County Junior High Chorus. Erik Piazza is a high school music teacher at Webster Thomas High School; he conducted the All County Senior High Band.



Elementary Band, front row, from left, Kalen Brady, Karl Biedlingmaier, Allyson Skehan, Rachel Kinsey and Michael Stoll. Second row, from left, Callie Updike, Nathan Nothnagle, Erin Kelly and Abigail Bubbs. Back row, from left, Andrew Drechsel, Charles Turpyn, Collin Capurso, Kasey DeFrank, Kayleigh Neale and Evan Valentine.

High School Band, front row, from left, Nick Passarelli, James Skehan, Ronnie DeWaal, Bailey Schubmehl and Heather Ramsey. Back row, from left, Alexander Mounts, Cole Quiter, Andrew Spychalski, Flint DiLella and Anna Brasted.



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.



Middle School Chorus, front row, from left, Hannah Bailey, Briana Colucci, Cheyan Palmer, Abrianna Kruger, Alexis Penna, Emma Morlino and Rachael Vanelli. Back row, from left, Elijah Bibby, Jake Peters, Matthew Skehan, Dalton Thurley, Madison Marsh, Julia Smith, Janelle Miles and Sierra Apicella. Missing from photo: Braden Ferranti.

Knighthawks Player Talks to Students About Defusing Bullies

Joe Walters, a forward for the Rochester Knighthawks lacrosse team, talked to Holley sixth graders about methods of defeating bullies. He emphasized that students have to speak up to stop bullying, whether it be to stop the abuse against them or to stop any bullying they witness against someone else. He also stressed that they are not to bully anyone else, either.

Walters, a Rochester native, said that all of the Knighthawks players signed a pledge three years ago to start the anti-bullying campaign. The players speak to students at schools in the area, bringing a banner that the students sign after listening to the anti-bullying presentation. They pledge to never bully anyone else and to follow the motto of "We got your back," which means that

they will confront a bully and ask them to stop or get help with stopping the bullying by telling an adult. Over 11,000 students have received this message so far.

Walters talked about the four types of bullying: verbal, physical, social and online. He told students to tell an adult if the bullying does not stop. If the first adult doesn't help the student, tell another adult and keep working through the list of adults that should be able to help. If a student goes through their entire list of trusted adults, go back to the beginning of the list and tell the adults again; they might pay more attention the second time. He said that the worst thing a student can do is to say nothing.

Walters related the story of his own experience with bullying. When he was in eighth grade, he went to a new school and a boy in class called him a name that was a racial slur. He kept quiet about it for a month because he didn't want to be a snitch, but the name calling didn't stop. He finally told a teacher and she worked with the bully to get him to stop by getting him to emphasize with Walters. The bullying stopped. By the end of high school, Walters was friends with the bully because they had reached a level of understanding with each other.



Knighthawk Joe Walters speaks to sixth graders

Walters said that the bullying made him feel upset, sad, angry and down on himself. He asked the students if they were the ones being the bully, to put themselves in the victim's shoes and ask themselves if they want to feel that way.

To encourage the students to sign the banner, Walters gave away free Knighthawks tickets to one game this season. The tickets also offer a discount to any family member that accompanies the student. The Knighthawks have won three championships and are the first indoor professional team in the National Lacrosse League to do this. Walters himself was a four-time All American player when he was in college.



Students sign pledge

Eighth Grade Debates



The eighth graders held their first debate on Jan. 21, where they debated the healthy school lunch program initiated by Michelle Obama. The program began in 2012 as a way to combat obesity by providing students with healthier lunches at school. One student represented the Department of Health and Human Services while a team of five "concerned citizens" debated whether the healthy lunch initiative was really working three years later. The citizens brought up the point that private schools are exempt from this program and the Obama children attend private schools, so they questioned why only public schools have to follow this program. Rebuttal questions were asked by teacher Nick D'Amuro and the responses were timed. Students are also required to cite their sources when responding. The citizens argued that the students should be able to choose healthy food rather than have it mandated and they asked for the program to be regulated in all states at the same levels. The student representing the Dept. of Health and Human Services was able to win the debate because he provided factual information and cited where he found it.

Bryant Barber represents Department of Health and Human Services in the debate

Holley Scholar Athletes

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association announced the Fall 2014 Scholar/ Athlete team awards for each fall sport. Congratulations to the following Holley Central School District teams: Cheerleading, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Volleyball and Boys' Cross Country. These students had a team average of 90 percent or higher.



Varsity Girls' Soccer team, bottom row, from left, Heather Winkley, Courtney Winkley, Taylor DeSimone, Samantha Barniak, Bailey Papaj, Jade Underwood and Alexis Milazzo. Top row, from left, Anne Jewell, Nikki Siplo, Kristen Nenni, Madison Papaj, Lillian Klafehn, Ryley O'Mara, Brittney Shattuck and Mikayla Smith. Missing from photo: Riley Sanger and Brianna VanAmeron.



Varsity Girls' Volleyball, bottom row, from left, Melanie Klossner, Jessica Skehan, Tessa McArthur, Alicia Lutes, Ariel Frazer, Paige Lampo and Shelby Allen. Top row, from left, Ava Kohut, Kayla Guck, Brianna Barber, Megan Clark, Kayla Brooks, Helana McClean and Chelsea Norman.



Varsity Cheerleading, bottom row, from left, Alexis Younes, Jessica Mandigo, Nicole Boyle, Hayley Diep, Dallas Starkweather, Adrianna Shepherd and Sierra Kuhn. Top row, from left, Melody Purtell, Alaina Roniger, Emma Grathouse, Kelsey Daniels, Madeline Rowley, Corinne Johnson, Kamryn Penna, Alassia Giancursio and Nina DiLella. Missing from photo: Amber Becker, Juli Cuccaro, Kennedy Jones, Sonya Kordovich and Sierra Verhasen.



Varsity Boys' Soccer, bottom row, from left, Rich Hutchinson, Santino Morales, Dannuel Kozlowski, Justin Parker, Patrick Bower, Joshua Porter, Joe DeFelice and Jonathan Bower. Top row, from left, PJ Duffy, Xander Apicella, Ryan Moseman, Flint DiLella, Cameron Bennage, Andrew Cary, Andrew Spychalski, Chris Balys and Jake DeSimone. Missing from photo: Tyler Hill and Derek McArthur.



Varsity Boys' Cross Country, from left, Jared Scherer, Gaje Papponetti and Derrick Hildreth. Missing from photo: Martin Beadle, Zack Faruggia, Jason Kimmel, Brandon Morrell and Richard Tamblin.

Open Volleyball on Thursday Nights at the Elementary School



Holley Elementary is hosting open volleyball games in the Intermediate Gym on Thursday nights through April from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It's open to the community and all levels of players, age 18 and older, are welcome. No registration is required. For more information, contact Jenn Morgan at jmorgan@holleycsd.org.

Wrestling Alumni Night



On Jan. 15, the Holley Wrestling team hosted its annual alumni night. Front row, from left, Joe Clark, DJ Blosenhauer, Adam Grillo, Andrew Grillo, Brett Underwood, Dustin Buzard, Andy Flanagan, Ryan Camacho, Paul Moore, Ashley John Grillo and Michael Silvis. Back row, from left, Jerry Bishop, Michael Blosenhauer, Joe Cuccaro, Nate Jenks, Quinton Murphy, Joshua Escobar, Samuel Beadle, Kevin Avery, Jonathan Butterbaugh, Daniel Flanagan, Justin Widrig, Jacob Bailey, John Tanis and William Silpoch.

Holley Alumni Basketball Game

Holley Sports Boosters is proud to host the 2015 Holley Alumni Basketball Game on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. There will be four different age levels and we hope to host four games. Snow date is Thursday, March 19. Refer to the Holley Sports Boosters Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HolleySportsBoosters>) for more details coming soon.



VARSITY Cheerleaders Place Second at Genesee Region League Competition

Congratulations to the Varsity Cheerleaders for placing second at the Genesee Region League Competition in January. Congratulations also go out to Nicole Boyle, Hayley Diep and Adrianna Shepherd for doing an amazing job on their individual performances. Boyle and Diep won the top two places and will be representing the Genesee Region at the Ronald McDonald Games in March. Well done team! A great big thank you to all of the students, members of the Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams, and staff that came out to support the team – you were terrific!



Elementary School Student Council Sponsors Read-a-Thon

It's not very often that you find Elvis in the Elementary Café reading "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss, but that's what happened the afternoon of Feb. 10. Elvis was one of three guest readers that participated in the Read-a-Thon that the Elementary School Student Council hosted to raise funds for the Community Free Library's roof replacement project. Students collected money from sponsors prior to the event and then spent time afterschool reading books by themselves or with a buddy and listening to stories read aloud. Elvis, aka John Trupo, retired first grade teacher, was joined by his wife, Katie Trupo, another retired first grade teacher, and Larry Dabney, retired art teacher and library board member, in reading stories aloud to the students.

Approximately 65 students participated in the Read-a-Thon, raising over \$1,000. This is in addition to the \$130.50 that was raised through coin collection containers that the Student Council created in the fall and placed around the village of Holley. The Student Council also sold reading themed bookmarks and pencils at the Read-a-Thon to collect additional funds for the "Raise the Roof" project for the library.



Retired teacher Katie Trupo reads aloud to Holley elementary students.

HOLLEY ELEMENTARY HOSTS A HOEDOWN

On Jan. 16, Holley Elementary students in grades 4-6 had a chance to show off their square dancing skills in the annual Big Hoedown. The event, in its 27th year with professional caller Mike Callahan, celebrated the end of a week-long unit in square dancing that took place during physical education classes. Callahan spent four days with students in Pre-K through sixth grade, teaching them the steps and corresponding commands, as he played a mix of country and popular music. "I love coming to Holley every year because the kids are so well behaved," Callahan said.

The students demonstrated their understanding of "promenade your corner until you get back home," "do-si-do your partner" and "right hand star." The dancers also participated in line dances such as the "Cupid Shuffle" and "Macarena." Teachers and family members of students also danced, helping to round out the numbers in some of the squares.

The fourth through sixth graders competed to see who had the best "square" of eight dancers and who was the best dressed in square dancing attire. A pizza party was their reward. Several teachers also received the best dressed award.

The Hoedown event is funded by the Carol M. White PEP Grant that Holley has received to promote good nutrition and physical exercise among the students, staff and district families.



Teachers Tanya Pittinaro, on left, and Lynn Vendetti receive best dressed award

Dancers in the best square are Elise Quincey, Ava Quincey, Sara Kingdollar, Emma Kingston, Evan Press, Cameron Bates, Christopher Lyndaker and Jesse Patterson.

Elementary Students of the Month for November and December



Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for November. Pictured in front row, from left, Audrey Haag, Alexis Salamone, Alyssa Abbondanzieri, Landen Goodrich, Dakota Arnold and Mya Brown. Second row, from left, Conner Chapman, Catalina Solis-Escamilla, Hannah Jolly, Jailyn Bishop, Allison Merle and Alexia Renner. Third row, from left, Carter McGuire, Dillon Penders, Isabella Thom, Erin DeFrank, Alexis Blosenhauer, Brandon Lorenzo and Charles Turpyn. Back row, from left, Hanna Guck, Kayleigh Neale, Hayley Skidmore, Ava Hayes and Jayden Gibaud-Mastowski. Missing from photo: Carissa Klossner, Ella Turpyn and Christopher Mosier.



Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for December. Pictured in front row, from left, Isla Schultz, Layla Kingdollar, Elise Quincey, Aro Kruger, Emma Kingston, Sheelsy Gonzalez and Landyn Burch. Second row, from left, Colin Liese, Matthew Bull, Jesse Reome, Jasmine Apicella, Ronald Thorn, Evan McKeon, Joshua Silpoch, Toby Haag, Lily Sprague, and Ernie LaPlante. Back row, from left, Kylie Towne, Elaina Arquette, Rachael Howard, Halee Passarell, Parker Walker, Cora Bennage, and Jakob Silpoch. Missing from photo: Zachary Fichter, Cameron Rowley and Nicholas Figura.

Sixth Grade Art Classes Continuing Holley Tradition with Tiles

Sixth grade students in Mimi Reyngoudt's art classes are carrying on the tradition of leaving personalized tiles on the walls of Holley Elementary. The students are working on completing their painted tiles so that they can be mounted on the walls before the end of the year.

The project began when Reyngoudt gave each student a six inch square ceramic tile to decorate. They started sketching on paper what they wanted to include on the tiles besides their names. Many students added sports, hobbies and logos of favorite teams to their designs. Next, they painted the tiles, using either a single color or a variety of colors for the background. Once the tiles were dry, they used carbon or white transfer paper to transfer the paper design onto the tiles. The students used either paint or permanent

marker to trace over and fill in their designs on the tiles. After the designs were completed and dried, the tiles were clear-coated to protect them while they're hanging on the wall.

The tiles will be hung on the wall as a group and "Class of 2021" noted next to them. This tradition of hanging tiles on the wall began in 2004, with the students making their own eight inch tiles out of clay. Reyngoudt searched for an alternative material when those tiles began to warp and became too heavy for the walls. The smaller six inch tiles are lighter and easier to adhere to the walls. "I tell students that these tiles will be up for a long, long time," said Reyngoudt. "Maybe one day, when their own children attend Holley Elementary, they will be able to show them the tiles they made when they were in sixth grade. How neat would that be?"



Abby Bubba paints her tile

Sixth Grade Students Experiment with Balloon-Powered Cars

On Feb. 5, sixth grade students at Holley Elementary put their mathematical knowledge of calculating distance, rate and time to the test when they participated in Derby Day. They used their science skills to design and create cars out of simple materials to race against their classmates to determine who could make a car that would go the farthest, be the fastest, be the best designed and have the best rate. The cars were powered by up to two balloons.

"The students have had a great time working with their partner, and some have really shined," said Janelle Baker, sixth grade science teacher. The students were awarded prizes for having the fastest car, the car that went the farthest distance, the best looking car and the best rate.



From left, Elizabeth Kruger, David Farruggia and Jordan Gates release their cars



A sample of the cars that were created

	Period 2	Period 3	Period 5
Best Design	Charlie Turpyn & Abigail Bubba	David Farruggia & Rylee Secor	Zachary McAllister & Jakob Silpoch
Best Rate	Allison Lyndaker & Erin Kelly	Elizabeth Kruger & Ava Hayes	Ricky Hodge & Storm Boyce
Fastest Car	Hayley Skidmore & Mackenzy Nenni	Hanna Cruz-Robb & Makayla Famoly	Brianna Heffernan & Sandra Graham
Farthest Distance	Jazmin Mounts & Annalise Tinkous	Skyla Milazza & Evan Towsley	Tristion McFadden & Shashona MacPhee

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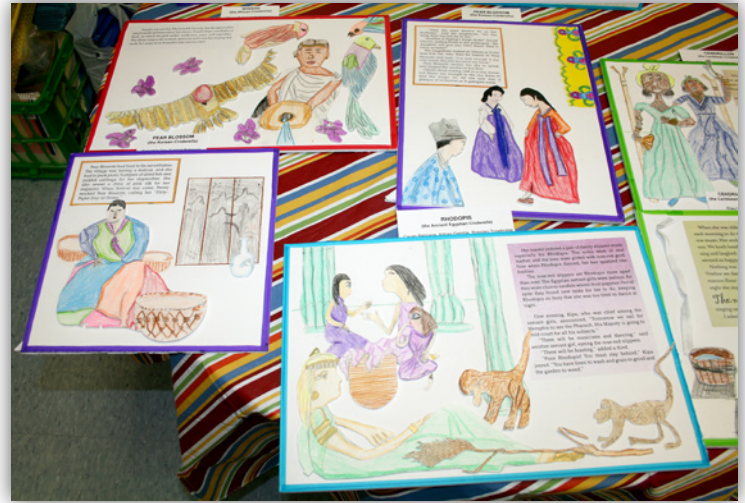


Third Graders Explore the Different Versions of "Cinderella"

Students in Trish Draper's third grade class recently read different versions of the "Cinderella" fairy tale and created illustrations for these stories. The students researched the countries where their "Cinderella" stories took place and their illustrations reflected the culture of these countries. Countries included the Caribbean, Ancient Egypt, Korea, Africa and China. Retired art teacher Larry Dabney assisted the students with their projects.

Draper said the students enthusiastically participated in the project. When asked if the boys objected to working on a fairy tale, she said, "Not one complaint came out of them."

Student illustrations of the various "Cinderella" tales



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| 3 | College and Career Readiness, Spencerport High School 6-8 p.m. | 15-16 | NACAC College Fair, Rochester Riverside Convention Center |
| 3 | Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Fitness Center 6:30 p.m. | 16 | Board of Education, District Office 6 p.m. |
| 4 | "Cause for the County" Faculty Basketball Game vs. Kendall, Kendall HS Gym 6 p.m. | 17 | Alumni Basketball Game 6 p.m. |
| 5 | MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6 p.m. | 18 | Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration, ES Library Classroom 1-5 p.m. |
| 5-6 | ES Spring School Picture Days | 19 | ES Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m. |
| 6 | Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS/HS 10:33 a.m. • ES 11:30 a.m. | 20 | ES Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences noon-3:30 p.m. |
| 6-7 | All County Competition for ES Chorus, MS Band & HS Chorus, Lyndonville HS 2 p.m. | 20 | National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, HS Aud. 1:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Budget Workshop, HS Conference Room 6 p.m. | 21 | Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser, HS Gym 9:30 a.m. |
| 11 | MS/HS Interim reports available in SchoolTool | 24 | District Choral Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m. |
| 13 | Elementary interim reports sent home | 26 | District Band Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m. |
| 13-14 | Musical, HS Aud. 7 p.m. | 27 | Music in Our Schools Assembly, HS Aud. 9:30 a.m. |
| 14 | SAT Exam | | 30-31 No School - Spring Break |
| 15 | Musical, HS Aud. 2 p.m. | | <i>Check the district calendar online for additional detail.</i> |