

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | October 2015





## Superintendent's Message

### Common Core: Curriculum vs. Assessments

Dear Holley School Community,

Much has been written about the Common Core topic at both the local and national levels. At times, these articles do not distinguish between Common Core curriculum and assessments, which in my estimation, causes some confusion in the minds of parents and educators, as well. Good curriculum lends itself to good instruction and learning. If you recall your school days and the teachers you thought of as good teachers, chances are they delivered challenging, interesting and comprehensive lessons. It is no different in today's classroom. Good curriculum = Good instruction = Good learning.

For some parents, both locally and throughout the state, the true issue continues to be the assessments. Parents cite the age/grade level of test administration, the frequency of testing and whether the assessment is beneficial in truly analyzing and measuring student performance. As a result, many parents have refused their child's participation in the various assessments, and I respect a parent's right to make those decisions on behalf of their child. I also believe that regardless of how parents feel about the Common Core - both the curriculum and the assessments - school and home must continue to work together for the benefit of the child.

With this in mind, the District will soon be offering a Parent Information Night to initiate awareness and discussion about Common Core. More detailed information will be forthcoming. Some of the topics that will be offered include:

1. The Common Core - what is it from a curriculum as well as an assessment standpoint?
2. What is the school's role?
3. What is the parent's role? How can parents assist both the school and their child in this process?
4. How can school and home work closely together on this?
5. What is presently occurring in the schools to help better prepare students for not only Common Core, but all subjects and assessments?

There will also be time to answer some questions. I hope to see you at what promises to be a very interesting and informative event. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal if you have any questions. We are prepared to assist and work with you for the benefit of your child.

*Robert C. D'Angelo*

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Superintendent of Schools



## Holley Elementary School has a Fresh Look Thanks to Capital Project Improvements

Holley Elementary School students started off the school year on Sept. 2 with new floors, freshly painted walls, new exterior doors, smooth sidewalks and an updated art room. The updates were completed this past summer as the continuation of Phase III of the Capital Project that voters approved in December 2014.

The next phase of the project will involve replacing the rooftop HVAC units that have "aged out" and additional site work. The replacement and upgrading of equipment and machinery at Holley will enable the district to become more energy efficient and save money on utility costs. The Capital Project Phase III work is ongoing and projected to end during the 2016-17 school year.

"We have had a successful opening of school this year and anticipate the remainder of the year will be productive and fun," said Holley Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. "We urge parents to partner with us. If they have any questions or concerns, please contact their child's teacher immediately. We want to thank the community for their continued support."





## Elementary Library Hosts Second Annual “Book Character” Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Holley Elementary School Library is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest for Pre-K-grade 6 students. Contest runs from Oct. 5-23. Contest rules are:

- Entries must follow the theme of “My Favorite Book Character.” Students may pick a character from any book they have read.
- Participation is voluntary. The entry should be done by the student with help from their families, if needed. Students must provide their own pumpkin and decorating materials. Classrooms may also choose to participate.
- **Pumpkins must not be carved.** Pumpkins can be painted or decorated, using acrylic paints, spray paint, permanent markers, yarn, construction paper, pipe cleaners, cloth, wigs, tape, paste, glue, etc. Carved pumpkins will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitter.
- One entry is allowed per student. A 3x5” index card must be submitted with the pumpkin, listing the student’s name, grade and teacher’s name on the back, and the name of the book character, book title and author on the front.
- Pumpkins must be brought to the Elementary Library on or before Oct. 23. No late entries will be accepted. All entries will be on display in the library.
- There will be a first, second and third place winner from each of these grade level categories: Pre-K through first grade, second through third grade and fourth through sixth grade. Prizes will also be awarded to classroom entries. All participants will be recognized. Winners will be announced on Oct. 30.
- All entries must be picked up from the library and taken home by Nov. 6. If any pumpkins remain after this date, they will be discarded.

To see examples of last year’s entries, refer to the cover of the **December 2014** Dimension. If you have questions about the contest, contact Library Media Specialist Julie Bader at [jbader@holleycsd.org](mailto:jbader@holleycsd.org).



## RTI Changes at MS/HS

The Response to Interventions (RTI) teachers at Holley MS/HS have changed how they deliver strategies to students who need assistance with general academics, specific subject areas and/or general study skills. The RTI staff created dedicated classroom periods devoted to math and/or English where students are either assigned to the class every day or every other day, or they can drop-in to receive extra help in those subjects. Students are assigned to the RTI teachers based on test scores, teacher recommendation, or parent or student request. The students receive help with reading and writing for English class, mathematical concepts, general study and organizational skills, and learning strategies to improve their performance on tests and make them more successful in the classroom. All ELA teachers provide RTI support for English, all math teachers provide RTI support for math, Michelle Roman provides RTI support in all academic areas and teacher assistant Dawn Trask helps with RTI support in both English and math.



*Preston Lampo works on an assignment with teacher Russ Albright*

## New Makerspace in the MSHS Library

by Lisa Osur, Holley MS/HS Librarian

What is a makerspace? A makerspace is a place where you can independently explore and create to discover new learning.

The Holley MS/HS Library has hopped on the makerspace bandwagon, providing this creative, collaborative opportunity for our students. Every Friday, a different makerspace bucket will be placed on a table in the library, containing materials and resources for students and staff to explore. No instruction is provided, but those interested are encouraged to investigate instructional resources such as books and online tutorials. Examples of some of our makerspace buckets are: origami, calligraphy, LED pins, amigurumi (small crocheted figures), Mandala coloring pages and Makey Makey (<http://www.makeymakey.com>). On Friday, Sept. 11, we put out our first makerspace bucket that contained origami supplies, and quite a few students and staff enjoyed the freedom of discovering and creating.



*Holley students at the makerspace table creating origami – from left, Melanie Wolf, Damien Gamble, Kohl Morgan, Callise Monk, Alexis Clemons and Allana Knopp*

## Scholarships

### AES Engineers Scholarship

The consulting firm of AES Engineers is offering a scholarship opportunity to future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. You are not required to take Engineering courses to be eligible. The \$500 award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. To be eligible, students need to answer one of the following essay questions: **When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?** Submit essay to: [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com). Be sure to include your full name, as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted. For more information, visit their site at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. The deadline is **Oct. 7, 2015**.

### \$21,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Program, applicants must be on course to graduation from a high school in the U.S. by 2016 with plans to enter a college no later than the fall following graduation. Applicants must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the U.S. Applications can be found online at [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org). The deadline is **Oct. 25, 2015**.



## 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course Dates

Holley offers the 5-hour pre-licensing course through the HLSJ Driving Academy, Ltd. Students who register to take the course must already have their driver's permit. The cost of the class is \$35 and checks may be made payable to HLSJ Driving Academy. Students must register with the Guidance Office or online at <http://hlsjdriving.com/signup.php>. The course is taught at Holley HS/MS from 3:30-8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Oct. 6, 2015
- Nov. 17, 2015
- Dec. 15, 2015
- Jan. 12, 2016
- Feb. 9, 2016
- March 8, 2016
- April 12, 2016
- May 10, 2016
- June 2, 2016

*Students must bring a writing utensil to class.*

## School Bus Safety Reminders

Did you know that an estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day? Don't become one of them! In New York State, it is illegal to pass a bus when its red lights are flashing. When drivers see the red lights flashing, they must come to a complete stop at least 20 feet away from the bus so that the bus driver can pick up or discharge students. This rule applies even when a bus has its red lights flashing in a parking lot, on school grounds, on a multi-lane highway or on the opposite side of a divided highway. Drivers must stop, whether they are approaching the bus from the front or the rear. When the red lights stop flashing or when the bus driver signals, drivers may resume driving. Drivers must yield to flashing yellow lights on a bus, slow down and be prepared to stop.



Penalties for passing a school bus involve fines, points added to your license and possible jail time. Refer to the table below.

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First conviction	\$250	\$400	Up to 30 days
Second conviction (within 3 years)	\$600	\$750	Up to 180 days
Third or subsequent conviction (within 3 years)	\$750	\$1,000	Up to 180 days

For more information, visit <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/opsafstp.htm>.

## Read S'more by Visiting the Elementary Library

Holley elementary students are invited down to the Elementary Library to peruse over 500 new titles on the shelves this fall. Visit Camp Read S'more and enjoy a good book!





# PTSA News & Events

PTSA is sponsoring a Mixed Bag fundraiser from Sept. 28 to Oct. 13. Visit [mixedbagsdesigns.com](http://mixedbagsdesigns.com) to see examples of the merchandise. More information will be sent home with students.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Book Fair on Nov. 16-24 and Holiday Shop on Dec. 4-11. In return, you receive a free book and a school lunch!

Parent volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated at these events! Contact Jenn Morgan at [jmorgan@holleycsd.org](mailto:jmorgan@holleycsd.org) or Alexa Downey at [adowney@holleycsd.org](mailto:adowney@holleycsd.org) for more information on volunteering.

**Next PTSA meeting is Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. in Elementary School Rm. 49.**

You can join the PTSA at any time. The PTSA membership fee supports student field trips, Pick A Reading Partner (PARP), field days, Elementary Theatre Guild, MS/HS Musical, Flag Day popsicles, Budget Vote ice cream, Pre-K kits, senior scholarships, Homecoming float, Senior Breakfast and many other activities. Without the membership support and parent volunteers at events, we would not be able to provide these opportunities to our students and community. PTSA members are not required to volunteer; however, if you're interested in getting the most out of your PTSA membership, we encourage you to get involved.

*To join the PTSA, please complete the form below and send it to the main office where your child attends school.*



## HOLLEY PTSA - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact: ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ Mail

Which school does your child attend? ☐ Elementary ☐ Middle School/High School

Please list any activities you are interested in or would like to see added to our programs (current activities include book fair, Halloween parties, sweetheart dance, and fundraising)

Membership dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$9 per family

**Note:** \$4 of dues for each family is remitted to the National PTSA

- Make checks or money orders payable to Holley PTSA
- Mail to: Holley PTSA, 3800 N. Main St., Holley, NY 14470 or place in our mailbox in the Elementary School Main Office or MS/HS Main Office
- Be sure to include this form and seal the envelope
- Please write on the envelope "ATTN: PTSA Membership"

For office use: Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Card # \_\_\_\_\_

**Halloween Party  
for Pre-K-grade 3  
on Oct. 16,  
6-7:30 p.m.**

**Halloween Social  
for grades 4-6 on  
Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.**



# Homecoming Events



## Spirit Days: 10/5-9

- Monday – Class Color Day
- Tuesday – Famous Person Day
- Wednesday – America Day
- Thursday – Twin Day
- Friday – School Colors Day

## Events on 10/9

- Pep rally at 9:30 a.m. in the MS/HS Gym
- Parade 6 p.m. in the village, starting at Geddes St. and ending at the old bus garage parking lot behind the MS/HS
  - Float Themes – A Night at the Movies:
    - Middle School – "Brave"
    - Class of 2019 – "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"
    - Class of 2018 – "Batman"
    - Class of 2017 – "Grease"
    - Class of 2016 – "Star Wars"
- Dances
  - Middle School Students – MS/HS Foyer from 7-9 p.m.
  - High School Students – MS/HS Dining Hall from 7-10 p.m.

## Sporting Events on 10/10

**All games played at Holley MS/HS**

- 9 a.m. – Girls Modified Volleyball vs. Kendall
- 9:30 a.m. – Boys Modified Soccer vs. Kendall
- 10:30 a.m. – Girls JV Volleyball vs. Kendall
- 11 a.m. – Girls Modified Soccer vs. Kendall
- Noon – Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Kendall
- 12:30 p.m. – Boys JV Soccer vs. Kendall
- 1:30 p.m. – Boys Varsity Football & Varsity Cheerleading vs. Oakfield/Alabama
- 2:30 p.m. – Girls JV Soccer vs. Kendall
- 4:30 p.m. – Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Kendall
- 6:30 p.m. – Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Kendall

## PTSA Officers:

**Co-Presidents:**  
Jennifer Morgan  
& Alexa Downey

**Secretary:**  
Carm Miller

**Treasurer:**  
Joann Major

**Membership:**  
Donna Moore  
& Jeana Hayes

## New Staff Join Holley Central



**Evinn Neadow**  
MS/HS Art Teacher

A native of Niagara County, Evinn has a bachelor of fine arts degree in Fine Art Photography and a master's degree in Art Education from Rochester Institute of Technology.



**Kristina Rich**  
ES Speech-Language Pathologist

A native of Marion, NY, Kristina has a bachelor's degree in Speech Science from SUNY Cortland and a master's degree from Nazareth College.



**Emily Troup**  
ES and MS/HS ESL Teacher

A Holley grad, Emily has a bachelor's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) for K-12 from Niagara University.



**Alexandria Martella**  
Long Term Sub for MS/HS Vocal/General Music Teacher

A native of Hilton, Alexandria has a Music Education degree with a Choral emphasis from Cedarville University.

## COUNSELING News

The **PSAT (Practice SAT—College Entrance Exam)** will be given at the Holley MS/HS on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 7:45 a.m.-noon. All college-bound sophomores and juniors are encouraged to take this exam. Students must register in the High School Counseling Office with Andrew Ruff. The cost of the exam is \$15 and may be paid by cash or check made payable to Holley Central School.

**Seniors** should have toured colleges over the summer break. They should now be narrowing their search. They should register to take the **SAT and/or ACT** sometime in the fall. Online registration is available for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Seniors should be working on their college applications, with the goal of completing them by Thanksgiving. Some colleges have different deadlines, so be sure to check the application deadline of the particular college you are applying to.

**Senior interviews** have begun in September. The purpose of the senior interview is to review high school graduation requirements and credits, confirm the student took or is taking the classes needed to graduate, and discuss post-graduation plans, such as college, military or employment. If you would like further information or to meet with your child's School Counselor, please call the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

Please visit the counseling web site for additional information. **Scholarships** are listed as they are received. Feel free to review these scholarships and pay particular attention to the deadline dates. If you have questions, contact Kristina Tese ([ktese@holleycsd.org](mailto:ktese@holleycsd.org)).

## Security Keeps Holley Safe

The men walking the hallways and grounds of the Holley campuses are there to serve one purpose: to keep everyone safe. They are the security force at Holley, employed by C.O.P. Security. The six men are retired deputies and officers from local law enforcement agencies. They spend their days, evenings and weekends patrolling the Holley school properties inside and out, monitoring the security cameras and supervising the various events on campus. They enjoy working with the students and staff.

**The officers who keep our schools safe are:**



**Bob Lillie**  
ES

Lillie is a retired deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



**Drew Frate**  
MS/HS

Frate is a retired sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.



**Shawn O'Mara**  
ES and MS/HS

O'Mara is an active patrolman with the Gates Police Department with 23 years of service.



**Mike Roffe**  
MS/HS

Roffe is a retired sergeant from the Greece Police Department with 24 years of service, including 12 years as a criminal investigator.



**Roger Cole**  
ES and MS/HS

Cole is a retired patrolman with the Greece Police Department with 20 years of service.



**Bob Duff**  
ES and MS/HS

Duff is a retired sergeant of the Firearms Training Unit of the Rochester Police Department. In all, he has 34 years in law enforcement experience including work with the Village of Brockport Police Department.



# The Biggest Winner Contest

Chris Callahan was declared the “Biggest Winner” in Holley’s Biggest Winner Contest that ended in June 2015. Callahan, a Holley parent and grandparent, who works as a development aide at a group home, lost 21.86 percent of her body weight in eight months, but gained a new 32-inch Samsung TV for her efforts. Total weight loss for the 67 participants was 185.4 pounds.

This is the third time the Holley Central School District hosted the Biggest Winner weight loss challenge, which was open to residents of the community and district employees. Participants met monthly in the elementary school fitness room to weigh in. Each monthly meeting had a different focus and they included a fitness challenge, preparation of healthy smoothies, an activity night with S & S Fitness and Martial Arts Center, and educational seminars with Orleans County Cooperative Extension and Orleans County Mental Health Department to discuss food labels and portions. During these sessions, prizes were raffled off from local businesses, with grand prizes handed out in June. The top five grand prize winners are listed below:



Place	Name	Prize
1	Chris Callahan	32" TV
2	Vickie Scroger	Phillips Sonicare Toothbrush
3	Pam Coopenberg	Swedish Massage at the Healing Massage Retreat
4	Michelle Andrews	Four premium level tickets for the Rochester Rhinos
5	Anne Schutz	\$50 gift card to a Darden's restaurant

In the past three years, 152 participants have lost a grand total of 901 pounds in the Biggest Winner Contest.

Callahan was very surprised to win the contest because she initially joined to get ideas from other people on how to stay on track with her nutrition and exercise goals. She said the biggest change she had to make was to eat more regularly. She used to eat only once or twice a day, which lead to overeating and an underactive metabolism, but now she eats every two to three hours and has protein with every meal. Callahan belongs to a gym and walks every day on her lunch break at work. She enjoyed the monthly meetings. “My favorite night was the shopping night where we had to put together a healthy meal for less than \$10,” said Callahan.

The next session of Biggest Winner will begin in November, meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, and ending in June. Sign up forms will be sent home with students, available in school offices and posted on the district website. Contact Lisa Campbell ([lcampbell@holleycsd.org](mailto:lcampbell@holleycsd.org)) for details.

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*Monetary donations from sponsors were put towards the television purchase.*

## PEP UPDATE

by Lisa Campbell, Physical Education Teacher

We are working towards completion of the goals and objectives for year two of our Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant. Our students continue to take pre- and post-tests on nutrition, along with fruit and vegetable surveys. We monitor student activity levels through our movable bands, which keep track of the steps students take over a four- or seven-day time frame. New color bands will be offered this year. We also offer our students FIT4U! afterschool activities to help them stay active. Each session has a nutrition/fitness lesson. Our students are becoming much more knowledgeable about how to eat right and exercise to stay fit thanks to our PEP grant funding!

Our PE staff will provide Fitnessgram testing in the fall and spring to monitor fitness levels. Last spring, we had a 25 percent increase in K-12 student scores, which was a fine accomplishment. This helped us receive the continuance award. This past summer, our physical education (PE) staff infused nutrition and fitness into all PE units in their curriculum. We also had campus maps created by the Rochester Orienteering Club and our staff will be trained so we can introduce our students to this new unit.

We will continue working with our PEP grant partners this year: the Orleans County Cooperative Extension, Orleans County Mental Health, recreation department and our Food Service department. We continue to promote the fruit and vegetable of the month program with our Food Service Director Vickie Scroger. In addition, special training, educational lessons and programs will be provided to our staff and students in conjunction with our partners.

The Biggest Winner Contest will offer our community educational seminars and activities on the second Tuesday of each month starting in November. You do not have to be a member of the contest to attend these activities. With the PEP grant, we have been able to purchase state-of-the-art fitness room equipment to provide everyone in our community a place to stay fit and active.

## Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

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- 3 SAT
- 5-6 ES Picture Day
- 6 Rochester Area College Fair, MS/HS Gym, 6th period
- 9 Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day
  - MS/HS 10:33 a.m.
  - ES 11:30 a.m.
- 9 Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m.
- 10 Homecoming Games
- 12 **No School, Columbus Day**
- 14 PSAT, MS/HS, 7:45 a.m. to noon
- 14 Flu Clinic, ES café, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 14 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49, 5 p.m.
- 16 Pre-K-Gr. 3 Halloween Party, ES Café, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 19 Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m.
- 23 **No School, Staff Development Day**
- 23 Grades 4-6 Halloween Social, ES Café, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 24 ACT

*Check the district calendar online  
for additional detail.*

## FLU CLINIC, OCT. 14

There will be a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Orleans County Health Department on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Café. Bring your insurance card if you have one. Traditional Medicare cannot be billed for this immunization. For more information on what types of shots are available and which insurances are accepted, contact Cheryl Mills at Orleans County Health Department at 589-2874.



### 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.

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