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# Holley Central School District | December 2015



# 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, challenged the students to decorate a pumpkin to look like their favorite book character. One hundred five

entries were featured in the contest, everything from The Cat in the Hat to Sven from "Frozen."



















CHARACTER

MPKINS

## The winners were:

#### • Pre-K-first grade:

First place - Olaf by Parker Tower

Second place tie – The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Aiden Kelley and Ten Little Ladybugs by Cameron Kelley

Third place - Rainbow Fish by Cayden Cook

#### Second-third grade:

First place - Socktapus by Emma Schultz

Second place - Yoda by Cole Madden

Third place - Junie B. Jones by Lea Brightly

#### Fourth-sixth grade:

First place - Wilbur the Pig by Kenadi Nickel

Second place – Sven the Reindeer by Caiden Tower

Third place - Winter the Dolphin by Emma Brady

#### Classrooms:

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First place – Officer Buckle and Gloria by Mrs. Draper's class

Second place – The Nightmare Before Christmas by Mr. Grasta's class

Third place - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Mrs. Pittinaro's class

#### Honorable Mentions:

**Pre-K-first grade** – Chase by Taryn Fanton, Stellaluna by Violet Kipp and Thomas the Train by Trent Walker

Second-third grade – Baymax by Josh Silpoch, Snoopy by Maizy Ehrhardt and Put Me in the Zoo by Maya Kipp

Fourth-sixth grade – Harry Potter by Caitlin Dobri, Medusa by Ruthie Patton and The Wild Things by Ben Cox

## **Superintendent's Message**

#### **District Hosts Informational Forum**

n Monday, Nov. 2, the District hosted an Informational Forum for parents, community and staff on the NYS Standards and Assessments. We partnered with staff from Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES on a very informative discussion and presentation on these topics. So that our students are successful and are better able to achieve their goals, it is important that we all have the knowledge and understanding of the standards and assessments which will enable us to better assist each student. As parents, it becomes extremely important that you are aware of these topics so that you can better assist your child at home. The standards are designed so that all students, regardless of where they live or attend school, are receiving instruction based on a set of common standards. They provide a roadmap for teachers, parents and students. Prior to the common standards, there was no link between what fourth grade students in various parts of the country were receiving in math or ELA. Embedded in all of this is the latitude that all teachers have in creating curriculum designed to meet each standard. Standards are the "what" and the curriculum is the "how."

Once we have provided classroom instruction in accordance with the state standards and local curriculum, it is imperative that we assess how well each student has grasped the content. Over the years, it has been the assessments that have received much criticism from educators and parents alike. Personally, I believe that the state does recognize this and will work at both the state and local levels to promote a greater understanding of the assessments, as well as constructing assessments that yield the highest level of feedback to both educators and parents about student progress on what students should know and be able to do. The important thing is that we all work together so that our children in Holley are recipients of good, solid, rigorous instruction and that we continue to work together to analyze student assessment data and adjust classroom instruction in accordance with academic needs.

Student test scores in Holley have turned the corner and are moving in the right direction. Each school has a School Improvement Team which is made up of teachers and support staff, parents, school board members, students (where applicable), and administrators. These teams meet regularly throughout the school year and their sole purpose is to improve the academic performance of all students. This must be our major focus going forward - making sure that each and every child is successful academically. Please continue to work with us, as the schools cannot accomplish this in isolation. Research indicates that in schools where there is solid communication and cooperation between home and school, there is a much greater probability for student success. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or principal at any time when you have questions. Our kids are worth whatever it takes!

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Robert C. D'Angelo Superintendent of Schools

## MS/HS Houses Orleans County Mental Health Satellite Office

n response to the national concern about mental health issues and the impact they have on student performance and school district climates, Holley Central School District has partnered with Orleans County Mental Health to offer a satellite office at the MS/HS two days a week. Nicole Ashton, an Orleans County Mental Health Counselor, works out of the satellite office at Holley on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. "This is a real boost for our side of the county to offer mental health services here," said Holley Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. "This saves our families travel time to come here instead of Albion, plus it augments the services provided by our district's counseling staff. By having the satellite office at the MS/HS, students can use the services provided to help them concentrate on their studies and be positive contributors in school. This new service opportunity also encourages our parents to further engage with the district on students' academic issues."

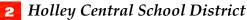
Since Oct. 7, Ashton has begun to make assessments of students, offer counseling appointments and give referrals to other mental health professionals to help address the needs

of students and their families. Students are referred to her by Holley faculty and staff or a parent/guardian request. After receiving the referral or request, she begins the process by obtaining parent/guardian permission and insurance information, then scheduling an hour-long initial assessment. Once the assessment is complete, she works with the student's schedule to make regular appointments. For appointments scheduled after school, students can utilize the 5 p.m. bus for a ride home.



Nicole Ashton

"The school district support here in Holley is amazing," said Ashton. "I have been welcomed by the students and staff. The district personnel have been helpful with providing information on students and tracking their progress. I'm here to serve the needs of the students and families, so I try to be flexible to set appointments with the hours and days that fit their schedules." Ashton has a Master's degree as a Licensed



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# COUNSELING News

#### **CTE Field Trip**

On Dec. 11, 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).

#### Save the Date: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Night

Holley MS/HS will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Jan. 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. Joe Bailey and Jim Simon from Genesee Community College will be presenting information regarding FAFSA. Parents and senior students are strongly encouraged to attend! Please call the Counseling Office at 638-6335, extension 5510 if you are interested in attending.

#### **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). Pay attention to the deadlines and make sure application information is sent on time. In addition, seniors should provide their counselors with a list of colleges to which they have applied and been accepted.

#### **College Acceptances**

We are pleased to announce that Angelica Kavanagh was accepted to Finger Lakes Community College, Kristen Nenni was accepted to SUNY Brockport and Emily Bailey was accepted to Johnson & Wales University with an \$8,000 scholarship. Congratulations!

# CAST OF CHARACTERS Parades Through Holley Elementary

Holley Elementary students had a chance to parade through school in their Halloween costumes on Oct. 30. 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 in a Student Council meeting. Superheroes, princesses, witches and scary characters were seen walking through the halls, along with costumed teachers and staff.



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## Holley Days of Shopping Event

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. 3 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 4 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 the Elementary Counseling Office at 638-6318, ext. 2408.

# Autumn Moy a Winner Again in GHOST TALES CONTEST

Congratulations to eighth grader Autumn Moy who came in third place in the Ghost Tales Writing & Art Contest with her artwork entitled "Chandelier." The contest was sponsored by *The Daily News*, Genesee County History Department and Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (GO ART!). Autumn came in fifth place in the contest last year with her short story.



# Elementary Students Spend Time on the Farm

Holley teacher Lynn Vendetti invited first and fourth graders on a trip to her farm. The students from Vendetti and Melinda Miles' fourth grade class, and Tara Bannister's first grade class paired up with a buddy from the opposite class. They read pumpkin poetry to activate their schema about pumpkins prior to their trip. The first graders discussed communities and goods and services. All classes learned the history of the farm and then explored the various parts of it. The students worked with their buddies to find Indian corn and pick peppers, broccoli, grape tomatoes and pumpkins. Vendetti showed the students the different color watermelons that she grows, too. The students also worked in small groups to design and carve their own pumpkins.



## **Scholarships**

#### **Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

This scholarship is for high school seniors and they do not need to be associated with an Elk member. The SAT and ACT have to be taken prior to November. An essay is required about the student's future plans and how they impact him/her. Contact Kristina Tese for details or visit http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm. The deadline is Dec. 4, 2015.

#### Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership 2016 **Registration Kit**

The HOBY leadership program is open to all high school students. Click here for the registration kit. The deadline is Dec. 4, 2015.

#### **New York State PTA Awards**

Three thousand dollar scholarships to students from the graduating class who exhibit the potential to be outstanding classroom teachers. Students who are pursuing a degree in education can access the following website at: http://nyspta.org/YourPTA/AwardsRecog\_TwinProjectsJenkins.cfm. The deadline is Dec. 15, 2015.

#### Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Scholarship

Foot Locker will be awarding \$20,000 college scholarships to outstanding student athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, school and within their communities. As a new addition to the program this year, one of the 20 winners will also be selected for the Ken C. Hicks Scholarship for demonstrating superior educational achievement, outstanding leadership and a true love of the game. This winner will receive an additional \$5,000 award (for a total of \$25,000). For more information and to complete an application, visit https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/. The deadline is Dec. 17, 2015.

#### **Young Entrepreneur Awards**

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards are open to any graduating high school senior entering their freshman year at an accredited (not for profit) two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute. Applicants must be running their own small business in order to be considered for an award. Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$25,000. For more information and to complete an application, visit http://www.NFIB.com/YEA. The deadline is Dec. 18, 2015.

# **PTSA News**

Canta Gift Gallery will be Dec. 7-11 in Room 49 at the Elementary School from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the sale. Contact Holleycsdptsa@gmail.com if you can help.

Congratulations to the following winners of the contests at the Pre-K-3 Halloween Party:

#### • Coloring Contest:

Pre-K – Mason McGuire *Kindergarten* – Diana Escobar First Grade – Mia Thom Second Grade – Jayda Shampine Third Grade – Olivia Mayes

#### Costume Contest:

Most Original - Chris Caligiuri Best Family – Archer-Hills family Best Overall - Liam Jenks

• Candy Corn Guess: Lea Brightly and Olivia Mayes







Coloring\_contest – From left, Mia Thom, Diana Escobar, Mason McGuire and Jayda Shampine. Missing from photo: Olivia Maves

## **Malloween Makerspace** Activity

Holley MS/HS students made LED jack o'lantern pins on Oct. 30 during the weekly Makerspace workshop in the library.



Lexianne Seewagen and Aaron Strathearn work on their pins.



From left, Jazmin Mounts and Ruth Miller wear their pins.

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## Passarell Earns Honors in October

Holley football player Nick Passarell earned Genesee Region Football Player of the Week during the week of Oct. 19. This is the second time he's earned the honor during the season.

# Holley Hosts Hoops for the Hospital Benefit Games

On Dec. 14, the Holley Girls' Basketball teams will once again host the "Hoops for the Hospital" games to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital and Wilmot Cancer Center. Games will be held in the Holley MS/HS Gym, with Modified scheduled for 4 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m. Come support our Holley athletes in their act of community service.

# **Sports Boosters Meetings**

Sports Boosters meetings are held on the first Monday night of the month at 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Library while school is in session. There will not be a meeting in December. For the list of dates, visit the district calendar at

http://www.holleycsd.org/calendar\_events.cfm.

## SciFi Students Skype with SciFi Expert

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Librarian

On Oct. 19, students in Julie Wantuck's SciFi English class met via Skype with Laura Osur, daughter of MS/ HS Librarian Lisa Osur. Laura Osur is a research analyst at the Discovery Channel in Washington, D.C., who holds a doctorate in Media Studies from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. She has taught classes in science fiction TV and is very knowledgeable about the history of television. Students Gerald Kennedy, Xander Apicella, Trevor Farrow, Flint DiLella and Shayna Swisher spent 45 minutes discussing their favorite science fiction books, TV shows and movies, debating the differences between science fiction and fantasy, and talking about future technologies and medical advances' impact on society. The exciting exchange was very educational and we are hoping to follow up with another Skype visit soon.



# Holley MS/HS *"Rocks the Socks"* to Support Ronald McDonald House

by Patti Gauer, MS/HS Math Teacher

On Oct. 15, the MS/HS teachers and staff showed that they care by wearing stripes in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We raised \$265. The Girls' Volleyball team also "rocked the socks" at their games that evening.





## MS/HS Students Dine with Superintendent

On Nov. 6, eight students in grades 9-12 had a chance to have breakfast with Superintendent Robert D'Angelo and discuss their thoughts on their experience at Holley. Principal Susan Cory selected the students to be invited to the breakfast, which will be held again in February and April 2016. Assistant Principal Dan Courtney, Assistant Superintendent for Business Sharon Zacher and board members Sal DeLuca and Brenda Swanger were also present to listen to the students. The breakfast was prepared by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her staff.

D'Angelo stressed that the breakfast is a relaxed conversation between administration and students. The students were asked to cite some good things



that are currently taking place in their school that they would like to see continue as well as areas that can be improved upon from a student's perspective.

## Holley Faculty and Staff Participate in Breast Cancer Walk



Holley faculty and staff raised \$660 in their participation in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk this year. Pictured are members of Team Mia.

# **Students of the Month for October**

Holley Central Schools is changing its recognition program for Students of the Month in grades K-12 this year. While students from each classroom at the elementary level will continue to be nominated each month, students at the middle and high school levels will be nominated monthly in each subject area. Each student will receive a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. The certificates will also be displayed in the glass display case outside the MS/HS Library and then filed in a binder that will be kept in the MS/HS Main Office. Pictures of the elementary students will be displayed in the hallway near the Elementary Library and archived in a binder in the library.

Once a month, select students of the month from grades K-12 will have breakfast together with the principals in the MS/ HS Dining Hall. Breakfast will be supplied by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger and her cafeteria staff. Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for October: Addyson Moyer, Alexander Flesch, Kaeleigh Eiland, Mia Thom, Aidan Kelley, Aubrey Hazzard, Isabella Garcia, Chelsea Bowen, Sheelsy Gonzalez, Carissa Klossner, Elizabeth Kinsey, Mikayla Mrzywka, Colin Leise, Jaxson Schicker, Nicholas Figura, Lorenzo Zaragoza, a fourth grade student, Tia Hoffarth, Trent Wright, Laura Wallace, Fabryce Polite, Hannah Guck, Hunter Daly, Isabella Warney, Jeffery Appleton, Landen Goodrich, Carsyn Mogle, Amaya Blosenhauer-Whitlatch, Charles Jewel III, Christopher Andrews, Zacharie Dann, Kiana Haughton, Callie Updike, Sabrina Blosenhauer, Brianha Milot, Morgan Cary, Donovan Ross, Ella Mohney, Shawna Lusk, Dan Sonera, Lexi Milazzo, Makenzie Ferranti, Jerry Kennedy and Pat Purtell.





# Red Ribbon Week Activities at Holley Elementary

During the week of Oct. 26, Holley elementary students participated in a canned food drive and healthy walk during Red Ribbon Week. This program is a national drug awareness week held in schools each year. Students were educated about the dangers and consequences of drugs and other unhealthy choices. Holley students received an apple at the end of their healthy walk around the Holley campus.



## Spino Foundation Gives Young Students Free Books

The Scott Spino Foundation, Inc. recently delivered free books to Holley Elementary. Pre-K and kindergarten students are the recipients of the free books, which are distributed by Holley Alternative High School and Holley Elementary sixth grade students each month. The older students pair up with the Pre-K and kindergarten students to read a story when the new books are distributed.

This is the third year that the Spino Foundation has chosen Holley Elementary for their book distribution program. The foundation is named after Scott Spino, who was a Rochester city school teacher and coach until he was killed by a drunk driver in 2004. Spino's family created the foundation to carry on his mission of making a difference in communities and the lives of children through education. The book distribution program helps them accomplish this by increasing student access to literature, reading skills and home library collections.



# Unity Day at Holley Elementary

On Oct. 21, Holley Elementary students, faculty and staff wore orange to participate in Unity Day. This is an anti-bullying day. If anyone forgot to wear orange, they held up an orange piece of paper as they all crowded onto the bleachers for a group photo.



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# Holley Cafeterias Host Fruit and Vegetable of the Month

As part of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (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. Tuesdays in the cafeteria are "Taste it Tuesdays," where students get to try a dish made with the featured fruit or vegetable of the month.

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

- December: oranges and beans
- January: pineapples and onions
- February: grapes and broccoli
- March: avocados and cabbages
- April: bananas and cauliflower
- May: strawberries and asparagus
- June: watermelons and peppers

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 during the year and listening to their physical education and classroom teachers promote the event monthly.

## 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.

## **Reminder:** FIT4U! Second Session Begins Nov. 30

Permission slips will be sent home soon for the next session of FIT4U! that runs from Nov. 30 to Feb. 13.

## **Veterans Day Assembly at Holley Elementary**

The annual Veterans Day assembly at Holley Elementary School on Nov. 10 featured veterans, flags, music and poetry. The largest turnout of local veterans yet sat in a designated area of the audience, while a few sat with their students during the assembly. The guest speaker was former U.S. Marine Chris Vigliotti, who now works for the Veterans Outreach Center. Vigliotti was formerly a security guard at Holley last year. He talked about the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. "I like to call them heroes, not veterans," said Vigliotti. He told the students that the Marine Corps was established 240 years ago on November 10, 1775. He called up a group of students he nicknamed the "Rough Riders" to help him present a gift to the Elementary School. He had a flag flown over the Pentagon and it was certified in honor of Holley. "In my short time in Holley, I was impressed with the passion and dedication to patriotism of country and community that you have," he said.

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." Students from Sheri Viscardi's class played the glockenspiels and xylophones to accompany the Chorus singing "America." A poem was read by students in Wil Prince and Karen Quaranto's class. Sixth graders Justin VanAmeron and Thomas Dobri played "Taps" and "Bugle Call," respectively, on their trumpets. After the assembly, the honored military guests were invited for refreshments provided by Food Service Director Vickie Scroger.



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# Art Students Complete Illuminated Letters Project

Students in Evinn Neadow's Drawing and Painting class Precently completed an illuminated letters project, where they used the first letter of their first name as their focal point. Their artwork mirrored the illuminated manuscripts that were created during the Middle Ages in handwritten books. During that time period, gold leaf was applied to letters and images that were incorporated into the text, thus making them reflect light and appear to "glow." An illuminated letter was the first letter on a page and would often be decorated with details and elements from the text. Many illuminated manuscripts included detailed borders to enhance the beauty of the artwork on the page.

The students' artwork represented autobiographies of themselves, as they incorporated images that symbolized them and their interests around the letters.



# **Global Studies 2 Students Debate Revolutions**

Students in Matt Hennard's Global Studies 2 classes conducted debates in November about the Industrial Revolution versus the Modern Technological Revolution in the MS/HS Auditorium. The 10th grade students researched each revolution and then were split into teams to represent each revolution. Hennard instructed students to prepare examples of how life changed in each revolution. The teams prepared opening and closing statements and asked and answered questions from the opposite team, trying to persuade each other and the audience that one revolution had more of an impact on society than the other.

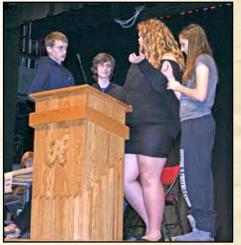
The students appeared very knowledgeable and passionate in their arguments. Teacher Mike Crissman agreed. "They did an excellent job explaining both sides," said Crissman. "The handouts they distributed illustrated a lot of the positives of their revolutions, rather than the negatives." The students on each team, as well as the ninth and 12th graders in the audience, completed feedback forms on the performance of each team. They also had a chance to evaluate themselves as a team and



as individuals. Hennard said that the feedback forms will determine the winner of the debate in each class period.

The debate came about as a way for the social studies department to assess what students were learning after spending time studying these historic events. "Why would a 10th grader involved in the current technological

revolution care about what happened to a kid in the Industrial Revolution?" said Lorena Stabins, Staff Developer from Monroe/Orleans Accountability, Assessment and **Reporting Services** (M.A.A.R.S.). "By getting students involved in a debate where



they can compare something they live every day against something they've just learned about, it helps them make connections to the past and today." Stabins said the assessment process was developed through the Teaching is the Core grant that Holley received last year.

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Fifth/Sixth Grade Chorus During an Early Morning Practice



#### **MS/HS Houses** Orleans County Mental Health Satellite Office (cont. from pg. 2)

Master Social Worker and a Bachelor's degree in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling.

Ashton is a Holley alumnus and worked as an intern for Holley MS/HS Social Worker Samantha Zelent when she was pursuing her master's degree. "She built such great connections with the kids when she was here," said Zelent. "Many of them would tell me that they would only seek outside counseling if it was through Nicole. She has a special way of connecting with the students and their families. Having her here is a huge asset."

Families of Holley students can contact Ashton directly for counseling sessions. When she is at Holley, she can be reached at 638-6316, extension 5504. Her email address is

nicole.ashton@orleanscountyny.gov and her Orleans County Mental Health office phone number is 589-7066.

## Student Council Creates *Collection Containers for Restoration Project*

Holley Elementary Student Council members recently created collection containers for the community restoration project of Hillside Cemetery's chapel in Clarendon. The collection containers are in the shape of a chapel, complete with a "stained glass" window. Retired art teacher Larry Dabney designed the containers and assisted students with creating them. Each student cut out foil shapes and glued them together to form a stained glass window.

The containers will be located in local businesses in Holley and Clarendon for patrons to make donations. Donations will be accepted throughout December. The students will conduct various fundraisers throughout the year to help raise funds for the chapel restoration project.



# **Soaring Award**

Morroe 2–Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) Communication Specialist Beth Nash received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Oct. 19. 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. Nash is contracted through BOCES 2 to provide communication services for the Holley School District, such as writing and editing articles and taking photographs for the Dimension newsletter, district website and press releases; supplying printed materials for the district; and managing their district website and social media. Nash received the Soaring award from Board of Education President Brenda Swanger for receiving the Honor award in the Community Newsletter category of the 36th Annual NY School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA) Communications Awards. Nash submitted the March and June 2015 Dimension

newsletters into the contest to highlight how the monthly district newsletter provides information to the Holley community. As one judge commented "The Dimension is exceptional for the volume of information it packs into each issue, all nicely written, and all of interest to the community. The newsletter is welldesigned, with lots of good, well-cropped photos and color to break up the text. The close knit relationship between school and small community is wonderfully reflected in this newsletter." Swanger cited Nash for "always being present at Holley School District events to take photographs and write articles for the Dimension."



From left, Beth Nash and Brenda Swanger Holley Central School District 11

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Superintendent of Schools Robert C. D'Angelo

#### **Board of Education**

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5	SAT Exam
7-11	Santa Shop, ES Rm. 49
8	Elementary Winter Concert, MS/HS Aud7 p.m.
11	Early Dismissal for Staff Development Day
	• MS/HS at 10:33 a.m.
	• ES at 11:30 a.m.
12	ACT Exam
14	Hoops for the Hospital, MS/HS Gym4 p.m.
Dec. 15-Jan. 4	Pick a Reading Partner Program
21	Board of Education meeting
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	No School, Holiday Recess
Check the district calendar online for additional detail.	

### Holley MS/HS Blood Drive a Success



Holley MS/HS recently sponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross and 25 units were collected that can help 75 people. Holley students may receive more scholarships from the Red Cross if more units are collected at the next drive on May 3, 2016 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Way to go, Holley Hawks; keep up the good work!