

Lots of Heart at Holley

Students support AHA, make healthy recipes

Holley elementary students had an extra emphasis on heart in February. They supported the American Heart Association (AHA) in two different ways and made heart-healthy versions of favorite recipes.

The Elementary Student Council encouraged all staff and students to wear red on Feb. 5. For a \$5 donation, staff could write their name on a red paper heart that was then placed inside the big heart the Student Council made in the hallway. Those who donated could also choose between a Go Red dress pin or bracelet. Student Council collected \$205 for the AHA.

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Superintendent's Message

Upcoming Grades 3-8 Assessments

Dear Holley Central Community,

The second semester of each school year is always challenging as there is so much to accomplish during those 20 weeks of school. It is also an exciting time with all of the student-centered activities such as the prom, sixth grade moving up ceremonies, musicals, athletics and awards programs. The grades 3-8 assessments in math and ELA are also scheduled during this semester. Our new Commissioner of Education, MaryEllen Elia, is working with the Board of Regents and educators from throughout the state to maximize the benefits of teaching and learning in New York State. The Commissioner has determined that students and teachers would be "held harmless" from the results of state assessments until 2020. The teacher/principal evaluation process will have a four-year transition period while changes that will impact the assessments directly will include: modifying the standards, shortening state exams and collaboration among all stakeholders, including teachers, parents and support staff.

Our principals, teachers and staff are working very hard each and every day to provide the very best in classroom instruction for your child. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication that takes place each day in our classrooms. I am pleased to observe first-hand the good things that are happening in Holley schools. We will continue to partner with you so that we can assist every student in fulfilling his/her potential. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, as it is imperative that home and school work together. As your schedule permits, I also urge you to attend all of the outstanding student-centered activities that take place both during the school day and after school hours so that you can see how much talent our students possess and the dedication of our staff. I am confident that in going forward, we will continue to build bridges between home and school and by doing so, create extended opportunities and success for every Holley student. Thank you for all that you have done for our schools and all that you continue to do!

Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Holley Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 16 from 1-5 p.m. only. Registration will take place in the Elementary Library Classroom.

To be eligible for Pre-K registration, a child must be four years old by December 1, 2016. **No Pre-K registration will be allowed before March 16.**

To be eligible for Kindergarten registration, a child must be five years old by December 1, 2016.

In order to register your child, you must bring **your child's birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency (utility bill, tax bill, etc.)**. You will not be able to register your child without these documents.

Pre-K and Kindergarten medical physicals are **required** to be completed by September 1, 2016.

Holley Librarian Visits Albany

On Jan. 12, Holley MS/HS Librarian Lisa Osur attended a review session for the New York State (NYS) Department of Education in Albany. NYS librarians were solicited to apply for committee membership; members were tasked with reviewing the test given to library media graduate students seeking Masters in Library Science (MLS) certification. Osur applied to the committee because she thought it would be a good learning experience. She was excited to be selected. "I attended because it was a way for me to influence and advance my profession," said Osur. The committee was made up of 12 librarians from all over the state, who reviewed 50 questions and were thoughtful in their suggested updates. "I am very proud to have been involved and hope to take part again in the future," said Osur.

Financial Aid Night

by Kristina Tese, Guidance Counselor

On Jan. 14, Joe Bailey, Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean for Enrollment Services at Genesee Community College, presented information to parents and students on financial aid. He explained what financial aid is, the cost of attending college, principles of needs analysis, federal methodology for calculating aid and expected family contribution, and answered questions. The evening was very informative and all present were fully engaged. Thank you, Joe, for another successful Financial Aid Night!

A special thank you goes out to Cameron Bennage for his mastery of the sound and lighting board, and his assistance with the PowerPoint presentation. Your assistance is always appreciated! Awesome job, Cameron!

COUNSELING News

High School Seniors

If you plan to attend college after graduation, you must 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!

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 **Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m.** at Brockport High School. College representatives from the following SUNY colleges will be there: **Alfred State College, The College at Brockport, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College and Monroe Community College.** Area college representatives will also be present from: **Rochester Institute of Technology, St.**

John Fisher College and the University of Rochester. There will also be community /industry representatives from the 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 a college professor, representative in the field and middle skills specialist will 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! This event is open to any student in grades 8-12!

Rochester National College Fair

The Rochester National College Fair will be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on Sunday, March 13 from 1-3:30 p.m. and Monday, March 14 from 9 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and hosted by the New York State Association for College Admission Co -unseling (NYSACAC), this event is free and open to the public.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test Workshop

The ASVAB workshop will be held in the MS/HS Computer Lab to review the results of the test on Feb. 29., from 7:45-11:15 a.m. During the workshop, students will become familiar with career exploration and be able to determine which careers/interests work best for them. All students who took the ASVAB in February will be included in the workshop.

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That same day, the FIT4U! cooking and nutrition class helped prepare a football-themed lunch for the elementary school in honor of the Super Bowl. The class learned healthier ways to make different foods for lunch. The students decided to plan a Super Bowl party. They found recipes to make food with low-fat or fat-free ingredients. They also tried to think of ways to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their menu.

The menu included spinach dip served with whole grain pita bread slices and flatbread pizza topped with fresh vegetables such as spinach, peppers, onion, tomato and black olives. For dessert, the students mixed low-fat vanilla yogurt, light Cool Whip, and chopped strawberries and pineapple, and froze the mixture between two graham crackers. The FIT4U! class also made decorations to decorate the cafeteria. The students had a lot of fun learning about different measurements, how to read a recipe, and how to make recipes healthier, but still have good flavor.

On Feb. 6, Holley Elementary School held its annual Jump Rope for Heart event. More than 100 students signed up to participate.



Scholarships

Shell Oil Company Technical Scholarship

Twenty, \$2,500 awards are available to qualifying students. To be eligible, a graduating high school senior must enroll in an engineering or geoscience program. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies and meeting other criteria established by Shell, the recipient may be eligible to apply to receive a four-year renewable award of \$5,000 annually. Applications are found at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10151/shell_oil_company_technical_scholarship_scholarship.php. Deadline to submit is **March 3, 2016**.

Make All the Difference Scholarship

The Make All the Difference scholarships are \$5,000 awards to students in programs offered through Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES or one of its component districts. Students can be enrolled in one of the following: a) career and technical education program enrollment for one year or longer (other than New Visions), b) high school equivalency (GED), c) special education and d) other alternative or non-traditional program. The Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation was established in 2002 to support students who, by choice or circumstance, need alternative programs as part of their education. For an application, visit <http://www.monroe2boces.org/about.cfm?subpage=793>. The application deadline is **March 4, 2016**.

American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Scholarship

Seventy-seven, \$5,000 awards are given to eligible students. To be eligible, a student must be graduating in 2016, be a child of a Foreign Service employee and maintain a satisfactory academic record (cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale). Applications can be found at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8860/afsa_scholarship_program_scholarship.php. Deadline to submit is **March 6, 2016**.

Visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/SCHOLARSHIPS>
to see the latest scholarships posted.

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.

Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship

A full tuition scholarship will be awarded to a student who meets the following qualifications:

- Is a current New York State resident;
- Is an incoming freshman at a State University of New York campus and will be matriculated and enrolled full-time;
- Demonstrates significant financial need as determined by the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Demonstrates high academic achievement, including a minimum cumulative GPA of 90, per his or her high school record;
- Submits an essay regarding challenges overcome during the course of a student's academic career and his or her personal commitment to mentoring, leadership and social justice; and
- Submits two letters of recommendation from teachers or community members.

See Kristina Tese for an application. The deadline is **March 15, 2016**.

Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship

A \$500 award is given to the qualifying student who is between the ages of 16 and 25 as of March 30, 2016; answers the essay questions on the application page and submits it by the deadline; has at least one full year of post-secondary studies remaining at the time of the award; and has a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Applications are found at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9919/odenza_marketing_group_scholarship_scholarship.php. Deadline to submit is **March 30, 2016**.

The Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Rochester Scholarship

This \$250 scholarship is open to students in grades 10-12 who would like to demonstrate their writing skills and creative ideas. They must answer the following question: What, in your opinion, is the purpose of education? Please see Kristina Tese for an entry form. The scholarship is due **March 31, 2016**.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Helen Alemu was accepted to St. John's University with a \$14,000 scholarship and Xander Apicella was accepted to the University at Buffalo with a \$20,000 scholarship. Kristen Nenni was accepted to Genesee Community College, SUNY Cortland, and West Virginia University with a \$24,000 scholarship.

Congratulations!



Holley Wrestling Coach John Grillo Achieves 700th Win

Jan. 20 became a record-breaking night for Holley Varsity Wrestling Coach John Grillo. It marked the night of his 700th win as a wrestling coach. Holley defeated tough competitor Lyndonville 54-35 in the Genesee Region match hosted at Lyndonville High School. Grillo's wins have spanned more than 40 years, with 30 of them at Holley Central School District (HCSD) and 12 of them at Pavilion Central School District. He now holds the record for the most wins in New York State.

Grillo has been a grade K-12 physical education teacher at HCSD since 1989. He has been a wrestling coach for his entire teaching career. Grillo also runs the Hawk Junior Wrestling Club at Holley Middle School/High School and the Holley Hawk Youth Club at Holley Elementary School. His Holley Hawk wrestlers have won 20 Genesee Region League titles and 11 Section V Championships. While coaching at Pavilion, one of his wrestlers also earned a Sectional Title. Grillo was named Genesee Region Coach of the Year 15 times and Section V Coach of the Year six times.

Grillo has maintained an enthusiasm for the sport and his players through all of his coaching seasons. Even though retirement is not as far off as it once was, he is passionate about continuing to coach and teach at HCSD. "Without the support of the administration, faculty, staff, parents, community members, coaches and finally,

the student athletes, this accomplishment would not have happened," said Grillo. "I love what I do, as both teacher and coach, and I still have the passion to build young lives."

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- John Grillo



Holley Varsity Wrestling Coach John Grillo, at right, celebrates his 700th win with his son and assistant coach, Andrew Grillo – Photo courtesy of Mark Gutman (The Daily News – Batavia, NY)

In addition to coaching hundreds of students, Grillo coached his three sons to wrestling victories. The oldest, Ashley John Grillo, was a state representative and placed fifth at the NYSPHSAA State Tournament. The second oldest, Adam Grillo, was a five-time USA Wrestling All American. The youngest, Andrew Grillo, was also a state representative and the first-ever NYSPHSAA State Champion from Holley, as well as a USA Wrestling All American. All three brothers were multiple Section V Class Champions and National Academic All Americans in high school and competed in collegiate wrestling. Ashley, Adam and Andrew assist John in coaching the Holley wrestling teams. Ashley and Andrew both work at HCSD; Ashley as the Holley Elementary assistant vice principal and Andrew as a grade K-12 physical education teacher.

Wrestling Youth Club Begins Feb. 22

The Wrestling Youth Club will begin on Feb. 22 at Holley Elementary School for students in **grades K-8**. Registration will be held on Feb. 22 from 5:45-6 p.m. in the Intermediate Gym, with practice following. All parents must attend registration to complete paperwork. There is no registration fee. The registration form is available on the Holley website under the Quick Links of **Files and Documents**.

Practice will run from 6-7:15 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays until March 22. Basic wrestling techniques are taught by the High School Wrestling Coaching staff, Holley Club Coaches

and members of the high school wrestling team. Wrestling drills, intra-contests and physical fitness are part of the Club, too. Students will learn sportsmanship and have fun through participation in this Club.

Wrestling club t-shirts are \$10. There will be other wrestling items for sale at the Club.

The Club will continue through May 31 on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. for students in **grades 7-12**. Some youth wrestlers may also be asked by the coaching staff to attend these sessions.

New Vaccine Requirement for Sept. 2016

On Oct. 26, 2015, New York State Public Health Law was amended to require children entering or attending seventh and 12th grades on or after Sept. 1, 2016 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness or seizures.

The ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135 and Y should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of the vaccine should be administered at age 16 years.
 - o The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose at 16 years of age or older.
 - o The minimum interval between doses is eight weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16-23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16-18 years of age.

For additional information, please see the websites below:

NYSDOH Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact_sheet.htm

NYSDOH Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations web page: http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood_and_adolescent.htm

Cheerleaders Spread Holiday Cheer

by Penny Cole, Cheerleading Coach

On Dec. 21, the JV and Varsity Cheerleaders traveled to The Villages of Orleans in Albion, bringing Christmas gifts and holiday cheer to residents. The residents were so excited to be visited by the teams and receive gifts. The cheerleaders gave each resident a poinsettia, stuffed animal and Christmas card. This is the fifth year that the teams have gone to spend the evening with the residents, and the cheerleaders look forward to this night all season long. Both teams represent their school with such enthusiasm. They consider it an honor to be able to give back to our community.



Front row, from left, Ali Osborne, Kelsey Daniels, Jessica Mandigo, Hannah Biedlingmaier and Amber Becker. Middle row, from left, Kamryn Penna, Jocelyn Cervone, Nina DiLella, Hanna Waterman, Derrick Hildreth, Ally Skehan, Sierra Kuhn, Sarah Harrington and Alexis Younes. Back row, from left, Halle Shepherd, Maddy Rowley, Dakota Thompson, Alassia GianCursio, Melody Purtell, Alaina Roniger, Sierra Verhagen, Sonya Kordovich, Kennedy Jones, Ryley O'Mara and Alexis Gamble.

Holley vs. Kendall Faculty Game

The Holley Faculty Team will compete against the Kendall Faculty Team in volleyball in the fourth annual "Cause for the County" game at Holley Middle School/High School on March 3 at 7 p.m.

Ticket proceeds will benefit the Kendall Food Cupboard and the Holley Loaf and Ladle Soup Kitchen. The annual game has raised over \$4,000 for the local charities in the last four years. Brothers Andrew and Ashley Grillo will wrestle each other at 6:30 p.m.



Come out and support our community!

Holley First and Second Graders Learn About Healthy Choices

In December, Karen Blank, from The Whole Approach Studio, led Holley Elementary students in first and second grades through a workshop entitled "Healthy Snack Cooking & Games." She met with 24 students after school twice a week and taught them about nutrition, games to stay active, how to make their own healthy snacks and how to make healthy living choices. The students were joined by their parents for the final workshop on the evening of Dec. 17, where they set the table together and prepared a healthy dinner of homemade ravioli and salad.

Blank's workshops were offered free to Holley Central School District (HCSD) students as part of the three-year Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant the district received last year. HCSD regularly offers before and after school programs to grades K-12 students as part of its FIT4U! program, made possible by the PEP grant. The FIT4U! program focuses on teaching students about fitness and nutrition through a variety of activities and educational programs.

Students took pre- and post-tests evaluating how much they knew about healthy choices at the start and conclusion of the workshop. Their knowledge of healthy behaviors increased from 61 percent to 99 percent.



FIT4U! Session III Begins Feb. 22

Middle School/High School

The third session of free FIT4U! classes begins on Feb. 22 at Holley MS/HS for students in grades 7-12. Students can enjoy Early Morning Fitness classes on Thursday and Friday mornings from 6-7 a.m. with Mark Thomas in the High School Gym. On Monday afternoons from 2:45-4:15 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria Kitchen, students can participate in Healthy Cooking classes led by Vickie Scroger. Cooking class students may take the 5 p.m. bus home. On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Elementary Primary Gym, students can play Net Games (volleyball, pickle ball, badminton and tennis) with Lori Passarell. All three classes will end on April 21.

If you're interested in these classes, obtain a registration form from John Grillo.

Elementary School

The third session of free FIT4U! classes begins on Feb. 23 at Holley Elementary. Four different courses are offered to students. Students in kindergarten and grade 1 can participate in Games, Games and More Games! on Thursdays from March 3 to April 21 from 3:30-5 p.m. First- and second-graders can register for The Whole Approach Studio, which is designed to help students make healthy-living choices. This program runs Feb. 23, 25 and March 1 from 3:30-5 p.m. and concludes with a family night on March 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cardio-Strength Training is offered to grades 2-6 students on Mondays from Feb. 29 to April 25 from 3:30-5 p.m. (no class on April 4). Fourth-graders through sixth-graders can participate in After School Friends on Wednesdays from March 2 to April 20 from 3:30-5 p.m. After School Friends is designed to help students eat healthy and stay active. Students who attend a class that ends at 5 p.m. can take the 5 p.m. bus home.

Registration forms are available from Lisa Campbell.

The FIT4U! program is made possible by the Carol M. White PEP grant HCSD has received.

PARP Program Popular Again with Elementary Students

Holley Elementary's Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program proved popular once again with students. With the prize of taking a limo ride to McDonald's for lunch motivating them, students began reading on their own or with a partner on Dec. 14. They tracked their minutes all through holiday break until the program ended on Jan. 1. Their reading logs were turned in upon their return to school on Jan. 4 and winners were revealed at the assembly on Jan. 14. The PTSA sponsored this event to encourage students to enjoy reading. The winners rode to lunch in style on Jan. 20. The winners were: Rachel Kinsey, Kira Gantman, Sara Kelly, Ava Quincey, Harlee Schicker, Nicholas VanLogten, Allyssa Jones, Michael Schoonmaker, Elizabeth Kinsey, Leila Stonewell, Mia Thom, Benjamin Dale, Makayla Spence and Diana Escobar-Escamilla.



Holley Hosts All-County Concert in March

by Dan Wakefield, MS/HS Band Director

Holley's Music Department is proud to announce that we will be hosting this year's All-County music festival in March. The program will include the elementary band, middle school chorus and high school band. Participating school districts include Holley, Kendall, Albion, Medina and Lyndonville. Our annual Orleans County Music Festival is a rewarding opportunity to showcase each district's top performing students in the areas of vocal and instrumental education. The students rehearse for two days with a guest conductor before performing in a Saturday afternoon concert. This year's festival is Saturday, March 5. The concert will begin promptly at 2 p.m. in the Holley MS/HS Auditorium. Tickets will be available through presale only, so as not to exceed our seating capacity.



The following groups competed in the first All-County festival in Albion on Feb. 5-6:
Holley Elementary All-County Chorus



Holley MS
All-County Band

Humanities Class Explores the Future

The Holley High School Humanities Class presented innovations to a community board made up of Holley faculty, staff, administration and a board member on Jan. 22. Each student gave a PowerPoint presentation on his/her idea, which ranged from obtaining the perfect manicure at home to creating a turbo charger for cars to use fuel more efficiently. Students researched how their innovations could be marketed and priced, what materials would be required for development, the effect their innovations would have on the job market, and what changes would need to take place in the environment, government or social systems to make their innovations a reality. In one student's case, he wanted to make everyone's living environment a virtual reality; for example, he proposed owning a virtual pet without having all the responsibilities that pet ownership entails (food, exercise, training, medical care, etc.).

Many ideas seemed possible to implement in the near future. For example, the idea to string lights above parking spaces that would be activated by a weight and motion sensor to indicate through a color system which spaces were occupied, available or had cars exiting might be adopted by a local mall during the holiday season. The idea to run a bakery that incorporates medical marijuana into baked goods for those who have a prescription for it might not be too far off, in light of Rochester opening its first medical marijuana clinic recently.

Some ideas were more ambitious and would take longer to implement, such as building an international space station for anyone to learn about space and devising a filtration device to remove greenhouse gases from the environment. Other ideas fell in the middle, with the idea to offer mental health services to convicted prisoners while they are serving their sentences requiring a lot of political and social



From left, Rebecca Kinsey and Melea Towsley explain their innovation, Nailtastic

change, and developing the right product to harness solar power to charge your cell phone while you held it requiring scientific experimentation. Some ideas are already in use, such as using a phone app to wirelessly charge your devices or inserting a noise blocker in your ear to avoid unwanted noises, but they just require fine-tuning through the use of new technology to achieve students' desired results.

"We have had some great discussions in class and we've investigated subjects that the students wanted to learn more about. The class has formed their own culture and they are very protective and supportive of each other, which is nice to see."

- Suzanne Lepkowski

The Humanities class created the "Innovation Forum" to mark the end of the first semester for this new course offered jointly by the Social Studies and English departments at Holley. Teachers Mike Crissman and Suzanne Lepkowski taught the class of 14 students. They broke the semester into three segments, with students examining the past, present and future of how the human race and social culture have evolved. A Humanities II class is offered in the second semester, with about 12 students enrolled. "The students have really shaped the class and what we cover each semester," said Lepkowski. "We have had some great discussions in class and we've investigated subjects that the students wanted to learn more about. The class has formed their own culture and they are very protective and supportive of each other, which is nice to see." The class also incorporated a community service event into the first semester. In December, they hosted a holiday photo session, where the class took holiday photos of local families and offered refreshments. They accepted donations of new toys for the Gary the Happy Pirate Toy Fund and non-perishable food items and cash donations for the community center. The students have started discussing what they would like to offer the community in the second semester.

Three Holley Students Have Award-Winning Handwriting

by Julie Wantuck, High School English Teacher

English teachers Suzanne Lepkowski and Julie Wantuck encouraged their ninth and 10th grade students to enter the second annual Clarkson Historical Society Handwriting Contest. Over 100 students from area schools entered the contest. Kennedy Jones, Madison Marsh and Dakota Thompson earned the top three places in the contest. Kennedy, a sophomore; Madison, a freshman; and Dakota, a sophomore, placed first, second and third, respectively, in the high school category. The cursive handwriting contest

Congratulations
to our winners!

is a celebration of John Hancock's Jan. 23 birthday; he is celebrated for having the most prominent signature on the Declaration of Independence.

The three Holley students were honored in an awards ceremony at the Clarkson Academy on Jan. 23. They received a certificate and medal. Bookmarks with Kennedy's handwriting and picture will be placed in the Community Free Library in Holley.



From left, Madison Marsh, Julie Wantuck, Dakota Thompson and Kennedy Jones

Calling All Players for the Alumni Basketball Game

Holley Alumni, are you interested in playing in the 2016 Holley Alumni Basketball Game? Go to the Holley Sports Boosters Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HolleySportsBoosters>) to find out more information. Alumni who graduated in the Holley Class of 2011 or earlier are eligible to play. You must be five years out of high school in order to participate.



March Story Hours for Children at the Community Free Library

Story Hours are held every Wednesday in March from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Community Free Library. This free event combines stories, crafts, games and songs to help children develop a love of reading. The theme varies by the week. The story hours are aligned to the NYS Learning Standards. For more information, contact Library Director Sandra Shaw at 638-6987.

The Community Free Library is located at 86 Public Square, Holley, NY 14470.

Students of the Month for January

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, 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 January: Addison Bevins, Taylor Teegarden, Chloe Bowen, Rylie-Brynn Miesch, Hawkins Daly, Harrison Flanagan, Colton Bradley, Brooke Waldron, Layla Jones, Hailey Gonzalez, Maggie Skehan, Sloane Kruger, Kaden Rheinwald, Karissa Robinson, Shawn McAllister, Luminara Virgilio, Leigha Walker, Ava Quincey, Roman Odeychuk, Shannon Kelly, Leah Rheinwald, Cora Bennage, Adriana Botello, Lewis Monk, Ozzy Stephens, Autumn Monk, McKenna Canne, Anabelle Moore, Rosa Scroope, Madelyn St. John, Annalise Tinkous, Kasey DeFrank, David Heller, Emily Weezorak, Sarah Harrington, Emily Bibby, Allison Howard, Matt DeSimone, Jaiya Blackwell, Jayla Blackwell, Makenzie Ferranti, Andrew Penna, Gillian Gallets and Annie Jewell.



Soaring Award

Middle School/High School (MS/HS) Physical Education Teacher and Wrestling Coach John Grillo received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education meeting on Feb. 8. 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. Grillo received the Soaring award from MS/HS Principal Susan Cory for his 700th career win as Holley's Varsity Wrestling Coach. Board President Brenda Swanger, Vice President Robin Silvis and member John Heise thanked Grillo for his work with students. All three board members talked about how Grillo's impact went beyond athletics and affected students in the classroom by helping those with behavior issues form positive habits. "Coach Grillo has had a positive impact on students since I was principal at Holley," said Heise.

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- 7 Sports Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library 7 p.m.
- 11 Musical, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 12 Musical, MS/HS Aud. 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- 13-14 National College Fair, Rochester Riverside Convention Center
- 15 District Choral Concert, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 16 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration, ES Library 1-5 p.m.
- 17 District Instrumental Concert, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 18 Elementary Music Celebration, MS/HS Aud. 2 p.m.
- Grades 4-6 St. Patrick's Day Social, ES 6:30-8 p.m.
- 18-20 Holley Ski Trip
- 21 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.
- 23 ES Spring Conference Day 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- National Junior Honor Society Induction, MS/HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 24 Early Dismissal for Elementary Students 11:30 a.m.**
- ES Spring Conference Day noon-3:30 p.m.
- March 25-April 1 No School, Spring Recess**
- March 31-April 3 HS Music Trip to Boston

Upcoming Fundraiser

During the last two weeks in March, the MS/HS students will be conducting the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Start setting aside your loose change to donate!

Save the Date:

for "The Little Mermaid"

- **H**olley MS/HS will be hosting several performances of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" from March 11-12. The musical tells the story of a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find love. Show times will be March 11 at 7 p.m. and March 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium.
- Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased online at <http://www.showtix4u.com> or in the MS/HS Main Office.

