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Holley Central School District | September 2016



FIT4U! Program Helps Holley Students Stay Active This Summer

Holley students had the opportunity to work on their tumbling, go on sports-themed adventures, or play fitness games this summer. They were participating in the free FIT4U! program, which was a result of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant Holley received two years ago. The grant allows all Holley students the opportunity to participate year-round in the FIT4U! physical fitness and nutrition program for the next year. *(continued on p. 5)*



Congratulations to Retirees

Congratulations to the following district employees on their retirement:

Julie Wantuck, *High School English Teacher*
Karen Quaranto, *Third Grade Teacher*
Bob Brice, *Instructional Aide*



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Superintendent's Message: **WELCOME BACK!**

Dear Parents and Students,

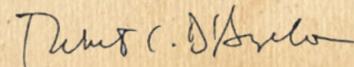
I hope that you and your family had a safe and fun-filled summer. The weather was certainly conducive to summer activities. We welcome both you and your child back to school, and we look forward to working with you this year. As we continue to concentrate on classroom instruction and student achievement scores, regular and punctual student attendance is also receiving a great deal of attention at local, state and federal levels. The issue of high rates of student absenteeism from school transcends racial and ethnic backgrounds. This issue recognizes that students, in general, miss too much school. A recent nationwide U.S. Department of Education study revealed that 13 percent of the K-12 student population missed at least 15 days of school for the entire school year.

Studies have shown that chronically absent students were more likely to struggle academically and less likely to graduate on time. Other significant discoveries include:

1. Students who are chronically absent in preschool are five times more likely to be chronically absent in second grade.
2. Compared to children with average attendance, chronically absent children gained 14 percent fewer literacy skills and 12 percent fewer math skills.
3. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with lower academic performance in first grade. The impact was twice as great in low-income families.
4. Students who were identified as academically ready at the beginning of kindergarten, but who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade, scored 60 points below students with good attendance on third grade reading tests.

5. By sixth grade, chronic absenteeism is one of three warning signs that a student is more likely to drop out of school, and ninth grade has been shown to be a better predictor of dropout than eighth grade scores.
6. Course performance in ninth grade was the strongest predictor of student graduation, and chronic absenteeism was the strongest predictor of course performance.
7. Fifty percent of students who missed two or more days of school in September will miss a month or more of school during the school year.
8. Among students who graduate, those who missed 10 or more days during 10th grade had a 25 percent difference in their post-secondary enrollment rates.

The above information clearly suggests the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. While every child deals with certain challenges from time to time, such as illness or family emergencies, the data reveals that chronic absenteeism is a major contributor to low academic achievement. Let's continue to work together to assure that students are regularly in school and ready to learn so that each student has a positive and successful 2016-17 school year.



Robert C. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools

Homecoming Events

Events on 10/7

- Pep rally at 9:30 a.m. in the MS/HS Gym
- Parade at 6 p.m. in the village, starting at Geddes St. and ending at the old bus garage parking lot behind the MS/HS - PTSA awards float prizes immediately following the parade
- Dances
 - Middle School Students – MS/HS Foyer from 7-9 p.m.
 - High School Students – MS/HS Dining Hall from 7-9 p.m.

Sporting Events on 10/8

- All games played at Holley MS/HS – visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/athletics.cfm?subpage=45131> to see the full schedule



How We Communicate with Parents and Residents

The Holley Central School district has a variety of communications tools we use to communicate with parents and residents on a regular basis. Here's an overview of the tools we rely on to share important information.

- **Connect-Ed** – this online messaging system is how we tell you about breaking news that is urgent in nature and may require your immediate attention. For this reason, it is important that we have your current phone number and/or email address. If your number or address has changed or if you haven't provided this information previously, please be sure to do so now. Simply call your child's school and tell us your current number and address.
- **SchoolTool** – this is our student management system which allows parents to see student information online, including student schedules, attendance, interim and report card grades, discipline information, and more. If you have not already registered with SchoolTool, do so today at www.holleycsd.org/SchoolTool. You will find a downloadable sign-up form on the website that you will need to return to your child's school. You only need to register once to have access to this secure online system.
- **Website** – the district website (www.holleycsd.org) is a comprehensive and continually updated resource for parents and residents alike. Refer to it often for everything from Board of Education meeting minutes to school lunch menus, athletic schedules, homework assignments, news and more. We also employ social media on our website, so be sure to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.
- **Electronic Bulletin Board** – our electronic bulletin board in front of the Elementary School enables us to share timely news with you in a more immediate way. Messages on this board will change regularly, so become accustomed to reading the board as you pass the school to know what's going on inside the ES and MS/HS on a day-to-day basis.
- **District Newsletter** – throughout the school year we will publish a district-wide newsletter on a monthly basis so you can see what has happened and what's ahead. As a cost saving measure, we post this newsletter online at www.holleycsd.org (see "Quick Links" on the left for "Dimension Newsletters"). A limited quantity of newsletters is printed and available at shops and businesses around town.
- **District Calendar** – The 2016-17 Holley Central School District calendar is now complete and posted online. To view or download the calendar, visit our website at www.holleycsd.org and click on the "Calendar" tab at the top, then select "District Calendar." This calendar will be updated throughout the year to include new events or changes in times and dates. Please check the calendar regularly and use our sorting feature to customize your calendar view.
- **Local News Media** – we regularly share our news with local news publications including the Suburban News, Batavia Daily News and Orleans Hub.
- **Parent Handbook** – parent handbooks have been updated and are available online at www.holleycsd.org.

School Tax Payments

The Holley Central School District tax collection process has changed for 2016-17. M&T Bank - Brockport branch is the designated bank for tax collection. You may visit the Brockport branch or mail your tax payment to the address below. Due to new government regulations, cash payments will only be accepted from customers of M&T Bank. All other payments must be in the form of a check or money order. Debit or credit cards will not be accepted. Make checks payable to Holley Central School District. Please attach the payment coupon to your payment.

Payment addresses:

In Person:

M&T Bank,
6560 Fourth Section Road,
Brockport, NY 14420

By Mail:

Holley Central School District,
P.O. Box 824,
Buffalo, NY 14240

Middle School/High School (MS/HS) UPDATE

It is hard to believe that the summer is over and we are ready for another school year. It really seemed like the summer flew by. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new and exciting year.

Back to School night is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. Locker assignments will be given out at that time. Please bring your completed emergency form with you in order to obtain your locker assignment. If you do not bring it, we will ask you to complete it that evening. Students and parents are welcome to explore the school, find their classes, meet their teachers and put their school supplies in their lockers.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year. Many teachers worked on curriculum writing this summer and are eager to share their work with their students. The first day of school for students is Sept. 7. The first class of the day begins at 7:30 a.m. and period 9 ends at 2:24 p.m., following the afternoon announcements. On the first day of school, students will attend every class.

The code of conduct and attendance policies have been updated and can be viewed on the district website (www.holleycsd.org). Attendance and punctuality in school will be stressed from the very first day. Please make sure that your students are in school each day and arrive with time to get to their first period class. Students' attendance in school directly impacts students' achievement.

The cell phone and electronic policy are staying the same at the MS/HS. Students will know when it is OK and when it is not OK to use cell phones and electronics by our use of a red, yellow and green light policy. Red symbolizes no use, yellow symbolizes use with teacher permission and green means free to use. The beverage policy has changed a bit; students are allowed to bring school appropriate beverages in a personal-sized, re-sealable container for their own consumption throughout the school day. Beverages brought into school may be subject to random testing.

Respect, Responsibility and Safety will continue as the theme for this school year throughout the district. It is our expectation that our entire school community respect themselves and others. For all of us to be safe, you must be responsible and accept the responsibility that is given to you. In our ever-changing world, people who possess and understand those qualities will be ready to take on the daily challenges, while also being productive citizens in their communities.

Regular communication is always encouraged. It is important for you to have open communication with all members of the school community. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers, staff and administration with any questions, comments or suggestions. Please utilize the district website to get the most updated information regarding school and the programs available.

Please make sure that you utilize our student management system, SchoolTool. If you have registered in the past, your account is still active. If you have not used the system before, please register for access to your students' grades, schedules, and attendance and discipline records. Please remember that our interim reports are not mailed home, but are viewable on SchoolTool. Visit the district website for more information.

It is my hope that all students, parents and community members take pride in our entire school program. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable school year.

Susan R. Cory
Middle School/
High School Principal



College Experience Opportunity

STAR Program at Rensselaer

The STAR (Science, Technology, Arts at Rensselaer) Program through Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is offering a college experience this fall for academically talented high school seniors, particularly those who are underrepresented minorities or young women. To apply, complete the application located at <http://admissions.rpi.edu/STAR/> and submit an official high school transcript by **September 23, 2016**. If applicable, indicate a need for a travel grant on the application and a limited amount of travel grants may be available based on need and merit. If selected, a student will be invited to the program, which occurs Oct. 27-29 in Troy. This event will include an opportunity to attend classes, visit the laboratories, tour the campus, and connect with current students, faculty and staff.



Some support programs that are still in place for the MS/HS students this year:

Homework Lab

This is supervised by a staff member and provides students with a quiet place to complete homework assignments before going home. The homework lab is open Monday through Thursday each week from 2:30-5 p.m. in the library. Students have access to computers and resources while completing their work. This is a good place to complete homework, read, conduct research, utilize computers, etc. Students who want to stay without doing homework will have their grades checked on SchoolTool daily; students failing a subject need to complete their work before using library resources.

Extended Day

This program provides students with additional academic support in various subject areas. The teachers assigned to extended day are able to assist with specific subjects. Extended day is staffed by a different content specific teacher each afternoon. The extended day program is housed in the library so that students can take advantage of both extended day and homework lab. If students are not passing one of their core subjects, they need to meet with that content specific teacher before being allowed to fully access the resources of homework lab.

5 p.m. Bus

There is a 5 p.m. transportation service Monday through Thursday evenings. This bus run allows students to stay for additional academic support or homework lab, and participate in longer extra-curricular activities, sporting events and practices. Students who stay to take the 5 p.m. bus home will need a 5 p.m. Bus Pass from the teacher, advisor, coach or supervisor that they stayed afterschool with. There are two busses, and the drivers divide the students geographically by bus route to deliver them home efficiently. We are very excited to be able to continue this service and hope that this enables students to participate in the many programs we provide afterschool.

Free Afterschool Snack

All students in the district will continue to receive a free, healthy afterschool snack every day. Free afterschool snacks are available in the MS/HS Dining Hall. Other snack options continue to be available for purchase in the Dining Hall. We encourage all students to stop in for a snack before they board their afternoon busses or when staying afterschool for extracurricular activities or additional academic support.

We hope you will take advantage of these programs!

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FIT4U! Program Helps Holley Students Stay Active This Summer

Throughout the summer, students in grades 1-12 were able to participate in fitness activities while also learning about nutrition and fitness topics. As part of the PEP grant requirements, 10-15 minutes were spent each day learning about proper nutrition and fitness concepts. These lesson plans were written by PEP Project Director Lisa Campbell and faculty members Sharon Gross and Kellie Burke.

Students in the elementary grades participated in a gymnastics unit, worked out in the MS/HS Fitness Room and played games such as capture the flag, dodgeball and kickball during their sessions. Students in grades 4-12 participated in summer adventures such as bowling, swimming, golfing, and trampoline jumping on their fieldtrips to places like Oak Orchard Bowl, The College at Brockport, Hamlin Beach State Park, Red Oak Golf Range, Adventure Landing and Altitude Trampoline Park. Attendance at each session ranged from 21 to 60 participants, depending on the activity being offered each week. Students were able to enroll in multiple sessions, based on their interests and availability.



Elementary School (ES) UPDATE

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the summer break. We are very excited to start the school year and look forward to the first day! I would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Timothy Artessa. Please stop by to say hello and introduce yourself on Back to School Night on Sept. 6.

I am excited to share that we will be doing something different this year for Back to School Night. Because this can be a busy evening for families, new this year, the Elementary School cafeteria will offer a dinner (hot dog, chips, veggies, cookie and juice) for \$2 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Sept. 6. The Elementary School will start the evening with a short pep rally in the Intermediate Gym at 5:30 p.m. We will introduce our faculty, involve families in a fun game and start the year with a wonderful celebration! The pep rally will last about 20 minutes and then everyone will be free to visit classrooms

and all of the other areas of the Elementary School until 7 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Holley Elementary has worked hard to be a bully-free and safe place to learn. We will continue to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in all areas of the school environment because we believe that by creating and maintaining a safe and supportive school environment, we will pave the way for increased academic success. At school, **Respect, Responsibility** and **Safety** are the words the students will see and hear. There will be many opportunities throughout the school year for parents to participate in and support student learning. The very first opportunity will be to help prepare your child for a positive start to the school year by sharing your learning and behavioral expectations with them.

Changes from Normal Bus Transportation Procedures

DAY-TO-DAY CHANGES IN A STUDENT'S BUS ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

Parents desiring to have their child ride a bus other than their own or have their child picked up or dropped off at a location other than the normal location **must submit a written request one week in advance. This will be strictly enforced for the safety of our students.** All requests for changes must be for a specific time period. Transportation requests are available in the main office or online. If your child will need bus transportation and you have not submitted a transportation request form, please do so ASAP. The form can be obtained in any of the school offices or at www.holleycsd.org/documents.cfm. If you will be picking up your child who normally rides the bus home, you must submit this change in writing before 3 p.m. This allows the school time to safely arrange for your child to **not** board their assigned bus.

Many other important documents can be obtained through the school website, including Code of Conduct, Attendance Policy, District Calendar, Free and Reduced Meal Application, Parent Handbook, and SchoolTool Parent Access Letter. Visit www.holleycsd.org/documents.cfm.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elementary School office at 638-6318, extension 2400 or 2580. We look forward to Back-to-School Night and the first day of school!

Karri D. Schiavone
Elementary School Principal

Timothy Artessa
Elementary School Assistant Principal

Here are a few events to add to your family calendar as you prepare to return to school on September 7, 2016.

- **Tuesday, September 6** – 5:30-7 p.m. Back-to-School Night - *Come and visit your new teacher and classroom!*
- **Wednesday, September 7** – First day of school for grades 1-12
- **Wednesday, September 7** – Kindergarten Orientation (A.M. Session: 9-11 a.m., P.M. Session: 1-3 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, September 7** – Pre-K Orientation (A.M. Session: 9:30-10:30 a.m., P.M. Session: 1:30-2:30 p.m.)
- **Thursday, September 8** – First day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten students
- **Thursday, September 8** – 9 a.m., ES Cafe, PTSA Boo Hoo Breakfast for parents of kindergarteners

Plan Your Family Vacations Around These Important Dates



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on critical instructional time when planning your next family vacation. Here are some important dates to keep in mind.

Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 5-6, 2016 – Labor Day, No School

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33 a.m., Elem dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday, Oct. 10, 2016 – Columbus Day, No School

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 – Staff Development Day, No School

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 – Veterans Day, No School

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23-25, 2016 – Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, Dec. 26, 2016-Monday, Jan. 2, 2017 – Holiday Recess

Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 – MLK Day, No School

Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 24-27, 2017 – Midterm & Regents Exams – MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 – Staff Development Day (MSHS dismissed at 10:33 a.m., Elem dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday-Friday, Feb. 20-24, 2017 – Mid-Winter Recess

Friday, March 17, 2017 – Staff Development Day, No School

Monday-Friday, March 27-31, 2017 – Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Testing

Friday-Friday, April 14-21, 2017 – Spring Recess

Monday-Friday, May 1-5, 2017 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Testing

Monday, May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day, No School

Wednesday-Thursday, June 14-22, 2017 – June Regents Exams – MS/HS students report only if they have exams

Friday-Wednesday, June 19-22, 2017 – Half Days for Elementary Students (dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)

Thursday, June 22, 2017 – Last Day of School for Students

Saturday, June 24, 2017 – Commencement

Holley Elementary Welcomes New Assistant Principal

Tim Artessa will be the new assistant principal at Holley Elementary School this year. He comes to Holley after spending 13 years as a sixth grade teacher at Gates Chili Middle School and time spent working as the summer school assistant principal for Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Artessa is looking forward to working with the elementary students. He said the opportunity to be an assistant principal within an elementary setting is rare and exciting. His past experience and the desire to maintain positive relationships with students and staff is what will drive him to be successful. "I enjoy seeing students succeed and flourish, and I look forward to collaborating with the staff to make this happen," said Artessa.



Artessa has a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Nazareth College. He received his administrative certification from the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. A Henrietta resident, he enjoys playing sports and being active outdoors.

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.

My Performance at Madison Square Garden

by Ryleigh Weader, Holley Fifth Grader

In July, I had the opportunity to take a bus trip to New York City with the Amadeus Chorale Youth Singers. I am a member of this group. We sang at a WNBA New York Liberty basketball game at Madison Square Garden.

On the day we arrived, we had time to explore, so we went to the M&M's® World store and the Empire State Building. We also viewed the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route. We went to an Italian restaurant named Puglia's. They had singers and we participated in a song where we stood on our chairs and waved our napkins. It was so much fun.

The next day, we went to Madison Square Garden. This place is awesome. I have never seen an arena so big in my life. Before the game, we practiced with our director, Miss Bair. Then we went out on the court to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." We sang it and also signed the song, using American Sign Language. It was one of the most incredible things I have ever done. I will never forget this for the rest of my life. Not many people my age can say they sang at Madison Square Garden. I loved it!



Second from left, Ryleigh Weader performs at Madison Square Garden

Free and reduced price meal applications accepted throughout the school year



Parents/guardians needing assistance paying for their child's meals are encouraged to complete an application for free and reduced price meals. The application can be found online at www.holleycsd.org (select "Food Service" from the "Departments" tab). Extra copies are also available in the District Office.

Parents/guardians can file an application with the District Office at any time during the school year. Approved benefits are effective for the entire school year. This information remains **confidential** and children are not identified as receiving free or reduced lunches as they progress through the cafeteria line to checkout.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the New York state Education Department, the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program provide meals in

schools that meet federal nutritional guidelines. Schools receive reimbursement for meal-related costs for each meal served through the programs.

For the 2016-17 school year, Holley student lunches will be \$1.80 at the Elementary School and \$1.95 at the Middle School/High School, and breakfast will be \$1.15 at both schools.

Parents can easily keep track of their children's food purchases and add money to their accounts by signing up for mySchoolBucks, a secure online prepayment service. Visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/mySchoolBucks> for more information. Remember that students are not able to charge any portion of their meal selections. Students without payment will be given a sandwich, fruit and milk.

Invitation to Parent Breakfasts

The Holley Board of Education (BOE) would like to invite you to attend one of three Parent Breakfasts they will host this year. These breakfast meetings will give district parents/guardians the opportunity to meet with BOE members to discuss what is working well in the district and what needs to be improved upon. The breakfasts will be held on October 21, 2016; March 3, 2017; and May 5, 2017. Breakfast will start at 8 a.m. in the District Office Board Room and food will be supplied by Personal Touch, the district's food vendor. Each breakfast meeting should last one hour.

Prior registration is required for each breakfast. The first 12 parents/guardians that register with Connie Nenni, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, via phone (638-6316, extension 2003) or email (cnenni@holleycsd.org) will be admitted to each breakfast. Parents/guardians are permitted to attend one breakfast per year and may register for any of the dates. We hope you'll join us!



Holley Free Summer Meal Program a Hit with District Families

Holley children received free breakfast and lunch at the Holley MS/HS Dining Hall once again this summer due to a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The District provided meals Monday through Friday to children under the age of 18 living within the Holley Central School District, regardless of income level. "We were proud and pleased to offer this program in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture," said Holley Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. "We urged everyone in the district to participate." Pre-registration was not required.

While district children enjoyed these meals for free, adults, including Holley staff members, purchased breakfast for \$2.25 and lunch for \$4 from the District during this program.

Students who participated in morning and/or afternoon exercise classes such as the FIT4U! fitness and nutrition program, and the BLAST summer conditioning sessions were able to grab meals before and/or after their classes. Breakfast was served from 8-11 a.m. and lunch was served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Students who participated in the summer recreation program were also welcome to stop in to grab something to eat. Breakfast included bagels, cereal, muffins, Frudels, fresh fruit, juice and milk. Lunch included subs, wraps, sandwiches, pizzas, salads,

vegetables, fruit, water, milk and juice. The meal program ended on August 19. Transportation was not provided by the District.

An addition to the meal program this year was the creation of a Literacy Center in a corner of the Dining Hall. Books, puzzles and math worksheets were laid out for the students to browse through and take home with them. Faculty and staff from the Elementary and MS/HS contributed these items to help students keep up their reading and math skills during the summer. There was also a listing of clubs and activities that the district offers to students that parents were invited to take home. "I think this was a great program for families to take advantage of," said Jean Smith, teacher's aide for the District, who helped maintain the center this summer. "I wish there had been programs like this when my kids were little."

Students cited Frudels, cereal and bagels as their top choices for breakfast. Pizza, wraps, subs, fruit and vegetables were their favorites for lunch. "This was a great program," said Kim O'Brien, who brought her daughter and husband to the Dining Hall for lunch. "You can't get a well-rounded meal like this for \$4 anywhere else, and I don't feel like I'm clogging my arteries." O'Brien brought her daughter, Lilly, for breakfast most days. Lilly, a first grader, enjoyed



Lilly O'Brien enjoys her pizza lunch during the summer meal program.

cereal and half a bagel for breakfast. O'Brien said this meal filled her daughter up and gave Lilly a good start to her day. Mary Jo Smith watched her grandchildren during the summer and brought them in for lunch. "This was a convenient program and worked well," she said. "It was great. The summer programming that the district provided helped support the meal program, whether a student was attending a fitness program or summer school. More schools should be doing this."

Food Service Director Vickie Scroger said she noticed an increase in attendance this year, with more families coming in to eat together. Scroger said the busiest days were Tuesdays through Thursdays when the fitness classes were offered. On average, 463 meals were served each week. Lunches proved more popular than breakfasts, with a total of 2,137 lunches served versus 1,101 breakfasts at the end of seven weeks of summer meals.



Students of all ages enjoy lunch together.



A daycare group enjoys lunch together during the summer meal program.



Students browse through books at the Summer Literacy Center with the help of Teacher Aide Jean Smith.

Holley Athletes Had a BLAST This Summer

The BLAST program (Biomechanical Learning and Stability Training) returned to Holley MS/HS this summer to help student athletes in grades 7-12 stay conditioned for sports. Jodi Wiborg, Holley's Athletic Trainer from Leroy Physical Therapy & Village Fitness, lead the free hour and a half sessions three times a week for six weeks. Students worked on their speed, footwork, core strength, flexibility, balance, power moves and lifts, muscular strength and endurance. They completed workouts on the track or lifted weights in the MS/HS Fitness Room. Each session ended with 30 minutes of games, such as relay races or soccer. The workouts became more challenging as the summer session progressed.

Wiborg said that Holley had lower attendance rates this year, with most sessions averaging about a dozen students. She had a higher percentage of middle school athletes participate this year. On a muggy day in August, students exercised in the MS/HS Gym by following an exercise DVD. They worked through their cardio and core muscle exercises. Many of the athletes participating in the BLAST program are cheerleaders, or soccer, football or volleyball players.

The BLAST program was offered to students as part of the three-year Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant that the district received in 2014.



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Important Event Dates This Year

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016 – Community Flu Clinic, ES Café, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21, 2016 – Parent Breakfast, District Office Board Room, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 – MS/HS Dessert Concert, HS Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 – Veterans Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 – MS/HS Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 – ES Winter Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 – All County Performance at Lyndonville CSD, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 3, 2017 – Parent Breakfast, District Office Board Room, 8 a.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 – All County Performance at Medina HS, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 10, 2017 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 2017 – MS/HS Musical, HS Aud, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – District Choral Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2017 – District Band Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Annual Board of Education Meeting, District Office Board Room, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2017 – Senior Citizen Breakfast, ES Café, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 5, 2017 – Parent Breakfast, District Office Board Room, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – ES Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 25, 2017 – MS/HS Spring Concert, HS Aud, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 26, 2017 – Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermediate Gym, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Flag Day Parade, Village Depot, 9:30 a.m.

For athletic events, please visit <http://www.holleycsd.org/athletics.cfm?subpage=45131> for a full schedule, as these dates and times may change.

College Preparation News from the MS/HS Counseling Office

There are two important College Night events happening this month in Greece and Henrietta. College bound high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. Details are listed on the September calendar on page 8. Save these dates as well as the following SAT and ACT exam and registration dates.

SAT Registration and Exam Dates

Exam Dates	Regular Deadline (\$45 Without Essay; \$57 With Essay)	Late Registration Deadline - Paper (\$28 Additional Fee)	Late Registration Deadline - On-line/Phone (\$28 Additional Fee)
Oct. 1, 2016	Sept. 1, 2016	Sept. 13, 2016	Sept. 20, 2016
Nov. 5, 2016	Oct. 7, 2016	Oct. 18, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016
Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016	Nov. 15, 2016	Nov. 22, 2016
Jan. 21, 2017	Dec. 21, 2016	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 10, 2017
March 11, 2017	Feb. 10, 2017	Feb. 21, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 18, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017	May 24, 2017

Registration packets are available in the counseling office or students can register online at www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html. Holley CEEB CODE: 332-415.

ACT Registration and Exam Dates

Exam Dates	Regular Deadline (\$32.50 Without Writing; \$58.50 With Writing)	Late Registration Deadline (\$27.50 Additional Fee)
Sept. 10, 2016	Aug. 5, 2016	Aug. 6-19, 2016
Oct. 22, 2016	Sept. 16, 2016	Sept. 17-30, 2016
Dec. 10, 2016	Nov. 4, 2016	Nov. 5-18, 2016
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

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If students need a fee waiver for either exam, they should contact their guidance counselor.

Join the Holley PTSA

The Holley PTSA is focused on giving students a voice, supporting learning and celebrating success. This organization and its volunteers coordinate a number of programs and special events annually, ranging from the Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program to the popular Santa's Shop at holiday time. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful, so attend a PTSA meeting and learn more. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Elementary School Room 49. All are welcome.

PTSA Officers and members currently include:

- Alexa Downey and Jennifer Morgan, Co-Presidents
- Joanne Major, Treasurer
- Carm Miller, Secretary
- Donna Moore & Jeana Hayes, Membership
- Karen Quaranto, Fundraising
- Jennifer Morgan, Publicity
- Hospitality: Vickie Scroger
- PARP: Lisa Hendry
- Liaison to High School: Jennifer Morgan & Alexa Downey
- Karri Schiavone, Elementary School Principal (kschiavone@holleycsd.org)
- Sue Cory, Middle School/High School Principal (scory@holleycsd.org)

There will be a PTSA membership drive in October. Membership is \$9 per family to join. Membership fees help support events like field trips, Homecoming float prizes, Elementary Theatre Guild productions, PARP, senior scholarships, senior breakfast/picnic, Flag Day popsicles, Arts in Education activities, end of year celebrations and many more. Membership forms can be found on the website at

http://www.holleycsd.org/files/filesystem/holley_ptsa_membership_form.doc

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SEPTEMBER 2016

- 1 Staff Development – No School for Students
- 5 **Labor Day – No School**
- 6 Staff Development – No School for Students
Back to School Night, ES & MS/HS, 5:30-7 p.m.
PTSA Membership Drive, 5:30-7 p.m.
- 7 First Day of School – Grades 1-12
Pre-K orientation
 - A.M. Session: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 - P.M. Session: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Kindergarten Orientation
 - A.M. Session: 9-11 a.m.
 - P.M. Session: 1-3 p.m.
- 8 First full day Pre-K & Kindergarten
PTSA Boo Hoo Breakfast for parents of kindergarteners, ES Cafe, 9 a.m.
- 9-23 PTSA Entertainment Book Fundraiser
- 14 PTSA Meeting, Rm. 49, 5 p.m.
- 19 Board of Education, District Office, 6 p.m.
- 21 College Night at Marketplace Mall, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 22 College Night at Greece Ridge Mall, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 29 MS/HS Picture Day
- 30 Pre-K Grandparents' Tea, ES Café, 9:30 a.m.
- 30-Oct. 14 PTSA Mixed Bags Fundraiser

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