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Holley Central School District | February 2017

Holiday Happenings at Holley Elementary

On Dec. 23, students and staff gathered to celebrate and sing holiday songs at the annual sing-along. Sally Martin, choral director, and Hannah Bock, band director, led the chorus and band performances of familiar holiday tunes for the students to listen to and sing along. Two of the students' favorite songs were the "12 Days of Christmas" and "Must be Santa." Holley staff members were selected from the audience, and they brought along students to hold up picture cues to help the audience sing all the verses of both songs. Teacher's Aide Toni Barber won the Ugly Sweater Contest among the faculty and staff, so she directed the singing of "Jingle Bells."



Santa surprised kindergarten and first grade students in the Elementary Café on Dec. 14 by showing up to read "The Great Reindeer Rebellion." He sang Christmas songs with the students, and he led them in some stretching exercises. He asked them to cooperate with their teachers, and then Santa went around to the classrooms to find out what one gift each student wanted for Christmas. Each student received a candy cane.



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Superintendent's Message

School Closings Due to Inclement Weather

Since last year's winter was so mild and it did not impact the start of the school day, I'd like to review the various procedures associated with school closings during inclement weather. Most school superintendents are tuned in to the weather stations the night before a forecasted inclement weather event and they stay in communication with one another. On the morning of bad weather in our district, a decision must be made about the start of school by 5:30 a.m., as most of our buses are on the road by 6 a.m. In addition to that, the safe arrival of staff is also of prime consideration. The decision to close school or delay the start of school is based upon weather forecasts and conditions at the time, at approximately 5-5:30 a.m. Regardless of the outcome of a bad weather forecast, the safety of our students and staff is always of prime concern in making the decision to either close or delay opening. Another element involved in this decision is the weather forecast for dismissal time, as it is just as important to be able to get everyone home safely as it is to get everyone to school safely. A few weeks ago, some school districts south of Buffalo were impacted due to weather conditions that arrived quickly after the start of school; some students and staff spent the night at school, as it was deemed unsafe to put buses on the road. Many parents were

very appreciative that those districts made the decision to keep students and staff in school where they were safe. Students and staff made the best of things as they had dinner, used the gym and library, and socialized with their friends and teachers.

As you can see, there are a host of variables that determine how we react to a change in weather conditions, and at the top of the list always, is the safety of students and staff. If you should have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember that Mother Nature is a very formidable foe.

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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.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Mid-winter recess is fast approaching in February. We know that a week with no school in session means hungry mouths to feed. Our Food for Families program can help with those "extra" meals that the kids will now be home for. This program provides your family with a small bag of food to help get through the week off from school. This program is first come, first served, so please call Roxanne Wagner in the MS/HS Main Office at 638-6318, extension 5500 to reserve your food. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 14 by 1 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no "drop off" service. You will need to pick up your food.



Holley Alumni Take a Break From the Military to Attend Home Game

Close to the holidays, some familiar faces were seen at a Holley home basketball game. Five students from last year's senior class attended the game together in their military uniforms. They are, pictured from left, Ronnie DeWaal and Ross Pinson from the Marines, Thomas Kelly Jr. from the Air Force, and Clarence Moyer and Santino Morales from the Army.



COUNSELING News

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) will be administered at the MS/HS on Feb. 27. If you plan on enrolling in the military upon graduation, this test is mandatory. Any student in grades 10-12 who is interested in taking the exam needs to register with Kristina Tese in the Guidance Office. If you would like to know more about which careers you would be successful in, then register for the test. The ASVAB workshop to review and discuss student results will be on March 13.

Attention: Juniors

What are your plans after graduation? Attending college? Working full-time? Now is the time to start thinking about the direction you would like to take. Counselors recently met with juniors to discuss their PSAT results, create their accounts on www.collegeboard.com and do some career exploration in order to get them thinking about life after high school. If you haven't registered for the SAT/ACT, now would be the time to do so. Many four-year colleges require the exams as part of the admission process. Don't delay!

Attention: Seniors

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been available since Oct. 1 at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is the source of all federal and state aid, loans and work study programs. The form must be completed online and submitted to each college before their due dates in order to be eligible for these programs. Additionally, worksheets can be printed out from the FAFSA website to assist in this process. As a reminder, do not mail the worksheets to the colleges. If you need additional assistance in completing these forms, please contact FAFSA directly at 1-800-4-fed-aid (1-800-433-3243) or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/home>. If you are planning to attend a four-year institution, you will need to complete the application as soon as possible. Those students who have applied to two-year institutions should be making appointments to take placement tests. If you have already applied and been accepted to a two-year institution, you should be meeting with your advisors. As a reminder, please inform your counselor on which college(s) you have been accepted to.

Scholarship opportunities

This time of year, scholarships are added to the list weekly. Keep an eye on new scholarships; they are located in the Counseling Office and on our website: www.holleycsd.org/scholarships. Please pay attention to the deadlines. Apply early! Please see Kristina Tese for more details. In addition, most colleges offer their own scholarships; please check out their websites.

College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Christopher Balys was accepted to Duquesne University and Alfred State College for their nursing program; Jesse Beach was accepted to The College at Brockport; Hannah Biedlingmaier was accepted to The College at Brockport with a \$2,500 scholarship; Anna Brasted was accepted to SUNY Cortland with a \$18,000 President's Scholarship and a \$4,000 Honors Program Scholarship, Wells College with a \$60,000 Henry Wells Scholarship and a \$40,000 21st Century Leadership Scholarship, and Susquehanna University with a \$112,000 President's Scholarship; Claudia Drechsel was accepted to Morrisville State College; McKenzie Hendrickson was accepted to Walsh University and Keuka College; Derrick Hildreth was accepted to Keuka College with a \$69,000 scholarship for cheerleading; and Collin Papaj was accepted to St. John Fisher College with a \$30,000 academic scholarship and a football scholarship.



Congratulations!

Scholarships



Monroe Tractor Scholarship

Public high school students located in Monroe or Orleans County that are interested in pursuing an education in an agricultural-related field may apply for an annual \$1,000 scholarship that is renewable. For more information, visit <https://www.racf.org/Scholarships/Scholarship-Database?s=1710>. Deadline is **Feb. 15, 2017**.

New York Water Environment Association, Inc. (NYWEA) Scholarships

NYWEA offers six \$2,000 scholarships, one \$5,000 scholarship and one \$10,000 scholarship. For more information on the scholarships offered and the application process, visit <http://nywea.org/scholarship/>. The deadline is **Feb. 28, 2017**.

Genesee Community College (GCC) Foundation President's Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students who have maintained high academic standards while in high school. Award recipients receive two years of tuition-free education at GCC. To be eligible, you must be a senior, apply to GCC and have an overall GPA of 90 and rank in the top 10 percent of your class by the end of your junior year. Deadline is **March 1, 2017**.

Wrestling Youth Club Begins Feb. 27

The Wrestling Youth Club will begin on **Monday, Feb. 27**, at Holley Elementary School, for any Holley Central School District students in **grades K-8**. The High School Wrestling Coaching Staff will conduct the Club along with several Holley Club Coaches and members of the high school wrestling team.

Registration will be held on **Feb. 27** from **5:45-6 p.m.** **Registration and practice** will be held in the **Intermediate Gym**. **ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND REGISTRATION** to fill out the proper information needed. **There is no registration fee. However if you want to purchase a wrestling club t-shirt for your child, the cost is \$10.**

Students in grades K-8 will participate from 6-7:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- Mon. Feb. 27 Registration and first practice
- Tues. Feb. 28
- Mon. March 6
- Tues. March 7
- *Fri. March 10 Volunteers needed to set up for the Wrestling Club Tournament from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Elementary School
- *Sat. March 11 Wrestling Club Tournament
- Mon. March 13
- Tues. March 14 All wrestlers are to wear their club t-shirt for the group picture
- Mon. March 20 Fun night and intra-squad competition
- Tues. March 21 Fun night and intra-squad competition

This Club will continue through May 30 on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. for grades 7-12, plus those advanced youth wrestlers who are asked by the coaching staff to attend.

Basic wrestling techniques will be taught. Wrestling drills, intra-contests and physical fitness will also be a part of the club. Fun, sportsmanship and participation are what every student should experience. There will be wrestling items for sale at the club.



(DETACH HERE AND BRING TO CLUB. Do not turn this in until the day of registration.)

HOLLEY WRESTLING YOUTH CLUB

Name _____

Full Address _____

Grade _____ Phone # (____) _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Email Address _____

I, Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. _____, give my permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Wrestling Club. The Holley Central School, Village of Holley and the coaching staff hold no liability for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the wrestling club's meetings. If, by any chance, there is an injury sustained, I must pay for the medical services obtained. (The chances of an injury are very unlikely. However, we all must be protected.)

Signed _____ Paid For T-Shirt _____

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. 5. They tracked their minutes all through holiday break until the program ended on Jan. 6. Their reading logs were turned in and two winners from each grade level were revealed at the assembly on Jan. 13. The PTSA sponsored this event to encourage students to enjoy reading. The winners rode to lunch in style on Jan. 18. The winners were: Ian Bannister, Jayden Rivera, Julianna Church, Caiden Murray, Kaitlyn Dodson, Felicity Virgilio, Dylan Warner, Brianna Pellegrino, Addison Probst, Parker Tower, Dawson Arnold, Hailey Gonzalez, Alyssa Armstrong, Allison Merle, Kayla Neale, Matthew Bull, Sarah Kelly and Casey Onisk.



Congratulations!



More Than a Game Cancer Fundraiser on Feb. 1

On Feb. 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Gym, the girls basketball program will be hosting their Fourth Annual More Than a Game Fight Against Cancer Basketball Fundraiser. The JV game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Varsity game will follow at 7:30 p.m. Our opponents are the Alexander Trojans. We will be wearing lavender this year to support all cancer research. One hundred percent of our proceeds will go directly to the More Than a Game Foundation. We have raised well over \$10,000 over the past 3 years!

There will be a chance to purchase tickets for our Chinese auction gift basket raffle, a 50/50 drawing, and grand prize raffle, the opportunity to participate in a half-court shooting contest, and much more! Grand prize tickets can be purchased from a girls basketball player or coach. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. Keith Roth Allstate Insurance Company has donated a 49" LG Ultra 4K TV and a brand-new Xbox One S as one of the grand prizes. The other grand prize, donated by Holley Central School District Faculty and Staff, is a pair of tickets to the Maroon 5 concert on Sunday, March 5, and a gift card to Blu Wolf Bistro. You do not have to be present at the event to win a raffle item, but please consider buying tickets to support this cause. Visit our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/246178752476296/> to find out more information.

*Thank you for your support
and we look forward to seeing
you at the game!*



PTSA News

There will be a Winter Sledding Event on Feb. 9 for students in Pre-K through third grade from 3:30-5 p.m. The event will begin in the ES Café and admission is \$1. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. If there is no snow, a movie will be shown.

The PTSA Cookie Dough Fundraiser will run from Feb. 13-27, with order pick up on March 30. Please support our student activities by participating in this fundraiser.



PAPAJ WINS FOOTBALL HONORS

Senior Collin Papaj was recently honored with receiving a Silver Award Scholarship from the National Football Foundation. Out of the 30 senior football players that were invited to the National Football Foundation Scholarship Awards Banquet at Burgundy Basin on Dec. 12, he was one of eight to receive the Silver Award Scholarship. He also received a plaque and shirt. His name will be put in the College Football Hall of Fame as a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete. Collin was one of many football players in Section V to apply for this scholarship, which was awarded based on performance in the classroom and on the field.

Collin has only played football for three years, but he has worked hard during his short stint. He has 117 carries for 850 yards, 7.2 yards per carry, and 7 touchdowns, with his longest touchdown run recorded at 83 yards. He was also selected to the Genesee Region League All-Star First Team. "Collin deserves all the recognition he can get," said Varsity Football Coach Wil Prince. "He is a great kid and very hardworking."

Congratulations, Collin!



Holley Students Raising Funds for Polar Plunge

The Senior High School Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Polar Plunge event held at Ontario Beach Park on Feb. 12. Members of the Holley Central School District community are invited to join the Holley team and/or make a donation through <http://rochester.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1163515&team=6907722&>. Several members of the Holley faculty and staff are willing to take the plunge if specific dollar amounts are met in this fundraiser. Contact Student Council President Angie Weaver or Senior High Student Council Advisor Jim Di Sessa to make a donation or to find out more information about joining the team. This fundraiser benefits the Special Olympics New York organization. Last year, \$1,407 was raised by the Holley team; let's see if we can set a new record!

Cheerleaders Hope to Shingle One House to Help Another House

by Penny Cole and Heather Kelley, Varsity Cheer Coaches

As coaches, we try to teach the importance of giving back to others to our cheerleaders. In the winter, we conduct annual fundraisers to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Rochester, NY. RMHC has a special place in our hearts because of the numerous families within the district that have had to use it. In the past, we have held raffles, collected bottles and cans, and had a duct tape challenge. We were stumped as to what to do this year, until one day at practice, we noticed an old dollhouse sitting on the Primary Gym stage. After some investigating, we discovered it was going to be thrown away. That's when the idea of selling shingles for the roof was born. Our JV Coach, Corrinna Shepherd, and Art Teacher Brandi Zavitz repainted the dollhouse inside and out. Marsha DeFilipps donated an entire house of doll-sized furniture to us, and the dollhouse looks adorable.

We began selling shingles for \$1 apiece at the Holiday Tournament. It was quite the conversation piece, with people from all the schools stopping to look at it, and many bought a shingle or two. We even had two families tell us they recently had the opportunity to use the services offered by the RMHC. Both the JV and Varsity Cheerleaders will be selling shingles at all of the home boys' basketball games, where the dollhouse will be on display. The roof is two-sided, and we hope to cover both sides in shingles. We have done extremely well so far, but we have a way to go to reach our goal of \$1,500. We hope to exceed this goal, and help this amazing organization! For more information, or to purchase a shingle, please contact any cheerleader or call Penny Cole in the Guidance Office at 638-6335, extension 5510. Thanks for your support!



Many donors have written or drawn on their tiles.

Student Councils Hosted Food Drive Again

The High School Student Council and Middle School Student Council hosted a non-perishable food drive in November and December during first period classes. They were able to collect 227 food donations from students and faculty, enough to fill six large boxes. The donations were dropped off to the local community center before the holidays. Karen Conrad's class donated the most. She donated her prize to the local food cupboard. Well done, Holley Hawks!



ACADEMIC RECOGNITION PIZZA PARTY

On Dec. 9, the High School Student Council (HSSC) sponsored a pizza party to recognize the academic success of students who achieved honor roll or high honor roll. Two hundred seventeen students in grades 9-12 achieved this goal. Approximately 175 of them attended the pizza party. Congratulations!



Geometry in Construction Class Makes Progress

Students in Russ Albright's and Tim Rogers' Geometry in Construction class are busy honing their math and construction skills this winter. They recently used the concept of slope and different formulas to determine how to design sets of stairs to meet overall height requirements. Then, they used their construction skills to build the stairs.

The Geometry in Construction class helps students learn how math concepts can be applied to real-world problems to create solutions. The skills they learn in this class, whether they be used in future jobs or to make home repairs, will be carried with them beyond high school. The 13 sophomores and juniors enrolled in this class are also working towards completing a service project this spring. They are creating a small house for Second Wind Cottages in Newfield, NY, a rescue mission that provides one-man shelters to homeless men.

After Mid-Winter Recess in February, students will begin building walls and trusses to form the framework of the house. They've already built a wooden

base to mount the structure on and they will learn to panel the interior walls. Ultimately, the house will be transported in pieces and assembled on the grounds of Second Wind Cottages, where it will be anchored to a concrete pad. Students will then be able to install windows. They will not be shingling the shelter or adding a roof, but they will complete the rest of the structure on site.

"Students like this class because they can see the real-world application of math," said Rogers. "Many students who don't traditionally perform well in math class are performing much better in this class." "I'm good at math anyway, so this class is fun," said student Zach Vanameron. Students in this class will take the Geometry Regents exam in June.



From left, students Joel Moore, Jake Peters, Jeremy Crandall, Elijah Stanton, Erik Balys, Zach Vanameron, Matt Skehan, Ethan Bibby, Garrett Farrow, Amanda Valerio and teacher Tim Rogers.

Giving Tree

by Karin Richards, Fourth Grade Teacher

The Holley Teachers Association (HTA) PR Committee worked with The Eastern Orleans Community Center to provide gifts for 60 individuals in need during the holidays. Recipients' information was put on tags on the Giving Tree, which was made available to both schools' staff members. Holley staff members voluntarily selected a tag, bought the gift, and brought the wrapped gift back to school. We have hosted the Giving Tree event for over 10 years. Every year, staff members are excited about giving gifts to members of the Holley community. Even though this event is sponsored by the HTA, staff members from **all areas of the school district participate** by taking a tag or two each year. Thank you to all who participated in this year's event.



Holley MS/HS Library Fundraiser - Holley Hawk Keychains

From Feb. 27-March 10, the Holley MS/HS Library Club will be selling Holley Hawk keychains for \$5 each to help raise money to purchase new books and fund other library projects. The keychains can be personalized with a charm to represent your graduation year at no additional cost. There will be a limited quantity of additional sports-themed charms - football helmet, football, baseball, and basketball hoop - for 25 cents each. Get one before they're gone!

Order form is below. Completed forms with payment may be turned in to the MS/HS Library, emailed to losur@holleycsd.org or called in to 638-6316, extension 5516. Please make checks payable to Holley CSD-MS/HS Library Club. Thank you for your support.



Holley MS/HS Library Fundraiser - Feb. 27-March 10

Only \$5 each

Personalized with your graduation year: 2017 through 2022!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new books for the Holley MS/HS Library and fund other library projects.

To Purchase:

Complete form and send it with payment to the MS/HS Library, email Lisa Osur at losur@holleycsd.org or call 638-6316, extension 5516. Make checks payable to Holley CSD-MS/HS Library Club.

Name: _____

Graduation year:

☐ 2017 ☐ 2018 ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022

Limited quantity of additional sports charms available for \$0.25 each:

☐ football ☐ football helmet ☐ basketball ☐ baseball

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Holiday Happenings at Holley Elementary

Second graders made gingerbread houses in the Elementary Café on Dec. 20, with help from the National Junior Honor Society members and family members. Houses were constructed in the morning, left to dry, and then decorated in the afternoon.



Sports Boosters News

The Feb. 6 meeting of Sports Boosters is canceled due to a basketball game that night. The next meeting is March 6.

Ugly Sweater Contest

Both students and staff competed in the Senior and Junior High Student Councils' Ugly Sweater Contest right before holiday recess. Students voted on their peers in their first period classes on Dec. 23, then faculty members determined who the top winner was amongst all the class winners. Students, faculty and staff then voted on the best of the worst sweaters worn by faculty. Student Kelsie Johnstone and teacher Emily Harms were voted the top winners. They won apparel items from the school store. Maybe they'll replace their ugly sweaters?



Emily Harms

Kelsie Johnstone

EDIBLE Color wheels

Students in Evinn Neadow's eighth grade art classes made edible color wheels in December. They were given red, blue and yellow frosting and had to mix the colors to create the secondary and tertiary colors on the color wheel. Once they frosted cookies in each color and arranged them in order of the color wheel, they were able to eat them. Who says modern learning can't be educational, fun and delicious, all at the same time?



Students of the Month for December

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades K-12. Elementary students are nominated from each classroom, and middle and high school students are nominated in each subject area, all on a monthly basis. Each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. The certificates are also displayed in the glass display case outside the MS/HS Library and then filed in a binder in the MS/HS Main Office. Pictures of the elementary students are displayed in the hallway near the Elementary Library and archived in a binder in the library.

Once each month, students of the month from grades K-12 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café or MS/HS Dining Hall (location rotates monthly). Breakfast is 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 December: Philomena Arnold, Lauren Fredendall, Elliana Ebbs, Michael Ornt, Anabelle Moore, Angel Vazquez-Mendoza, Aurora Arnold, Maximus Milazzo, Kyla Burne, Charli Gearing, Angellina Church, Dylan Ceravolo, Lily Newman, Izabella Garcia, Joshua Silpoch, Carissa Klossner, Mason Hein, Lyndsay Young, Julianna Thomas, Jasmine Apicella, Karissa Robinson, Layne Walker, Aiden Zadorecky, Dillon Penders, Drew Carlston, Riley Allen, Alexis Taylor, Kayla Pagano, Tyler Jones, Morgan Cary, Brian Gay, Damian Gamble, Erik Balys, Alexander Lane, Brooklyn Bartholomew, Nick Smith and Jayla Blackwell.



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- 1 More Than a Game Fundraiser, MS/HS Gym 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Report Cards Sent Home
- 3-4 All County Music Festival, Lyndonville
- 7 Biggest Winner Meeting, ES Café 6:30-8 p.m.
- 8 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.
- 9 PTSA Pre-K-Grade 3 Winter Sledding Event, ES Café 3:30-5 p.m.
- 13 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 13-27 PTSA Cookie Dough Sale
- 16 Snow Date: PTSA Pre-K-Grade 3 Winter Party, ES Café 6:30-8 p.m.
- 20-24 No School, Mid-Winter Recess**

Check the district calendar online for additional detail.

Students Sing with RPO



Holley singers who participated in the Annual Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) Gala Holiday Pops Chorale in December are pictured, from left, Alex Mounts, Makenzie Ferranti, Nick Smith and Alexis Penna. They were part of a chorus of 200. Congratulations to all on this musical honor!