

# DIMENSION



Holley Central School District | December 2017

## Library Hosts CHARACTER-INSPIRED PUMPKIN CONTEST

In October, a variety of pumpkins disguised as characters from children's books were displayed on top of the shelving units in the Holley Elementary School Library. Julie Bader, elementary library media specialist, challenged students to decorate pumpkins to look like their favorite book characters. Entries varied from Snow White to Trolls. The winners were:

### The winners were:

#### Pre-K-kindergarten:

- First place – Snowman by Philomena Arnold
- Second place – Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Celina Bogoniewski
- Third place – Very Hungry Caterpillar by Archer Hills

#### First-second grade:

- First place – Clark the Shark by Isaac Bartlett
- Second place – Fancy Nancy by Aurora Arnold
- Third place – Monsters Love Underpants by Cameron Kelley

#### Third-fourth grade:

- First place – Tin Man by Layla Kingdollar
- Second place – Fancy the Peacock by Addison Probst
- Third place – The Wizard of Oz by Maizy Ehrhardt

#### Fifth-sixth grade:

- First place – Mouse and the Strawberry by Teanna Church
- Second place – R2D2 by Jasmine Apicella
- Third place – Big Bad Wolf by Zoey and Alivia Wolf

#### Classroom Winner:

- Spookily the Square Pumpkin by Mrs. Jaworski's and Mrs. Bennages's Pre-K classes



# MS/HS Library Hosts a Variety of Maker Activities Weekly

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

The MS/HS Library hosts Maker Fridays every week, where students can spend their study hall and/or lunch exploring, creating and having fun. Sometimes we put out craft supplies to create with, and at other times, we introduce new technologies and challenge students to discover how things work. In October, students coded with Ozobots and decorated mini-pumpkins. Many thanks to Partykas Farms for donating the pumpkins. In November, students made turkeys from discarded books, and played with BB8 and Ollie®. In December, students will be making ornaments and learning to transfer images onto candles and votives. If you'd like to see photos of student creations each week, visit [libguides.monroe2boces.org/HolleyMSHSLibrary](http://libguides.monroe2boces.org/HolleyMSHSLibrary).

## Superintendent's Message

On behalf of the Holley Central School District staff, we wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

Robert C. D'Angelo  
Superintendent of Schools

HAPPY *Holidays*



## REMINDER

### Holley Days of Shopping event

will be held on Dec. 7  
from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
and Dec. 8  
from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
in the ES Primary Gym.  
Report to the  
ES Foyer first.

For questions, contact Kelly Bates  
at 638-6318, extension 2558.



# Basketball and Pickleball Courts Added at Holley Central School District

As part of the final phase of the Capital Project at Holley Central School District, the existing tennis courts at the Middle School/High School (MS/HS) were repurposed as tennis, pickleball and basketball courts. In addition to adding outdoor physical education stations for students, these areas are available for community use when school is not in session. The remodeled courts opened in November, and students and community members have been using them daily ever since.

Finishing touches are being applied to the new tennis courts installed on another part of the MS/HS campus, but they are not open for use yet.

Through the Capital Project, over \$30 million of improvements have been made to district facilities, at zero impact to taxpayers. "The entire project has provided the district with one of the finest facilities in Western New York," said District Superintendent Robert D'Angelo. "I'm pleased to be able to bring these benefits to our students and community. Our long-term goal for the campus is to maintain it as a state-of-the-art school facility and learning environment. We thank the community for their patience and continued support of this project as we've completed each phase."



From left, Gianna Grathouse, Olivia Radford, Madison Papaj and Morgan Cary demonstrate how to play pickleball on the repurposed tennis court.



New tennis courts are still being finished.



From left, Kohl Morgan, Olivia Radford and Matt Skehan play a quick game of pick-up basketball on the new court.



From left, Gianna Grathouse, Olivia Radford and Morgan Cary enjoy playing tennis on the newly remodeled court.

## From the MS/HS Library

by Lisa Osur, MS/HS Library Media Specialist

The following databases are the most used in the MS/HS, and you can use them, too!

### Opposing Viewpoints (OV)

OV explores both sides of an issue, covering today's hottest topics from immigration to marijuana. This cross-curricular research database supports science, social studies, current events, language arts classes and more.

### Research in Context (RinC)

RinC is a middle school level database containing age-appropriate videos, newspaper and magazine articles, primary sources, and so much more. Subjects cover a wide range of the most studied topics supporting national and state curriculum standards for grades 6-12 in ELA, social studies and science, including cultures, government, people, U.S. and world history, literature, and more.

OV and RinC are provided to all libraries in NYS through the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library or NOVELny. The MS/HS Library also subscribes to U.S. History in Context, World History in Context, Biography in Context, Culture Grams, Teen Health & Wellness, Worldbook Encyclopedia Online and more. The MS/HS Library's website ([libguides.monroe2boces.org/HolleyMSHSLibrary](http://libguides.monroe2boces.org/HolleyMSHSLibrary)) has been updated with links to all our databases on a new Databases tab along with a MSHS Resources document with usernames/passwords.



## Art Students Working on a Display for a Local Business

High school art students are working on a special project for one of Holley's local businesses. Jennifer and Dustin Reisman, owners of Dustin's Pizzeria, asked art teachers Evinn Neadow and Brandi Zavitz if their students could add art to pizza peals, which are wooden paddles used to remove pizzas from the restaurant's ovens. The peals would then be mounted on the walls of the restaurant for display.

Students in Neadow's Drawing & Painting class have eagerly begun working on their ideas for each peal. They worked on initial sketches and samples in early November and presented their ideas to the Reismans on Nov. 8. Students worked by themselves or in pairs on their concepts for each peal. Many students are showcasing menu items on their peals, using a variety of art techniques for their displays. Everything from an Impressionism painting to 3-D design using felt, paper and cardboard will be featured.

Zavitz's students have taken photos of Holley landmarks that they will recreate as landscape paintings on their peals.

Once the peals are completed, they will be on display at Dustin's Pizzeria for customers to vote on. Art students will then attend a soft opening of their art show at the restaurant, where they will find out who came in first and second place for each class. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded. Look for the winners to be announced in a future issue of the Dimension this winter.



## MULTICULTURAL CLUB VISITS PUBLIC MARKET

by Jennifer Boerner, Multicultural Club Advisor

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Multicultural Club visited the Rochester Public Market. The purpose of the trip was to experience some of the different cultures in the area and talk to people from all walks of life. Multicultural Club provides opportunities for students to learn about different cultures both in other countries and in our own.



## Interviews with Immigrants

by Tammy Menzie, Spanish Teacher

Everyday people have their own unique experiences that add to our knowledge of American history. In October, the College Spanish 1 class reached out to the community for help finding immigrants willing to talk to them and share their experiences. Students gained practice interviewing, taking notes and presenting information to the class. Our students would like to thank the following people for their willingness to participate:

- Briana Colucci interviewed Camille Cianci from France
- Matt DeSimone interviewed Nancy Prunes from Puerto Rico
- Sonya Kordovich interviewed Marta Fortuber from Romania
- Andrew Moseman interviewed Nara Brooks from Inner Mongolia, China
- Melanie Norman interviewed Tanya Cardella Burt from Italy
- Jessica Sedore interviewed Flora Kordovich from Macedonia
- Dakota Thompson interviewed Eulalio Mendoza from Mexico
- Hannah Waterman interviewed Anna Jurkowska from Poland

Jessica Sedore shared some highlights from her interview with Flora Kordovich:

I interviewed Sonya Kordovich's mom, Flora, for my immigration project. Flora is from Macedonia. She came to the United States when she was 32 years old in 1992. She traveled to the U.S. to visit her brother and cousins. While here, she met her husband, Nick, and decided to stay in the U.S. She is now a U.S. citizen, and she is proud of her Macedonian and American cultures. She incorporates aspects from both countries into her family and home life.

Some of the things Flora overcame on her trip here are quite impressive. She left her family and a law degree behind, brought only one suitcase and spoke no English. She was stranded in Bulgaria for three days on the way to the States. Flora's life experiences make her very grateful to be in America and offer a very refreshing view of life in our nation. While Flora misses the mountains of Macedonia, along with some extended family she left behind, she emphasizes her love and gratitude for the things America offers. Some of her favorite American things are the freedom of speech, unlimited opportunity and garage sales. Flora has visited Macedonia three times since she moved here, and she was able to bring her daughters on one of the trips.

My interview with Flora was fascinating, and it gave me a new admiration for her and all immigrants. I learned how intelligent, strong and funny Flora is, and she taught me so much more about the background of her family. I heard stories from Flora that her daughter didn't even know about, and we shared many laughs about her experiences. I had the impression that Flora enjoyed telling me her story, and Sonya and I enjoyed discussing it with her.



From left, Briana Colucci, Andrew Moseman, Matt DeSimone, Hannah Waterman, Sonya Kordovich, Jessica Sedore, Dakota Thompson and Melanie Norman show off their presentations.

## Student Council Blood Drive a Success

by Jim Di Sessa, Senior High Student Council Advisor

At our first Senior High Student Council blood drive of this school year, the American Red Cross was able to collect 29 productive units, which will help 87 people. We met the goals set for our blood drive, so the American Red Cross will provide a \$250 scholarship for our students. Thank you to those who came out to donate and volunteer at the event.

# Veterans Day Assembly at Holley Elementary

The annual Veterans Day assembly at Holley Elementary School on Nov. 9 featured patriotic music, veterans and lots of red, white and blue. A group of local veterans from the American Legion and VFW posted and retired the colors to begin and end the assembly. Many local veterans were in attendance, representing all four branches of the military. The Elementary Chorus sang while the Elementary Band played the "The Star-Spangled Banner." The Chorus also sang "Every Day in America" and "Thank You, Soldiers." The Band played "Eagle Command March." Pre-K students sang "See the Veterans" while they signed the song in American Sign Language.

Students led the assembly, sharing the podium with guest speakers. Several students participated in the reading of the poem "A Veteran is." Physical education teacher Lori Passarell read the poem "Veterans Day"; her son, Cody, is currently in the Air Force.

The featured guest speaker was Holley Elementary C.O.P. Security Officer Chris Vigliotti, a veteran of the Marines and retired Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy. He is also a volunteer and past employee of the Veterans Outreach Center. He gave students the definition of a veteran: any member of the military who worked in any branch of the military for any length of time. "Veterans, or heroes, as I like to call them, thank you for protecting our freedoms, thank you for your service, thank you for your sacrifice," said Vigliotti. "Holley folks are very patriotic, passionate and dedicated to their country. I have always been impressed by that." As an example of this, he called out elementary students and sisters Koryn and Kayla Neale for their creation and collection of items for Care Packs that they distribute to veterans at the Holley VFW and American Legion Hall in November. He told them that they are now his sisters in his military family. He concluded his speech by saying, "Freedom isn't free – remember that. Thank our vets not only on Veterans Day, but every day."



*The Holley Teachers Association PR Committee presented a check to the PTSA for \$300 from proceeds collected during the June Fest 5k event.*



*Student winners of the patriotic poster contest were announced.*



## Safety Patrol Keeps Students Safe at Holley Elementary



Thirty-nine sixth-grade students serve on the Elementary School's safety patrol. They all applied for the position by completing an application outlining how they would keep students safe at school during arrival and dismissal times. "They have been taking the job very seriously and they are all doing a great job," said Elementary Assistant Principal Tim Artessa. Pictured in front row from left, Ruthie Patton, Hannah Jolly, Layne Walker, Aiden Zadorecky, Matthew Bull, Samantha Bates, Hayli Kuellertz, Emma Brady, CeCe Farruggia, Kenadi Nichel, Gabriella Houseknecht and Lily Knopp. Middle row, from left, Nicole Millis, Caitlin Dobri, Alyssa Wright, Teanna Church, Leigha Walker, Ryleigh Weader, Carter McGuire, Lance Babcock, Audrey O'Neil, Anthony Fallatto and Dakota Burch. Back row, from left, Harlee Schicker, Isabella Thom, Lena Golisano, Ava Buzard, Jailyn Bishop, Jasmine Apicella, Brenden Trowbridge, Adrian Gamble, Dylan Boyko, Riley Knopp, Jared Bowen, Michael Wolfe and Jaxson Schicker. Missing from photo: Cavan Bennage, Keon Houghton and Brody Schutz.

## Holley Elementary Student Council

The Elementary Student Council began their meetings for the year. They are responsible for meeting at least monthly afterschool to decide on school matters, such as fundraising, and representing their classrooms from grades 4-6. The bookstore helps fund Student Council activities.



Front row, from left, Cadence Merkle; Connor Thomas; Julianna Thomas, vice president; Zoey Wolf, secretary; Maggie Skehan; Lily Newman, treasurer; and Annalee Ham. Middle row, from left, Griffin Reidman, Joshua Silpoch, AnaRosa Sanchez-Nichols, Jaxon Schicker and Braden Read. Back row, from left, Layla Jones, Camden Mosier, Jose-Angel Valentin, Carter McGuire, Bella Thom, Angelina Golisano and Leigha Walker, president.

## Sixth Graders Learn Death Traditions

by Melanie Montague, Sixth Grade Teacher

Sixth graders were lucky enough to have a visit from local funeral director, Joshua Mitchell of Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc., to explain the process of modern day death traditions. Mitchell explained the history of embalming and how it's used for modern funerals. The sixth grade curriculum has a strong focus on the achievements of ancient societies. Students spent the past month learning about ancient Egypt and their death traditions of embalming and burial procedures. The presentation on Oct. 26 was an awesome real-life application of how ancient achievements impact us in the present day.



Student Lily Naylor tries on the uniform while funeral director Joshua Mitchell, right, explains about preparing bodies for a funeral.



## GOTR Team Finishes Another Successful Season

by Hannah Bock, GOTR Coach

Girls On The Run (GOTR), a program designed to inspire inner strength and celebrate the unique qualities that every girl possesses, wrapped up their eighth season at Holley Elementary with a 5K run in Delaware Park in Buffalo on Sunday, Nov. 5. The Holley team, made up of 16 girls in grades 3-6, began practicing for the 5K in September. They met twice each week after school with coaches Lynn Vendetti and Hannah Bock, learning life skills while exercising. As they trained, they refined values such as confidence, character, teambuilding, connections and empathy.

For fifth graders Natalie Foose and Alyssa Armstrong, this was their first year in the program. When asked about the practices, Natalie said "It's fun and exciting, and I really look forward to running." Alyssa said she liked the program because "it's a really great way to get healthy and fit."

At the end of every season, the team completes a community outreach project. This year, they collected food, toys and supplies for pets at People for Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Orleans County. The care, creativity and teamwork that the girls demonstrated with this community outreach project was the perfect way to end the season!



## Pre-K Students Learn From Community Helpers

On Nov. 8, Pre-K students in Allison Jaworski's and Amy Bennage's classes received a visit from Lieutenant Dan Mogel from the Albion Police Department. He told students about his job, answered questions, and showed them the equipment he uses and his police cruiser. Mogel's visit helped students learn more about Community Helpers, the unit they are currently working on.



# CAST OF CHARACTERS

## Parades Through Holley Elementary

Holley Elementary students had a chance to parade through school in their Halloween costumes on Oct. 31. There were two parades throughout the Elementary School, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and both were led by the Student Council. They proudly carried the banner they made in a Student Council meeting. Animals, princesses, superheroes and scary characters were seen walking through the halls, along with costumed teachers and staff.



## Students of the Month for October

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 October: Kasten Davis, Jaelah Kent, Julianna Church, Elliana Ebbs, Bella LaRock, Charles "Chaz" Jewell, Kadence Schoonmaker, Addison Bevins, Russell Samons, Matthew Armstrong, Madison Lowell, Liam Jenks, Dylan Ceravolo, Decklan Meiers, Arianna Silversmith, Alexis Salamone, Cadence Merkle, Alyssa Armstrong, Christopher Mosier, Ronald Thorn, Leigha Walker, Dylon Boyko, Jacob Weaver, Sherie Hofstra, Grayson Kelley, Ethan Mackey, Haidyn Gomez, Jeremy Lutes, Rachael Vanelli, Zach Warney, Sara Kingdollar, Madison Papaj, Michaela Williams, Katelyn Randall, Erik Balys, Sebastian Bartholomew, Frank Flynn, Briana Colucci, Hanna Waterman, Jake Peters, David Mandigo, Alex Lane, Sonya Kordovich, Brett Baxter, Khrystva Conrad, Maddie Marsh, Nicole Mrzywka, Tony Farruggia, Parker Walker, Ariana Hanson, Riley Allen and Grace McKeon.



### 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.

## COUNSELING News

### CTE Field Trip

On Dec. 8, 10th graders will be able to explore a field of interest at the Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) in Spencerport. Students can select two courses from two different clusters. These sessions are available on a first come, first served basis. Interested students should sign up in the Counseling Office with Penny Cole. Students will have the opportunity to gain specific hands-on vocational experience and obtain general CTE information. The tour will take place in the morning and transportation will be provided. **There will be a stop for lunch, so please have students bring money with them.**

### Scholarship Opportunities

New scholarship opportunities are posted on the Holley website at: [www.holleycsd.org/scholarships/](http://www.holleycsd.org/scholarships/). Check the website regularly and contact Kristina Tese to obtain paper applications. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines and apply early. More scholarship information is located simply by searching online (for example, [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)). **Tip:** Also check college websites for additional scholarship opportunities. Based upon GPA and SAT/ACT scores, many colleges submit students automatically for certain scholarships.

See the Scholarships article for more information on the **Excelsior Scholarship**, which is a great opportunity for seniors! This scholarship allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free! If you plan on attending a four-year NYS college, stop by the counseling office to obtain more information.

### Attention High School Seniors

Seniors should be applying to colleges at this time and taking the SAT ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and/or ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)). Pay attention to deadlines and make sure application information is sent on time. In addition, seniors should provide their counselors with a list of colleges to which they have applied and been accepted.

The Counseling Mental Health Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

## College Acceptances

We are pleased to announce that Nina DiLella was accepted to the University of Pittsburgh and Niagara University.

*Congratulations, Nina!*



## Scholarships

### Excelsior Scholarship

Applicants must be a NYS resident and pursuing a degree at a SUNY or CUNY school. For more information, visit [www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html). Deadline is **Dec. 4, 2017**.

### SUNY Oswego Possibility Scholarship

Students must be a resident of New York State, complete an online application for admission to SUNY Oswego, obtain a letter of recommendation, be admitted to a STEM major program at the college, have SAT or ACT scores and grades that support your application for success in a STEM major, complete the FAFSA and will reside on campus at SUNY Oswego all four years. Application is found at [www.oswego.edu/financial-aid/scholarships](http://www.oswego.edu/financial-aid/scholarships).

## PTSA News

There will be a Preview Day for Santa's Gift Gallery on Nov. 30. Santa's Gift Gallery will run at the ES from Dec. 4-8.



Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program will run from Dec. 11-Jan. 5. The limo ride to lunch for PARP winners will be on Jan. 17. Books always make a nice holiday gift!

## Sports Boosters News

Holley Sports Boosters would like to thank the many volunteers who came out to support our fall athletes and Junior Hawks. Sports Boosters is a 100 percent volunteer organization and could not provide the facilities, concessions, awards and scholarships without the support of our parents, school and community. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time.

We invite you to continue your support for our winter athletes. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Sports Boosters online volunteer signup page: [www.holleycsd.org/athletics.cfm?subpage=2150703](http://www.holleycsd.org/athletics.cfm?subpage=2150703)

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# DECEMBER 2017

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| 1         | <b>Early Dismissal, Staff Development Day</b>          | 13 | PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 5 p.m.                          |
|           | • MS/HS at 10:30 a.m.                                  | 15 | Spanish Club Holiday Fiesta, HS Dining Hall 6-7:30 p.m. |
|           | • ES at 11:30 a.m.                                     | 18 | Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.                       |
| 2         | SAT  | 19 | Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.           |
| 4-8       | PTSA Santa's Gift Gallery, ES                          | 22 | ES Winter Sing-a-Long, ES Intermed. Gym 2 p.m.          |
| 4         | Sports Boosters, HS Library 7 p.m.                     |    |   |
| 7         | Holley Days of Shopping, ES Primary Gym 11 a.m.-7 p.m. |    |   |
|           | MS/HS Holiday Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.                  |    |   |
| 8         | Holley Days of Shopping, ES Primary Gym 11 a.m.-3 p.m. |    |   |
| 9         | ACT  |    |   |
| 11-Jan. 5 | PARP   |    |   |
| 12        | ES Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.                      |    |   |
- 25-Jan.1 No School, Holiday Recess**
- Check the district calendar online for additional detail.*