



# HOLLEY DIMENSION

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## #EllaStrong Event Raises More Than \$5k for Holley Student Fighting Cancer

by Nicole Mauro, BOCES 2 Communications Support Specialist

During the final home games for the Holley Girls' Basketball Teams on Feb. 9, the MS/HS gym was filled with a sea of bright green instead of the usual Hawk red and black. Spectators and players sported #EllaStrong t-shirts in support of Ella Richards-Dyson, an 11th grade student who was diagnosed with lymphoblastic lymphoma three weeks prior.

Even with the end of the season approaching, Holley students, staff and community quickly banded together to turn the last game of the season into more than just a game. Teachers Mark Thomas and Renee Wolf worked with students in the Real Life Applications class, Holley Interact Club and Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams to host an event that would

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- senior Rachel Kinsey

raise awareness and funds to support Ella and her family.

Throughout the JV and Varsity games against the Kendall Eagles that evening, members of the High School Student Council and school community sold t-shirts and bracelets, hosted two half-court shooting contests, and

conducted various fundraisers. This event raised more than \$5,000 to help ease medical costs for Ella and her family. “Many thanks to all who helped make the fundraiser such an amazing success,” said senior Rachel Kinsey, who helped organize the event. “The community, students and staff at Holley Central Schools proved once again that in the Holley family, nobody fights alone.”

While the fundraiser was successful, the Holley Hawks were defeated by the Kendall Eagles, 45-26 in the Varsity game and 39-20 in the JV game.



# A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,

Happy spring! We're excited to be able to fully enjoy some of our traditional spring happenings this year. We look forward to many student events and activities, especially as our weather improves.

We are in the final stages of preparing our budget for the 2022-23 school year. Our school budget vote will be held on **Tuesday, May 17**. We will be having the Board of Education election and

budget vote at the MS/HS. There will be absentee ballots available, and the process for that will be coming out soon.

This year, there will be four propositions for your consideration on May 17. The traditional budget proposition, a request for bus purchases, and one to support the community library. The additional proposition will be to create a new Capital Improvements Reserve Fund. The proposed Capital Improvements Reserve Fund is designed to offset the local share of any future capital project expenses. This allows the district to complete necessary improvements to its buildings and grounds with no additional tax burden to the community. This Reserve Fund requires community approval before it can be created and utilized. In this way, the district is not asking for any funds from the taxpayers, it is just asking to be

allowed to create a specific "savings account" (capital reserve) to place existing funds.

Anyone interested in seeking a seat on the Board of Education should contact our District Clerk, Connie Nenni, at 638-6316, ext. 2003 or stop in to District Office on school days between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

There will be detailed information on our 2022-23 school budget and candidates for the Holley Board of Education in our annual Budget Newsletter in May and you can also check updates on our district website ([Departments](#) | [Business Office](#) | [Budget](#)). The annual Board of Education meeting where the entire district budget is presented will be on May 3 at 6 p.m.

The senior citizen breakfast is returning and will be held on Thursday, May 12. There's registration information contained in this issue of the Dimension.

Have a safe, healthy and happy spring, and once again, thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District!

Brian Bartalo  
Superintendent

## Invitation for Annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on May 12

Holley Central School District would like to thank you for your continuous support of our students and schools. Please join us for the Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, May 12, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Holley Elementary Café. You must be age 55 or older and a resident of the district to attend. Transportation is available, so please let us know if you need a ride when you RSVP. You may RSVP by calling Connie Nenni at 585-638-6316, ext. 2003 by Monday, May 2.

You can also RSVP by completing the form below and mailing it by **May 2** to: Holley District Office at 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I need transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending the breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend Holley High School? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_



# March is Music In Our Schools Month

by Samantha Heagerty, Elementary School Music Teacher

The district was filled with music during March! March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), and between All-County festivals, the high school musical, district choral and band concerts, and the MIOSM assembly, students from every grade level participated in at least one performance.

Students and staff at the elementary school celebrated with daily music trivia questions, music breaks and music-themed wordles, with song requests played at dismissal each day.

On March 31, elementary school students assembled in the MS/HS Auditorium to watch their peers perform something they've learned in music class this year. "I love using this assembly to provide an opportunity for students to praise one another," said Samantha Heagerty, ES Vocal and General Music Teacher. "Performing with their peers builds confidence and self-esteem, and it allows the students to feel a strong sense of accomplishment."

Kindergarten sang and boogied to "The Dinosaur Dittywa," where they focused on steady beat and how to be a performer. First graders acted out the story "Giraffe's Can't Dance" and learned about different types of dancing including the waltz, the tango, Scottish reels and salsa dancing. Second graders learned about form within a piece of music and performed a ribbon dance based on the different sections of music. Third and fourth graders performed pieces on recorder. Third grade focused on playing techniques and experienced the intricacies of playing an instrument.



They applied their knowledge and skills of rhythm, melody, tempo and steady beat to perform "Au Clair de la Lune." Fourth graders applied prior recorder skills to learn about theme and variations, creating their own variation of "Hot Cross Buns." Fifth graders performed a song called "Ukulele Breakdown" which teaches the open strings on the ukulele, as well as the correct pronunciation of "oo-ku-lele" in the lyrics. Sixth graders learned about scat singing and swing music through singing and performing a song called "Scooby Doo." The assembly concluded with a sing-along of "Aloha, e Komo Mai," tying in our district's theme of "family."

The district choral concert took place in the high school gymnasium on March 22, and the district band concert took place on March 24. Students were able to enjoy performing at their first unmasked concert in two years. Each group performed two to three pieces and ended the concert with a combined piece. All fourth through twelfth grade choir students sang a piece called "Sisi Ni Moja" which translates to "we are one." All band students in grades 4-12 played "Star Wars" and a sea shanty called "Wellerman."

On March 8, third grade students went on a field trip to Roberts Wesleyan College where they listened to a professional orchestra perform and learned about the instruments they will be able to choose to play as fourth graders.



## Budget Vote Reminder

Save the date to vote on the school budget and board member election on May 17 from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Holley Middle School/High School Foyer. More information about the vote and election will be available in the Budget News that comes out in early May.

## Establishing a Capital Reserve

At the May 17 Budget Vote, there will be a proposition to establish a Capital Improvement Reserve. This "savings account" will allow the district to complete future capital improvement projects with no additional tax burden to the community.

# "Footloose" Marks the First Musical to Premier at Holley HS in Two Years

by Samantha Heagerty, Musical Co-Director

This year, Holley Middle School/High School presented the musical "Footloose." Students worked tirelessly in rehearsals that began on Jan. 4 and produced three amazing live performances from March 11-12. The cast was led by Thomas Dobri as Ren McCormack, Grace McKeon as Ariel Moore, Gabe Lindsay as Reverend Shaw Moore, Broek Ostrom as Willard Hewitt, BrookLynn Kruger as Rusty and Jose-Angel Valentin as Chuck Cranston. Other seniors with supporting roles included Rachel Kinsey as Tanya, Sara Kingdollar as Urleen, Harleigh Andrews as Ethel McCormack, Mason Neale as Principal Clark and Bickle, and Caleb Schultz as Garvin.

Dustin Gardner was the Executive Director of the production, Samantha Heagerty and Brandon McArdeLL co-music directed, and Brandon McArdeLL produced the show. Heagerty said, "We quickly realized that putting on a musical takes a literal village. We have to thank Dan Burke and Kellie Burke for passing the torch, and for their advice and support on directing this first show. We had numerous parent and teacher volunteers to help with set building, choreography, sound and lighting, hair and makeup, photos, costumes, feeding the kids, and the list goes on. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's help and support!"

A few weeks before the show Gardner was able to host a Zoom for the cast to talk to Ziah Colon, the actress who played Rusty in the 2011 movie version of "Footloose." She shared her favorite experiences about working on the movie set, and she gave the students tips on how to cope with nerves before performing.



## Genesee Promise Plus

Genesee Promise Plus is a special program designed specifically for high school students who are graduating in June 2022 from a high school located in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) counties in New York State. Under Genesee Promise Plus, every GLOW area June 2022 high school graduate will receive a scholarship covering the cost of tuition and fees for one or two summer 2022 courses offered by Genesee Community College at any of its campus locations in Arcade, Batavia, Dansville, Lima, Medina and Warsaw. Online classes are also available for students without access to transportation. Students are responsible for purchasing required textbooks; the scholarship doesn't cover these costs.

In addition, **all 2022 high school juniors** are eligible to receive a scholarship covering the cost of tuition and fees for **two college courses** during the summer between their junior and senior year.

The application deadline is **May 31, 2022**. For more information, visit [Genesee Promise Plus \(GPP\) | SUNY Genesee Community College](#).

## HSSC Blood Drive on May 11

The High School Student Council (HSSC) is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium. Please consider donating. Walk-ins are welcome, but having an appointment makes the donation process go more smoothly. Visit [Schedule Your Blood Donation With The Red Cross \(redcrossblood.org\)](#) to register for an appointment.



Holley senior Broek Ostrom was chosen to play in this year's Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) All-Star Basketball Game on March 26. The game features the best high school players in all of Section V. Congratulations, Broek! Pictured, from left, Holley Athletic Director Dan Courtney, senior Broek Ostrom and Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach Wil Prince.



# Soaring Awards

School nurses Orissa Hill, Rose Porter and Meaghan White received the "Soaring to New Heights" award at the Holley Board of Education (BOE) meeting on March 21. This award is given to deserving students and adults who go above and beyond expectations, and lend their skills and abilities to help others. Hill, Porter and White received the award from Superintendent Brian Bartalo for helping the district navigate the pandemic and ensure the district was following all the regulations regarding testing students and staff, maintaining quarantine lists, and notifying families of positive results and close contacts, in addition to their regular duties of dispensing medicine, treating sudden illnesses and administering first aid. Congratulations, Orissa, Rose and Meaghan, for helping the Holley Central School District safely survive the last two years of the coronavirus' effect on schools!



From left, nurses Rose Porter, Meaghan White and Orissa Hill.



Two teachers were recognized with the highest percentage of students that have improved their placement on the i-Ready Reading & Math on Diagnostic 2. Congratulations to Kim Harrington, Brenda Schurr and their students!



## Holley Student Inducted into NTHS

Holley student Kyle Surowy was one of 27 students inducted into the WEMOCO Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) this winter. To be a member of NTHS, students must demonstrate scholarship, citizenship and leadership; maintain an average of 88% or higher in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses; and maintain high academic standing at their home schools to meet membership requirements. CTE students must be in good academic standing during their senior year, have an attendance record of 95%, have high standards of personal conduct (including at their home schools), receive a teacher endorsement, receive a letter of recommendation from their home schools, and strive for excellence in all aspects of their education and/or employment. Kyle is enrolled in the Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance program at the CTE Center at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Congratulations, Kyle!



## Spring ROC2Change Summit

by Nicole Solazzo, School Counselor

On Friday, March 18, four Holley high school students and one chaperone attended the ROC2Change summit at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Professional Development Center in Spencerport. The ROC2Change summit is a region-wide, student-led summit that explores the boundaries of geography, race and life experiences, helping students become effective change agents. Students are given the opportunity to openly talk with each other and create connections to students from a variety of school districts. The summit focuses on creating relationships and a sense of community among schools in the greater Rochester area, united to discuss the same issues. The theme of the summit this year was "Widening Our Circles." We would like to extend a special thank you to Rush-Henrietta Senior High School and Monroe High School for hosting a great summit. We were thrilled to be included!



From left, Breanna Girangaya, Libbie Pecora, Jasmine Apicella and Hayli Kuellertz.



Holley junior Ryan Frank, who is enrolled in the BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education Center's HVAC/Plumbing program, was elected as the Area 1 vice president at the SkillsUSA Area 1 Regional Conference. Congratulations, Ryan!

# District Art Show Displays Students' Talents

Holley students in grades K-12 had their artwork on display the evening of March 24 at the MS/HS. Students and their families had a chance to stroll through the "gallery" and view all the projects students had completed. Pinatas, ceramics, photography, and black and white, two-tone or full color sketches and paintings adorned the walls and display cases in the building. Grouped by grade level and/or art class, projects were labeled by type, technique learned and artist inspiration. Many students could be seen excitedly pointing out their art or posing next to them for a photo. The community was also invited to decorate sunflower petals to show support for Ukrainian people, as inspired by Vincent van Gogh's painting of sunflowers. The Art Show was followed by a District Band Concert in the MS/HS Gym. It was a busy night of celebrating the arts in Holley!



## New Staff Join Holley Central



**Erin Dibble**  
MS/HS School Psychologist



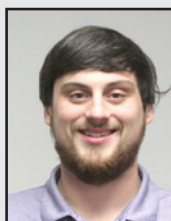
**Kevin Mulligan**  
MS/HS Security Guard



**Jessica Pellegrino**  
ES Cafeteria Aide



**Erin Reed**  
ES Teacher Aide



**Wyatt Wink**  
ES LTS Special Education Teacher

# 2022 Kids Heart Challenge

by Jeff Cumpston, Sharon Gross and Lori Passarell, Physical Education Teachers

One hundred and six students participated in the Kids Heart Challenge, raising \$7,687 for the American Heart Association, beating their goal of \$7,000! On Saturday, Feb. 12, 62 students and their families participated in the Kids Heart Challenge event, where they completed fun stations, contests and line dances. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped exceed the goal.



This program educates students on ways to stay heart-healthy and help others do the same. Elementary school teacher Sue Thornton's husband, Duane, was honored at the event; he died in October 2021. "Duane was a wonderful man, and he loved to volunteer at this event," said physical education (PE) teacher Lori Passarell. The \$285 raised through concession sales will go towards the Duane Thornton Scholarship fund.

### Top student fundraisers for this year are:

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** First grader Logan Spencer and third grader Jackson Spencer, both raising \$364.55

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Fourth grader Philomena Arnold, raising \$301.11

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Third grader Leah Pasch, raising \$279.72

**Top class:** Mrs. Schurr's third grade class, raising \$1034.27

All of these students have earned a silly string party, where they will silly string the PE teachers!

A big thank you to all the volunteers; this event is not possible without you! Thank you to the Brockport Wegmans for donating a \$100 gift card for concessions. It was a fun day, and we are already setting our goal higher for next year.





# Students of the Month for December, January and February

Holley Central Schools recognizes Students of the Month in grades Pre-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. At the ES, each student receives a certificate with their photo on it and the nomination from their teacher written on it. A group photo of the elementary students is displayed in the hallway near the ES Library. MS/HS students assemble in the MS/HS Foyer for a group photo, where they receive a certificate with their nomination from their teacher written on it. Their names are read during announcements, and their group photo is later displayed in the Music Department hallway.

Once each month, students of the month from grades Pre-K-6 have breakfast together with the principals in the Elementary Café. 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: Layla Collins, Jaxon Dodson, Henry Bless, Chloe Imbert-Stockton, Cole Stothard, Jake Bevins, Christopher Wing, Henlee Atwell, Nora

Restivo, Cameron Jenkins, Jule Hudzinski, Jesse Rivera, Mya Gerringer, Luke Heisler, Grayson Kelley, Leah Pasch, Colton Penna, Cooper Van Orden, Caiden Murray, Kamari Williams, Madilyn Gearing, Christopher Andrews, McKenna Canne, Nathan Torpey, Arthur Boggs, Destiny Baynes, Annalee Tillinghast, Liam Keller, Ethan Grean, Mila Adams, Haley Palermo, Korissa Fuller, Casey Onisk, Gage Yockel, Hayli Kuellertz, Isabella Thom, Layla Jones, Michael Wolfe, Natalie Foose, Sara Kelly, Shannon Kelly, Anthony Snell, Reese Worrock and Rachel Kinsey.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for January: Ryatt Ross, Karina Boychuk, Madison Furness, Maelanni Rivera, Tatyana Guerrero, King Flemings, Natalie Young, Addison Donley, Henlee Atwell, Madeleine Farrell, Jacob Knowlton, Theresa Haight, Kyle Grimm, Jeremy Lutes, Julia Castner, Sophia Satter, Owen Campbell, Addison Schmidt, Cailey O'Brien, Grace Cater, Sophia McCormack, Cameron Kelley, Felicity Virgilio, Kaylee Lasher, Veronica Flow, Jayna Burris, Isabella Paniccia, Ryan Clawson, Aiden O'Brien, Pike Bateman, Alondra Mendez, Allison Merle, Ava Quincey, Brianna Heberle, Cavan Bennage, Ethan Gonzalez,

Emma Kingston, Ellie Quincey, Gabe Lindsay, Hawkins Daly, Hayli Kuellertz, Jesse Crawford, John Patt, Julia Scroope, Joe Silpoch, Katie Dobri, Landen Goodrich, Leigha Walker, Mason Merriam, Molly Welch, Nico VanLogten, Riley Allen, Rosie Emery, Riley Knopp, Ryleigh Weader and Sheelsy Gonzalez.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as students of the month for February: Olivia Fleming, Hannah Hillabush, Carlee Dale, Zion Richardson, Hollis Ashton, Eve Wright, Kyle Lutes, Hudson Ashton, Tommy Hasek, Jake DeFilipps, Ava Strong, Logan Weller, Angel Nichols, Jane Arney, Allie Niggli, Isabelle Logsdon, Haidyn Gomez, Aidan Myers, Gio Torres, Liliana Lorback, Jaylin Bradley, Elliana Ebbs, Maizen Kruger, Trent Walker, Angelina Paniccia, Mason Merle, Ella Alcott, Zakkerya Jenks, Logan Sommerfeldt, Connor Greetan, Matthew Fittos, Sophie Snook, Zachary Warney, Leah Rheinwald, Koryn Neale, Jalen Tette, Lorenzo Zaragoza, Julianna Thomas, Chelsea Bowen, Cady Merkley, Laura Moak, Cassie Miconi, Joscelyn Underwood, Dakota Gibaud-Mastowski, Dominic Twiss, Luminara Virgilio, Xander Andrews, Julia Scroope and Cavan Bennage.



Elementary Students of the Month for December



Middle School/High School Students of the Month for December



Elementary Students of the Month for January



Middle School/High School Students of the Month for January



Elementary Students of the Month for February



Middle School/High School Students of the Month for February



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## Mission Statement

*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.*

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## APRIL 2022

- 2 ACT Exam
- 7 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4 p.m.  
NJHS Induction, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 8 **No School for Students, Superintendent's Conference Day**  
Marking Period 3 Ends
- 9 ES Student Council Egg Hunt, ES 10 a.m.
- 11 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 13 ES Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences, ES 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 14 **ES Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.**  
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences, ES 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Report Cards Sent Home
- 15 **No School, Good Friday**
- 18-22 **No School, Spring Recess**
- 26-27 NYS Grades 3-8 Math Assessments
- 27 Pre-K Graduation Pictures
- 28 Family Literacy Night, ES Library 6:30-8 p.m.

## MAY 2022

- 3 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 5 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4 p.m.
- 7 SAT Exam  
ES Student Council Mother's Day Make & Take, ES Bus Loop 10-11:30 a.m.
- 11 Blood Drive, HS Aud. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 12 Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast, ES Café 9 a.m.
- 16 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.
- 17 **District Budget Vote & Board Member Election, MS/HS Foyer 6 a.m.-9 p.m.**  
Chicken BBQ
- 18 Kindergarten Screening
- 19 Pre-K Screening
- 24 NYS Grade 8 Science Performance Assessment
- 25 NYS Grade 4 Science Performance Assessment  
MS/HS Interim Reports Available
- 27 ES Memorial Day Assembly, ES Intermed. Gym 9:30 a.m.
- 30 **No School, Memorial Day**

## JUNE 2022

- 1 Regents Exams
- 2 PTSA meeting, ES Rm. 49 4 p.m.  
MS/HS Concert & Art Showcase, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 3 ES Student Council Day of Caring  
HS Prom
- 4 SAT Exam
- 6 NYS Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Assessments
- 7 ES Concert & Art Showcase, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 8 MS/HS Dessert Concert, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 9 JV/Varsity Spring Sports Awards, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 10 MS/HS Yearbook Assembly, HS Aud. 9 a.m.  
Senior Picnic, Hamlin Beach State Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 11 ACT Exam
- 13 Board of Education meeting 6 p.m.  
MS/HS Awards Assembly, HS Aud. 7 p.m.
- 13-17 MS/HS Finals
- 14 Flag Day Parade, ES 9:30 a.m.  
Orleans County Top 10 Seniors Dinner, Hickory Ridge
- 15-17 Regents Exams
- 17 Kindergarten Year-end Program, ES Intermed. Gym 9:30 a.m.  
Last Day of Pre-K
- 18 ES Student Council Father's Day Event, ES 10-11:30 a.m.
- 20 **No School, Juneteenth**
- 21-23 MS/HS Finals  
Regents Exams  
**ES Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.**  
Grades 4-5 Awards Assembly, ES 9 a.m.
- 22 6th Grade Moving Up Day, HS Aud. 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Last Day of School for Students  
ES Report Cards Sent Home
- 24 Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal, HS 8:30 a.m.  
Last Day for Teachers  
Marking Period 4 Ends  
Superintendent's Conference Day/Rating Day
- 25 Class of 2022 Graduation, HS 10 a.m.
- 28 MS/HS Report Cards Mailed