



# HOLLEY DIMENSION

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## Production of “Little Shop of Horrors” Was to Die For

This year, Holley Middle/High School brought Howard Ashman and Alan Menken’s musical “Little Shop of Horrors” to the stage. Students performed in three shows from March 8-9. The story followed a timid flower shop assistant named Seymour (Gabriel Lindsay, Aidan Kelley) who was in love with co-worker Audrey (Jayda Shampine, Abigail Merkley). They both worked at a struggling flower shop on Skid Row. During a total eclipse of the sun, Seymour discovered an unusual plant that he named Audrey II (Jose-Angel Valentin, Nico Unterborn). Business took off as news of the plant spread, which pleased the shop owner, Mushnik (Khole Kohle, Jax Richards-Dyson). However, Seymour quickly realized Audrey II fed on only human flesh and blood.

Gasps and giggles were heard throughout the audience as bloodthirsty plant Audrey II broke into song in an effort to convince Seymour to make Audrey’s abusive boyfriend, Orin (Owen Schultz), its next meal. As Audrey II continued to grow, the audience enjoyed vivid set visuals and catchy tunes. Students did a horrifyingly fantastic job bringing this dark musical comedy alive. Congratulations to all involved.



# A Message from the Superintendent



Greetings Holley Families,  
Happy Spring! We are entering the final quarter of our school year and are looking forward to various activities and special events.

After receiving full approval from the NYS Education Department, we have completed the bid process for our capital project and are preparing for work to begin. We anticipate that construction projects in both schools will start at the end of this school year and into the summer. There will be a need to relocate some summer programs (e.g., Camp Rising Hawk and summer food services will move to the MS/HS), and you may notice contractors around the campus. We are working with our construction management team to ensure that there is as little disruption to students' regular school day experiences as possible.

Our school budget vote will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st**. We will be having the Board of Education election and budget vote at the MS/HS (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.). There will be absentee and early voting mail-in ballots available.

This year, there will again be three propositions for your consideration. The traditional school budget proposition, a request for replacement bus purchases, and one to support the community library.

There will be detailed information on our 2024-25 school budget and candidates for the Holley Board of Education in our annual Budget Newsletter in May and you can also check for updates on our district website [www.holleycsd.org/Budget2024-25.aspx](http://www.holleycsd.org/Budget2024-25.aspx). The annual Budget Hearing where the district budget is presented will be held on May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

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 District Office on Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:00PM.

As I conclude my time at Holley at the end of this school year, I realize more and more how fortunate I've been for the opportunity to serve as your superintendent of schools. I have learned and grown personally and professionally and have greatly appreciated the support I've

received from the Holley district and community. Holley is truly a special place and that is because of the people here. Holley truly means family. Thank you one and all.

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 of Schools

**2024-25  
BUDGET  
VOTE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Holley Middle/High School Foyer

More information about the vote and election will be available in the Budget Newsletter published in early May.

## Invitation for Annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on May 11

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 9, 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 Wednesday, May 1.

You can also RSVP by completing the form below and mailing it by April 29 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? \_\_\_\_\_

# District-Wide Creative Talent Displayed at Art Show

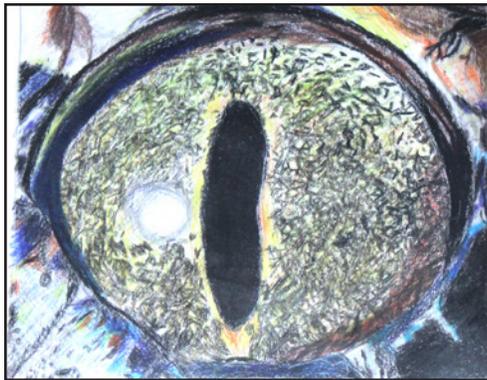
By Katie Veremeychik, MS/HS Visual Arts Teacher

The Visual Arts Department held its third annual K-12 Art Show on March 27. There was an amazing turnout and show of support for our young artists and the art program. We are proud to announce five award winners. These works of art will be displayed in the district office for the next year. Congratulations to all of our young Holley artists for such a creative showcase of art.

The ES Principal Award was chosen by Principal Karri Schiavone and went to 5th grader Athena Maricelia for her vibrant and detailed Chinese New Year dragon created with oil pastels and bleeding tissue paper.



The MS/HS Principal Award was chosen by Principal Matthew Feldman went to 10th grader Chelsea Bowen for her vibrant photograph of a chicory plant.



One of the Board of Education Awards went to ninth grader Anthony Brown for his meticulous colored pencil recreation of an enlarged tiger python eye.



The second Board of Education Award went to fourth grader Kennedy Keller's creative and sweet Tim Burton inspired ink with white charcoal portrait.



The Superintendent's Award chosen by Superintendent Brian Bartalo went to senior Kayla Neale with her pallet knife depiction of Holley in spring.

## Support the Class of 2025

### Garbage Plate Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 30th  
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
MS/HS Cafeteria

\$12 per plate. Tickets can be bought at the door or ahead of time. Contact [jdisessa@holleycsd.org](mailto:jdisessa@holleycsd.org) or see a member of the Class of 2025.

## HSSC Blood Drive on May 8

The High School Student Council (HSSC) is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the M/HS Auditorium. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register for an appointment or contact Jim Di Sessa at [jdisessa@holleycsd.org](mailto:jdisessa@holleycsd.org). The amount of donations collected impacts the scholarships made available to Holley CSD students. Please consider donating.



## Welcome New Staff



**Courtney Langelotti**  
Elementary Teacher



**Amber Lardner**  
Elementary Cafeteria Aide

# Total Solar Eclipse Sparks Entrepreneurial Lesson

On April 8, our region was in the path of the totality for the Solar Eclipse for the first time in 99 years. More than 300,000 visitors were anticipated to travel through our region. The Holley Elementary School's Like A Boss Club saw this as the perfect opportunity to learn about capitalizing on timely business opportunities.

One of the club's most recent activities was learning how to do a cost analysis, and examine profit and loss for a hypothetical local roadside stand during the Total Solar Eclipse. Together, they researched business regulations, equipment needed, what items they should sell, how much they should sell them for and the amount of supplies they need based on how many people are expected to travel through the area. Through this lesson, they were able to apply mathematical concepts and real-world problem-solving skills.

Math Teaching Assistant Jenna Chevier started Like A Boss this year for fifth and sixth graders to learn the elements of entrepreneurship. The goal is for participants to have a completed business plan for their own imaginary business by the end of the school year.



Grayson Kelley and Giana Stevens holding their business plans with teacher Jenna Chevier

## 2024 Kids Heart Challenge

by Lori Passarelli, Wil Prince, and Sharon Gross, ES Physical Education Teachers



On Friday, February 9, 85 students and their families participated in the Kids Heart Challenge event at the Elementary School. Groups rotated through fun and challenging stations like cup stacking, jump roping, rock wall scaling, basketball and balancing games. Proceeds from concessions were donated to the Dewey Thornton Memorial Scholarship fund. The Hamlin Tops and Brockport Wegman's stores kindly donated gift cards for us to purchase some healthy snacks.

Many thanks to all who participated, volunteered, and raised money for the American Heart Association. We raised a record amount this year: \$14,199! Mrs. Weaver's class raised the most money out of the whole

school; they will take part in a silly string party in the spring. Her class and all students raising over \$200 get to spray silly string on the PE teachers! Thank you Holley Elementary for being amazing Heart Heroes. Our goal for next year is \$15,000!



### Top individual student fundraisers:

#### 1st place:

5th grader Leah Pasch, raising \$1,000.80

#### 2nd place:

Kindergartener Joseph Dabra, raising \$751.25

#### 3rd place:

1st grader Charlotte Sevor, raising \$595.77

### Top classes:

Mrs. Weaver's class for Pre-k - 2

Mrs. Gruttadauria's class for grades 3-6.

## Coming Together

On March 7, HCSD staff members traveled to Kendall to participate in a friendly faculty basketball game fundraiser to benefit the Amy Laureano Scholarship Fund in memory of Amy Laureano, a Kendall Elementary School teacher who passed away in 2023. Thank you to all who came out to support our Kendall CSD neighbors.



## Rocking Out With i-Ready

All second and third grade students were recognized on March 22 for having the highest percentage of i-Ready lessons passed! Students earned an ice cream party with i-Ready mascot, Snargg, and rocked out to a special performance from some high school band members. i-Ready provides engaging digital instruction based on individual diagnostic results.

In February, two classrooms were awarded special treats for having the highest percentage of students that showed improved placement on the i-Ready diagnostic. Congratulations to Leigh Weaver's kindergarten class for reading and Hayley Gruttadauria's third grade class for math!



# Students of the Month

One student from each ES classroom is chosen each month for going above and beyond to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviors. Please see the Student of the Month recipients photographed below.

Hawk Heroes are also nominated and recognized each month for demonstrating the Positivity Project traits of the month. Recipient names and photos can be found on the HCSD website and social media.



## January

Cole Davis, Lauren Fredendall, Baylee Lowe, Andrew Stevens, Jacob O'Brien, Julia Castner, Mason Kirkpatrick, Cora Wilson, Myah Cecchini, Kady Clark, Jake DeFillipps, Mackenzie Niles, CJ Hardie, Alice Restivo, James Culbertson, Urvi Cornell, Dawson Mogel, Vyla Mendenhall, Chloe Imbert-Stockton, Lincoln Sage, Sophia Hendrickson, Maggie Edmonds, Sophia Larnder, James Wright, Liliana Link-Bedard, Ava Farrell, Joseph Gallert, Emma Lowe, Cecilia Tetrault, Autumn Lippincott, Lailani Rivera-Little and Maverick Coffey



## February

Zoey Virgillio, Bryce Gibaud, Evan West, Richard "RJ" Butler, X'avion Vicens, Amber Prevost, Julius Botello, Layla Trejo, Mariana Castillo, Izabella Rivera, Emma Marquez, Tiana Jones, Madeleine Farrell, Alexa Hills, Kyle Lutes, Silas Logsdon, Gabriella Greean, Cash Satter, Eowyn Lombardo, Annabelle Neff, Addison Koch, Riley Hills, Dustin Reisman, Shane Nunnenkamp, James Callahan, Raymond Kingdollar, Jackson Eiland, Madison DeLosh, Philip Collins, Cole Gillow, Laylani Braxton and Oliver DeLuca

## Fifth Year of OSOB Initiative Merges Mystery and PIE

The Elementary School (ES) is participating in its fifth year of the One School, One Book (OSOB) initiative. This year, students and staff are collectively reading "PIE" by Sarah Weeks. The story is a whodunit with a plot that intertwines an appreciation for cooking and small-town living in the 1950s.

Before the initiative kicked off in February, clues were placed around the school that helped students make predictions and get excited about the new book. Staff shared the final clue by dressing in aprons with their baking tools in hand, and the books were delivered to each classroom via bakery boxes.



Classrooms will read the book, chapter by chapter, and participate in partner projects with other grade levels including chapter illustrating, scavenger hunts and an escape room. Teachers are provided with recourses to dive deep into the story's many messages, including lessons about doing what you love, having a kind soul, looking out for others, being true to yourself, volunteering your time for worthy projects, challenging yourself and the downfalls of jealousy. The OSOB program helps instill a lifelong interest in reading and allows for school-wide connections to flourish.

## Chess Explorers Club

The Holley Middle/High School Chess Club will soon have new talent coming their way. The Elementary School has a new club for fifth and sixth graders called Chess Explorers. Members have been learning how to play, about the different pieces and moves, and fun twists in chess games. Recently, the members took a field trip to the MS/HS to observe an official chess meet with their volunteer mentor, senior Cavan Binnacle.



# Jewell-Smith Secures Wrestling Sectional Patch

Ending a decade-long state tournament hiatus



For the first time in 11 years, a Holley wrestler competed in the New York State Public High School Athletics Association (NYSPPHSAA) wrestling tournament. Junior and team captain Hunter Jewell-Smith wrestled in the 285-pound weight class for the Holley-Kendall Varsity Wrestling Team. He was named Section V Class D2 Champion this winter; this is the first time a Holley wrestler has won a sectional title since 2016. After earning the first-place spot on the podium by pin at sectionals, he then placed second at the super sectional tournament, which advanced him to the state tournament – something a Holley wrestler has not accomplished since 2013.

Hunter received a special recognition and send-off from students and staff during the MS/HS Winter Pep Assembly before February recess, and the local fire companies escorted him out of town as he headed to Albany for the state tournament.

He finished with three wins by pin and two losses, just shy of placing in the top eight. He ended his season with an overall record of 40 wins and 7 losses. During the season, Hunter took first place in the Perry Wrestling Tournament and Medina's Gary Gross Memorial Tournament. He was also named a Genesee Region All-Star.

## Winter Sports Highlights

### Genesee Region All Stars

#### **Cheerleading**

Jasmine Apicella  
Hayli Kullertz

#### **Wrestling**

Hunter Jewell-Smith  
William Kruger

### Tournament highlights:

#### **1st Place**

Attica's Winter Wonderland  
Cheerleading Competition

#### **2nd Place**

Hilton Pride and Spirit  
Cheerleading Competition

#### **2nd Place**

Lynodnoville's Battle in the  
Ville Wrestling Tournament

#### **Named to All-Tournament Team:**

William Kruger,  
Hunter Jewell-Smith

### Scholar Athlete Teams

Girls Basketball  
Competitive Cheerleading

### Hawk Athletes of the Week

#### **Girls Basketball**

Alivia Wolf

#### **Boys Basketball**

Destin Kuyal

#### **Wrestling**

Hunter Jewell-Smith

#### **Girls Basketball**

Zoey Wolf

#### **Jose-Angel Valentin**

Cheerleading

Spring sport highlights  
will be in the July issue  
of the *Dimension*.

## Student Signs on for Apprenticeship Program

On Feb. 9, Holley senior Gary Falls signed on to shadow with Atalys for the Finger Lakes Youth Apprenticeship Program (FLYAP). Gary is enrolled in Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) program where he studies Residential and Commercial Electrical.



## Collegiate Journeys Ahead for Girls' Soccer Trio

On Friday, March 1, three Holley seniors signed their letters of intent to play collegiate soccer this coming fall. All three student-athletes have been a part of the Holley girls' soccer program for the past six years.

Congratulations to:

**Samantha Bates**, Keuka College; Major: Sports Management and Business

**Emma Brady**, D'Youville University; Major: Nursing

**Jailyn Bishop**, SUNY Cortland; Major: Exercise Science



## Q2 Honor and High Honor Roll

The Middle/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the second marking period of the 2023-24 school year. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The full list of students can be found on [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) under the latest news section.

# Music in our Schools Month

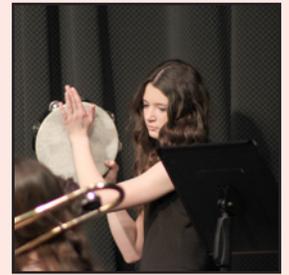
by Samantha Heagerty, Elementary Music Teacher

March was packed full of music as grades K-12 celebrated Music in our Schools Month. The District Choral Groups performed on the evening of March 26 in the MS/HS Auditorium where students from all vocal groups in grades 4-12 joined together to perform the songs “Seize The Day” and “Stand Together.” The District Concert Bands performed the evening of March 27, with grade 4-12 band students performing “Highlights from Harry Potter” and “The Tempest” together to close the show.

On March 28, ES students assembled in the MS/HS Auditorium for their Music in our Schools Assembly where grades pre-k - 6 performed something they’ve learned in music class for their peers. Kindergarten sang and boogied to “I’d Go Dancing” where they focused on steady beat and how to be a performer. First graders acted

out the story “Mortimer” and learned how to show emotion without using words and added sound effects to make the story come to life. Second graders learned about form within a piece of music and performed a ribbon dance based on the different sections of music. Other grades performed with guitars, recorders, xylophones, drums and auxiliary percussion instruments.

In early February and March, more than 40 Holley MS/HS musicians were selected to perform in the Orleans County Music Educators’ Association (OCMEA) All-County Festival in Kendall. The full list of participants and photos can be found on the news section of the Holley CSD website. Students should be proud of all they have accomplished this school year and March provided so many great opportunities for them to show off their hard work.



## All Are Welcome at Multi-Cultural Club

This school year, the MS/HS and ES each launched Multi-Cultural Club as an extracurricular activity for students. The clubs focus on celebrating and understanding all cultures. Students meet throughout the year to participate in activities or host events that foster cultural awareness. The club promotes tolerance and celebrates diversity, unity and global mindedness.

For one of the ES activities, students drew profiles of themselves. On one side of their face, they wrote out words that described how they see themselves. On the other side, they wrote how they think others view them. “We learned that everyone is different, and we see ourselves differently than others see us,” said fifth grader Haidyn Gomez. “I like the club because we learn new things and when we take the time to learn more about others and their cultures it makes everyone a lot more comfortable.” Students have also worked on gratitude cards for teachers, learned about upcoming cultural observances and more.

The MS/HS Multi-Cultural Club takes pride in being student driven. They have worked on multiple projects throughout the school year including a Hispanic Heritage Month Project where members learned about Hispanic culture and connected with students who identify as Hispanic/Latino American to create an educational and celebratory poster for the school foyer. They have even hosted a multi-cultural cooking class for staff and students and look forward to hosting more events in the future.

The ES club is open to grades five and six and is facilitated by Kristina Tese, School Counselor and Michelle Palmer, Social Worker. The MS/HS club is open to grades 7-12 and facilitated by Anna LaForce.





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Brian Bartalo

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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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Visit the HSCD website to view the full 2023-24 school year calendar: <https://www.holleycsd.org/calendar.aspx>

*The HCS D website has a brand-new look! We invite you to visit [www.holleycsd.org](http://www.holleycsd.org) to check it out and familiarize yourself if you have not already done so.*

**Stop for School Buses:  
Reminders and Repercussions**

Important safety reminders from the Holley Transportation Department and New York State Operation Safe Stop:

- It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing.
  - Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is going to stop. Slow down!
  - Red flashing lights mean students are getting on or off the bus.
- You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.
- The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.
- Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life.

**Bus Drivers Needed!**

- Starting pay rate: \$17.00/hour
- Paid training
- \$1,000 sign-on bonus

Apply at <https://www.holleycsd.org/JobOpportunities1.aspx>

Questions? Contact Connie Nenni  
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