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# Holyoke Elementary School

## December 2020 Newsletter



### December Important Dates

- 12/4 - No School
- 12/10 - School Board Meeting at 7 PM
- 12/18 - Early Release
- 12/19-1/4 - No School - Winter Break
- 1/5 - Students return to school

### *Greetings*

*from the Principal: Mrs. Andrea Kammer*

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### December

#### **We Appreciate Your Support!**

Please know we are very thankful for your support and understanding as our school district had to make a hard decision about going remote for a week in November. Our plan is to stay in-person learning as much as possible. I cannot express how much we appreciate your support in making sure your child is to school on time and has the questions answered before getting to school. This has helped our entry process run smoothly. Please continue filling out the information on a daily basis.

Thank you for not sending your child when he/she is sick or running a fever. If you have any questions or would like to visit with me, please call the elementary office 854-3411 or email me at [kammeran@hcosd.org](mailto:kammeran@hcosd.org).

Thank you,  
Mrs. Kammer

#### **No December Winter Concerts This Year**

We always look forward to the music and band winter concerts this time of year. With COVID, we are unable to hold the concert in December. We are hoping to have this concert later this school year. As we are able to find a date and time, we will make sure to keep you posted.

#### **Annual Holyoke Elementary December Food Drive**

Once again the Holyoke Elementary students and staff will be participating in the Holyoke Elementary December food drive. Throughout the school year there are hardworking and dedicated families that may need some help during the winter months to provide enough food for their families. With the extra cost associated with Thanksgiving, the Holidays and with the extreme cold temperatures family budgets can get stretched very thin. With all the support that our families and community members show our Holyoke Elementary School and the Holyoke School District, it is very worthwhile to be able to give back when we can to say thank you. This year we will be collecting any and all non perishable food items such as canned goods or prepackaged box items that will be donated to local food banks to be distributed to individual families as needed.

Please bring these non perishable food items to the Holyoke Elementary School no later than Thursday, December 17th. On December 18th, students will take these donated items to the Holyoke Elementary School gym where students will deposit them into boxes while singing Holiday Carols.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and we wish you a great Holiday Season.

### **Morning Drop Off**

When bringing your child to school in the morning, please do not park in the yellow marked off areas as those are for drop off only. If you are walking your child up to the school building, please park your car in a parking spot and walk them up so we are not blocking traffic. Thank you!

### **Early Release**

Friday, December 18th is Holyoke's early release day.

Dismissal times:

5th & 6th Grade 11:48am

3rd & 4th Grade 11:49am

Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grade 11:50am

JH/HS will be dismissed at 11:59am

Staff use these days for professional development.

### **End of the Day Messages**

Please call our secretary, Mrs. Goytia, before 3:00 PM if you have a message for your child. We have over 300 students and have to start messages early to get through all of them depending on the day. Please know we understand there are last minute emergencies.

### **FREE Breakfast AND Lunch!**

If your child is eating breakfast at school, it would be very helpful if they were here by 8:05 AM so they have enough time to eat breakfast before class starts.

All students will be provided a FREE Breakfast and FREE Lunch through the school year. There is no paperwork or forms needed. Please let your students' school know of any food allergies so the staff can prepare food accordingly. USDA Announces FREE Breakfast & FREE Lunches for all K-12th graders.

### **FREE PBS Resource For Grades K-3rd!**

Free resource for you to use at home with your child(ren). Click on this link to get more information.

<https://www.rmpbs.org/blogs/rocky-mountain-pbs/read-with-me-at-home-cooking-may-18th/>

This is Colorado Classroom: Learning at home and has kindergarten lessons every day Monday-Friday from 8-8:30 AM. You can DVR them to use over breaks or weekends as you want. Some kids have viewed them and get excited to watch and learn from them. You can see the learning guides that accompany each week of videos (available in Spanish too). Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are regular lessons and Tuesday and Thursdays are English Language Development lessons. These lessons are for grades K-3.

