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Holyoke Elementary School

March 2023 Newsletter



March Important Dates

3/2 - Dress like your favorite book
Character & School Board Meeting

3/3 - No School - PT Conferences Noon to 8 PM

3/6 - 100th Day of School!

3/7 - Smorgasbord

3/10 - No School

3/13-17 - No School
Spring Break

3/20 - Oral Health Screening

3/23 - School Board Meeting

3/24 - No School & Holyoke Child Find

3/29 - Preschool Visit

3/31 - No School

Greetings

from the Principal: Mrs. Andrea Kammer

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March

100th Day of School - Monday, March 6th

Can you believe it? Our 100th day of school is on Monday, March 6th! Teachers will be sending information home on how classes will celebrate the 100th day! Thank you for your commitment to your child's education!

~Mrs. Kammer

If Your Child Comes To School After 8:15 AM

Please make sure to stop in the office to sign your child in if he/she is running late to school. Students are considered late, or tardy, if they are not in their classroom by the 8:15 AM bell.

Chance To Recycle Old Items!

We will have a box for old markers and glue sticks. Please make sure these are dried up and used markers and glue sticks.

Time For Our Kids!

Thank you for all you do to help your child(ren) at home. Below are just some reminders as a parent...

*Remind your child(ren) how important they are daily!

*Have your child(ren) share something positive they did for someone else.

*Take time for them.

*Have meals together as much as possible.

*Play games with your child(ren).

*Read a book with your child(ren).

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Time is going by fast and we are excited to meet with our parents during our parent/teacher conferences. We will be mailing a letter with your child(ren)'s conference time. Parent/teacher conferences will be **Friday, March 3rd**.

Back to school conferences and in the fall we had about 94% of our parents attend conferences and we hope to continue that this spring! If the time

scheduled for our child(ren) does not work, please contact the elementary secretary, Mrs. Juarez, and she will help to get your child(ren)'s conference rescheduled.

Our 2nd trimester ends on Thursday, February 23rd. You will receive your child(ren)'s report card during parent/teacher conferences on March 3rd.

Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character on March 2nd!

We are encouraging students to dress like their favorite book character on Thursday, March 2nd in honor of Dr. Seuss Birthday and Read Across America! Please make sure outfits are school appropriate!

L.E.A.R.N.E.R.S.

LEARNERS is a word we will be focusing on at Holyoke Elementary.

LEARNERS stands for...

Learn from mistakes

Evaluate work

Ask questions and accept challenges

Receive and respond to feedback

Never give up!

Effort matters

Reach goals

State what we're learning

For the month of March, we are focusing on "R" Reach goals!

S.O.A.R. to Excellence

We are the dragons and we are soaring to excellence with our behavior.

SOAR stands for...

Safety

Ownership

Achievement

Respect

For the month of March, we are focusing on "A" showing Achievement.

Opt out Form for State Testing

We will be starting state assessments on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023. If you do not want your child to take the state assessment, you will need to fill out the form on the following link by March 23, 2023.

https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/306795/IKA-E_OptOutForm.pdf

OR go to www.hcosd.org, "Home", "Board of Education", "Board Policies", "Section I - Instruction", "IKA-E".

Next Year - Letter to Mrs. Kammer

As a school district and school, we are committed to educating each and every student to realize his or her full potential, become a responsible and productive citizen, and a lifelong learner. In carrying out this mission, we value and encourage your input into your child's education. **As we begin to work on class lists for next school year, please know our staff works hard to make sure we place students with the teacher that works best with your child as well as make sure students who do not work well together are separated.** We value your input into your child's classroom placement. If you have a major concern, please write a letter to me addressing one or more of the following points.

- Educational environment that best suits your child,
- Your child's learning style,
- Characteristics of a teacher that best meets your child's needs,
- Student(s) you would like your child separated from (if possible),
- A teacher the parent(s) does not want for their child, and rationale.

Please submit letters of concern **by Thursday, April 6th, 2023**. Please note that letters submitted after this time frame will not be considered within our class placement procedures. Also understand if your child is in 5th or 6th grade your child will rotate between classrooms throughout the day.

Thank you for your partnership in the education of your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Andrea Kammer

Holyoke Elementary Principal

Reminders about Illness

This is the time of year that we start thinking about illnesses such as the flu. Please make sure your child stays healthy by getting a good night's rest, eating healthy meals, and washing hands regularly. Also remind your child of the following to avoid lice.

*Use your own hair brush or comb

*Use your own hair ties, bows, and clips

*Wear your own hat

Counselor Corner - Mr. Hines

During guidance counseling we will be continuing the responsibility unit and moving into the integrity unit. Please talk to your child(ren) about the importance of taking responsibility and ownership of our actions and words! You can contact me at (970) 854-3411 and by email hineslo@hcosd.org.

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!

Parking After School

Please make sure to park in a safe location when picking up your child(ren). We have young children who live near the school and would like to remind those picking up children to be extra cautious around the school. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe.