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Holyoke Elementary School

January 2022 Newsletter



January Important Dates

1/3- No School

1/4 - School Board
Meeting

1/7 - No School

1/14 - No School

1/17 - Starting ESL
ACCESS Testing

1/18 - School Board
Meeting

1/21 - No School

1/28 - No School

2/1 - School Board
Meeting

Greetings

from the Principal: Mrs. Andrea Kammer

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January

Annual Holyoke Elementary December Food Drive

Thank you for all the donated food. Our 5th/6th grade student council was able to deliver the food to the local church food pantries. It is wonderful to see our community pull together to support one another.

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.

Thank you,
Mrs. Kammer

No Toys at School

After the Holidays we see an influx of new toys! We would like to take this chance to remind you that we are asking students to keep their toys and other valuable items at home. The school is not responsible for stolen or broken items brought from home. Thank you for your help!

Preparing for the ESL ACCESS TEST Beginning January 17th

1. Get good sleep each night before testing.
2. Eat a healthy and full breakfast. Avoid super sugary items.
3. Dress for success. It is proven when you look your best you do your best.
4. Utilize positive self talk.
5. Know that this test does not impact your report card. This is to show you how much you have gained in English.
6. Respect the rights of others. Be honest! No one ever got ahead by cheating.
7. Keep your Chromebook charged. We have limited outlets in awkward spots so plugging in is not an option.
8. Know that we support you! We will do all in our power to ensure you have a great testing week.

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 January, we are focusing on "N". Never give up!

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

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.

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.

Change in Staff

The past month has been emotional and at times overwhelming for both Holyoke students and staff after the unexpected loss of Mrs. Pelle, one of our elementary teachers. However, we have felt the support from parents and the entire community, and we thank you for this as we attempt to move forward. As a principal, my job has many roles, duties, and expectations; one of the roles is to make sure we have a full staff with the best educators that we can hire to make sure our students get the best education possible.

In an effort to ensure that the transition for students takes place with minimal disruptions, I have created a plan moving forward to fill Mrs. Pelle's Special Education Interventionist position. Holyoke Elementary School is grateful for the willingness of Mrs. Chasta Borland to fill in this position for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Borland is currently one of our 4th-grade teachers. She has a Special Education Certification, has her master's in early childhood, and has recent early childhood teaching experience, making her a great fit for the position and meeting the needs of the students that Mrs. Pelle worked with daily.

Knowing that this change in the middle of the year can be disruptive to the education of our 4th-grade students, I have found an experienced 4th-grade teacher to replace Mrs. Borland that I anticipate will help keep any disruption to a minimum. Again, we are appreciative and grateful for the willingness of Mrs. Melanie Wheeler to fill the 4th-grade position for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Wheeler has taught 4th grade for the last five years at the Holyoke Elementary School and has a total of seven years of teaching experience. Mrs. Wheeler had her first child last winter and decided to leave education this past fall to focus on being a new mother. However, when she heard of our need, she was able to find affordable daycare for her young child and is excited to help our students and district out for the remainder of the school year.

I know that change can often be difficult, and the entire Holyoke Elementary School appreciates your understanding as we all attempt to move forward after the unexpected loss of Mrs. Pelle. This change will give our students the support that they all deserve in order to have a successful education. Thank you for your continued support,

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