Holton Public Schools



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Superintendent's Message

Dear Holton Community:

I'm finding it difficult to believe that we are over 25% through the school year! November brings the holidays and soon a new year! We started the school year focusing on three questions - What is going well?, Who can you thank? and Where can you help? My community update will focus on those questions!

What is going well?

The resilience demonstrated in the face of the ongoing pandemic by our students and staff is nothing short of inspirational. Students are engaged in learning in person, virtually, and, for many of our students,

are attending school both in person and virtually. We have learned to be flexible, stay focused on safety and health, while remaining committed to teaching and learning. Our safety protocols are doing a great job at keeping the spread of COVID-19 out of schools. We recently had state tournament play for our football and cross country teams! Our students are reading, writing, creating, and problem solving. Our teachers are building relationships, pushing our kids to dream bigger, and adapting to new ways to teach. There is much to celebrate in what is going well!

Who can you thank?

As a school community, I am so thankful for our students and staff who are doing what we must to keep everyone healthy. I am thankful for our custodians, bus drivers, and food service staff who are doing more than ever before to keep our buildings clean, our students transported safely, and everyone fed. I am also thankful to our parents. Your commitment to screening your children for symptoms, keeping your kids home if they are ill, and reporting to us exposure or diagnosis of COVID-19 is helping us keep the virus from spreading in our school buildings. As a community, we can do amazing things together!

Where can you help?

The COVID-19 cases in Muskegon County are surging and this surge is stressing our area hospitals in the capacity to provide health care to the community. This is highly concerning. To help keep the spread of COVID-19 from overwhelming the hospital systems in our area, please wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands. These recommended mitigation strategies need to be followed at all times - not just at school or work. Public Health - Muskegon County and Mercy Health have identified that unstructured social events are causing the primary spread of this virus. Our community needs our help. Our kids can do this! I know we can too!

The impact of the outbreak we are facing with COVID-19 may temporarily force our schools into remote learning. We desperately want our students to be in school with us, but we know the holidays may bring additional variables that may keep students and staff from being able to physically attend school. We will continue to make school a valuable experience for our students and remain as a safety net as we face the ongoing impact of COVID-19 together.

I'm wishing you all a safe and healthy holiday season!

With Great Respect and Pride, Dr. Adam Bayne



Muskegon Area District Library -**Holton Branch**

8776 Holton-Duck Lake Rd. 231-821-0268











VIRTUAL PROGRAMS Our programs have gone virtual! Join MADL online for fun and informative programs.

KIDS AND FAMILIES

Storytime Online

Wednesdays, Now - December 30 at 10:30 am Facebook and YouTube

Wimee's Words

Weekdays at 1:00 pm • Facebook Live

Storytime Live—Santa

Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm • Zoom

Music Play Patrol—Festival of Bells

Thursday, December 17 at 11:00 am • Zoom

Baby Time Online

December 18 at 10:30 am • Facebook and YouTube

Pizza Invasion

Online at madl.org/pizza

Take It Make It Kits

November: Shrinky Dinks December: Winter Craft

Pick up a kit from any MADL branch

TEENS AND ADULTS

Teen Animal Crossing

First and third Wednesdays of the month (December 2 & 16) at 6:00 pm • Nintendo Switch

The Holton Branch Library is OPEN!

Our current temporary hours are Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00-5:00

Visit us in downtown Holton today!

and Wednesday from 11:00-7:00.

Teen Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of the month (11/24, 12/22) at 4:00 pm Discord

West Michigan Symphony Saturday Series

Third Saturday of the month (11/21, 12/19) at 7:00 pm Facebook and YouTube

Make It Monday: Winter Gnome

Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm • Facebook and YouTube **Book Clubs**

Join the book club that is right for you—or join all three! Hoopla Book Club Blog, Morning ZOOM Book Club Evening ZOOM Book Club

Visit www.madl.org for more information.

Movie Pop Quiz

Every week in December

Visit any branch or Facebook to guess each week's quote

MORE INFORMATION

Don't forget to "Like" the MADL Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. Visit our website at www.madl.org for more information.

2020 - 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Break Christmas Break (Half Day) Christmas Break

Half Days - End of Semester Mid Winter Break Middle High Conferences (Half Day) Elementary Conferences (Half Day) **Spring Break**

No School - Teacher PD No School - Memorial Day Half Days - End of Year

Start time: MS/HS.....8:00 a.m. Start time: Elem......9:00 a.m.

Half day end time:

November 25-27 December 18 Dec 21 - Jan 1 (Return January 4th)

January 20 - 22 February 11 - 15 March 4 March 18 April 2 - 9 (Return April 12)

May 31 June 8 - 10 End time.....2:15 p.m.

End time.....3:15 p.m.

Elem.....12:03 p.m.

May 28

MS/HS.....10:56 a.m.

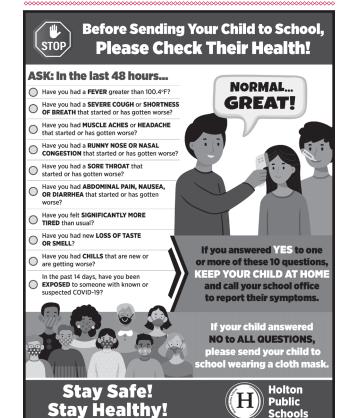
In Memory of Ann Bouwsma Kruszynski Charlesworth



Mrs. Charlesworth

Christin Lavery, of Dallas, TX, made a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Holton Middle/High School PBIS fund in memory of her grandmother, Ann Bouwsma Kruszynski Charlesworth of Holton. Ann was a Head Start Director and a Pre-School Teacher at Holton Public Schools. After retirement, she returned to the school as a volunteer to help children develop

their reading skills. She was a dedicated, loving, tenacious, life-long learner. She is deeply missed. The donation will be used to provide incentives and rewards for students who work hard to meet school expectations as part of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program. Christin said her grandmother would be delighted to know that the money would be used for this purpose!



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High School and Middle School



Welcome Back

November is one of my favorite months of the year. With the change of the weather and cooling temperatures, the school year is now in full swing. Friday, November 6th marked the end of our first quarter and parents are encouraged to login to PowerSchool to view those grades, both now and on a regular basis.

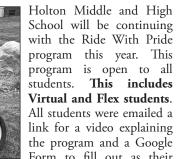
The high school SAT and PSAT testing that is usually done in the spring has now been completed and we take a break from standardized testing until next April. We also tested all students in the NWEA test (Northwest Evaluation Association) in the fall. The NWEA creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring progress and growth for each individual student. This provides essential information about what a student knows and is ready to learn. The students will





test again in the winter and spring for progress monitoring.

RIDE WITH PRIDE 2020-2021!



pledge for this year. Students who took the pledge and meet the



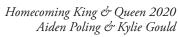
requirements will be eligible to win a ton of prizes. For High School students this includes a moped and a car donated by Fremont Ford! Middle School students will be eligible to win bikes or skateboards. In addition, there will be hundreds of dollars in gift cards and many other prizes given away at our end of the year PBIS/Ride With Pride Assembly. Special thanks goes out to Fremont Ford, The Muskegon Safe and Healthy Summer Task Force and all of our other sponsors. The program would not exist without the generosity of the donors.

HOMECOMING 2020

Homecoming 2020 was a little different this year due to Covid19 restrictions, but the spirit couldn't have been better! We had a little sprinkle of rain and the temp was a little chilly, typical Homecoming weather. We started with a parade through town. Then, preceded to the Red Devil Stadium for a performance by our Holton HS band. Followed by the introduction of the Homecoming 2020 Court Representatives. The Grand Finale! Crowning of our 2020 Homecoming King & Queen. Aiden Poling and Kylie Gould.

From Left to Right 9th Grade Reps: Bo Larabee and Zoey Carty, 11th Grade Reps: Jarid Coburn and Leah Fox,

12th Grade King and Queen Candidates: Broc Brown and Madison Bosset, King Aiden Poling and Queen Kylie Gould, 12th Grade King & Queen Candidates: Austin Hawkins and Skylar Brant, Joseph Mclean and Abby Wisniewski, and 10th Grade Reps: Brodrick Fialek and Courtney Boes.







HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

A Halloween costume contest was held on Friday, October 30th. The categories were Funniest, Best Duo/Group, and Most Creative.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Funniest - Anthony Curtis as the "Plague Doctor". Best Duo/Group - Lillian Pierce, Jenna Alderink, and Madison Ames as "50's Girls"

Most Creative - Michel Assink as "The Devil".

HIGH SCHOOL: Funniest - Broderick Fialek as "Coach Jados". Best Duo/Group - Abbie Fowler and Courtney Boes as "The Bros" tied with Zoey Carty, Shelby Bayne, June Newell and May Newell as "The Dinosaur Gang". Most Creative - Trace Pider as "The Mercenary" and Joslyn Vanderbough as "Vanya Hargreeves" from the show "Umbrella Academy".







PANDEMIC PE FUN

As options are currently limited for students in Physical Education classes, Mr. English has directed focus at individual and fitness based activities. You may have seen lines of students in their distinctive helmets and Specialized bicycles riding the road working on proper turn signals and road etiquette. Holton MS/HS is in our third year of using these bikes after being the recipient of this equipment through grants from the Outride Foundation and Riding for Focus.

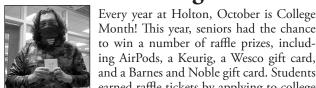
Both are organizations dedicated to researching the effects of exercise (cycling in particular) on the educational experience of kids with ADHD. Holton MS/HS has teamed with them, along with 140+ other schools in the nation to conduct this research.

As indoor facilities still aren't available, the students in Mr. English's classes are also taking advantage of equipment loaned to them through First Tee of Michigan and working on developing their golfing skills. First Tee of Michigan is an organization dedicated to exposing kids to golf who wouldn't traditionally have that opportunity. They have generously loaned us enough golfing equipment so kids can each have their own and be able to be safely distanced.

A graduated increase running program and core strengthening activities are also some healthy activities you'll see PE students working on if you happen to drive by the school



October is College Month Every year at Holton, October is College Month! This year, seniors had the chance



earned raffle tickets by applying to college or trade school, filing their FAFSA, and applying to scholarships. At the end of the month, 65% of students in the senior class have completed at least one college or trade school application! We hope to get that number to 100%, to ensure that all of our students have a path to continue education after high school.













Holton Elementary Families

What a different year this is in all aspects of our lives, including school. Although, this is nothing any of us could have imagined happening last year or anything that any of us are wanting to continue, I am proud of what we have been able to plan for and execute to open our school doors and be back in session this fall. Of course, all of this newness has certainly come with bumps in the road and plenty of frustration. We continue to work towards smoothing out the bumps and lessening the frustration. Everything about this school year is a reinvention of how we do school.

With all of that being said, many new processes and procedures are working smoothly and effectively. Students are being dropped off and picked up in a new way, with no parents entering the

building. The elementary staff continues to make this a quicker and more seamless process every day. The safety protocols that are in place are becoming a habit for students and staff members, making it easier to concentrate fully on the academic tasks of school. The learning curve of an online platform is lessening as teachers, students, and parents learn more each day of how to best manage this new way of learning. For this, I am proud of all of the efforts being made by our families and our staff.

As this is a normal time of increase illness for students, we remind families of the importance of screening students before sending them to school each day. If students are having signs of being ill they should remain home until the symptoms clear, please call the elementary office at 231-821-1826 to let the secretaries know of your child's symptoms as well.

Our goal is to continue to work towards student academic success, whether they are at home or here at school. I appreciate the flexibility of all of our stakeholders as we manage this very different year together.

Educationally, Erin Byrnes, Holton Elementary Principal



This Halloween was a little quieter around Holton Elementary; however, students were still able to enjoy the day celebrating with their classmates. The tradi-

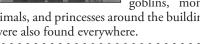
tional costume parade and family guests needed to be put on hold this year. Yet, each classroom had their own activities, games, and costumes to participate in Halloween here at school. There were plenty of ghosts, goblins, monsters, charac-

ters, animals, and princesses around the building. Snacks and treats were also found everywhere.

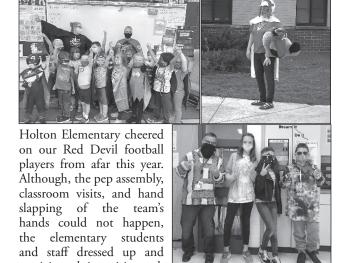
ELECTION DAY

Some classrooms used election day to allow students to feel what it is like to cast your vote. One class voted

on which cookie type they liked the best, one voted on whether they wanted a salty or sweet snack, and some voted on the presidential candidates. Voting stations were set up in their classrooms and students went to vote. They also received I voted stickers to show they had voted.



Homecoming Spirit Week



participated in spirit week activities. The dress up days included: hippie day, pj day, superhero day, and red/white day.

Thankfulness



Holton Elementary has a thankfulness board outside of the library for students to decorate a feather and add what they are thankful for. This is a good visual reminder to all of us of what is most important and what we are most happy to have in our lives.

Students will also be able to participate each Friday in a dress up day where they can donate a dollar or more to our community center. All of the money will be used to buy Thanksgiving Dinner items for community members who are in need.

Holton Elementary Staff & Students are Super Heroes



BIG CRUNCH



Each fall Muskegon County schools participate in the Big Crunch, this started to break a world record of the most people at one time taking a bite of an apple at the same time. Most

recently it has continued each fall to promote healthy eating as well as support local farmers. The apples are donated by local apple orchards to the school. A time is picked for each student and staff member to take a "big crunch" of their apple at the same time. Great way to get a healthy snack and remember our local farmers.

Mrs. Brueck's Class Build Robots



As a STEM activity, students in Mrs. Brueck's class needed to design and create a robot. They were very creative and thoughtful. Students

worked in teams and collaborated well on this project.

> Way to go 1st graders!!!

Project

Looking for Elementary Students in grades 1-5 to join Project Focus Holton Elementary's After School Program.

Stay after school Monday - Thursday each week, until 6:15 PM Students are provided with a snack, a meal before going home, and busing home.

Each day students receive help with their homework and academics, participate in a physical activity, and take part in a hands on learning activity. Family events and field trips are also scheduled from time to time.

If you are interested in getting more information or signing your child, contact Lisa Barnes at 231-821-1962 or email her at lbarnes@truenorthservices.org

Thank you PHIK for your donation!



In August, Holton Elementary received a call offering the donation of numerous school supplies for our students to get ready to come back in the fall. These donations came from a group

called PHIK -Putting Hope in Kids. The whole idea was created by a student from Reeths Puffer that wanted to help out her community. She started to ask for donations and received so many that she was able to offer donations to more than just her school. We were happy to receive these donations, as there were supplies for over 100 students. We are proud of these girls and their willingness to help out in their school as well as surrounding schools.

Thank you, from Holton Elementary!

Holton Heroes

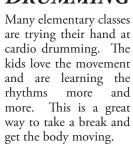




Holton Elementary students are taught our school wide expectations at the beginning and throughout the entire school year. Students are encouraged to show Respect, Effort, and Dependability in every area of the school. Students can earn Holton Hero tickets from staff members by exhibiting these traits. Students who earn Holton Hero tickets can win prizes from weekly drawings and they can be saved to order items from the monthly prize list.

We are proud of our Holton Heroes!!!

CARDIO DRUMMING







Go Red Devils!

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Athletics and Community



2020-2021 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/8 12/11 @ Newaygo Morley-Stanwood North Muskegon White Cloud Ravenna 1/08 @ Lakeview

@ Muskegon Catholic Central 1/12 Kent City

1/15 1/18 1/22 Montague Hesperia 1/25 1/29 2/05 Morley-Stanwood
White Cloud @ Tri-County 2/09

2/12 Lakeview @ Kent City Shelby

2/26 3/02 @ Hesperia @ Coopersville 3/04 Grant

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

@ Newaygo Morley-Stanwood North Muskegon White Cloud 12/8 12/10 12/14 12/17 12/21 Ravenna

1/07 Lakeview Muskegon Catholic Central
Kent City

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@ Hart

 Morley-Stanwood
White Cloud 1/28 2/04 2/09 @ Tri-County 2/11 @ Lakeview 2/18 Kent City Shelby 2/25 Hespéria 3/02 @ Coopersville

Grant

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

@ Wellspring Prep 12/04 Holland Black River 12/08 @ Chippewa Hills 12/11 Morley-Stanwood White Cloud 12/18 Ravenna 1/08 @ Lakeview Muskegon Catholic Central Kent City 1/15 @ Pentwater 1/19 1/22 Hesperia Walkerville 1/26 1/29 @ Morley-Stanwood 2/05 2/09 White Cloud Wyoming Potter's House Christian 2/12 Lakeview 2/16 @ Orchard View

@ Hesperia

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@ Morley-Stanwood White Cloud

2/09 2/11 Wyoming Potter's House Christian @ Lakeview @ Orchard View 2/16 2/18 Kent City @ Baldwin

2/25 **VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER**

1/11 1/18 Home @ Big Rapids @ Fremont

Hesperia

VARSITY BOWLING

1/12 1/09 @ Morley-Stanwood Home (Northway Lanes) CSAA Home (Northway Lanes) Potter's @ Kent City

1/23 2/06 @ Lakeview Morley-Stanwood Home (Northway Lanes) CSAA Champ. Home (Northway Lanes) GMAA Tourn.

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/9 12/16 @ Orchard View @ TBD @ Ravenna 12/30 Home 4 PM 1/8 @ Hesperia (CSAA Silver Team Quad) 1/15 @ Lakeview Home 5 PM

1/20 1/29 @ Kent City (CSAA Silver Ind. Tourn.)

All schedules are subject to change. Please check https://holtonathletics.com/ for the most up to date schedules.

HOLTON VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Congratulations to the Holton Varsity Cross Country teams for their performances this season. Both boys and girls teams qualified for

the Regionals race held at Allendale on October 31st, which determined who would go on to the Division 4 State Finals. Graham Resterhouse individually qualified with a 10th place finish earning him a regional medal. The varsity girls also qualified as a team with their 3rd place finish at Regionals. The girls team consists of Vanessa Peltoniemi, Lily Crowell, Kate Conzemius, Madison Bosset, and Emma Erickson. Notably, Vanessa placed 6th and Lily 7th earning them a regional medal as well. The MHSAA Cross Country State Finals will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the Michigan International Speedway. Good luck runners!

2020 Fall All Conference

Congratulations to the following student athletes that earned all CSAA this fall.

FOOTBALL: Austin Hawkins, Dylan Cartwright, Austin Fowler.

HONORABLE MENTION: Cameron Edgerton

VOLLEYBALL: Kennedy Greene HONORABLE MENTION: Gianna Reed

CROSS COUNTRY: Graham Resterhouse, Vanessa Peltoniemi

HONORABLE MENTION: Lily Crowell GOLF HONORABLE MENTION: Leah Fox

Holton Athletic Hall of Fame

The Holton Athletic Hall of Fame board decided to postpone the 2020 Induction to the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame until November 2021. Watch www.holtonschools.com for additional updates!

SCOREBOARD OPERATORS NEEDED

Holton athletics are looking for people that would be willing to operate scoreboards for basketball and wrestling this winter. Training will be provided. Please contact Jared Hudson at jhudson@holton.k12.mi.us if interested.

HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOGOS

The Holton Board of Education recently trademarked Holton Public Schools logos including the "Circle H" and the new "Trident." By registering the logos with the State of Michigan, Holton Public Schools can better protect the use of the logos. Expressed written consent is now required for any use of our logos and commercial use is prohibited. You can learn more about the impact of the new trademarks below:

LOGO USE FOR

HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Logos for Holton Public Schools are protected and for use by Holton Public Schools only. Expressed written consent for any logo use is required prior to using. Commercial use of the logo is prohibited.

HOLTON "H" LOGOS

Represents the district. Used for business operations including the academic programs of HPS.







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Represents Holton Athletic Programs. Used for team apparel and representative of our mascot.







arked logos will pursue legal action to ensure the logo is explicitly reserved and the image of Holton Public Schools is protected. Any logo use is explicitly reserved for the district and district support organizations. Any other non commercial use must have the written permission of the Superintendent.

CONTACT NUMBERS

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Maintenance Office: 821-1709 Athletic Director: 821-1930 Athletic Office: 821-1707

821-1707 Fax: 821-1722

WEATHER ALERT:

Please **DO NOT** call the school if you feel school will be closed due to the weather. You can watch WZZM-TV13 or WOOD-TV8 to get the most up to date information. Also, our instant alert phone message will be sent out.

Weather alerts are also posted on our website at www. holtonschools.com

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

We have substitute and athletic trip bus driving positions available at Holton Public Schools. No previous bus driving experience necessary and we will provide the training! For more information please call (231) 821-1707

Start the Day with School Breakfast!

Did you know that your school offers a healthy FREE breakfast every day? Help make sure students are ready to learn by starting the day with school breakfast!

Why eat school breakfast? Increased Productivity:



Students who eat school breakfast have better attendance rates, improved behavior

tardiness, and are more likely to have better comprehension and memory in class

School breakfast can help protect students against obesity and other negative long-term health outcomes. It can also stop hunger-related tummy aches and headaches, decreasing visits to the school nurse

Easier Mornings:

Eating school breakfast helps save money and gives families one less thing in the morning to worry about! Students can reliably eat a healthy, balanced meal every day.

School breakfast is available to all students, FREE, every day!

School breakfast includes fruit, whole grains, and protein, making a nutritious start to the day Breakfast location: Holton Elementary & Middle in the classroom;

Holton High in the Holton High School Cafeteria line Virtual Academy, GSRP, and Head Start in the classroom

Menu can be found at:https://holtonschools.nutrislice.com/menu Questions or comments? Please call Kayleigh Macomber, Food Service Director, 821-1731

HOLTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS 2020-2021

December 14th January 11th 25th March 8th 22nd

*Meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Meetings are held in the District Services Building. (Unless otherwise posted.)

Unofficial Election Results

from the November 3, 2020 School Board Election

Elected for four year terms:

Beth Barnard Brian Byrnes Jack Vanderboegh Suzanne English **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Title IX

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an education and work environment that is free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. The Compliance Officers responsible to investigate concerns of harassment are:

Adam Bayne, Superintendent Holton School District

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