

Holmes Happenings

Monday, January 23, 2012

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Volume 9

Upcoming Events

- Jan 23
Report cards sent home
- January 26
Barnes & Noble Night
- Jan 27
Popcorn Day
- Feb 1
Marcos Pizza Night
- Feb 6-7
No School
- Feb 17
Carnival
Box Tops Drawing
- Feb 18
Love a Laker Dinner Dance
- Mar 5-6
No School
- Mar 9 - 15
Book Fair
- Mar 13-15
Conferences
- Mar 15 & 16
Half Days
Noon Dismissal
AM K/Y5 Attend on March 15
PM K/Y5 Attend on March 16
(in the morning)
- Mar 30 - April 6
Spring Break
- April 19
Talent Show
- April 27
Breakfast Gallery



From the Principal

Happy Rainy/Snowy/Foggy/Windy January!



I hope this edition of the Holmes Happenings finds everyone healthy and happy. Things are busy, busy, busy around here and our students are working hard. We are officially moving in to the second half of our school year. I cannot believe it! Your child should be bringing their report card home with them today. Please take some time to review it with them and talk about all the wonderful things you see on it. It would be great if you could help them come up with a goal for the second half of the year. Challenge them to do something exciting as they round out this school year. We appreciate your support and guidance. It always works so well when we all partner up for success!

There are a couple of things I would like to remind you about as well. The fourth graders are selling World's Finest Chocolate for their fourth grade trip to Chicago. If you would like to help support them, I am SURE they would love to sell you a bar or two. Also, our Barnes and Noble Night is all set and ready for this Thursday, January 26! There will be performances by our Honors Choir, classrooms of students, individuals that have readings prepared, and more! Please stop by and purchase some books. There will be SO much to do and choose from. We look forward to seeing you there!

That is all for now. Please check the Holmes Blog, teacher blogs, and newsletters for more information and upcoming dates! Let me know if you have any questions!

Have a great week!

Sandra Smits, Principal

3rd Annual Barnes & Noble Bookfair Night



The Holmes Elementary reading department will earn a percentage of all sales from January 26 – January 29. You can also support us online! Just use the voucher sent home earlier this month when making a purchase during these dates. Vouchers may also be found on the website and blog.

Hear classes perform reader's theater, listen to students read their own published pieces, and see the Honors Choir perform on **Thursday, January 26, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at Barnes & Noble** in Muskegon.

Tardies & Absences



School begins at 8:45 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 8:50 a.m. Punctuality is an important life skill. Please help your child develop good work habits by making sure he/she arrives to school on time. Students who are chronically late miss important beginning of the day instructions. Late arrivals are a disruption to classroom routine and decrease class productivity. Students who are chronically tardy may be subject to disciplinary consequences. **Parents who transport their children need to arrive at school before 8:45 a.m.**

For the good health of everyone, we expect that students who become ill will be cared for at home until they are well enough to fully participate in all school activities. Per OCHD guidelines, we also ask that a child be **fever free** (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school. We also realize that some health related appointments may occur during the school day. We ask that you try to keep the amount of school time missed for such appointments to a minimum.

Girls on the Run (GOTR)

If your daughter is participating in GOTR and still needs to be fitted for her shoes, you may go to **Jeffers School, Room C-9 on Thursday, January 26, anytime between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** to have her fitted. Girls must be accompanied by a parent.

Box Tops for Education

Bring in those Box Tops you've been collecting before February 17th to be included in the next drawing for an adorable Webkinz. Don't forget to put your name on the back!



THE LIFE SKILL FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY IS "TOLERANCE"

To recognize and respect the rights of others. Teachers have received packets for their students with a "Tolerance Pledge" that all students are encouraged to take.

The Tolerance Pledge

- I will not tease.
- I will encourage others to do the same.
- I will be kind to others.
- I will care about others.
- I will not use bad words.
- I will not let my words or actions hurt others.

RIGHTS OF STUDENTS

Every student has a right to be in a school that is safe, and in which he or she feels respected and protected.

TEASING, BULLYING, VIOLENCE IN SCHOOL

Is any mean word, look, sign, or act that hurts a person's body, feelings, or things. Injury or discomfort is based on how it is received, regardless of the intent.

WE BELIEVE

No one is entitled to be violent in any form. No form of violence will be tolerated in school, at school activities or by anyone at this school.

Parents Club News



The HPC would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the families of Holmes Elementary for showing your support at this year's Build-A-Gift. The kids had an amazing time making their treasures. Thank you for donating materials and your time!

We would also like to thank everyone for supporting the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser, the Holmes Staff Breakfast, and the Family Night at Norton Pines. Your support of the HPC and the students at Holmes is appreciated!

Get out your calendars, "Holmes Adventure" carnival is Feb. 17th! Parents Club is seeking donations of pencils, erasers, stickers, tattoos, etc. to use as prizes. We are also in need of pre-packaged snacks for cake walk. Please drop donations to the office by February 5th.

We are also in need of many volunteers. This year we are asking parents to team with their student to run a game. Please contact Jen Hosman (jhosman2135@charter.net) to sign up for your one hour shift!"