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Superintendent's Message

I love this town! I have recently received messages from individuals across the state sharing how impressive and inspiring Holton is. Our small and mighty community comes together when times are tough and when it's time to celebrate! I am very proud of our Varsity Football team and the historical season they have had by bringing home a District Championship, the first in school history. I am also proud of Lily Crowell and her outstanding performance at the state Cross Country race. I am proud of our students who are exploring learning through internships, Career and Technical trades, projects, and club participation. I am proud of our staff for continuing to learn and try new ways to inspire students to achieve at high levels. I am proud of the support provided to those in our community fighting cancer. I am proud that I get to serve the school community that helped make me who I am. I hope you are proud too!

The holiday season will soon be upon us. I hope you take time to be with your loved ones and celebrate all that we have to be thankful for. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve the students, families, staff, and community of Holton Public Schools! This is truly an amazing place! Have a blessed holiday season! On Holton!

*With Great Respect,
Adam Bayne*



2018 - 2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Staff vs Student Basketball Fundraiser	Nov. 19th
Thanksgiving Break (Half Day)	Nov. 21st
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 22nd & 23rd
School Board Mtg	Nov. 26th
School Board Mtg	Dec. 10th
2nd & 3rd gr Christmas Program	Dec. 13th
MS/HS Holiday Concert	Dec. 16th
Christmas Break	Dec. 24th – Jan. 4th (return Jan. 7th)
School Board Mtg	Jan. 14th
Half day for students-end of 1st Semester	Jan. 23rd – 25th (Half day each day)
School Board Mtg	Jan. 28th
Elementary School Conferences	Feb. 7th (Half day)
School Board Mtg	Feb. 11th
Mid-Winter Break	Feb. 15th & 18th
MS/HS Winter Concert	Feb. 24th
School Board Mtg	Feb. 25th
MS/HS Play Production	March 1, 2, 3
Middle/High School Conferences	March 7th (Half day)
School Board Mtg	March 11th
Half day for students-Teacher In-Service	March 20th
School Board Mtg	March 25th
Spring Break	March 29th – April 5th (return April 8th)
No School – Good Friday	April 19th
School Board Mtg	April 22nd
Prom	April 27th
School Board Mtg	May 13th
Half day for students-Teacher In-Service	May 15th
MS/HS Spring Pops Concert	May 19th
Kdg & 1st gr Music Program	May 23rd
NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day	May 27th
School Board Mtg	May 28th (Tues)
High School Graduation	May 29th
School Board Mtg	June 10th
Half day for students	June 10th & 11th
Half day for students-Last day of school	June 12th
School Board Mtg	June 24th
Start time: MS/HS.....	7:43 a.m.
End time.....	2:34 p.m.
Start time: Elem.....	8:48 a.m.
End time.....	3:44 p.m.
Half day end time:	MS/HS.....10:56 a.m.
	Elem.....12:03 p.m.

HOLTON ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On Friday, November 16th at the Holiday Inn - Downtown Muskegon, The Holton Athletic Hall of Fame will induct the class of 2018 inductees representing athletes, coaches, teams, and distinguished service. The selection committee is pleased to announce the inductees as follows. For more information about donating to this event or about each of the inductees please visit: <http://www.holtonschools.com/ourdistrict/athletic-hall-of-fame>.

Congratulations to our inductees.

Female Athlete Inductee

Kendra Scanlon – Class of 2003

Male Athletic Inductees

Larry Kempf – Class of 1956

Larry Dilts – Class of 1957

Team Inductee

1956 Men's Basketball Team

Distinguished Service Award

Tom and Jan Monette

Class of 2018 All-State Honorees

Dalton Giddings – Baseball

Kyler Korstanje – Cross Country

Staff vs Student Fundraiser Basketball Game

Monday, November 19th

7:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium

\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Students

No passes will be accepted.

All money raised will go toward the ELF Project to help families in our community.

Elementary 2nd & 3rd grade Christmas Music Program

"TV Christmas"

Thursday, December 13th

6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

from the November 6, 2018 School Board Election

Elected for four year terms:

Amy Brookhouse

Ranae Erickson

Jayson Robins

CONGRATULATIONS!

*We would like to wish everyone
a joyous Holiday Season!!*

*Thank You to the
Holton Community
for passing the
Operating Millage Renewal Proposal*



Congratulations to the Red Devil Varsity Football Team for earning the Regional Championship over Mendon! The team now advances to the Semi Finals of the MHSAA Division 8 State Championship. On Holton!



Principal's Letter

With the change of the weather and cooling temperatures, the year is in full swing now. The autumn days are quickly passing by as Friday, November 2nd, marked the end of the first quarter. Staff members in the middle school and high school have finalized first quarter grades, so parents can login to PowerSchool to view the final first quarter grades. We had a great turn out for parent teacher conferences. I enjoy visiting with student's parents.

During the month of October seniors filled out their FAFSA and started applying to colleges. For students that are unsure what the next step is after high school, Mrs. Wolfe, along with the MAISD, is in the process of creating internships for 11th and 12th graders. The internships are a unique form of education that integrates classroom study with supervised work experience that aligns with their educational development plan (EDP). The EDP is a secondary/postsecondary planning tool to direct the student's educational plan and career planning activities. This type of career preparation activity is where students are placed at a work site for a defined period of time to participate in and observe work within a given industry. Unlike work experience, internships often allow students to rotate through a number of departments and job functions. This is an excellent way to determine if the industry and the profession is the best career option to follow before investing a lot of time and money in training and education. You can learn more by contacting me at ecarlson@holton.k12.mi.us or (231) 821-1725 or you can contact Mrs. Wolfe at hwolfe@holton.k12.mi.us or (231) 821-1728.

As always, please contact us with any concerns as we love to hear from you!

On Holton! Erik Carlson, Principal



Jared Hudson

joins the Holton Public School staff as the Elementary Behavioral Supervisor and Athletic Director. Mr. Hudson's most recent role was a special education teacher at Fremont High School. He graduated from Hope College in '10 and worked at Coopersville Area Public Schools

for the first six years of his teaching career. Mr. Hudson has many experiences in education and athletics including serving as a varsity head football coach for four years. He is currently completing his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from GVSU. Mr. Hudson currently lives in Fremont with his wife Katy and two boys Leland (2 years) and Rex (8 Months). He is excited to join such a proud, tight-knit community that provides unwavering support to the students that attend Holton Public Schools.

ART PRIZE

On October 8, 2018 the entire Middle School and about 70 High School students visited ArtPrize. Students were put into several groups and each were able to visit several different areas to view various exhibits. This was a great opportunity for students to be a part of a cultural experience they may not otherwise have been able to. Thank you to the many chaperones and staff members who made this event possible.



From left to right: Kylie Gould, Bayleigh Thompson, Haylee Brant, Derek Pouch, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Wagenmaker, and Colby Younts

PRIDE DAY

Holton Middle and High School celebrated Pride Day on September 21, 2018. Pride Day has become an annual event where we have a whole day of fun and community to celebrate being Red Devils! Students were put in groups and got to participate in fun activities throughout the day. Students participated in basketball, kickball, face painting, art, gaga and many other activities throughout the day. Students were treated to a cookout for lunch and ended the day with a spirited pep assembly ahead of the Homecoming Game against White Cloud where the Red Devils won 65-8.



Middle Schoolers Marcus Dove, Savannah Brown and Addyson Crowley show their Red Devil Pride with some face paint!



THE 2018 HOMECOMING COURT

From left to right: Seniors Taeli Masters, Breezie Woirol, Jade Powell (Queen), Cassidy Armstrong, Aaron Herron (King), Johnny Dominish, Colby Younts and Anthony Workman

From left to right: Gianna Reed, Kennedy Greene, Jenna Bultema, Kolten Plekes, Broc Brown and Kaleb Nichols



Alumni from the Class of 1968 were recognized at the Homecoming Game in honor of their graduation from Holton High School 50 years ago. Holton High School alumni were also treated to an Alumni Tent prior to the game to reminisce and reconnect with old friends. We are proud of our graduates!

Did you know....

EASY-TO-ACCESS SCHOOL MENUS

& NUTRITION INFORMATION (Carb Count, Calories, Allergens)

presented by

<https://holtonschoools.nutrislice.com/>

get started!

Locate the website by typing in the URL above OR you may click the link located on the Food Service Department page of the Holton website holtonschoools.com

If you prefer to use the smartphone app, download School Lunch by Nutrislice from Google Play for Androids or the App Store for iPhones.

USING THE WEBSITE

1. Select the grade level of your school.
2. Select the school menu you wish to view.
3. Once within the site, you will see the menu is interactive. If you hover over a food, you will be able to see an image and a description.

USING THE APP

1. Select your state, followed by your school district.
2. Select the grade level, school and then the school menu you wish to view.
3. Once within the menu, you will be defaulted to the current day. You can select a food to find its description.

QUESTIONS?
Contact [Rayleigh Macomber](mailto:Rayleigh.Macomber@nutrislice.com), Food Service Director, 231-821-1731

look to the side of our menus for allergy filters, nutrition data and other exciting event information!

◀ Show special diets info

■ View carb counts

Available Daily

- 1% (low-fat) Milk
- Fat-free Chocolate Milk

No Red Devil Fights Alone! Powderpuff 2018

Senior Parents put on the 2018 Powderpuff Game at Red Devil Stadium on October 14, 2018. The game served as both a fun event and a fundraiser. Four of our own strong Red Devil Women are currently battling cancer. The theme of the Powderpuff Game was "No Red Devil Fights Alone!" The game served as a fundraiser and as always, our community came out to support the cause. The Senior Parents were able to donate \$2,320.50 to Cancer Treatment Centers of America on behalf of Tammy Gould, Kendra Slater, Judy Slater Sova and Holly Wolfe! Everyone had a great time at the event and the support for our community members fighting this illness was tremendous! A special thank you goes out to the Senior Parents for this great event. Get well soon ladies!



Kylie Gould and Kayleigh Kroening lead the girls out before the 2018 Holton Powderpuff game.

WOODSHOP IS OPEN!

Holton Middle and High School is excited to announce that Woodshop is once again being offered to our students. Mr. Sheaffer was able to develop a curriculum and get the Woodshop in working order in time to offer Woodshop as an elective to both Middle and High School students. Additionally, Mr. Sheaffer was able to work with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters to build picnic tables to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charity for families who have members battling serious illnesses. The Council is donating the material for the tables and our High School students will be building them. The High School students even designed their own logo that will be etched into every table! Thank you to Mr. Sheaffer and his students for supporting a great cause.



Middle School students hard at work in the Woodshop.



Principal's Letter

Dear Holton Families,

Fall weather has arrived and the first two months of school are over. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the 2018 school year to be underway. This school year we have adopted a district wide PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) model. This has included an intentional focus on school wide behavior expectations. Students have been taught these expectations in each of the areas of our school building, as well as the playground and buses. We are using restorative practices with students to help them navigate through problems and repair relationships. Both the students and staff have done an amazing job using this program.

If you have elementary students in your home, you may have seen many green Holton Hero tickets coming home. This shows the student that they are following the specific expectations for the area they are in. Staff has set goals for students with their Holton Hero tickets, and students are earning choice time every other Friday if they meet these goals. There are daily drawings to reward students for meeting expectations, as well. Most importantly, we have seen a large decrease in the referrals of students. This means students are out of class less often and are more engaged in the teaching and learning in the classrooms.

Along with the implementation of PBIS, October is safety month. Holton Elementary is happy to have many organizations willing to help educate our students about being safe in many areas of their life. Once again we are grateful for the Holton Township Fire Department for giving our students fire safety tips, for the Muskegon County Child Abuse Council for giving each of our grade levels education of "Good Touch, Bad Touch", and to our Muskegon County Road Commission for offering safety lessons around snowplows.

Holton Elementary continues to be grateful for many things each day, but most of all for our students and their families. I wish you a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving full of multitude of things to be thankful for.



*Educationally,
Erin Byrnes
Holton Elementary Principal*

HOMECOMING COMES EARLY

This school year started with Homecoming right off the bat. The Holton Varsity Football team took on the White Cloud Indians for this year's game. Elementary students joined in the spirit by participating in dress up days each day. This year those days included: color wars, dress like a cowboy/cowgirl, dress to impress, crazy hat/hair day, and red/white day. Friday we concluded the week with a pep assembly to pump up the team. The football team and cheerleaders participated with the Elementary students in games and cheers. Thank you to the cheerleaders for helping our younger students learn how to stand and clap for the school song.



PLAY IT SAFE

Thank you to the Muskegon County Road Commission for their recent visit. Laurita Humphrey and Brian Fowler spent the morning with our students. They shared many reasons why they need to stay away and stay safe around trucks that are clearing snow from the roads. They were allowed to see inside a plow truck so that they could see what the driver and sees when they are plowing snow off the roads. After that lesson they signed their names on the plow as a pledge to stay back and stay safe when they see snow plow trucks on their streets.



Before & After School Childcare

Available at Holton Public Schools
3 - 12 yr olds - 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
Call Susan at (231) 766-3443 for details
Please note: DHS is accepted

Holton Elementary Parent Club

The Elementary Parent Club meetings are scheduled for one Tuesday each month at 6:00 PM in the Elementary Cafeteria. Please Join Us!

Email if you have any questions: ptoholtonmi@gmail.com
Next activities: Holton's Santa Shop - Coming in December

KINDERGARTENERS MEET POUT POUT FISH

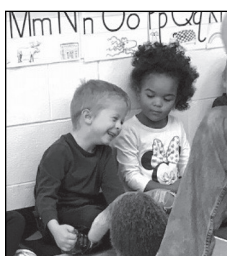


Holton Elementary Kindergarten students were invited back to the Holton Branch of the Muskegon County Area District Library to meet one of the favorite literary characters. This year our students were able to meet Pout, Pout Fish. The students

had the story of Pout, Pout Fish read to them, met Pout, Pout Fish, had their pictures taken, and were given a tour of the library. Thank you to the public library for allowing our Kindergarten students to come to the library for this visit. Our students enjoyed meeting Pout, Pout and getting to see all of the books at the library.

SCIENCE ALIVE

Science Alive consists of a small, highly trained professional staff of teachers and biologists. Science Alive goes beyond being strictly educational. The programs are educational, entertaining and just plain FUN. They create an environment where learning comes naturally and students seek to find out more. Holton Elementary was once again lucky enough to have Science Alive come to visit each of our classrooms. The parent club has continued to financially support this great program for our students. The students just love seeing the animals. This year the students were visited by a large toad, a boa constrictor, a chinchilla, an amazing anteater, an alligator, and more.



Thanks for your Support of the Book Fair

The Elementary Scholastic Book Fair continues to be a huge success. The Elementary Library is so grateful for the book purchases that are made during the book fair. This adds more books at home for students to read and the profits allow the library to continue to purchase additional books. The final profits for the library were over \$2,100. These funds are given in the form of Scholastic dollars, so we can purchase \$2,100 worth of new Scholastic books. Thank you parents, grandparents, friends, and families for your support.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



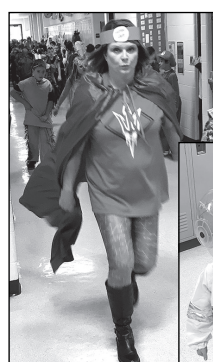
Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Holton Elementary classrooms annually collect items to create Thanksgiving food baskets community members. Each student will be sent home with a list of items that are being collected to complete a meal. The goal is to complete at least 20 baskets to give to members of the Holton community. If you would like information about donating food for the baskets or money to purchase turkeys, please call the Elementary office at 231-821-1826.

Fire Prevention Assembly

Thank you to Robert Sampson and the Holton Fire Department for educating our students on fire prevention and safety. Students listened to a presentation explaining how to prevent fires, what to do in a fire, and what to expect from fire fighters during a fire. Two of the firefighters wore the equipment that keeps them safe. Students were also able to see the fire trucks up close. We are also thankful to have our local firefighters willing to give this information to our students each year.



HALLOWEEN PARADE



MUSKEGON AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

Family Storytime

Every Tuesday from September 11 – December 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime will include books, music, games, dancing, crafts and some special guests. Designed to reach children ages birth through elementary. Older siblings are welcome.

Holton Book Club

Every third Tuesday (November 20 & December 18) from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join fellow reading enthusiasts as we read and discuss titles from across genres. Books will be selected by group participants. Book for November – "A Spool of Blue Thread".

Christmas in Holton

Wednesday, December 5 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come to the library to meet Santa, do a craft and enjoy treats. Join the community in a tree lighting and singing in the park across from the library.

Family Fun Night:

Holidays Around the World

Tuesday, December 11 – 6:00 p.m.

It's the holiday season and we are celebrating with traditions from all over the world. Activities will include games, crafts, music, dancing food and more. Come and meet our special guests from other countries.

Winter Break LEGO Builder's Challenge

Friday, December 28 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Take the LEGO Challenge – building competitions, create new Lego Mini designs and more!

Stretch and More

Every Friday November 2 – December 21 at 1:00 p.m. (No class November 23)

A certified instructor through the Arthritis Foundation will lead a group exercise class for people with arthritis who want safe ways to stay active, reduce pain, and move more easily. This class will help you control pain, feel less tired, boost your mood, feel more confident about staying active and managing your arthritis. Registration required - Call 231-733-8643

