



HOLLEY DIMENSION

SPRING 2025 • HOLLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Holley Students Bring the 1950s to Life with Musical Production of "Grease"

The 1950s called and Holley students answered with zero hesitation. This year, Holley Middle/High School brought Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's classic musical "Grease" to the stage. Students performed in three talent-packed shows from March 14-15. The fictional story set in 1959 in Northwest Chicago follows 10 working-class students attending Rydell High School as they navigate the many complexities that come with being a teenager. Students had no problem embodying the bold and recognizable Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys (aka Greasers) without skipping a beat. The time period was unmistakable with nostalgic sets, costumes, dance moves and all-time favorite soundtracks.

Holley MS/HS Teacher and alumna Kayla Thrower made her directorial debut alongside Music Teacher Kelly Marzano as vocal director. Band Teacher Zach Busch returned this year to direct the pit band. While the cast consisted of many students relatively new to the stage, it was impossible to tell from their enthusiastic performances. What was obvious was the genuinely fun time everyone had together on stage. Congratulations to all involved.



Danny Zuko (Aidan Kelley) sings "Summer Nights" with fellow Burger Palace Boys.



Pink Ladies, Jan (Hanna Ostrom), Frenchie (Jayda Shampine), Marty (Isla Schultz) and Rizzo (Mallory Davis), sing "Freddy My Love."



Frenchie (Jayda Shampine), Sandy (Bailey Bibbins), Jan (Hanna Ostrom), Marty (Isla Schultz) and Rizzo (Mallory Davis) having lunch on the first day of school before breaking into song for "Summer Nights."



Burger Palace Boys, Kenickie (Owen Schultz), Sonny (Jax Richards-Dyson), Roger (Kallan Babcock) and Doody (Kohle Pachla), have a laugh together.



Danny Zuko (Aidan Kelley) pictured singing to love interest Sandy Dombrowski (Bailey Bibbins) during "You're The One That I Want."



Sandy Dumbrowski (Bailey Bibbins) sings "Hopelessly Devoted To You."

A Message from the Superintendent



Welcome to warmer weather Holley Families! Spring is here, and there is a lot of enthusiasm in the air throughout the school district as we head into the final months of the 2024-25 school year. There are many accomplishments to be proud of so far and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our students as we look forward to the academic, athletic and extracurricular activities that the spring season brings.

Capital Project

We continue to see significant progress with our current capital project and know the many exciting improvements to our school facilities will align with the District's Strategic Action Plan, which focuses on enhancing educational excellence, expanding opportunities for all students, and fostering a safe, inclusive community. We remain committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff, and your continued partnership in supporting healthy habits at home and school is greatly appreciated.

The next Dimension Newsletter will be published in July, and by that time we will be nearing completion of our capital project. The most recent completed renovations include the new secure entryway and main office at the MS/HS, the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classroom where the small elementary courtyard was, and the new classroom and office where the elementary stage was. The elementary secure entryway, elementary library, and elementary chorus and band suites are currently in progress.

At The Woodlands, new soccer field lights and pathway lights leading to the field have been installed. A parking lot upgrade as well as a paved road to the fields is underway. Soon you will see a new parking area and new bleachers, which will include handicap parking and bleacher access.

2025-26 Budget Vote

We are in the final stages of preparing our budget for the 2025-26 school year. Our school Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20. This year, we will again be holding the Board of Education Election and Budget Vote at the MS/HS. Absentee ballots will be available.

Those interested in seeking a seat on the Holley Board of Education should contact our District Clerk, Connie Nenni, at 638-6316, ext. 2003, or stop by the District Office on school days between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The annual Budget Hearing where the district budget is presented will be held on May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Detailed information about the 2025-26 school budget and candidates for the Board of Education will be included in our annual Budget Newsletter in May. You can also find updates on our district website.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy spring! Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Holley Central School District.

Karri D. Schiavone

Superintendent of Schools

HSSC Blood Drive on April 30



The High School Student Council (HSSC) is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the M/HS All Purpose Room. Visit redcrossblood.org to register for an appointment or contact Jim Di Sessa at jdisessa@holleycsd.org. The amount of donations collected impacts the scholarships made available to Holley CSD students.



TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Holley Middle/High School Foyer

More information about the vote and election will be available in the Budget Newsletter published in early May.

District Calendar Changes:

- Elementary Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, April 29 is canceled due to construction.
- The Holley-Kendall Marching Band Showcase has been rescheduled from Wednesday, June 11 to Thursday, June 12.

Q2 Honor and High Honor Roll

The Middle/High School has announced the honor roll and high honor roll for the second marking period of the 2024-25 school year. High honors are for all students who maintain a grade average of 89.5 percent or higher. Honors are for students who maintain a grade average of 84.5 to 89.4 percent. The full list of students can be found on www.holleycsd.org under the Latest News section.



Kelly Hill Appointed as District's New Director of Transportation



Holley Central School District is pleased to introduce Kelly Hill, who will serve as the district's new Director of Transportation. Hill was appointed at the March 17 Board of Education meeting and will assume her role on April 28.

Hill will direct and supervise the district's Transportation Department, ensuring both efficient operation and safety of students. She brings a wealth of experience, including nine years serving as Safety Supervisor at Student Transportation of America

in Alexander, NY, overseeing compliance and training. She possesses her Commercial Driver's License and is a NYS Department of Education licensed School Bus Driver Instructor and a Department of Motor Vehicles 19A Examiner.

Hill is eager to join the HCSD team and start building strong relationships. "I look forward to making a difference in the lives of my co-workers and the families that I will be serving in this position," said Hill. "Know that I will do my best to address issues and concerns, and I will be open to working together for the same goal, putting children first in all things. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Holley community."

The district extends a warm welcome to Hill. "I am excited to have someone with Kelly's experience join the Holley CSD family," said Karri Schiavone, Holley CSD Superintendent. "I am confident in her ability to lead our Transportation Department and oversee one of the most important responsibilities in our District, the safe transportation of our students."

This change in leadership comes after the retirement of Tammy Beaney, former Director of Transportation.

Future Plans and College Acceptances



Ethan Race plans to enter the workforce as an electrician and general contractor for RJ Race Enterprises. **Brenden Sargent** was accepted to several colleges. He plans to study finance at SUNY Brockport where he received an academic scholarship. **Joscelyn Underwood** was accepted to Freed Hardeman University with a full ride scholarship, SUNY GCC, SUNY Brockport, Alfred University and Alfred State. She plans to attend SUNY Brockport for business administration. Congratulations and best of luck to all!

Students can scan the QR code or follow the link to share their future plans in the summer 2025 edition of the Dimension: <https://www.holleycsd.org/CollegeAcceptances.aspx>. Make sure to check out the MS/HS Hawk's Report for important monthly updates. It is emailed to MS/HS parents/guardians and can be found on the district website.



Invitation for Annual Senior Citizens Breakfast on May 8

Holley Central School District would like to thank you for your continuous support of our students and schools. Please join us for the Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Breakfast on **Thursday, May 8, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Holley Elementary Café**. You must be age 55 or older and a resident of the district to attend. You may RSVP by calling Connie Nenni at 585-638-6316, ext. 2003 by Thursday,, May 1.

You can also RSVP by completing the form below and mailing it by April 28 to: Holley District Office at 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

☐ Yes, I need transportation _____ Number attending the breakfast _____

Did you attend Holley High School? _____ If so, what year did you graduate? _____

Holley MS/HS Introduces Therapy Dog Program

Staying “paws-itive” just got easier with the help of Holley Middle/High School’s two newest four-legged friends. At the end of the first semester, the school launched its first Therapy Dog Program, allowing for two therapy dogs to be in the building regularly to help provide emotional support for students and staff.

The building welcomed Duke, a 7-year-old English Setter, and Dewey, a 6-year-old Golden Retriever. The dogs belong to MS/HS math teacher Valarie Webb. She, along with both dogs, were certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs where they went through specialized individual training and testing. Only one dog will be in the building at a time and there are signs displayed throughout



the school that are updated daily to notify students and staff if one of the dogs is in the building.

Before introducing the dogs, Webb met with students and staff to review the appropriate ways to interact with therapy dogs and the rules that need to be followed to ensure the program is successful. Students were given the option to opt out if desired.

The use of therapy dogs in schools has proven to have many benefits that allow for personal growth and an overall improved learning experience. Their presence provides comfort and companionship to those who may be feeling isolated, they can help foster social interactions, reduce anxiety, alleviate stress, decrease feelings of depression, and improve overall well-being.

"Therapy dogs help cultivate a sense of community and belonging," said Principal Matthew Feldman. "Our hope for the program is that it helps our students build empathy and that students are able to identify feelings within themselves and others."

The program is a promising resource for the mental health team, as the dogs will be able to assist in de-escalating situations, supporting students in crisis or navigating various challenges. Expanding the program to Holley’s Elementary School may be explored in the future. In addition to that, if ever a neighboring school requires additional mental health support, therapy dogs are a potential resource Holley could offer.



2025 Kids Heart Challenge

by Lori Passarell, Wil Prince, and Sharon Gross, ES Physical Education Teachers

On Feb. 7, 60 students and their families participated in the Kids Heart Challenge event at the Elementary School. Groups rotated through fun and challenging stations like cup stacking, jump roping, basketball and balancing games. Proceeds from concessions were donated to the Dewey Thornton Memorial Scholarship fund. The Hamlin Tops and Brockport Wegman’s stores kindly donated gift cards for us to purchase some healthy snacks. Many thanks to all who participated, volunteered, and raised money for the American Heart Association. We raised over \$11,000!

Lindsay Cooper’s class raised the most money out of the whole school; they will take part in a silly string party in the spring. Her class along with all students raising over \$200 get to spray silly string on the PE teachers! Thank you, Holley Elementary for being amazing Heart Heroes.



Top individual student fundraisers:

1st place:

Kindergartener
Jameson McQueen,
raising \$1,129

2nd place:

2nd grader
Lincoln Biedlingmaier,
raising \$737

3rd place:

1st grader
Violet Martinez,
raising \$601

Top class:

Lindsay Cooper’s,
raising a total of
\$1,816

Impressive Display of Talent at District-Wide Art Show

The Visual Arts Department held its fourth annual K-12 Art Show on March 27 in the MS/HS Light Court. There was an amazing turnout and show of support for our young artists and the art program. We are proud to announce five award winners. These works of art will be displayed in the district office for the next year. Congratulations to all of our young Holley artists for such a creative showcase of art.



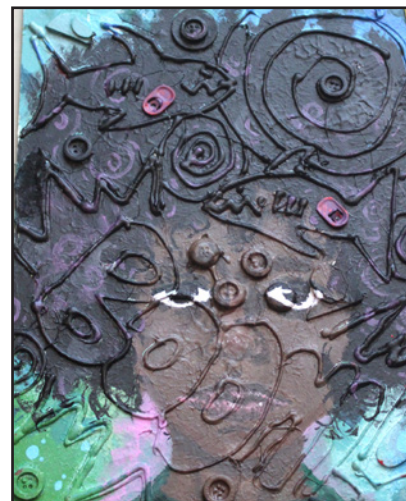
One of the Board of Education Awards went to sixth grader Landon McCormack for his clay bobble head of a walrus.



The second Board of Education Award went to eighth grader Averie Johnson for their six-legged, googly-eyed clay monster.



The MS/HS Principal Award, chosen by Principal Matthew Feldman, went to 12th grader Abigail Merkle for her nostalgic graphite still life drawing.



The Superintendent's Award, chosen by Superintendent Karri Schiavone, went to ninth grader Ella Wilson for her vibrant, layered acrylic portrait painting.



The ES Principal Award, chosen by Principal Tim Artessa, went to second grader Vivian Applegate for her value solar system drawn with chalk pastels.

ES Students Host Community Coat Drive

The elementary Multi-Cultural Club hosted its first "Cocoa, Coffee and Coat Drive" in the elementary cafeteria on January 21. They collected over 75 coat donations and made them available for free for those in need. Visitors could pull up through the bus loop after school and check out the available coats. Students did a fantastic job creating a welcoming environment for all and hope to make this a regular event. Thank you to those who donated coats. All leftover coats were donated to the Eastern Orleans Community Center in Holley. If you know someone in need of a coat, or coats for their children, please encourage them to utilize the community center.



Spreading Love Near and Far

Kindergarten classes completed a Hearts Around the World project this year for Valentine's Day. They received over 80 cards in the mail from 13 countries and 26 states. Together, they learned about the concepts of states and countries, and identified where the letters came from on their map of the world. Thank you to all who helped get the word out to make this project extra special for students.



Celebrating with i-Ready!



Elementary students worked very hard on the Winter i-Ready Diagnostic, which aims to provide engaging digital instruction based on individual diagnostic results. Two classrooms were recognized for having the highest percentage of students that had improved placement on i-Ready! Congratulations to Mrs. Giarrizzo's class for reading and Mrs. Draper's class for math!



On the Winter Diagnostic, many students exceeded their Typical Growth expectations and were entered into a random drawing for prizes. Congratulations to Mario Botello, Sophia Satter, Bailee Beebe, Paeyton Hodgins, Madelyn Bower, Gemma Vaccarelli, Maximiliano Rivera, and Evan Lasal who won the drawing.

Lights! Camera!... i-Ready! This year, 1st and 2nd grade students won a special celebration for having the highest percentage of i-Ready lessons passed. This celebration included a Holley-wood themed ice cream party with i-Ready mascot, Plory. Photos can be found on the HCSD Facebook Page.

OSOB Initiative Takes Students "Into the Wilderness"

The Elementary School is participating in its sixth year of the One School, One Book (OSOB) initiative. The program helps instill a lifelong interest in reading and allows for schoolwide connections to flourish. This year, students and staff are collectively reading "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. It follows a robot on a self-discovery and survival journey when it finds itself on an island surrounded only by animals who quickly demonstrate the power of community. The book explores the balance between the natural world and human made technology.

Classrooms will read the book, chapter by chapter, and participate in partner projects

with other grade levels including building a robot and a scene from the book. Teachers are provided with recourses to dive deep into the story's many messages including friendship, helping others, teamwork and love.

Making the project extra special this year, local educational partner TeacherGeek helped support the book setting "Into the Wilderness" by bringing the animals to life throughout the building. Using DoodleFace products. Each classroom received large dry-erase animal characters to display on the walls for students to be creative with.

With help from PTSA-led Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program, students will also celebrate the completion of the book with a viewing of the movie, "The Wild Robot" along with their PARP readers celebration. To wrap up this year's initiative students will take part in a Robot Fair.



PTSA: Enhancing Student Experiences and Educational Opportunities

The Holley Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) plays a vital role in enriching our school community by organizing events and providing support that enhances both student experiences and educational opportunities. From fun-filled activities to behind-the-scenes contributions, the PTSA is dedicated to making a positive impact.

This school year, the PTSA has sponsored a variety of engaging events. We kicked off with Back-to-School Night, offering families refreshing Boba tea and lemonade. During

Homecoming, the PTSA added excitement by judging float competitions and awarding cash prizes to Middle and High School classes. Halloween Boo Fest was another hit, bringing spooky fun to the season. Additionally, the PTSA supported literacy through the Scholastic Book Fair, helped students find the perfect holiday gifts at Santa Shop, and created memorable moments with the Valentine's Day Dance.

Looking ahead, the PTSA is excited to host the Color Run and an End-of-Year Carnival,

ensuring students have fun ways to celebrate their achievements. Beyond these events, the PTSA is committed to supporting educational opportunities. We fund elementary school field trips, sponsor High School activities by selling concessions at dances, and donate to various staff-requested programs and trips. These efforts are made possible through the support of parents, teachers, and students. Thank you to everyone who contributes to making our school a thriving, engaging, and supportive place to learn and grow!

Prodigy Club: Where Adventure Awaits

Prodigy Club is in high demand among Holley Elementary students. The afterschool activity is offered to students in grades 3-6 where they play Prodigy, an online, curriculum-aligned game that focuses on building skills in both math and English while navigating a magical world.

The club meets once a week for a 10-week period leading up to state exams. While exploring the virtual world with their customized avatar, they hardly even notice how much they are learning. In Prodigy Math, players answer math questions to help them win battles, complete quests and earn virtual rewards. In Prodigy English, players answer reading and writing questions to gain energy that allows their in-game character to level up and continue advancing their world, like building villages, homes, gardens, and more. The game is played individually on students' school-provided laptops, but they can battle each other in real time.

Over 150 students have participated in the club since it started in the 2021-22 school year. Now, mainly occupied by new members, and a handful of veteran sixth

graders to provide extra support, the club is capped at 25 students. Membership is prioritized for newcomers this year so more students have a chance to learn the game and get established.

Prodigy offers a safe and secure online experience. The site offers tools and short lessons for both parents and teachers to better support their learners. The site also gives students a pretest twice a year to help fill in gap learning so students can move ahead if a skill has already been mastered. Students don't have to be in the club to play, they can play on their own time, whether it is at home or during any free time during the school day.

Students in the club set weekly goals throughout the 10-week venture. They track their progress with the help of Angie Davis, club advisor. Last year, Holley Elementary students answered almost 17,000 questions combined at an 85% accuracy rate during the 10-week stretch. Sixth grader McCoy Blonar set a goal of 1,000 questions last year and ended up crushing his goal by completing 3,912. He recently had the opportunity to



help present to the Holley Board of Education about the new club and how much he is enjoying it.

"I love that students come in with such enthusiasm and fervor," said Davis. "They are so helpful to each other on how to navigate the game when they find a new quest to complete. There is always something new to find in both games to keep them active."

Contact Angie Davis at adavis@holleycsd.org with any questions about logins, passwords or curriculum help. Parents can also link themselves to their child's account to see what skills they are working on and give them extra goals that lead to greater rewards.

600 Meals Prepared by Interact Club

Mayors Day for National Service was recognized on March 12 this year and the MS/HS Interact Club members were quick to get involved. They worked together to assemble 100 bagged lunches for Rochester's Open Door Mission and prepared food for 500 dinners to be served at the Orleans Koinonia Kitchen in Albion. This is their second year partnering with Open Door Mission where they transform the HS cafeteria into a Peanut Butter and Jelly factory. It is their first year partnering with Orleans Koinonia Kitchen, where nine students traveled to Albion to help serve the prepared meals.



Interact Club is a service club for students in grades 7-12 sponsored by the Holley Rotary Club. They are the largest club in the MS/HS with over 70 active members. Students were featured in WROC-TV's Generation ROC segment for their involvement and continuing to put "Service Above Self". The club is extremely grateful to those in the Holley community who helped make this project possible through donations.

Freezin' for a Reason

On February 2, 12 members of the High School Student Council took the Rochester Polar Plunge at Ontario Beach Park where they joined over 13,000 participants in the icy waters. The "Hawks Freezin' for a Reason" team raised over \$1,600 to benefit the Special Olympics. Team members included: Frances Caraballo-Vazquez, Peyton Caulfield, Kylee Dann, Mackenzie Fiorito, Annalee Ham, Hayden Keiffer, Layla Kingdollar, Cadence Lujan, Madilyn Lujan, Stephnie Miles, Tyler Moore, and Riley Hancock. Hats off to our students and thank you to all who donated.



Winter Sports Highlights

Tournament Highlights:

Competitive Cheerleading

- Genesee Region Competition, 2nd Place, Division 1
- Ronald McDonald House
 - All-Star, Maggie Skehan
- Sectional Tournament, 3rd Place (of 11 teams), Co-ed Division

Girls' Basketball

- Kendall Tip-off Tournament Champions
 - Tournament MVP, Mia Thom

Wrestling

- Daryl Pierson Memorial Tournament, 2nd place
- Perry Tournament
 - Will Kruger (152lbs), 1st Place
 - Hunter Jewell-Smith (285), 1st Place
- Sectional Tournament
 - Will Kruger (152lbs), 2nd Place
 - Hunter Jewell-Smith (285), 4th Place
- State Qualifiers
 - Will Kruger (152lbs), 4th Place
 - Hunter Jewell-Smith (285), 4th Place

Genesee Region Coaches of the Year

Competitive Cheer

Heather Kelley
Katie Chilson-Foose

Genesee Region All-Stars

Competitive Cheer

Natalie Foose
Maggie Skehan
Bella Emery

Boys' Basketball

Vincent Golisano
Destin Kuyal

Wrestling

Hunter Jewell-Smith
William Kruger
Jayden Rivera

Scholar Athlete Teams

Girls' Basketball
Competitive Cheer



Senior Destin Kuyal was recognized for earning his 1,000th career point. Destin is pictured with Coach Wyatt Wink.



Senior wrestler Will Kruger was recognized for achieving 100 varsity wins.



GR Coaches of the Year



GR All Stars

Spring athletic highlights will be featured in the Summer *Dimension* Newsletter.

Girls' Basketball Continues Philanthropic Tradition

On Dec. 17, the Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball teams traveled to the Salvation Army of Greater Rochester to volunteer at its Holiday Toy Shop. The outing is an annual tradition for the basketball program that began over 15 years ago.

Student athletes spent the day as toy stockers, personal shoppers and food distributors as they helped families pick out Christmas gifts for their children and stock up on groceries to help make the holidays brighter.

"It's always beneficial for the girls to see life outside of Holley and to get a broader perspective," said Mark Thomas, varsity coach and high school English teacher. "Being good athletes is important, but it is even more

important to become better people and learn to give back."

The Holiday Toy Shop supports over 1,300 families leading up to the holidays. The girls stayed busy greeting and assisting shoppers, creating a welcoming and judgement-free environment for all. "It is a really fun experience,"

said Jayna Burris, a JV team member. "It feels good to put a smile on other people's faces."

The teams look forward to participating in this activity together each year. "It is a good team bonding opportunity and brings us closer together," said Mia Thom, a varsity team member. "It helps remind us that holidays are not as much about what you are getting, but what you are giving."

The girls' basketball program began volunteering at this event in 2007. This year, the student-athletes were featured on WROC-TV's Generation ROC segment that spotlights youth doing great things in the community. "We are thankful for a supportive district who encourages our students to become involved," added Thomas.



Winter Pep Assembly

The MS/HS held its Winter Pep Assembly in December this year ahead of Holiday Recess. Students gathered in the gymnasium to congratulate those on their accomplishments in the fall, recognize those involved in winter extracurricular activities and take part in friendly competition between grade levels. Winter sports coaches and club advisors introduced their members and shared upcoming opportunities for students to come out and support them. The varsity basketball cheerleaders performed their competition routine and kept the spirit alive throughout the assembly. Students from each grade level participated in games organized by the High School Student Council, which included a half-court shooting contest, a scooter relay race, a wrapping paper dress contest, and a pie eating contest. The assembly served as a great opportunity for students to come together, build community and show their Hawk Pride.



Renner Signs On With GCC Soccer

On Jan. 17, Holley High School senior Alexia Renner signed her letter of intent to play collegiate soccer this coming fall. She will attend Genesee Community College, where she has yet to decide on an area of study. Renner, a defender, team captain, and 2024 Genesee Region All Star, has been a part of the Holley soccer program for the last six years. She was a member of both the 2023 Section V and Far West Regional championship team, which was the first Holley girls' soccer team to win a regional championship and compete in the NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) state tournament.

"It has been an honor to have coached Alexia during her soccer career," said Coach Renee Wolf. "She developed so much as a player, becoming a leader on the field and earning all star status with her hard work and dedication to the sport. I am proud of her and wish her luck."



Alexia with Coach Renee Wolf.



Alexia with parents Karen Renner and Todd Renner.

Tech Wars 2025

By Dylan Sharpe, MS/HS Technology Teacher

On March 19, over 30 middle and high school students proudly represented Holley at the annual Tech Wars competition hosted by Genesee Community



College. Competing alongside hundreds of students from across the Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (GLOW) region, Holley students showcased their creativity, collaboration, and technical skills in a series of STEM-focused challenges. Events included the CO2 Car Race & Design, Mystery Challenge, Paper Airplane Competition, Skimmer Car Race, and the highly anticipated Regatta Boat Race. Throughout the day, students demonstrated innovative problem-solving, teamwork, and engineering design in action—all while sharing smiles and school spirit. A special congratulations goes to Brody Fiorito, who raced to success in the CO2 Car Competition, earning third place out of nearly 200 competitors. His performance helped bring home a trophy for Holley MS/HS and marked a standout moment of the event. We are proud of all the students who participated and thank the staff, volunteers, and GCC for hosting such an inspiring event that promotes hands-on learning and future-ready skills.

Celebrating Music in our Schools Month

by Samantha Videtti, Elementary Music Teacher

March was packed full of music as grades PreK-12 celebrated Music in our Schools Month.

The District Concert Bands performed the evening of March 24 in the MS/HS Auditorium. Beginner Band demonstrated how much they have progressed since the last concert and the seasoned musicians got to bring some of their favorite pieces to the audience. All musicians in grades 4-12 then took to the stage for two final group performances, "Simple Gifts" and "The Mandalorian".

The District Choral Groups performed on the evening of March 25 in the MS/HS. All vocal groups in grades 4-12 joined together to close the show with "Viva la Vida", which received a standing ovation from the audience.

On March 31, ES students assembled in the MS/HS Auditorium for their annual Music in our Schools Assembly where each grade level performed something they learned in music class for their peers. Kindergarten sang and danced to "The Animal Boogie" where they focused on how to be a performer. First graders opened the assembly with a welcome song including movements they created themselves. Second graders learned

about form within a piece of music and performed a ribbon dance based on the different sections of music. Third graders performed "Doggie Doggie" on recorder, a song they learned to sing back in Kindergarten. Fourth graders performed "Give Us Hope" where they worked on dynamics, vocal technique and breath support while singing. Fifth graders played in an Orff Ensemble performing Peter, Paul and Mary's "Leather Winged Bat".

Throughout February and March, over 60 ES and MS/HS musicians were selected to perform in the Orleans County Music Educators' Association (OCMEA) All-County Festival in Kendall. The full list of participants and group photos can be found on the news section of the Holley CSD website. While there, Senior Owen Schultz received the OCMEA Scholar Artist Award. To be nominated for this award, a student must maintain a GPA of 90.0 and above, be an active participant in their Music Department, and be a leader in their school/community.

Students should be proud of all they have accomplished so far this school year. March is always an exciting time, providing so many great opportunities for them to show off their hard work.



Elementary Students of the Month

One student from every ES classroom is chosen each month for going above and beyond to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behaviors. Congratulations to all. There are many forms of positive behavior reinforcements that happen in the ES. Hawk Heroes are nominated by staff and recognized each month for demonstrating the Positivity Project trait of the month. Staff are also able to submit Positive Behavior Referrals for students. Each month, the students who received these referrals can pick a book out of the new book vending machine. Photos of Hawk Heroes and students who received Positive Behavior Referrals can be found on the HCSD social media.



December

Julia Castner, Liam Gambacorta-Hoffman, Sophie Kaltenbach, Salvatore Mignano, Logan Sommerfeldt, Colt Heisler, Tiana Jones, Austin Eiland, Lilly West, Avariella Link-Bedard, Tommy Hasek, Wesson MacIntyre, Eve Wright, Everett Neri, Paislee Ralph, Wyatt Vazzanna, Lincoln Sage, Vivian Applegate, Logan Young, Paxton Tooley, Sophie Snook, Philip Collins Jr, Claire Boss, Luke Hackenberg, Caleb Rath, Kaydence McDowell, Nolan Edmonds, Norah Vazzana, Maisey Roth, Lorelai Lawrence, Celestial Hovey, Ayden Clawson and Koltyn Callahan.



January

Edgar Arteaga-Palacios, Cora Wilson, Myah Cecchini, Mariana Castillo, Melody Gartland, Keyana Vicens, Theresa Haight, Nora Restivo, Jacob Knowlton, Amelia Wright, Lilah Moore, Jaxson Lynch, Leon Haight, Josslyn Moak, Karina Boychuk, Mary Scroope, Jackson Beckler, Michael Edwards, Cole Sidari, Jayden Taylor, Mila Adams, Raymond Kingdollar, Jacqueline Zelter, Veronica Bisig, Charlotte Hughson, Michael Coffey, Odell Arnold, Anna Lusk, Leila Leggett, James Patton, Nora Moran, Annette Kimbriel-Morales and McKinlee Gerringer.



February

Aiden Collins, Jeremy Rivera, Kenny Weese, Macie Moore, Liam Keller, Gemulett Villalobos, Jesse Rivera, Anna Peters, Klafehn, Oakley Pogel, Adelyn Foeller, Helena Reed, Urvi Cornell, Lily Crawford, Carlee Dale, Robbie Weit, Maelanni Rivera, Jillian Sniatecki, Colton Burne, Riley Hills, Sloane Reed, Violet Martinez, David Lonnen, Jordyn Garris, Colton Schneider, Jackson Brooks, Laylani Braxton, Chance Spearin, Greyson Hills, Maverick Coffey, Elise Rivera-Little, Chloe Robb and Charlotte Gregoire.

Students Attend Roc2Change

By Nicole Laure, MS/HS Counselor

On March 14, five high school students joined more than 400 students from over 40 local school districts for the Spring 2025 Roc2Change Student Summit on Race. The event was held at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in Spencerport and hosted by Brighton CSD, Leroy CSD & School of the Arts. The Roc2Change Summit is a regional, student-led summit that explores the boundaries of geography, race and life experiences, helping students become effective change agents. The theme of this spring's summit was Unity, Community, Fostering Connections. Students had three break-out sessions where they explored challenges they face, related through similarities in life experiences, and had opportunities to make new friends. "I had a great time," said Anthony Feliciano, a junior. "I realized that a lot of schools face different struggles, and it helped me understand what other people might be going through." The summit, hosted twice a year, is always both an exciting and impactful learning experience for our students. "I enjoyed making connections with students from different schools," said Landyn Burch, a junior. "It was interesting hearing about how Holley is different from the city schools or suburban schools in Rochester. It was eye opening to see how close we are geographically but how different everyone's experiences are." Holley students are excited to attend Roc2Change in November 2025 and have the chance to continue their learning.



The following students represented Holley HS at the Spring 2025 Roc2Change Summit: (Back row:) Jose Angel-Valentin, Bella Emery, (Front row:) Owen Schultz, Anthony Feliciano, Landyn Burch.



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Mission Statement

We, the students, parents, staff and community of the Holley Central School District, will work together to provide the opportunity and means for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become responsible and productive citizens in a diverse and changing society. The ideal is to instill a passion for lifelong learning.



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More photos from district events can be found on the Holley Facebook page.

HCS D Strategic Plan

We encourage you to take the time to explore the HCS D 2024-29 Strategic Action Plan. Visit our website (www.holleycsd.org/StrategicPlan.aspx) or scan the QR code.



The plan serves as our roadmap to continued improvement and student success. It includes our core values as a district as well as our commitments to the students, families and community. These values and commitments are the lens through which we make all of our decisions. If you are interested in being part of HCS D's continued improvement and growth, we invite you to join our District Improvement Plan Committee.

Job Openings

Join our Holley Family!

Job openings

- Full-Time Custodial Worker
- Full-Time School Bus Driver
- Part-Time Cafe Aide

25-26 School Year:

- Secondary Earth Science Teacher

Visit the HCS D website for more information on how to apply: <http://www.holleycsd.org/JobOpportunities>

Contact District Clerk Connie Nenni with any questions: 585-638-6316, ext. 2003 or cnenni@holleycsd.org.

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BUDGET

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Holley Middle/High School Foyer

More information about the vote and election will be available in the Budget Newsletter published in early May.