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Holyoke Elementary School
October 2026 Newsletter

October Important Dates

- 10/2 - No School
- 10/5 - Fire Prevention Information
- 10/6 - Hearing and Vision Screening
- 10/7 - Walk to School Day!
- 10/9 - No School - Teacher Professional Development
- 10/12-16 - Classified Appreciation Week
- 10/13 - Picture Retakes 8AM-9:30 AM
- 10/15 - School Board Retreat
- 10/16 - No School
- 10/22 - PT Conferences 4PM-8PM
- 10/23 - No School - PT Conferences

Greetings from the Principal:
Mrs. Andrea Kammer
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October

Welcome Fall!

We are moving right along this year and have enjoyed seeing gains our students have already made. We want to see more growth with our kids and in doing so, we have looked for different ways to involve you, as parents/guardians, to help with the process. Look for a Family Learning BINGO Card that has activities for parents/guardians to do with their child(ren) at home. The BINGO card will have a variety of activities to do as a family. Your child can complete a simple BINGO or a blackout. Either way, this will allow your child to spend more time with you while expanding their vocabulary and knowledge! We hope you can make this a fun activity to accomplish at home!

If you have any questions or would like to visit with me, please call the elementary office at (970) 854-3411 or email me at kammeran@hcosd.org.

Thank you for your partnership in the education of your child.
Mrs. Kammer

Counselor Corner - Mr. Hines

Mr. Hines will be using the Random Acts of Kindness curriculum, Becoming Your Personal Best, and Sources of Strength this year. They will also be working on Xello once a month. If you would like your child to visit with Mr. Hines, please reach out to him by phone or email; (970) 854-3411 and by email hineslo@hcosd.org.

BOCES Vision and Hearing Screening

On Tuesday, October 6th, BOCES staff will be at the elementary school checking vision and hearing of students in grades K-3rd, 5th, students who are new to the school, and those who receive services from NE BOCES. If your child wears glasses, please make sure he/she wears them on this day!

8AM-Noon

- 10/26 - Coffee with Principals 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
- 10/29 - Costume Parade at 2:55 PM
- 10/30 - No School

Fire Safety Week

We are excited to work with the local fire department again this year during fire safety week. On Monday, October 5th, students in kindergarten, first, and second grade will have a presentation from some of the firemen at the elementary school to learn about fire prevention and safety.

Walk & Roll to School Day on October 7th!

This year our students are meeting at My Country Cupboards to walk to school. Please make sure your child is at My Country Cupboards before 7:10 to walk and have him or her walk with the big group to school!

We Appreciate Our Classified Staff!

Daily we have staff members who help our students do their best. Some of this work cannot be done without the help from our classified staff. Our students and staff are so thankful to have our classified staff on our team. We have paraprofessionals who work one on one with students and others who help in our English as a Second Language (ESL) department. We have a multitasking secretary who has crazy moments throughout every day and two amazing custodians who keep our building nice and clean. Bus drivers are the first to greet our students in the morning and say goodbye at the end of the day. Our maintenance staff ensures we have air conditioning and/or heat and keep the grounds clean. The staff at the administration office help with orders and answer questions. We appreciate each and everyone one of you and all you do!

Coffee With The Principals!

The last Monday of every month, the Elementary and JH/HS principal will be at Brewed Awakening from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to stop by and visit or ask questions!

Parent Teacher Conferences

On Thursday, October 22nd from 4 PM to 8 PM and Friday, October 23rd, from 8 AM to 12 PM we will have Parent Teacher Conferences. Elementary conference times are scheduled and will be sent out around the second week in October. If the scheduled time does not work for you, please call Mrs. Juarez at (970) 854-3411, at your earliest convenience to schedule a different time.

Costume Parade

Halloween falls on Saturday this year, so we will have our costume parade on Thursday, October 29th. The parade will go through our gym for parents to view the students in their costumes. Students will be allowed to change into their costumes at 2:45 PM. Parents will be allowed in the gym at 2:55 PM. Please make sure your child can put on his or her own costume with

no additional help. No blood or weapons are allowed as part of the costume.

Student Expectations at Games

Please remember that it is a privilege for our students to participate in athletics and activities. It is also a privilege for students to attend events and support their peers. When our students attend a home athletic event or activity, it is the responsibility of the parents to make sure their child(ren) are sitting down with them. Please do not allow your child(ren) to run around during these events as it does create a safety issue. Students who are asked more than once, may be asked to leave the event or activity.

No Toys Please

Students come to school to learn. Toys are distractions and can create problems. Some teachers allow students to bring toys as a reward for the class. If this is the case, the teacher will communicate to you ahead of time. Thank you for your help!

Water Bottles & Healthy Snacks!

Students should bring a water bottle and a healthy snack with them to school daily. There are places to fill a water bottle at the school, so they can refill it as needed. We also ask that your child brings a healthy snack such as a fruit or vegetable. Please do not send chips, cookies, or candy.

S.O.A.R.

We are The Dragons and we Soar to excellence! SOAR stands for…

- Safety
- Ownership
- Achievement
- Respect

We are currently working on “Safety.”.

L.E.A.R.N.E.R.S.

LEARNERS is a word we will be focusing on at Holyoke Elementary. LEARNERS stands for…

- Learn from mistakes
- Evaluate work
- Ask questions and accept challenges
- Receive and respond to feedback
- Never give up!
- Effort matters
- Reach goals
- State what we’re learning

We are focusing on “L”. Learn from mistakes.