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# Holyoke Elementary School
# May 2026 Newsletter

## May Important Dates

- 5/1 - No School
- 5/4-5/7 - Teacher appreciation week!
- 5/4 - Battle of the Books Competition
- 5/5 - 6th & 5th Grade Field Trip School Board Meeting at 7PM
- 5/7 - Bike to School Day
- 5/8- No School
- 5/9 - Holyoke Graduation
- 5/12 - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- 5/13 - 6th Grade Transition Day & Parent meeting at 6PM
- 5/14 - 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 5/15- No School
- 5/18 - GT Show Case 5PM - 6PM

**Greetings from the Principal:**
**Mrs. Andrea Kammer**
**Phone: (970) 854-3411**
**Email: kammeran@hcosd.org**

**May**

## May is here!

We are very fortunate to have such supportive families and guardians. Thank you for trusting us with your kid(s). We are amazed by the growth each and every one of them has made this year! We are preparing things for next school year.

Students have learned so much this school year and the teachers have been working hard to ensure your child gets all the information learned and needed before the end of the school year.

The staff has worked very hard to create class lists for the 2026-2027 school year. Teachers have had the year to really get to know each student's personality and who works well with others. They also make sure classes are balanced. In doing this, I have taken the information you have given as well as the recommendations from the teachers to create the class lists. Not all requests have been met due to other complications.

After school gets out, we will send home your child's report card in the mail. Within that mailing, you will find an additional letter indicating who your child will have for the 2026-2027 school year as well as parent teacher conference time for Tuesday, August 11th. If the time does not work, please call the office to reschedule.

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

- 5/19 - Field Day
- 5/20- Back up Field Day & 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 5/21 - Last day of school - Students dismissed at 11:50AM

## Bike to School Day - Thursday, May 7th!

Thursday, May 7th is our annual bike to school day! Students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students can put their bikes on the grass west of the main entrance, while 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students can put their bikes on the east side of the main entrance. Starting at 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM K-2nd graders will ride their bikes on the street around the football field. 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM 3rd-6th graders will ride their bikes on the street around the football fields. No electric bikes or scouters will be allowed. Please make sure to have your child wear a helmet if possible!

## Field Day - Tuesday, May 19th

The kids have been practicing for their field day and they are excited to share their improvements! We hope you can join us and watch your child participate in running events as well as other fun events.
Times are listed below.
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade Field Day
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Break
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Field Day
3:00 PM - Relay Race at the end
Parents are allowed to sit in the stands while their child is running and may walk around with the grade level while doing field events.
You can find the schedule below the diagram of the field? Parents do not need to check in at the office, but if you are taking your child home with you for the remainder of the day, you MUST sign your child out in the main office. Each grade level should wear their class color, which is the color of the t-shirt they received in April.
Kindergarten - Yellow, 1st Grade - Orange, 2nd Grade - Red, 3rd Grade - Purple, 4th Grade - Green, 5th Grade - Blue, and 6th Grade - Pink.

## Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th-7th

Teachers work hard to ensure your child gets the best education possible. Please help warm a teacher's heart by sharing a quick note or letter with a teacher or two whom your child has currently. If you could send it with your student, email Mrs. Kammer, or send a message via Classdojo, text, or any other method, I know it would brighten their day! Words of encouragement and gratitude are greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting our staff throughout the year!

## Book Fair - Mrs. Stanley

Thank you to all of our families that visited our Scholastic Book Fair! We appreciate everyone that purchased at our fair or ordered online. We had an amazing turnout and are so thankful for the support for our school library! Thank you to everyone who donated to Share the Fair! We were able to purchase books for students that were not able to participate. It was a wonderful fair and we will be able to purchase many more books for our library!

## Counselor Corner - Mr. Hines

For the month of May guidance lessons will be using Sources of Strength as well as Becoming Your Personal Best. Students will also be wrapping up their end of year Xello lessons/mission. If you would like your child to visit with Mr. Hines on a regular basis, please reach out to him by phone or email; (970) 854-3411 and by email hineslo@hcosd.org.

## No Supervision until 7:45 AM & Sign In After 8:05 AM

Just as a friendly reminder, we want to make sure you know children being dropped off at the elementary school before 7:45 AM, are not supervised. To ensure your child is safe, please make sure you drop your child off between 7:45 AM and 8:05 AM. If you drop your child off after 8:05 AM, and the doors are shut, you will need to come into the office to sign your child in for the day, otherwise there is a chance they will be marked absent. We want to ensure our students are safe while at school. Thank you for helping us keep them safe!

## Sick kiddos

Students who get sick at school or who are running a fever are asked to stay home for at least 24 hours fever free (no medications taken for 24 hours) before returning to school. For example, if your child vomits on Tuesday, please keep your child home on Wednesday or at least 24 hours after the last time he/she vomits. Please help us keep everyone healthy by keeping your sick child at home.

## No Toys Please

Some students have brought toys to school and they are getting lost. Other students have brought toy weapons to school and they are not appropriate. We love having fun with our students as we are learning and we ask that the toys stay home unless a teacher allows the students to bring a toy for a special reward for a day. If a teacher allows a toy to come to school, the teacher will send a letter home informing you. Thank you for your help!

## S.O.A.R.

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

- Safety
- Ownership
- Achievement
- Respect

We have covered all these skills, but it never hurts to revisit with your child.

## 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

For the month of May, we are focusing on "S". State what we're learning.

## Continue the Math & Reading Challenge over the Summer!

Students are doing so well practicing at home that we want to continue this challenge! Help your child win a special treat!

- Who: All students K-6th grade can participate!
- What: Read for 10 mins a day AND practice math facts for 10 mins a day and have a parent/guardian sign!
- Where: Can practice at home or anytime outside of school
- When: The month of June and July
- Why: We can always get better with our math facts and reading

Then what: Bring back your calendar with all the signatures on both sides the first week back, August 12th & 13th so we can gather names for the special treat!

## Last Day of School - May 21, 2026

The last day of the 2025-2026 school year will be Thursday, May 21st. Students will be dismissed at the times listed below.

- 11:48 AM 5th & 6th Graders
- 11:49 AM 3rd & 4th Graders
- 11:50 AM Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Graders