

# The Hornet

**Spessard L. Holland Elementary School** 50 Holland Court Satellite Beach, FL 32937



Vision: To help all students develop skills, concepts, attitudes and values which enable them to be successful members of society.

Mission: Looking toward our children's future with challenging learning experiences that will lead to success.



#### **CALENDAR**

May 21st 6th Grade Show

May 18<sup>th</sup> 6th Grade Field Trip

May  $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$ **Early Release Days** 

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Sixth-Grade Awards @8:30 am **Final Report Cards Issued** Last Day of School

> August 10<sup>th</sup> **Students Report**

August 15th **Kindergarten Students Report** 





Over the summer, many students experience "summer slide," which is a term used to describe what happens when young minds are idle during the summer months. Children who do not read over the summer lose more than two months of reading achievement. Unfortunately, summer reading loss is cumulative.

The United Way and Brevard Schools have partnered again this year to support family engagement in literacy development. As part of our "Summer Reading Challenge," students have access this summer to myOn, https://www.myon.com/login/, an interactive digital library with thousands of e-books, free of charge. Logging onto myOn is easy. After selecting our school, your child's user name and password is their student ID number.

We challenge our K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders to read at least 10 books, and our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to read eight multi-chapter books over summer break. Books read on myOn can be used as part of this goal. Students meeting the summer reading goal and returning a Summer Slide brochure at the beginning of the school year will participate in our summer reading ice cream celebration!

In addition to the Summer Reading Challenge, students will also continue to have access to iStation. This program has been utilized throughout the school year with your child and has proven to be a positive tool in increasing reading success. This program is adaptive and provides targeted practice based on individual student need. We encourage you to have your child continue to utilize this program over the summer months.

On Holland's webpage, under the Parents and Students tab, you will find Summer Math Calendars that are grade-level specific. These calendars provide daily problems that will assist in keeping your child's math brain engaged over the summer. These calendars will also be available on Peachjar.

Summer is a time for relaxation and fun, but learning continues each and every day. Find creative ways to keep your child engaged in the excitement of learning new things. So plan a family trip to explore a new place, turn your kitchen into a science lab, or visit the public library to research your child's favorite topic. The possibilities are endless!

# Principal's Message

Dear Holland Families,

As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to congratulate our students on their hard work and perseverance throughout the year. They have made outstanding progress and accomplished many goals. I could not be more proud of each and every one of them, and it continues to be my honor and privilege to serve as their principal. Thank you also to each of our wonderful parents for your ongoing support and partnership, and for entrusting us with your precious children.

Holland's exceptional faculty and staff members continue to give their all to our children each day, and I thank them for their dedication and hard work over the course of the year. Our staff is second to none! Congratulations to Mrs. Bell, our fifthgrade English/Language Arts teacher, as she retires from Brevard Public Schools. We are sad to say good-bye, but are thrilled to see her reunite with her family out of state. The Holland Community will be forever impacted by her outstanding practices and positive influence. Although we will miss her greatly, we wish her every happiness in this new chapter in her life! Thank you to our steadfast, tireless PTO members and each of our extraordinary volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and generosity. Their efforts and commitment have added tremendous value to our school and community throughout the school year. Many thanks to our generous business partners for their continued support as well.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I thank you for an exceptional 2017-18 school year! We could not do what we do each day without your continual collaboration and support. I hope our students will take advantage of the summer learning opportunities with our *Summer Reading Challenge* and *Summer Math Calendars*. Thank you again, and I wish each of you a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alison



Thank you to Mrs. Lee and our music students who recently performed in the Spring Concert at the Satellite High Auditorium! Our Chorus, Junior Violin, Beginning and Intermediate Strings groups performed and it was fabulous! Many thanks to our students, parents, and to Mrs. Lee, Music Teacher, and Carey Moorman, Strings Consultant!



## **Congrats Graduates!**



Holland students and staff recently congratulated the graduating class of 2018 from Satellite High School. Holland students high-fived and congratulated the seniors as they walked to the practice field. Thank you to Mrs. Hosken for coordinating this event!

Thank you for your continued support of BPS and Holland Elementary School's increased security measures. We will continue the safety procedures we followed this year, and increase adherence specifically to safety procedures in the car loop. Next year, we ask that no adult approach the car loop on foot. If you have an emergency and need to retrieve your car rider early, please bring your carline tag with you to pick up your child.

# Many Thanks!

The Holland Elementary
Faculty and Staff would like
to take a moment thank you
for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation
Week! Many thanks for all of the thoughtful
ways you made us feel appreciated, from
goodies to flowers to sweet, hand-written
notes. Your generosity and kindness are truly
appreciated! A heartfelt thanks to the tireless
members of our PTO for organizing such an
amazing week for us. We cannot thank you
enough! We are inexplicably grateful for the
support of the incredible Holland Community.

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibition of Knowledge

Sixth-grade students recently shared their incredible talent via a musical entitled, "Back from the Future." Under the direction of our Sixth-Grade English/Language Arts Teacher, Sheryl Spencer, they researched, wrote scripts, learned songs and lines, and then performed for students and their families. Their performances were extraordinary!

Many thanks to Mrs. Spencer for sponsoring this performance with the support of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Donaldson, and Mr. Joyce. Congratulations to our sixth-grade students for all of the hard work you did to prepare this outstanding performance for us! Kudos to each of you!



Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is happening now! Thank you to all of the families who have returned their children's registration packets. This will eliminate the need to register during the summer. If you have not returned your child's packet, please do so as soon as possible. We want to assure your child has a class placement for the 2018-19 school year. Class placements will be sent home via US Mail during the first week of August, 2018.

If you have an incoming kindergartner, please return in his/her registration packet now as well. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new Holland Hornets!

School will begin for all 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students on August 10<sup>th</sup>, for all Kindergarten students on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and all Pre-K students on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We want to have as many registrations completed before school is out in order to plan for a successful 2018-2019 school year!



What a great turnout we had at our recent Bike to School Day! Students, staff, and families celebrated this occasion by gathering at the post office early on the morning of May 9th. PE Teacher, Cindy Hosken, reviewed important safety information with the group and prepared them for the ride. The group met back at school after the ride to enjoy school breakfast together. Almost 80 students joined in on this special day. It was a great time of fun and fitness!



### **EDUCATION LOCATION OPTION**

(formerly **Out of Area**)

The Education Location Option (formerly Out-of-Area) application window opens May 1 and is only open through June 1 this year. Applications can be accessed at:

www.eic.brevardschools.org

If your child attends Holland on an ELO, please be sure to complete your application as soon as possible to secure his/her seat for the 2018-2019 school year. For questions, please contact our School Secretary, Karen Propper at 773-7591.

#### 2018 Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)



Brevard Public Schools, in collaboration with the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard, offers a Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) at selected schools. VPK is a FREE early learning program to prepare four-year-olds for kindergarten and build the foundation for school success. Students years old on or before September 1, 2017, reside in Florida, and did not attend the VPK School Year program to be eligible for Summer VPK.

Parents obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) by visiting www.elcbrevard.org and completing the on-line registration. For more information call (321) 637-1800.

#### STEP 2

Parents may register at one of the summer VPK schools listed below beginning on May 1, 2018.

Sabal Elementary 1401 N. Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32935

Saturn Elementary 800 Range Road

Parents must bring a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, original or certified child's birth certificate. immunization record, current physical examination, and two (2) forms of residence verification

Schools will host a Meet & Greet on May 25 from 11:00 - 3:00. Monday - Thursday only from May 29 - August 2, 2018. No school on May 28 and July 4. Hours will be 7:00 - 3:00.

Services for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will not be provided. Locations may change depending on student enrollment.

Parents must provide transportation. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

## Congratulations ON YOUR RETIREMENT



CAMILLE BELL

Mrs. Camille Bell, Holland's 5th h/Language Arts Teacher, retiring from Brevard Public Schools at the end of this school year. She will be joining her family in Missouri, and she will be, adventure teaching high school! Mrs. Bell has been teaching at Holland for more than 15 years. She has made a lasting impact on each of her students and their families over the years, and on her colleagues as well. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her many successes and much happiness as she begins this exc new chapter! Congratulations Mrs. Bell!

# School



Thank you to the dedicated teachers, volunteers, and students who sponsored and attended our extracurricular clubs and organizations throughout the 2017-18 school year!

# **Solar Ovens!**



Students in Mr. Joyce's science classes recently designed solar ovens and had the opportunity to utilize them to cook a variety of items employing solar power! They enjoyed pizza and other treats heated in their solar ovens.

Great work Holland Scientists!

# Arctic Adventures



Mrs. Williams and her 3rd grade Arctic Explorers recently took all Holland Hornets on an exploration trek to Arctic regions to discover new and amazing creatures and their habitats! Students researched, wrote scripts, created habitats, and presented exciting information for their audiences. Thank you to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Harris for taking us on this great adventure!

# BPS 2018 After-School Summer Camps





Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>



Our LOST AND FOUND is still full! All items have been placed on tables in the main hallway. Please stop by before the end of the year to collect lost items.