



The Hornet

Spessard L. Holland Elementary School

<https://www.brevardschools.org/HollandES>



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

December 19-21

Early Release Days

Dismissal at 1:15 pm

Monday, December 24th

Winter Break Begins

December 24th - January 9th

Winter Break

School Closed

Thursday, January 10th

Students Return to School

Friday, January 18th

Report Cards Issued

Principal's Message



Dear Holland Families,

It is hard to believe our first semester has come to a close! It has been a wonderful year so far, and your continued support and involvement have been impactful. Research shows that there is a strong correlation between parental engagement and levels of student achievement, so your involvement is incredibly powerful and worthwhile.

We have had many wonderful events taking place recently and I want to thank you for the continued support you have provided for each of them! A heart-felt thank you goes out to our amazing PTO for all of their hard work in providing our incredibly well-attended Sweets for Santa Event as well as facilitating the new Square-One Art program. Our chorus and orchestra put on two wonderful concerts for us last week, and the chorus students will perform again this weekend at the Fire Department and at Disney Springs next week. We are looking forward to both of those performances! Many of our grade levels will perform next week for their parents, and are excited for those holiday programs. We are also looking forward to showing our sincere appreciation to our incredibly generous volunteers this morning, Friday, December 14th at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. We hope that each and every volunteer will join us for a delicious breakfast provided by the Holland Staff!

We have Early Release Days on December 19th – 21st, and Friday, December 21st is the last day of the grading period. Winter Break begins on Monday, December 24th. Our school office will be closed beginning Monday, December 24th and will re-open on Thursday, January 10th, when students report back to school. Report cards will be issued on Friday, January 18th.

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of Holland Elementary School, we wish each of our Holland Families many blessings this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alison

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



SCHOOL NEWS



CITIZENSHIP

The following students were recently recognized for demonstrating the greatest amount of our November Character Trait, CITIZENSHIP! Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Samuel Barker
Noelle Hendrickson
Slade Weisner
Maelyn Aichele

First Grade

Daphne Hoffman
Isaiah Phillips
Sean Sunday
Gianna Gibbons

Second Grade

Joshua Olson
Sophie Almasi
Elliana Lawson
Elliot Caudill

Third Grade

Alaina Hayden
Paisley Ross
Logan Regas
Alex Rupert

Fourth Grade

Gabriele Johnson
Amy Burgess
Owen Barnett
Jailyn Lopes

Fifth Grade

Journee Clewis
Henry Christiansen
Hayden Alexander

Sixth Grade

Norah Hilliard
Tristan Waite
Jackson Robb

Why Regular Attendance Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance
(missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st
(missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st

Dismissal is at 1:15 pm for our end-of-semester

Early Release Days

December 19th, 20th, 21st



Click here to learn more about the upcoming Space Coast COUNTDOWN TO FITNESS:

<http://www.countdowntofitness.org/>

SCHOOL NEWS

Please join us
for Holland's Annual
**HOLIDAY
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST**

**Friday, December 14th
Between 8:00-10:00 am
In the auditorium**

**Thanking Holland Volunteers
for what they do for our school
and students throughout the
school year!**



Science

Students are often busy experimenting in Mr. Joyce's science class, participating in hands-on science labs. They recently worked on a worm lab, where they examined the worms' responses to a variety of conditions like light, touch, and moisture. They recorded their predictions, data, and results. Holland's Scientists did an outstanding job and enjoyed learning as well!



Safe Routes to School Parent Survey

The Space Coast
Planning

Organization needs your help to make students' routes to school safer. Safe Routes to School programs aim to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school and encourage more walking and biking where safety is not a barrier. Not only does walking and biking to school limit traffic congestion, but studies also show that the exercise experienced by walking or bicycling to school helps students perform better on their school work.

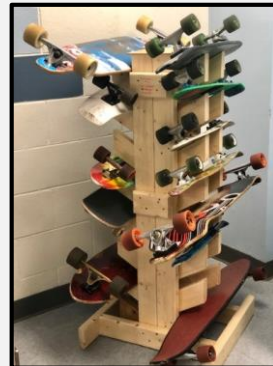
We would like to hear your thoughts on walking and bicycling to school.

Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the Safe Routes to School Survey to help us improve your child's route to school. Your input is so extremely valuable!

Safe Routes To School Survey Link:

<http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cf?m?key=2286835>

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Mr. Gerry Cancro, Holland Parent, for finding a perfect solution to our skateboard challenge! He created and built a skateboard rack to safely house students' skateboards indoors during the school day.

THANK YOU MR. CANCRO!

SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Holland Families,

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our whole school community for their efforts in helping make our Sweets with Santa event a huge success! Thank you to all the room parents for collecting and compiling classroom baskets and thank you to all families who contributed to them! Thank you to everyone who generously contributed sweets and much needed items for the evening! A special thank you to Mr. C. who donated all the left over goodies to The Daily Bread. They were extremely grateful. Thank you to all of our spectacular teachers who helped make the event run smoothly throughout the night, including Mrs. Spenser, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Vizzini, Mrs. Bonomo, Mrs. Weatherspoon, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Manifold, Mrs. St. Pierre, Mr. St. Pierre (Grinch), Mrs. Donahue, Mrs. Hosken, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Proper, Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Lee for coordinating the music. We have a wonderful school community and incredibly talented and dedicated volunteers. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped us for countless hours transforming the school into a Winter Wonderland and prepping everything for the evening. We hope everyone who was able to attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Kindly, Elizabeth Grillo, President Brandi Post, Treasurer Wendy Christianson, Ways & Means
Holland PTO Rachel Thompson, Vice President Tina Goode, Secretary Kimberly Wise, Parent Liaison Coordinator

We would like to thank the following donors/ sponsors of the Sweets with Santa event:

****Gold Sponsors (\$250+)**

**Purely Organic Salon

**Linda Wise, Tropical Realty & Investments of Brevard



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****Volunteers:**

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++All volunteers who lent a hand!!

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