



# The Hornet

Spessard L. Holland Elementary School  
[http://www.edline.net/pages/Holland\\_ES](http://www.edline.net/pages/Holland_ES)



**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.



## HOLLAND ELEMENTARY NAMED A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



The Florida Department of Education recently named 25 Brevard Public Schools as Schools of Excellence, and Holland Elementary School was among them! To receive the designation, a school must receive an A or B grade in each of the past three years. They also must be in the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher for possible points earned in its school-grade calculation for at least two of the last three school years. Congratulations students, teachers, staff, and families of Holland Elementary!

## CALENDAR

December 19-21  
**Early Release Days**  
Dismissal at 1:15 pm

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Living Biographies**

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Winter Break Begins**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Winter Break**

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Students Return to School**

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Report Cards Issued**

## Principal's Message



Dear Holland Families,

As we bring the first semester of the 2017–18 school year to a close, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your continued support and engagement in your child's education! It has been a great privilege for us to partner with you to provide the most successful educational experience possible for your child.

We have had many wonderful events taking place recently and I want to thank you for your attendance and support 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 the Holiday Shop where our students shopped for their families. Our chorus and orchestra students performed last week both in the evening for our families and the following morning for students. They were incredible! We were also privileged to host our dedicated school volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast last week.

We have Early Release Days on December 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of the grading period. Winter Break begins on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our school office will be closed beginning Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will re-open on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Students report back to school on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, and report cards will be issued on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of Holland Elementary School, we wish you and yours a joyous holiday and a happy, healthy New Year!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Alison*



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KIDS OF CHARACTER CITIZENSHIP Winners!

The following students were recognized for demonstrating the greatest amount of our November Character Trait: CITIZENSHIP! One student was nominated from each classroom for being exceptional citizens.

### **Pre-K**

Grant K.

### **Kindergarten**

Aaliyah A.

Cambelle K.

Mia R.

Remus V.

### **First Grade**

Jude L.

Kate C.

Audrey M.

Sophia T.

### **Second Grade**

Cade D.

Megan O.

Airrianna L.

Mary G.

### **Third Grade**

Anthony R.

Addison G.

Amy B.

Everett P.

Ja'Narie K.

### **Fourth Grade**

Henry C.

Emily G.

Chase V.

Derek V.

### **Fifth Grade**

Austin S.

Norah C.

Zion H.

### **Sixth Grade**

Taylor G.

Kaitlynn B.

Reece S.

## 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?<sup>3</sup>



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 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>



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