



The Hornet

Spessard L. Holland Elementary School

50 Holland Court, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

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

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

August 20th

SAC Meeting @2:45 pm

August 22nd

PTO Meeting @8:15 am

August 26th – 30st

Scholastic Artic Adventure

Book Fair: *Snow Much to Read*

August 27th

OPEN HOUSE Pre-K – 6th Grade

5:00-7:00 pm

September 5th

Labor Day, Holiday for All

September 9-13

Food 4 Thought Food Drive

September 11

Picture Day

End of First Interim



Please join us for our annual **OPEN HOUSE**

We would like to invite you to our annual **Open House** that will take place on **Tuesday, August 27th** from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Teachers will host two sessions so that parents can visit more than one classroom. The first session will begin at 5:00 pm and the second session at 6:00 pm.

While you are here, please take the opportunity to:

- Visit the **Book Fair** in the Media Center
- Visit our **PTO table**
- Sign up to **volunteer**
- Pick up your child's **FOCUS PIN** letter
- Order a **school shirt**

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet the classroom teacher and learn more about grade-level expectations and classroom procedures, setting the stage for great success in the 2019-20 school year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SEVERE WEATHER: Brevard County is in the geographic area with the highest risk of lightning strikes in the US, and lightning-related incidents associated with outdoor sports and recreation activities are on the rise. All Brevard Public Schools follow emergency procedures and guidelines in the event of severe weather. Understanding that the weather changes very quickly, often times **lightning dismissal is not called until the last minute**. In these times of severe weather, *dismissal may be suspended* until it is safe to release students. When technology systems are working properly, an email/text message is sent through our Blackboard Connect Program. Your patience is appreciated during the wait time before your child can be released. We will always err on the side of safety and students will be dismissed when conditions improve. Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)



Spessard L. Holland's School Advisory Council is an active organization that meets once each month after school throughout the school year. SAC is a committee representing various segments of the community, including parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business partners, and other interested community members. The purpose of the SAC is to support the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan.

Nominations are currently being accepted to fill open positions on Holland's School Advisory Council. *If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the front office to express your interest on or before end of business on Monday, August 19, 2019.* A ballot will then be created and posted in our next newsletter.

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS

The 2019-20 SaveAround coupon books are being sent home with students soon! They are filled with hundreds of discounts, coupons, and deals. For every five books you sell, you will receive one book FREE! **Please return order forms to the school by September 17, 2019.** *As a reminder, for safety reasons, students should not go door to door to sell coupon books.* Thank you for supporting Holland Elementary School and the local businesses represented in this year's coupon book.

All Parents Are Invited to Our First

PTO Meeting

Thursday, August 22nd at 8:15 am
In Our School Cafeteria

Annual Asbestos Notification to Building Occupants and Their Legal Guardians

No asbestos removal activities or any other type of asbestos-response actions have taken place at Holland Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

Background Information: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all accredited school districts to provide building occupants with a yearly correspondence describing any/all asbestos materials removed from each school during the past year.

The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of the materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*.

The management Plan document and subsequent Three-Year Re-inspection documents are on file at the school administration office. These documents are available to the public for review.

WELCOME To The Team

Please join us in welcoming new staff members to Team Holland!

- ♥ Monica Beatty, First Grade
- ♥ Jennifer Hodge, Fourth Grade
- ♥ Dana Gosnell, BAS Group Leader
- ♥ Tonya Smith, First Grade
- ♥ Melissa Underwood, BAS Group Leader

United Way Summer Reading Program

If your child participated in the United Way, summer reading program and filled out the "I read. You read. We all read for ice cream!" log, please be certain the reading log is delivered to your child's homeroom/classroom teacher by Tuesday, August 20. It has been so exciting to see how many students had their nose in a book this summer. The reading goal set for students in grades K-2, was to read a minimum of ten books. The reading goal for students in grades 3-6, was to read eight chapter books. If students utilized the myOn program, our District coordinators will populate those records for us.

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Principal's Message

Dear Holland Families,

I am thrilled to welcome everyone back for an exciting new school year at Holland! It has been an excellent week, and we are enjoying getting to know our new families and reuniting with those who are returning. I feel privileged to serve as principal of Holland Elementary School, and am looking forward to the rich learning experiences and memorable moments we will have together this year. Our school community is second to none!

In your child's first-day packet, you should have received our yellow, school-wide calendar which assists us with communication of important dates and events. Any changes to published dates will be advertised and listed on our school website at www.holland.brevardschools.org. One very important upcoming event is our annual **Open House** which takes place on **Tuesday, August 27th** from **5:00-7:00 pm**. This is an invaluable opportunity to learn information regarding teaching and learning practices and procedures in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are continuing with our **Bee the Change Campaign** this year, which includes important monthly character traits, along with our overarching **KINDNESS** theme. Each trait is listed in our yellow school calendar, and reinforced each day at school. Please see the board posted in our lobby for all ten traits we will highlight this year. *Kindness Matters* at Holland Elementary!

Thank you for your continued observance of the mandatory safety and security guidelines of Brevard Public Schools and Holland Elementary School. As a reminder, all visitors are required to check in at the front office for a badge prior to entering our campus. This requires identification, so it is important to remember to bring a driver's license or state-issued ID each time you come to Holland. The front office is our single-entry access point during school hours.

As we embark upon the 2019-2020 school year, our faculty and staff look forward to being part of your child's exemplary academic achievements and social-emotional growth. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. It is going to be an incredible year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alison

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our arrival and dismissal procedures! **ARRIVAL:** Students who arrive between 7:30 and 7:50 am will join us in the cafeteria where they can enjoy free breakfast and wait with their grade-level peers for the 7:50 bell to ring. Students who arrive between 7:50 and 8:00 am can go directly to class. As we have moved to providing single points of entry at each BPS school, entry points during arrival will be the door near the bike rack for walkers and bikers, the cafeteria/front office for car riders, and the front office only for families obtaining visitor badges. **DISMISSAL:** At the end of the school day, walkers and bikers in all grades will be escorted by teachers to the bike rack for dismissal. Car riders in kindergarten and first grades will dismiss from the school cafeteria, and all other grades will dismiss from along the front sidewalk. Students with siblings will wait with the youngest sibling. Please see below for guidelines that will continue to assist with student safety and the flow of traffic:

1. Dismissal begins at 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday and 1:15 pm on Friday. **Please do not arrive prior to that time.** This will help keep cars from blocking the flow of traffic on Jackson Avenue.
2. Keep the walkways clear by not stopping on the sidewalk that crosses Holland Court.
3. Have your dismissal tag visible in your windshield until your child is loaded in your vehicle.
4. Pull your vehicle all the way to the furthest station (1) before stopping to load or unload your child.
5. Students should load and unload vehicles from the passenger side only.
6. Be aware of students and families walking and/or riding bicycles as you enter and exit the campus and refrain from cell phone use.
7. When the road becomes two lanes on Holland Court, please remain in the right lane to allow for the entry of any emergency vehicles, should the need arise. Cars should not be stopped in the left lane as it is for passing only, unless directed by SBPD.
8. Please use our crosswalk to cross from the parking area to the front of the school.

For security purposes, this is a reminder that students can only be dismissed to vehicles in the car line. Please refrain from approaching the car loop or cafeteria on foot. Staff members are supervising students and are unable to safely verify the identification of adults approaching our children in the loop. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we keep all students safe during arrival and dismissal!

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Dear Holland Families,

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science and history!

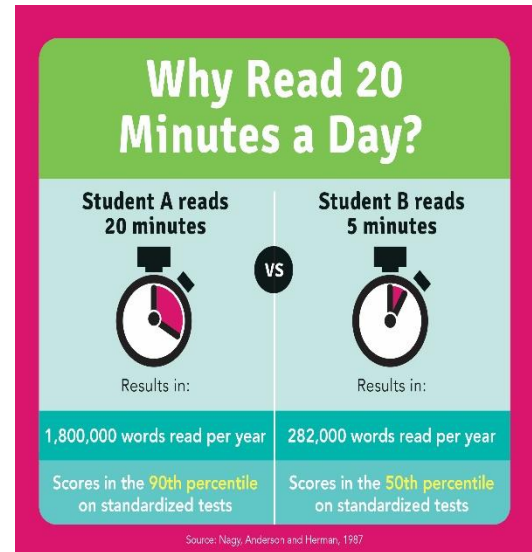
Mark your calendar to join us for a celebration of reading! Scholastic Artic Adventure Book Fair: *Snow Much to Read*

Dates: August 26-30

Please stop by during Open House on Tuesday, August 27th!

Visit scholastic.com/fair for more information.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the Fair!



Thank You Holland PTO!

On behalf of the Holland Faculty and Staff, we want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our generous PTO for providing delicious meals on the first AND last day of preplanning week for our staff! We also thank PTO for hosting the wonderful Holland Family Social and providing pizza and a time of fun for all Holland Families. Many thanks to Armando Flores and **Papa John's Pizza on A1A in Indialantic** for providing the delicious pizza and Kona Ice for the cold treats! What a wonderful start to the year!

We our PTO!



A special thanks to **Beachside Physical Therapy** who generously donated a back-to-school breakfast for teachers and staff to begin the school year. Thank you for supporting Holland teachers and staff!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Make sure your contact info is up-to-date.

In the event of a school emergency, you will be notified through a variety of communications. Depending on the situation, you can receive notification via text, BPS Mobile app, email, robocall, or social media posts.

Your school needs your mobile phone number, so we can text you.

Stay in touch with us:

- Make your mobile phone number your primary contact (in order to receive text message notifications).
- Is your email address accurate and current?
- Download the BPS Mobile app
- "Like" us on Facebook (Brevard Public Schools (official))



August Character Trait: RESPECT