



The Hornet

Spessard L. Holland Elementary School

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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 21st

SAC Meeting @2:50 pm

August 23rd

PTO Meeting @8:15 am

August 27th – 31st

Book Fair

August 28th

OPEN HOUSE PreK – 6th Grade

5:00-7:00 pm

September 3rd

Labor Day, Holiday for All

September 4th

Morning Mile Begins

September 10th

End of First Interim



Open House

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 28th** 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**
- Activate your child's **Edline** account
- Purchase 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 2018-19 school year.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening!

SEVERE WEATHER: Brevard County is in the geographic area with the highest risk of lightning strikes in the US, and lightning-related casualty rates 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 teachers will dismiss children 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 Monday, August 20, 2018.* A ballot will then be created and posted in our next newsletter.

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS

The 2018-19 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 10, 2018.** *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.

Join us on the hard top for
MORNING MILE
Tuesday and Thursday mornings at
7:30 am beginning September 4th

CAFETERIA NEWS



Let's start with a great breakfast! What a way to "fuel the mind"! Breakfast is **FREE** to Brevard students. Parents may also join their children for just \$1.60. Another exciting happening again this year is on the third Tuesday of the month we will have **Try It Tuesday!** This will be a different fruit or vegetable to sample. Parents are welcome to join in the sampling and are always welcome to eat lunch with their children. Lunch for adults is \$3.10.

In accordance with Brevard Public Schools' Guidelines, if you would like to join your child for lunch, you are welcome to sit *with your child only* at our parent table.

Each year, a new application must be completed for the **free/reduced lunch program.** Access applications at: https://mealapps.brevard.k12.fl.us/LiquidOffice/lfserver/FRA_EFORM on or before September 25th.

WELCOME To The Team

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

- ♥ John Housman, SBPD Resource Officer
- ♥ Tami Hillman, Primary Resource
- ♥ Katie Manifold, Fourth Grade
- ♥ Emerald Orbeta, Fifth Grade
- ♥ Brenda Robinson, Intermediate Resource
- ♥ Kendra Weatherspoon, Kindergarten

We are also thrilled to have Anne-Marie Chamberlin bringing her expertise to our Exceptional Student Education Team!

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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Principal's Message

Dear Holland Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year at Holland! We are excited to have students in our classrooms and hallways once again, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It continues to be my great honor and privilege to be part of this incredible school family, serving as Holland Elementary School's Principal.

Holland continues to grow this year and our current enrollment is at 502 students, up from 487 at this time last year. We are delighted that your child is part of that number and a precious member of the Holland Family.

We have published a school calendar to assist with communication of important dates and events. This calendar was sent home with students on the first day of school. Any changes to published dates will be advertised and listed on our school website at www.holland.brevardschools.org. We hope that you will join us for **Open House on Tuesday, August 28th from 5:00-7:00 pm**. This is an invaluable opportunity to hear information regarding teaching and learning practices and procedures in your child's classroom.

There are a few changes this year, to include Early-Release Days moving from every Wednesday to every Friday, with dismissal at 1:15 pm. We will also migrate from the Edline gradebook program to FOCUS, our district's new platform. Edline will be in place for the first quarter, then the district-wide migration to FOCUS will occur on October 15th. We will keep you posted regarding the details and the manner in which you can access this excellent communication tool.

I look forward to working with you and your children to support their continued academic, social, and emotional growth. Thank you for partnering with all of Holland's stakeholders for an exemplary 2018-19 school 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 pick-up tag visible in your windshield.
4. Pull your vehicle all the way to the furthest station (1) before stopping to load 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.
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.
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,

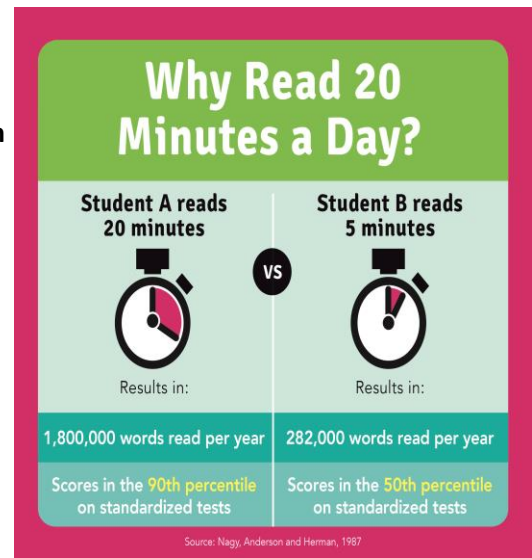
Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science and history!

Mark your calendar to join us for a celebration of reading!

Book Fair dates/times: August 27-31, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Visit scholastic.com/fair for more information.

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



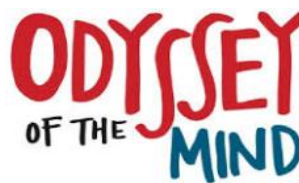
Thank You Holland PTO!

On behalf of the Holland Faculty and Staff, we want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our generous PTO and Bizzaro's Pizza for providing us with a wonderful back-to-school luncheon! We also thank PTO for hosting the Holland Family Social and providing pizza and ice cream 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!



August Character Trait: COURAGE



Holland Elementary has historically had a strong participation in **Odyssey of the Mind**, which is a creative problem-

solving program for students in kindergarten through college. We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in coaching a team of up to seven students. All needed training will be provided by the district. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Harris or Mrs. Alison. We look forward to hearing from you!



A special thanks to **Satellite Beach United Methodist Church** who generously donated school and clinic supplies to begin the school year. Thank you for supporting the Holland school community!