

The Hawk Herald

Holderness Central School
Parent Newsletter



From The Principal's Desk

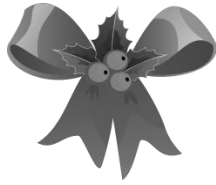
It appears that winter has arrived early with the first snow day of the year. The first snow storm ignites the winter enthusiasts for the start of winter activities. Here at HCS and on the playground the building of "snow forts" and playing in the snow add to the fun outside. As we welcome the shift in seasons, it also marks the end of the first trimester. On Friday, December 7th the newly formatted student report card will be sent home and available for students in grades 5-8 on line. In October, I sent out information to parents on the new report card format designed to measure student learning associated with specific learning standards in grades K-5. The middle school report card will remain the same as in the past and include a letter and effort grade. In addition, all students will be measured using a progress indicator for the NH Work-Study Practices. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

As the start of the holiday season is just around the corner, the staff at HCS are aware that not all children experience holidays the same. The

anticipation of the holidays for some children can become overwhelming at times while others look forward to celebrating family traditions together. We want to assure you that at HCS we recognize and support children who may struggle emotionally during this time of year. If you begin to see a change at home in your child's behavior or are in need of assistance please contact us as soon as possible. Your child's teacher and all of us on staff are here to support your children and those families in our community to the best of our abilities.

As a reminder, with the arrival of snow, students in grades K-4 must be dressed properly to go outside for recess. The requirement includes, snow pants, boots, hat, gloves and a jacket. In addition, students should have comfortable shoes to change into when recess is over. The permission slip for the HCS Polar Club has been sent home for children to have the option to go outside if the temperature falls between 0 - 10 degrees. The HCS Winter Program will begin on Friday, January 4th, and information and sign-up forms were sent home last week.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Holderness Central School, we would like to wish all our families a Happy Holiday Season.



As Always My Door Is Open
Mr. Van Bennekum

Generation Yes

Gen YES is a nonprofit organization that prepares students to give professional development and IT support to educators and IT staff.

At HCS students who joined Gen Yes meet 1-2 times per week to assist Mr. Rondeau with IT support. Recent projects include replacing broken hard drives in laptops, setting up the touch screen interface on classroom projectors, creating models for the 3D printer, and more.

For more info please visit: Genyes.org

Coding @ HCS

For the first time ever HCS joined The Cyber Robotics Coding Competition (CRCC). CRCC schools compete and involve students through gaming and competition in STEM, coding and tech literacy. We had 6 students participate and finished 37th out of 40 schools. This was a great learning experience for the students and HCS. Moving forward we will have a plan to involve more students and compete at a higher level.

For more info please

visit: <https://crcc.io/new-hampshire>

3D Printing Projects in Middle School

The computer science classes are excited to use the new 3D printer that brings images on a screen to actual objects. Students in all grades have had the chance to witness how objects are printed in a 3D format and in the near future projects will be created. In the coming months, middle school students will be applying this new technology to several social studies projects. These projects include the replication of vintage coins, ancient pyramid structures, and creating challenging mazes. These are just some of the new capabilities available to students. There is definitely more to come!

Holiday Concert

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual winter concert will be Thursday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. This is a K-8 event that features K-4 general music classes as well as 5th - 8th grade band and chorus. Students have been working hard for the past 6 weeks to prepare for this concert. K-4 students should plan to dress up, and 5th - 8th grade students should wear black bottoms and a white shirt. More specific details will be sent home the week of November 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hazelton.



Winter Program

The highly anticipated winter program is scheduled to begin on Friday, January 4th. We will be holding a Ski & Snowboarding chaperone meeting in December to review procedures for the program. If you are planning to chaperone for skating, skiing or snowboarding, you must be fingerprinted at the SAU office before the start of the winter program. We are in the process of setting up a date to have the rental shop at Waterville Valley visit HCS to get boot sizes for those who require rental equipment. Please make sure to get your winter program forms turned in as soon as possible. Those who would like to apply for a scholarship, please submit all requests to Mr. Van Bennekum's attention by Friday, December 14th.



From the Nurse's Office

With flu season upon us, it is essential that we work together to keep our children healthy. Viruses spread quickly among children in schools, and families with school-age children have more infections than others. By keeping our children flu-free, we benefit the community as a whole. Please help in preventing the spread of flu or help your child get better if he/she does get sick by following a few simple steps:

1. Remind your child to cover his/her nose and mouth with a tissue or the inner elbow when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately.
2. Children should wash their hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Disinfect shared items at least once a day, ensure that bathrooms are stocked with soap, hand towels, and tissues, and teach your child not to touch his/her mouth, nose and eyes.
4. Keep your child home if he/she is sick and has a fever, to prevent the spread of illness to others.

Wellness Committee Updates

The Wellness Committee has been working on revising the wellness policy and gathering information related to the need for a Health Teacher here at HCS. Looking ahead to after the Holidays, we will be implementing a "share table," working on the outdoor classroom, and planning the Fun Run/Walk to be held in May. New members are always welcome, so, please join us. Meeting minutes and the next scheduled meeting is on the school website.

Winter Sports Programs

This season our "Hawks" will have some new faces on the sidelines leading our basketball teams. We are excited to welcome our new coaches Mrs. Lynn



Sanborn, Girls 7th & 8th grade basketball, Mr. Nate Fuller, 7th & 8th grade boys' basketball, and Aaron Shepard, boys' 5th & 6th grade basketball. Those who are returning back for another great season are Mrs. Amanda Bussolari, 5th & 6th grade girls' basketball coach and Molly Whitcomb, coach for Nordic skiing in grades 5-8. As the teams have already



been preparing for the opening game and the soon approaching Nordic meets, we encourage all our students to work hard throughout the season.

HCS PTO

BOX TOPS! BOX TOPS!

PTO meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Holderness Town Library. We are looking to fill vice chair and treasurer positions at the next meeting.

Please save Box Tops and tape them to the collection sheets. There will be a PIZZA PARTY for the class that collects the most before Winter Recess in February! Ask your neighbors, Grandma, Aunt or whoever to collect Box Tops on your behalf and help you win.

Stressing about what to get your teachers and staff for the holidays? Teachers and staff will be asked to write a few classroom "needs" or "wants" on holiday tags. You choose a tag and your

holiday giving is now stress-free! Look for the tags after Thanksgiving break.

Contact PTO

at HoldernessPTO@gmail.com.

We'd love to hear from you!

2019 - 2020 School Budget

Check the HCS Website and School Board link to get information about the school budget. The School Board has presented the first reading of the budget on Thursday, November 15th.

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