



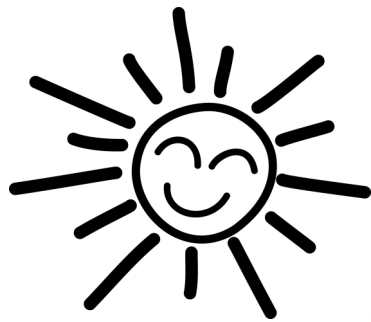
General William Floyd Elementary



Dates to Remember

June 22 11 a.m.
Dismissal Last Day
of School

Sept. 7 First Day of School



Have a
great
summer!

Principals Message

Dear GWF Families,

Happy June! It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. I want to thank you for your continued support this year. All of our students had a successful year and it is truly amazing to watch them grow and prosper!

I want to wish all of you a very safe and relaxing summer with your family and friends. I hope that you will find time to visit family and to go to places that make you smile. Please remember to continue to read and practice your math facts over the summer.

If you have any questions during the summer break please contact me at kcasab@hpschools.org or 865-5721.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristin Casab

Elementary Principal



Snapshots of Pre-K



Pre K students can hardly believe their first year of school has almost ended. We have had an exciting year and are looking forward to going to kindergarten.

Lately we have been studying about different kinds of habitats. The pond habitat is a great place to find frogs and tadpoles. We water colored many critters to put on our pond mural. In our grasslands picture we made zebras and giraffes. Check out the bulletin board near the gym to see some ocean creatures such as hermit crabs, sea horses and rainbow fish.



We were lucky to have nice weather for our trip to the Utica Zoo to see more animals from many different habitats.



We saw the lions and zebras as well as the really long python. The zoo playground seemed like the perfect habitat for us!

The year is ending so we will soon spend time in the best habitat - home sweet home.

Snapshots of First Grade



First grade had the privilege of welcoming two talented authors and their two furry friends this month! Marjorie Wentworth and Connie Evans spoke to first grade about animal rescue and the journeys dogs go through to find their forever homes. The two dogs that they brought with them were Charlotte and Sawyer. Marjorie and Connie adopted them through an animal rescue center and each dog had a story to tell about how they found their forever home. We read about their journeys through the books, *Charlotte's Big Dream* and *Sawyer's Promise*.



Snapshots of Second Grade

Second grade has had a wonderful year learning and growing. We have had many fun and memorable times this year.

We started off learning all about our classmates when we wrote The Important Book. In October, we had a fun day at the firemen's field learning about fire safety and watching our teacher go up in the ladder truck. As November flew by, we were looking forward to December when we were able to make gingerbread houses after reading gingerbread stories.

The calendar year began in January and we continued to work hard and make progress. February had its own fun as we celebrated Valentine's Day and the Hundredth day of School. We marched into March celebrating Dr. Seuss and "Read Across America." After reading Jamie O'Rourke and the Giant Potato, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a baked potato feast.

After the excitement of March, we moved into April with a little celebration of Easter and preparations for our Wax Museum which we held in May. The final month of the year has been very busy. We were able to visit our new school, go on a trip to the zoo, and enjoy our picnic day on a hike. Second grade has sure been busy, but such a fun and learning filled year.



Snapshots of Our School

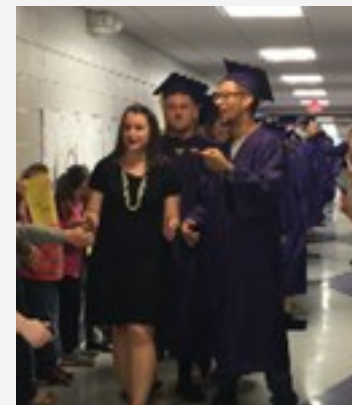
Computer News...

It has been fun to see the growth in the students from Pre K to grade 2 in the computer lab this year. Our Pre K students have learned to work as a group to complete tasks at the Smart Board. The Kindergarten students learned to log on and off of the computers, and complete tasks independently in the lab both on the internet and using icons on our home page. The first grade students learned many things about internet safety, as well as continuing to use the internet and school based programs. The second graders began their computer etiquette lessons and began to work on the all-important skill of keyboarding and the multi-use Microsoft Word program. The students have made good use of their time in the lab!



Mrs. Knopp... no matter the weather, she is always at the busses with a smile. We will miss you very much!

2017



Senior march 2017
Congratulations and Best Wishes



Holland Patent's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition
District is one of 4% of school districts in nation to receive distinction

The Holland Patent Central School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Holland Patent is one of 147 districts across the state receiving the prestigious award in 2017.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Holland Patent music faculty answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"Music enriches the student experience in ways that are beyond measurement," said Dr. Cheryl Venettozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance. "Outstanding work by all the students and teachers! HP Administration is proud to support the music program!"

This award recognizes that Holland Patent is leading the way with music learning opportunities as outlined in the new federal education legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation, signed into law in December 2015, and awaiting state implementation designates music and the arts as important elements of well-rounded education for all children.

As Holland Patent finalizes its 2017-2018 budget, The NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education Award and the state level implementation of the federal ESSA law bring attention to the importance of keeping music education's curricular and extracurricular offerings available to all students. It also highlights music's vital role in students' overall success in school and the personal benefits of making music.

About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by The National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. Its mission is to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about The NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.



Summer STEM Exploration Camps at SUNY Poly

FIRST® & MINDSTORMS Robotics, Nanotechnology, Java programming, Inventing and more for ages 6 to 18 give students' opportunities to learn interesting topics not typically offered in school. These camps employ a hands-on approach introducing STEM concepts, linking projects and processes to real-world applications, in addition to visits from professionals in related fields. Students expand their career horizons and are introduced to the facilities of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute campus in Utica, NY. **An exciting summer of STEM EXPLORATION is ahead!**

Build & Engineer a Cardboard Pinball Machine

Mon- Thurs, **June 26-29, 2017** 9am – 12pm Ages 9-12 \$125

Instructor: Amos Confer, SUNY Poly Assistant Professor Learn the basics of pinball mechanics, gameplay, table design and construction while engineering and building your own working pinball table from up-cycled cardboard boxes and other discarded materials. Create themed and interchangeable playing fields that reduce, recycle and REUSE. Invite family and friends to come play and test your engineering at the Thursday showcase at 11 am!

FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics & Engineering

Mon- Thurs, **June 26-29, 2017** 9am – 3pm Ages 13-18 \$250

Instructors: Tina Betz and Andrew Burger, Coaches of FTC Team Geared Up with teaching assistance from local FTC team members

FIRST Tech Challenge robotics offers students a challenge to use critical thinking skills to create robots which can accomplish specific tasks in high action competitions. In this camp you will learn elements of robot design, building, basics of mechanical and electrical engineering, Java programming, problem solving and teamwork. FTC is the perfect step-up for teens aging out of Mindstorms/FLL, and will introduce real-world engineering principles.

STEM Challenge Workshop

Mon- Thurs, **July 10-13, 2017** 1pm – 4pm Ages 9-14 \$125

Instructor: Justin Eberley, FLL Coach and Holland Patent Science Teacher; Janice Martino, FIRST @ SUNY Poly Coordinator

Students will work in groups to complete various tasks using 21st century skills and work to perfect their solution through the redesign process. Awards for each exciting STEM challenge will be awarded to the winning team!

Intro to FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics

Mon- Thurs, **July 17-20, 2017** 9am – 12pm Ages 9-12 \$125

Instructor: Justin Eberley, FLL Coach and Holland Patent Science Teacher; Janice Martino, FIRST @ SUNY Poly Coordinator

Apply science, engineering, and math concepts, plus a big dose of imagination, to develop solutions to real-world challenges. Campers will design, build, and program LEGO MINDSTORMS®-based robots to perform autonomous “missions” on a playing field. Along the way, they will develop critical thinking, team-building, and presentation skills.

APPLY EARLY as camps fill quickly! <https://sunypoly.edu/summer/stemcamps>



◀ May 2017		June 2017					July 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16 Kindergarten Graduation 1:00 PM	17	
18	19 Pre-K Program (Mrs. Owen's) Kindergarten Picnic 2 nd grade field trip	20 Grade 1 Picnic 2 nd grade field trip	21	22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11 AM Dismissal	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

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