

HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

On October 10, students, faculty and staff at General William Floyd Elementary participated in a Fire Prevention Day thanks to the efforts of the Floyd, Stittville, Westernville and Oriskany Fire Departments. The pre-k to second grade students started off in the gymnasium for a puppet show on fire safety. The students learned how to stop, drop and roll, when to call 911 and the importance of practicing fire drills out of the home with two ways out. They even met our guest, Sparky!

After the puppet show the students went to the Stittville Fire Pavilion and rotated around stations learning about the different emergency vehicles, firefighter equipment, and loved being able to go into the Smokehouse where they practiced staying low and crawling out to safety. The students were also provided with a Future Firefighters hat, crayons, coloring books and stickers.

We cannot express enough gratitude to the Floyd, Stittville, Westernville, and Oriskany Fire Departments for their ongoing commitment and dedication to our students. These men and women volunteer their time in order to teach our children how to be safe in case of a fire. We truly appreciate their hard work and efforts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MS Concert December 6 7:00 at the HS

ES Concert December 13 6:30 at the HS

HS Concert December 18 7:00 at the HS

Winter Concert Snow Date December 20

Winter Recess Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 **No School**
Students Return Jan. 3



Turn to pages 4-5 to learn how HP has been utilizing technology in the classroom!



Our Mission

Holland Patent Central School will provide a safe, caring, positive environment where all students can achieve their maximum innate potential and acquire the skills, attitudes and abilities necessary to succeed in an ever changing world.

Dear Golden Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a safe, healthy and Happy Holiday Season! I hope you all enjoy this special time of year with your families and friends.

As we approach the holiday season, we need to reflect and truly appreciate the things we are grateful for. In the Holland Patent Central School District, we have many reasons to be proud to be Golden Knights.

The accomplishments of our students each and every day fill the entire Holland Patent Community with joy! We are truly invested in the success of each student and provide encouragement to grow every day in the classroom and at home. Through your support, our students are engaging in many life-long learning opportunities through classroom experiences and participating in extra-curricular activities. The dedication and commitment our faculty and staff put forth in our students' education prepares them for future success and this wouldn't be possible without your support. For that, I thank you.

District Updates

It's been a great start to the 2018-19 school year. At the High School, our 1:1 Chromebook technology initiative is off the ground, providing our students with a valuable resource to enhance their studies; our Elementary Reading and Writing Workshop Model is supporting our students with explicit instruction in opinion/argument, information and narrative writing, and reading skills and strategies; and the STEAM Team at the Middle School is continuing to provide innovative ways to engage our students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music. Our athletics program had a tremendous and historical fall season! The accomplishments were possible because of the hard work and dedication of our athletes and coaches. We also want to thank the community for your support.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

During the month of November, we held our Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Elementary School. We hope the information shared was very beneficial in helping you gain a better understanding of your child's academic and social growth as well as celebrating the many great feats accomplished so far this year. Although these conferences were scheduled primarily for our elementary students, the opportunity to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher (s) is available at all levels for anyone during the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal to schedule a conference to discuss the academic and social progress of your child.

SMART Schools

We have received approval for the Smart Schools Bond Initiative which provides Holland Patent Central School District with approximately \$1.4 million dedicated towards technology improvements. This funding will allow the District to update our network to support 1:1 technology for every student and also upgrade our security cameras and door security throughout the District. We are very excited about our plan and look forward to the upcoming improvements throughout our District.

Next Generation Learning Standards

As we continue our work with learning the newly revised New York State Next Generation Standards, there will be some changes that will occur to our curriculum. As we make these changes, we will continue to provide professional development for our staff as well as carefully transition our students to the new standards and expectations from the State Education Department. These new learning standards are intended to prepare our students to become lifelong learners and thinkers, as well as active participants in civil, community and professional endeavors.

New York State Assessments

Along with the standards revision, the State Education Department has worked diligently to utilize the feedback received from educators and our families to make improvements on the state assessments. These assessments provide valuable data to help us make adjustments to our teaching to ensure our students are meeting the expectations of the New York State Education Department. The data helps us to inform our instructional program and provide our students with meaningful experiences preparing them for success in the 21st century.

A strong partnership with the Community and the District is what makes all of these initiatives and endeavors become a realization. The encouragement, confidence and trust you have instilled in our Team allows us the support we need to provide our students with a wonderful and fulfilling educational experience. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. **Go Golden Knights!**

Sincerely,

JASON P. EVANGELIST
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Foothills Rural Community Ministry

The annual Christmas Basket Project, which is sponsored by the Foothills Rural Community Ministry, will be held for three weeks from Monday, November 26 through Wednesday, December 12. Each year, baskets containing food and gifts are prepared and given to local families at Christmas to help make their holiday a little brighter. Last year, they were able to provide more than 265 families with Christmas baskets. Over the years, we have seen a steady increase in the number of families who are in need of assistance, and we anticipate that this year will be no different.

The Holland Patent Central School District helps to support this project each year.

The following items listed below are needed for the basket:

Pasta	Canned Vegetables	Pie Fillings
Canned Tuna/Chicken	Canned Pasta Sauce	Cake/Cookie Mixes
Peanut Butter	Jams or Jellies	Cereals
Canned Fruits	Pudding/Jello	Stuffing/Instant Potatoes

Please drop the items off in the main office. Thanks for your support!

Help Us “Stuff the Bus!”

Holland Patent Middle School is participating in Kiss FM’s Stuff the Bus toy drive this year! We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit children in our community for the holiday season. We are combining with Holland Patent High School to compete against 11 other area schools to see who can collect the most toys! The winning school will win a visit from Kiss FM DJ, Roscoe Red, during lunch.

Toy collection began on November 13 and will end on December 7. Sixth graders can drop off their toy to Mrs. Gerace’s room, 7th graders to Mrs. Lawson’s room, and 8th graders to Mr. Riemenschneider’s room. At the end of the competition, toys will be picked up by the Stuff the Bus school bus! Any student who donates will have the opportunity to help load it up and take a picture!



Turn Markers Into Energy!

I’m excited to tell you about a very special program being coordinated at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It’s called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around Holland Patent Central Schools students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don’t throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Technology

Today's classrooms offer many ways to learn outside the traditional textbooks. Below we highlight just a few of the ways technology is being used as a tool to support learning throughout our classrooms. As you can see in these examples, technology (whether it be an app, website or a device) can provide teachers and students with new ways to learn, collaborate, create and communicate, leading to empowered learners and responsible digital citizens.

HP RoboKnights

The Technology Robotics Club, HP RoboKnights, have been busy working on this year's FIRST Lego League (FLL) challenge, Into Orbit. The team has to work together to research and design an invention or innovative solution to a human problem in space. In addition to the research project, the RoboKnights are also building a robot to complete space themed missions on the game board. The team will be competing in the Utica qualifier at Proctor in January and the championship will be at SUNY POLY also in January. Good luck to the HP RoboKnights!

Pictured: Students use a cell phone and the Smart Science device to look at the thread patterning of a sweatshirt; Microimages captured by students of human hairs and a whiteboard eraser, respectively using the Smartscope.



As part of a unit that involved the discovery of each student's own values and skills, Mr. Arcuri's high school Health Education students were asked to come up with a service or product that relates to their hidden genius. Students used Adobe Spark to create websites highlighting a product or service they designed around their personal strengths. Students could also combine their hidden genius with each other to come up with a product that incorporated the skills of multiple students. For example, one student who valued farming, and another who valued art, combined their skills to create a website that sold custom designed t-shirts with farm themes to raise money for local farmers. So many skills gained in one project!



FIFTH GRADERS USE CHROMEBOOKS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH

Students in Ms. Reynold's 5th grade class have completed their projects on Digital Citizenship. They read *Once Upon a Time* online by David Bedford and *Rosie Reeve*, a book about what happens when some favorite fairy tale characters receive a laptop and learn a lesson about online safety. Using what they learned in their lessons and in this book, students used their Chromebooks to conduct research and then created banners about this important topic in Google Slides.



Highlights

TECHNOLOGY AND MUSIC

Mr. China's music classes have been consistently using two iPad apps this school year. Classcraft is a fun way to present music class to the students. It turns the whole class into an RPG (Role Playing Game) where students earn experience and gold for participating and answering questions in class. Students also review by using something called 'boss battles.' There has definitely been an increase in their learning since they've begun utilizing this tool. In addition, Garageband is another app that is often used in class. This helps students compose and play their own music. With this app, students have written a couple pieces of music, learned how to play piano, and start understanding how technology is heavily involved in the music world. These students have written and played four separate pieces in this program this year. Later on in the year, they will learn the basics of reading guitar music and learning to play guitar using these same apps.



VIRTUALI-TEE

When middle school students arrive early in the morning, they wait in the cafeteria for the school day to begin. Some of these students choose to visit Mrs. McNamara's room to explore the many technology tools available. Recently, students could be found experimenting with augmented and virtual reality tools such as iPad apps and the Curiscope Virtuali-Tee. This shirt allows students to explore the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems with 360 videos via the app.



THIRD GRADERS USE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Students in Mrs. Heiser's 3rd grade class recently enjoyed an interactive activity for rounding numbers using Google Classroom. Practicing rounding with brightly colored interactive slides provided students with an opportunity to review this skill, and allowed Mrs. Heiser to easily observe their comprehension. One student was overheard saying "this is so much better than doing math!" Clearly, when learning is engaging, productive and fun, students forget they are acquiring knowledge.



EPIC!

Epic! is an app and a website that provides access to books, learning videos and more. Mrs. Hasenauer's 1st grade students have been busy not only learning to read, but learning to love reading using this amazing tool! Students use the audio portion to listen to and read along with their favorite stories. Non-fiction books help with research projects on animals and places. Epic! even offers the opportunity for students to create book reviews, and compare books by the same author. Mrs. Hasenauer gets parents involved by providing the resources they need to support reading at home.

Holland Patent High School's Joshua Corelli Selected for All-State Wind Ensemble

Holland Patent High School is proud to announce that Joshua Corelli, a senior trombone player, has been selected to perform in the New York All-State Wind Ensemble. Josh received this honor by earning a 100 on his All-State audition and was nominated by his adjudicator to be selected for the prestigious All-State Wind Ensemble. Josh will participate in rehearsals, culminating in a concert held at the acclaimed Eastman Theatre in Rochester, N.Y. on December 1, 2018, during the annual Winter Conference of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).

The Holland Patent Central School District, named a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants, is very proud of Josh's outstanding accomplishment. It has been more than 10 years since a Holland Patent student was selected to play in the All-State Wind Ensemble. The music staff and administration would like to extend their sincerest congratulations to Josh. We are proud to have you represent the Holland Patent Central School District.



HPE: Building a Community of Readers and Writers

What an exciting fall we've had at HPE! Walk into any classroom and you will see children fully engaged in their learning. As a district, students and teachers have been committed to and working hard to fully implement reading and writing workshop as an instructional model.

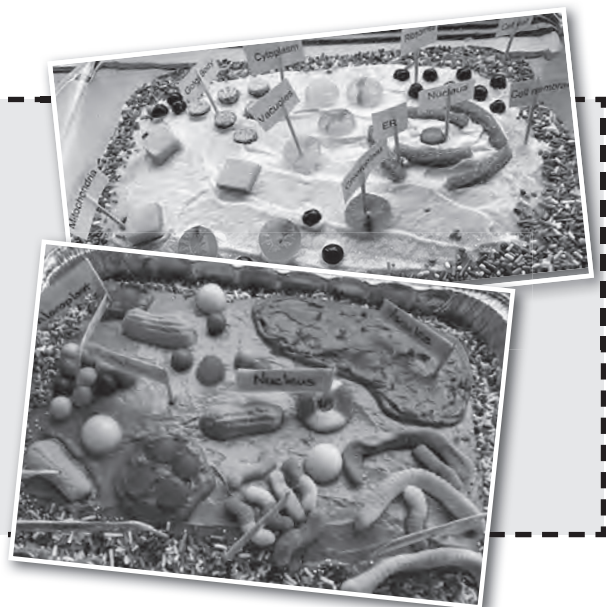
This type of instruction focuses on the strengths and needs of each individual learner. Each day, teachers present new information in a quick mini-lesson and then students are sent off to work. During this time, teachers and support staff are able to work 1:1 with students or in small groups to target student needs. With this model, students are given more time to read and write each day, they have an opportunity for choice within their reading and writing, and they are given time to talk about their work with their peers. Student learning and engagement is at an all time high at HPE!

Even before the school year began, several of our classroom teachers, support staff, and our building principal were able to receive professional development in reading and writing through institutes held at The Teacher's College in New York City. As a district, we are also working with staff developers, to enhance our reading and writing instruction. We are committed to, and very excited about, our new journey in reading and writing instruction!

7th Grade Life Science News

Students in Mr. Eberley's 7th grade Life Science have been learning about cell organelles, looking at cells and other objects under the microscope. Students have enjoyed using the microscope so much that they have even brought additional objects to look at under the microscope and used technology to take pictures by using their cell phone, Smartphone Science device and/or the Smartscope. Also, students have been "Cell"-ebrating by completing a bonus cell project where students made 3D models such as cakes, using edible items as the cell organelles.

Thank you to all the students who participated. The cakes were delicious!



SOFT STARTS

This year all fifth grade classrooms begin their day with “soft starts!” Soft Starts are peaceful beginnings to the day driven by student choice. After students enter the classroom they have their “must do” tasks, like turning in homework and making their lunch choice. However, after that they are able to choose a quiet activity to do with a friend or on their own. Some students choose strategic games (checkers, Connect-4, Jenga) while others choose to read, color or play math games. Soft starts allow the students to socialize with their friends (always a favorite!) and begin their day in a gradual manner. This takes place while buses are coming in and some students are in breakfast. Students are ready to start the day once announcements begin. This new beginning to the day is working out wonderfully in the fifth grade wing; the students love the choice of activities and time with peers, while the teachers love the stress-free, peaceful start to the day!

National Junior Honor Society Inducts 43 Students

On November 1, 43 outstanding 8th grade students were inducted into the Holland Patent Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929 to recognize students who excel in the categories of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. In addition to recognizing students for their achievements, being a member of the organization also challenges students to develop themselves further through active involvement in service to the school and community. The following students were inducted:

Cecelia Allen	Emily Carlson	Jillian Enk	Sierra Laguna	Danielle Pilatzke
Molly Bathrick	Logan Cuda	Caleb Fisher	Matthew Lux	Margo Pouliot
David Bolin	Margaret Cummings	Deron Howe	David Mathewson	Everet Race
Brooklyn Boshart	Matthew DePerno	Mary Anna Ivlicheva	Dylan McGuire	Julia Racha
Gavin Boshart	Julia DeWire	Andrew Kanclerz	Alex McLaughlin	Marissa Shuck
Tanner Boshart	Isabella Dobransky	Zoe Kelly	Jane Napoli	Isabella Stalker
Wyatt Brennan	Ava Dornburgh	Jordan Koenig	Emily Nunes	Adam Stowell
Briana Byers	Abigail Draper	Kamryn Kotary	Madison Oliver	Cadence Torres



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
NEW MEMBERS!**

MANUFACTURING DAY



After the 7th grade class attended the Manufacturing Day field trip to SUNY POLY in October, students in Mr. Eberley's science classes were given a manufacturing STEAM challenge where they had to design a shoe. Groups of 4-5 students determined a problem with a type of shoe, brainstormed and developed solutions thinking about materials they wanted in the shoe, created and sketched, redesigned and re-sketched a group prototype. Groups created a company name, company logo, cost of the shoes, determined strengths and weaknesses with their design, listed materials and features of their design and some groups even created an ad slogan. Groups shared their designs to the other groups and teachers.



STEAM Team Lunch Menu Challenge

During the first marking period, the 8th grade STEAM Team was challenged to work collaboratively to research, plan, and create a healthy lunch menu for Holland Patent Middle School. Through this process, students demonstrated key learning from reading *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan and lessons from other core subjects. In order to incorporate the individual strengths and interests of everyone, as well as expose them to real-world jobs, students were asked to apply for a job best suited for them. Choices included nutritionist, accountant, legislator, buyer and marketer.

The STEAM Team was very fortunate to have the support of some very generous HP teachers and community members throughout this challenge process. Mrs. Guerrero, HP language teacher, spoke to the students about her family's Mexican restaurant. On October 19, students spent the day touring two local farms. The first stop was at Alpine Echo Farm, a small organic farm owned and operated by Maynard and Chris Anken. The Ankens helped arrange a lunch break at Steuben Town Hall, complete with milk and cheese provided by the American Dairy Association. Mr. Hobart Kraeger spoke with students during lunch about his farming experience. After lunch, students toured Finndale Farm to learn more about the dairy business and meet scientists from Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation Service. Finn family members, including some recent HP alumni, helped share their love of farming with the 8th graders.



One of the goals of the STEAM program is to make connections between school and community. These unique experiences were crucial in helping students complete their lunch menu challenge. As the first challenge of the school year ended, groups gave a final presentation highlighting their interesting, budget-friendly, healthy, and sustainable lunch options. Thank you again to all the school and community members who helped make this challenge a success.



FALL 2018 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Girls Varsity Soccer

The team claimed the Section III Class B Championship title for the first time in Holland Patent History. The girls competed in the NYPHSAA State Tournament Final round. They finished their season in the state tournament with a 21-2-1 overall record.

Boys Varsity Soccer

The team was competitive throughout the season and finished their league season with a 3-12-1 overall.

Boys Varsity Football

The team claimed Section III Class C Championship title for the first time in 29 years. The football team went undefeated during the regular season and sectional level play. They finished their season in regionals with a 10-1 overall record.

Girls Varsity Swim

The team qualified for Sectionals and State Qualifiers. Maggie McGuire claimed the Section III title for the 50 yard freestyle during sectionals. The Lady Aqua Knights placed second in the CSC league and finished their season with a 9-1 overall record.

Boys Varsity Cross Country

The team qualified for Sectionals and made large strides throughout the season. The boys finished their season with a 6-8 overall record.

Girls Varsity Cross Country

The team qualified for Sectionals and finished their season with a 2-11 overall record.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey

For the second year in a row, Field Hockey won a Section III title. This year, Field Hockey moved to Class B and claimed the Section III Class B Title. This is the first time to have back-to-back Section III wins since 1989-90. They finished their season in regional play with an overall record of 15-4 overall.

Girls Varsity Tennis

The team qualified for Sectionals early in the fall and finished their season with a record of 8-4 overall.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

As required under New York State law for notification of herbicide application, this notice is to inform you of the following herbicide use since the Summer of 2018.

Date	Location	Product Name/EPA Reg. Number
8/30/18	High School	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/18	Bus Garage	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/18	Holland Patent Elementary	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/18	Middle School & Annex	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/18	General Wm. Floyd Elem.	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517

School districts and BOCES are required to maintain a list of parents or guardians who wish to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their children's facility. If you wish to be included on the School District Notification List, please contact Dennis J. Geer at 315-865-7213. You will then receive advance notification of a pesticide application at your children's facility of pesticide product covered by notification requirements.

For further information about the products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals or the environment, call the National Pesticides Telecommunication Network at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health at 1-800-458-1158. For additional information on the District's pesticide program, contact Dennis Geer at 315-865-7213.

..... **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TIPS**

Winter weather will soon be upon us. Here are some tips to help ensure your safety while driving during the winter months.

- Allow more time to reach your destination.
- Allow more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. This will allow you to stop safely on slippery roads.
- Reduce your speed for conditions.
- Keep your windows, headlights and taillights free and clear of snow and ice.
- Check your vehicle tires for adequate tread.

We also ask our students and parents to take a few extra steps in the winter to increase our children's safety.

- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Wait at least 15 feet from the roadway at your bus stop.
- Do not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
- Take time to check that all other vehicles around the bus have also stopped.
- Do not play in or around snow banks at the bus stop.



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WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSINGS

As the weather begins to change, we will be faced with deciding on opening, delaying or closing school due to the weather conditions. We understand the ramifications these decisions have on our families; however, our top priority is the safety of our students.

HOW THE DECISION IS MADE

- Information on road conditions from transportation staff, Town Highway Supervisors and Superintendents, neighboring School Districts and other sources.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether precipitation is continuing.
- Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat).
- Status of our buses.
- Weather predictions.
- What other districts are doing. We share information with other local districts and check whether they are opening or closing.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The superintendent is responsible for the final decision, based on the factors above.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Parents of students attending the District will receive automated phone, email and /or text messages through our School Messenger Automated Notification System. Please be sure all of your contact information is updated. Also, tune to WKTV, WUTR, WFXV, WPNY, WIBX, WSKS, WSKU, WBGK, WBUG, WUTQ, WVTL, WTLB, WSYR, WTLB, WBRV, WLLG, WRUN, WFRG, WODZ, WLZW, WTLB, WOUR, WIXT, WTVH, WSTM and Spectrum News for information on school closings. You can also check our district website at www.hpschools.org for information.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

When possible, we make the decision by 5:30 a.m. (or earlier) so that we can activate School Messenger, notify radio and TV stations and post the decision on our website.

WILL WE CLOSE SCHOOL IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

If conditions worsen throughout the day, the District will decide whether to proceed with an Emergency School Closing. Please be sure your family emergency plans are in place.

WILL SPORTS STILL BE SCHEDULED?

No. Once we close, all afterschool and extra-curricular activities are cancelled.

We encourage our parents to always assess the situation as well and determine if their child should stay home or board the bus. We hope this information assists our families in better understanding all of the factors which go into school closings and know that your child's safety is our number one concern.