

HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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HPCSD Names 2019 Academic Leaders

The Holland Patent Central School District is proud to announce the standard bearers for the Class of 2019. Representing the class as Valedictorian is **Christopher Gaige**, son of Drs. Cynthia Gaige-Kibiuk and Noel Gaige of Barneveld.

Chris is a very talented all-around student. While most students took a break during their summer vacation, Chris was attending weather and climate camps because of his passion for meteorology. During his high school career, he started a weather website that most students and staff follow for the most accurate snow day predictions. Chris earned his spot at the top of the class while taking the most challenging courses the school had to offer. He has taken numerous Advanced Placement and Dual Credit college courses throughout his four years at Holland Patent. Outside of the classroom, Chris is an active member of the National Honor Society, Student Council President and a Section III Tennis champion. He will attend Dartmouth College in the fall where he will study either history or political science.



Christopher Gaige



Liana Lyubezhanina

Representing the Class of 2019 as Salutatorian is **Liana Lyubezhanina**, daughter of Galina Lyubezhanina and Anatoliy Lyubezhanina of Holland Patent. Liana has also challenged herself with a variety of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit college courses. Liana is the recipient of the Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award along with numerous academic awards for the grades she has earned in her classes. Outside of the classroom, she has been part of Drama Club, Varsity Volleyball and Track and Field. Liana has also participated in the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H program and volunteered her time at the Masonic Nursing Home. In the fall, she is planning on studying biology at SUNY Polytechnic Institute and then going on to medical school to be an emergency room physician.

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2019-20 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

Proposed 2019-20 Budget Total	\$35,256,643
Current 2018-19 Budget	\$34,580,432
Budget Increase	\$676,211
Percentage of Budget Increase	1.96%
Tax Levy Increase	2.0%

BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, MAY 7 | 6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21
7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



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 Holland Patent Central School District Residents,

Over the past several months, the Holland Patent Central School District's Administrative Team and the Board of Education have been collaborating on creating a District spending plan, which offers challenging, innovating and rewarding opportunities for our students. This plan will allow us to provide our students with educational experiences that support student growth and the development of all learners. With this budget, we have a fiscally responsible plan in place that not only meets the needs of our students, but also supports our compassionate, highly dedicated and gifted staff that strive each and every day to provide our students with the means to grow at their own pace and reach their fullest potential.

At our March Board of Education Meeting, the Board approved a proposed 2019-2020 spending plan of \$35,256,643, which represents a 1.96% increase over our 2018-2019 school budget. We were able to keep such a minimal budget increase over last year's budget by working with all departments and school buildings and to carefully review and plan the components of their programs/departments that continue to keep the best interests of our students and the community at the forefront.

The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year supports various opportunities happening throughout our District, as described below:

High School

- The high school has created a highly engaging and collaborative learning environment for our teachers and students through the use of technology. Students and staff are engaging in high-quality instruction and accessing content rich resources through the implementation of Google Classroom and the 1:1 Chromebook Initiative.
- Through our collaborative partnership with BOCES and higher education institutions, the Holland Patent High School is offering our students opportunities to explore career-related options that support their career plans and also provides them a head-start for success upon commencement.

Middle School

- The Middle School supports the foundational skills necessary to help our students prepare for challenging opportunities as they progress through the middle-level curriculum through accelerated language offerings (Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, French), math offerings and also begin their five-year science track with accelerated science.
- The proposed budget will support a full-time social worker to help address the mental health needs of our grades 6-8 adolescent students. With increased social work support, we will be able to implement more resources to meet the needs of our students and make community connections for our families.

General William Floyd and Holland Patent Elementary

- Through the dedication and hard work of our elementary staff, General William Floyd and Holland Patent Elementary have become the leaders in our region in the implementation of a new reading and writing workshop approach. We have seen our students become more confident authors, as reflected in their work. We have also seen an increase in their reading fluency from previous years.
- The proposed budget also supports our students' mental health needs with more social work support focused on our primary

level. This support is crucial as we continue to focus and foster our students' social and emotional well-being.

- The proposed budget will include a capital outlay project at GWF to replace flooring with funding we receive from the state each year.

District-wide

- The proposed budget supports our robust extra-curricular program that offers our students a wide-range of experiences, ranging from athletics to gaming to the fine arts. We are very proud of the opportunities we have to actively engage our students' interests and enhancing their talents through creative and competitive experiences.
- We will continue to offer our students and staff with a comfortable, safe and nurturing environment to succeed by providing our students safe and reliable transportation to and from school, clean and safe buildings to work in and healthy and delicious meals to provide them the energy to concentrate and learn.
- This budget also supports two full-time Special Patrol Officer positions who are part-time armed, trained and sworn members of the Sheriff's Office that are assigned throughout our District to provide safety and security to students, staff and visitors.

In addition to the state aid we receive to support the operation of our District, we are asking the community to consider a 2% increase in the tax levy, which is under our allowable tax levy limit of 2.43%. The 2% tax levy meets the District requirements to allow homeowners to qualify for the New York state tax relief rebate checks. In addition to the state aid and local share, we also receive additional revenue sources through shared services, operating grants and other miscellaneous sources.

On May 21, 2019, we are also asking the Holland Patent District Community to consider supporting a \$9.839 million proposition for a Capital Improvement Project focused on the enhancement of our District's infrastructure and safety and security measures. This project will

have no marginal increase on the taxpayers as this project will be replacing retiring debt. We will be receiving approximately 83% state aid reimbursement to help minimize the impact on future budgets and our local share.

A few highlights of the project include, but are not limited to:

- Creating secure entries for General William Floyd, Holland Patent Elementary and Middle School
- Door hardware replacement at all buildings for classroom security
- Security camera installations
- Roof, floor and window replacements
- Bathroom renovations for ADA compliance
- Plumbing, water line and drainage upgrades
- Above ground diesel tanks
- Replacement of zone fire alarm systems.

These items were generated from our District Long Range Facilities Plan, which is updated yearly in consultation with our District Architects, Operations and Maintenance Department and District Administration and the Board of Education. The Long Range Facilities Plan represents many years of careful planning to maintain our facilities and provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and community.

In addition to voting on this year's budget, we are also asking you to consider several items:

- Board of Education Election (1 Seat available)
- Authorize 3 New School Buses for \$392,800
- Authorize a \$9.839 Million Capital Improvement Project to focus on safety, security and infrastructure

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to the outpouring of support and trust we receive from the entire community. Your commitment allows the Holland Patent Central School District Team to not only execute the District Mission, but do so with great pride. Go Golden Knights!

With Appreciation,

JASON EVANGELIST
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In addition to voting on this year's budget, we are asking the community to consider several items:

PROPOSITION NO. 1:

Authorize three (3) new school buses for \$392,800

PROPOSITION NO. 2:

Elect one (1) member to the Board of Education:

Dr. Kathleen M. Davis

Mr. Bill Paolozzi

PROPOSITION NO. 3:

To authorize a \$9.839 million Capital Improvement Project to focus on safety, security and infrastructure.

Board of Education Candidate Bio: Dr. Kathleen M. Davis

Dr. Kathleen M. Davis is a candidate for School Board. She has been a resident in the district since 2002 and lives in Barneveld with her husband Earl, who works at WKTV. Dr. Davis has been an educator for 35 years. She is running for the Board of Education because she cares about the education of our students and the people who work in Holland Patent Schools as well as the community!

Her experience in education includes being a Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal and Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Davis has worked in Rome City, Oriskany, Whitesboro, Clinton and Holland Patent Central Schools. Her education includes an Associate's in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Master's degree in Education, CAS Degree in Administration, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Esteves School of Education at Sage College in Albany.

She retired from the Holland Patent Central School District in 2016 and has been working as an Interim Administrator over the past three years in VVS, Baldwinsville and Canastota. She is dedicated to working with children, providing support to schools and all the staff who play a large role in making school a great place for children to learn.

Her goal is to give back to the Holland Patent Central School District and community by being a Board of Education Member. She plans to keep students as her center for all decisions that she would need to make as a Board of Education member.

Dr. Davis has experience in education law, school finance, capital project planning, audits, State Education Department Regulations, curriculum and instruction, transportation, facilities/maintenance and special education. She has a strong understanding of schools and knows the current regulations and new laws that will impact schools over the next few years which will assist Holland Patent while the district sets and implements a vision for continued success!



Dr. Kathleen M. Davis

Board of Education Candidate Bio: Mr. Bill Paolozzi

I have been a resident in the Holland Patent District for the past six years where I live with my significant other, Lonna Cole, and her two children; Cierra who is a senior and will be attending Hudson Valley College in the fall, and Dominic who is currently in the the 5th grade.

I bring to the table a 20-year law enforcement career working in the area of community supervision. For five years, I worked as an Oneida County Probation Officer supervising juveniles and young adults. Currently, I work for NYS Parole where I have been employed as a Parole Officer for the past 14 years. As a Parole Officer, it is my duties to help protect our communities from convicted felons. It is also my duty to help assist offenders with trying to get their lives back on track. Outside of work, I am a very active member in the community volunteering my time for school, youth and community-related organizations.

I have decided to run for school board, not for one specific reason, but because I want to work together as a team with the other four board members. It is my goal to continue moving our school district in a positive direction, and to uphold fiscal responsibility for our taxpayers.



Mr. Bill Paolozzi



SENIOR AWARDS DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict the Senior Awards will be held on **June 20, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Administrative Component

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including business office operations, payroll, purchasing, general administration, personnel, legal and auditing services. Cost for administration and supervision of each of the district's four (4) schools is also included in this component.

School Year	2018-19	2019-20	Inc/(Dec)
Board of Education	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,700	\$ 700
Central Administration	318,338	319,838	\$ 1,500
Finance	483,102	498,818	\$ 15,716
Legal Services	31,851	32,488	\$ 637
Public Information	2,100	2,100	\$ -
Central Printing	35,000	36,000	\$ 1,000
Central Data Processing	485,433	495,433	\$ 10,000
Unallocated Insurance	131,420	135,363	\$ 3,943
BOCES Administration	457,704	457,704	\$ -
Supervision Regular School	769,612	799,740	\$ 30,128
Teaching Special Ed.	118,668	123,415	\$ 4,747
AIS	37,915	40,141	\$ 2,226
Employee Benefits	1,131,670	1,127,058	\$ (4,612)
TOTALS	\$4,034,813	\$4,100,798	\$ 65,985

Program Component

The Program Component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the district's 1,357 students. Programs are offered in two (2) elementary schools, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school. Funds are also included in this component for transportation.

School Year	2018-19	2019-20	Inc/(Dec)
Teaching Regular School	\$ 8,207,307	\$ 8,504,163	\$ 296,856
Teaching Special Ed.	4,106,012	4,278,932	\$ 172,920
Occupational Education	678,215	678,215	\$ -
Legal Service	119,820	122,216	\$ 2,396
AIS	90,059	94,913	\$ 4,854
Instructional Media	278,775	287,329	\$ 8,554
Attendance	24,748	25,442	\$ 694
Guidance	400,595	412,308	\$ 11,713
Health	193,676	198,837	\$ 5,161
Co-curricular	76,268	78,556	\$ 2,288
Intersch. Athletics	433,093	446,086	\$ 12,993
Transportation	1,952,845	2,011,279	\$ 58,434
Employee Benefits	7,408,832	7,413,213	\$ 4,381
TOTALS	\$23,970,246	\$24,551,490	\$ 581,244

Capital Component

The Capital Component pays for maintaining 10 buildings, for upkeep of more than 65 acres of property and for electricity, gas, heat, oil, water and sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included for "mortgage" payments on capital projects (principal & interest payments) and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

School Year	2018-19	2019-20	Inc/(Dec)
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 2,509,728	\$ 2,666,374	\$ 156,646
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	\$ -
Employee Benefits	918,191	918,424	\$ 233
Debt Service	3,107,454	2,979,558	\$ (127,896)
TOTALS	\$ 6,575,373	\$ 6,604,356	\$ 28,983
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,580,432	\$35,256,643	\$ 676,211

BUDGET SUMMARY

Area	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Budget	Description of Budget Areas
Board of Education	\$32,000	\$32,700	District clerk, district mtgs., dues, supplies, State School Boards membership
Central Administration	318,338	319,838	Salaries - Supt./secretary; supplies, travel, journals
Finance	483,102	498,818	Salaries - Asst. Supt. support staff; auditor, audit mandates, treas., tax collector
Legal	151,671	154,704	Legal fees, advertisements, negotiations
Public Information	2,100	2,100	Newsletters, calendars, budget brochure
Operation & Maintenance	2,509,728	2,666,374	Water, telephone, custodial-maint., equip., trash, heat fuel, elect., supplies, Capital Outlay 5 GWF
Central Printing	35,000	36,000	Mailing, repair costs, parts, supplies
Central Data Processing	485,433	495,433	Computer services: networks, rpt. cards, attendance, scheduling, payroll, acct.
Unallocated Insurance	131,420	135,363	Property, liability, student accident insurance
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	Refund of taxes, sewer taxes
BOCES Administration	457,704	457,704	Salaries, supplies, telephones, hiring, space rent, new debt, legal, interest
Supervision - Regular School	769,612	799,740	Salaries - building principals, assist. principal, dean, secretaries, travel
Teaching - Regular School	8,885,522	9,182,378	Teacher salaries, subs, aides, clerical; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES
Students with Special Needs	4,224,680	4,402,347	Salaries - Sp. Ed. staff, admin.; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES Sp. Ed. Prog.
AIS Instruction	127,974	135,053	Salaries - remedial staff - math, writing, reading; equip., supplies, textbooks
Instructional Media	278,775	287,329	Salaries - staff; equip., supplies, books, magazines, newspapers, BOCES prog.
Attendance	24,748	25,442	Salary - attendance officer; supplies
Guidance	400,595	421,308	Salaries - staff, secretaries, equipment, supplies
Health	193,676	198,837	Salaries - staff, school physician; equipment, supplies
Co-Curricular	76,268	78,556	Salaries - advisors, chaperones, clubs
Athletics	433,093	446,086	Salaries - coaches; officials' fees, equip., supplies
Transportation	1,952,845	2,011,279	Salaries - drivers, mechanics; athletic/field trips, fuel, parts, supplies
Employee Benefits	9,458,694	9,458,694	Retirement, social security, workers' comp., unemployment, health insurance
Debt Service	3,107,454	2,979,558	Principal/interest payments - bldgs (new/existing), buses, short-term borrowing
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,580,432	\$35,256,643	Total budget increase of 1.96%

2019 Academic Leaders (continued from cover)

Joining Chris and Liana in graduating with "highest distinction", reflecting an average in excess of 95 percent are: **Hannah Bochniak**, daughter of Wendy Whitney-Bochniak and Stanley Bochniak of Barneveld, **Joshua Corelli**, son of Melanie and Timothy Corelli of Holland Patent, **Mayle Lupia-Eannace**, daughter of Paula Eannace and Paul Lupia of Barneveld, and **Jack Mahanna**, son of Justin and Patricia Mahanna of Barneveld.

Twenty-Seven additional students will graduate with "distinction," reflecting an average in excess of 90 percent. Members of the class graduating with distinction are: **Caitlin Andrejova**, daughter of Ingrid Andrejova and Robert Andrejova of Barneveld, **Christopher Biro Jr.**, son of Heather Biro of Ilion and Christopher Biro of Prospect, **Emily Boulерice**, daughter of Deborah and Leo Boulерice of Holland Patent, **Balor Brennan**, son of Kristi Brennan of Holland Patent and John Brennan of Rochester, **Lydia Brown**, daughter of Kathy and John Brown of Prospect, **Eva Capuana**, daughter of KimAnn Inkawhich and Michael Capuana of Holland Patent, **Grant Dittl**, son of Christine and Kyle Dittl of Holland Patent, **Seth Dittl**, son of Christine and Kyle Dittl of Holland Patent, **Ethan Ellis**, son of Lenore Lampert and Kurt Ellis of Barneveld, **Jenna Greco**, daughter of Christine and Ralph Greco of Barneveld, **Dylan Grems**, son of Mallory Green of Syracuse and Jeffrey Grems of Rome, **Derrick Harter**, son of Catherine and Jon Harter of Holland Patent, **Nathan Healey**, son of Kelly and Brian Healey of Barneveld, **Colby Hladun**, son of Tricia and Richard Hladun of Holland Patent, **Jenna Hurley**, daughter of Laura and Patrick Hurley of Rome, **Reigan Lines**, daughter of Jill Lines of Holland Patent and the late Timothy Lines, **Owen McGuire**, son of Elizabeth and John McGuire of Holland Patent, **Robert Maciol**, son of Tammy and Robert Maciol of Holland Patent, **Madison Merrill**, daughter of Kelly and Leslie Merrill of Holland Patent, **Cody Mierek**, son of Mandy and David Mierek of Westernville, **Bianca Nunes**, daughter of Crystal Burch and William Nunes of Marcy, **Natasia Plunkett**, daughter of Rebecca Way of Stittville and Philip Plunkett, Jr. of Barneveld, **Dylan Richard**, son of Jennifer Malpezzi of Barneveld and Todd Richard of Pleasant Valley, **Justin Savoy**, son of Denese and Douglas Savoy of Holland Patent, **Alyssa Sinclair**, daughter of Marlena Heitzman of Prospect and **Nathan Sinclair** of Sherrill, **Olivia Smith**, daughter of Kelly and David Smith of Holland Patent, and **Connor Stalker**, son of Kathleen and Harold Stalker of Holland Patent.

2019-20 Budget Information

Estimated Income

	Budget 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Admissions	6,000	6,000
Interest	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,775,572	1,375,424
Sale of Equipment	1,000	1,000
State Aid - Basic, Trans, Spec. Aid, etc.	13,602,002	14,037,615
Building Aid	1,825,807	2,209,896
Textbook Aid	138,686	134,346
BOCES Aid	1,708,895	2,034,820
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,310,000	2,009,500
Tuition	5,000	5,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes-Reg. Water Auth.	43,008	21,506
Interfund Transfer	300,000	300,000
Total Estimated Income	\$ 21,735,970	\$ 22,155,107

Tax Levy

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Budget	\$ 34,580,432	\$ 35,256,643
Non-Tax Income	21,735,970	22,155,107
Tax Levy - Budget	12,844,462	13,101,536
Total Tax Levy	\$ 12,844,462	\$ 13,101,536
	\$257,075	or 2.00%
Tax Levy Public Library	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000



Seventh Grader Participates in Utica College Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to **Heather Buchanan-Wise** a Holland Patent seventh grader, who participated in the 41st Annual Utica College Regional Science Fair on March 23, 2019. She conducted research on sound production in male salamanders and won the Naval Science Award from The Office of Naval Research which included a medal and cash prize. Great job!



Meteorology has hit Ms. Schreppel's 6th Grade Science classes! The students are using "ITouches" to find data about our daily weather patterns. Sadie Smith and Lorelai Walker made a "Weather Station Board" to highlight these patterns for better understanding of the various types of data we gather to study the weather. As usual Upstate New York helps our learning by its changeable weather! Do you think March came in like a Lamb or a Lion?

Holland Patent's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

The Holland Patent Central School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation for the third consecutive year by The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievements and commitment to provide music education to all students.



The Holland Patent Central School District is proud to provide students with a Pre-K through 12th grade music program, which features classroom music, 12 performing ensembles, chamber groups, a Suzuki Violin program, AP Music Theory, and a Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter. Students regularly have the opportunity to perform at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festivals and Major Organization Evaluations. This year, 35 Holland Patent music students were selected to perform in honor ensembles, including the New York All-State Wind Ensemble. The music department showcases the hard work of district music students in more than 15 school-sponsored concerts per school year.

The Best Communities for Music Education Award recognizes that the Holland Patent Central School District is leading the way with learning opportunities for music students in the community. The music department appreciates the continued support from the administration, faculty, staff, and community to further the continued growth of music making in Holland Patent.

Holland Patent CSD Officially Joins Esports League

Playstations, Xboxes and other gaming consoles are becoming the new sporting equipment for many high schools and colleges around the nation, along with popular games. The popularity of these games and all gaming has increased dramatically over the past several years, making it a new sport. That's right, competitive video gaming is recognized by the Eastern College Athletic Conference as a varsity sport commonly known as esports. And, students in the Holland Patent Central School District now have an opportunity to participate in the High School Esports League.



Esports members, Team Leader Margaret McNamara, Board Member Michael Garrett and Superintendent of Schools Jason Evangelist present at the School Boards Institute at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES.

With the season beginning in March, the Golden Knights currently have 11 students in grades 9-12 registered for the league with another 21 who have expressed interest. All students are welcome to join.

"Esports players at Holland Patent will be competing with other schools in North America," explained Margaret McNamara, who is leading the Holland Patent esports team. "The students are currently working on skill building until the season starts and then we will have playoffs and finals. Eventually we will be streaming our events in the high school gym, much like a basketball tournament."

Students, parents and the school district community will begin to see benefits of an esports team, which include providing students who play video games a platform to compete and make friends; reach students who are not otherwise participating in extracurricular activities; provide incentives to raise academic grades; promote teamwork; increase skills such as problem solving; increase reflexes and hand-eye coordination; prepare for careers that require mastery of digital media and technology; and provide increased interest in STEM related-fields.

"Esports has allowed schools to transform athletic opportunities for students while promoting physical and mental health, as well as increase pathways for college scholarships," said Holland Patent CSD Superintendent Jason Evangelist. "We are excited to see what our students can achieve with this new league and where it will take them in their futures, especially for students who may not be considering higher education."

For Holland Patent students, this new league is more than just playing games.

"Esports means more than gaming to me," said Esports Club President Ryan McGahey, a junior at Holland Patent High School. "This is an opportunity to use skills that previously were not recognized as legitimate. I hope to be part of something revolutionary."

More than 475 of the nation's colleges support esports with nearly 50 schools providing a total of more than \$59 million in scholarships to gamers. Some colleges offer full ride awards for esports games. In New York state, Canisus, Siena, Keuka and Iona are just a few of the colleges who offer esports competitively.

In 2018, the second-most watched sporting event in the United States after the Super Bowl was the League of Legends finals.

NJHS 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. Congratulations to all new members!



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



MathCounts

Congratulations to the middle school MathCounts team on their 1st place finish at the local competition on February 2 at MVCC. Team members are: Deron Howe, Logan Cuda, Danielle Pilatzke, and Carter Poland. Pazia Grocholski and Julia DeWire also competed as alternates. Deron had the 2nd highest individual score and Logan had the 3rd highest individual score. Carter also placed in the top 10. The team then went on to compete at the state level competition at RPI on March 2. The team finished in 30th place out of 43 teams. Deron Howe had the highest score for Holland Patent and finished in 107th place. The team is coached by Ron Haier.

Battle of the Books

Holland Patent High School and Holland Patent Middle School won the Regional Battle of the Books competition at Hamilton College on March 19. They battled seven other districts, and they both brought home house cups!



Superintendent's Conference Day

On March 15, students had the day off, but teachers in the HPCSD were hard at work! Laura Schiller and Kim Doele, two staff developers from *The Teacher's College of Reading and Writing*, traveled to our district to provide staff development in writing instruction, a current district initiative. As a result of this training, teachers in grades K-6 have learned new instructional techniques to help lift the level of student writing. Our school community of readers and writers is growing stronger each and every day!



HPE LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

March 14 marked the start of the first Holland Patent Elementary Lego Robotics Club, guided by Mr. Judware and Mrs. Vergis. Lego Robotics kits were generously donated to the district by the Air Force Research Laboratory. Fifth grade students were invited to participate in this after school club. There are currently 20 students in this session, and a second session is already lined up for May! The goal of the program is to foster creativity, allow for hands-on learning experiences and collaboration, and explore an introduction to coding. We look forward to offering this again next year and including all grade levels at HPE!

Winter 2018-19 Athletic Team Highlights

Boys Basketball:	League 6-2	Overall 15-4
Girls Basketball:	League: 6-2	Overall: 10-11
Girls Volleyball:	League: 2-6	Overall: 3-11
Wrestling:	League: 1-1	Overall: 3-3
• Bryce Dare: Section III Champion for 195 pound weight class and went on to compete in the NYS competition		
Boys Bowling:	League: 2-3	Overall: 6-4
Girls Bowling:	League: 4-1	Overall: 5-3
Boys Swimming:	League: 3-4-1	Overall: 3-7-1

- Boys Nordic:**
- HP boys' team finished 3rd overall.
 - Dylan Richard: Nordic Ski Section III Individual Champion and qualified to compete with the State team
- Girls Alpine:**
- The girl's team won the section III title: Maja Helmer, Justine Draper, Jennie Sherman, Susan Tolbert, Abigail Draper, Haley Acevedo: Section III Team Champions
 - State Competitors: Maja Helmer, Justine Draper and Abigail Draper
- Boys Alpine:**
- This season the Holland Patent Boys Team finished second in the section and sent Matt Brooks as an individual for the state team
 - Girls Nordic: Finished 4th place overall

Pesticide Notification

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.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Earth Day is April 22! Caitlin White, Makara Briggs and Madilyn Briggs are a few of the sixth grade science students who are committed to making the world a better place! In order to help celebrate this day, the New York Senate is sponsoring a poster program for children in grades K-6. The theme is REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. Students are encouraged to not only be creative in their projects, but to convey a deep commitment to making the environment a better place. By educating students about the importance of recycling, they will learn to be creative in solving the problem of solid waste. We sent their projects to Senator Griffo's office and they will be uploaded to his website to share their wonderful posters!



Middle School Technology Club

Congratulations to the Holland Patent RoboKnights on their inaugural season in FIRST LEGO League (FLL) robotics. This year's theme, Into Orbit, challenged the students to solve an astronaut's problem in space. The RoboKnights developed an all in one nutrition, the Universal Gummies.



Students couldn't wait to share their innovative solution and reached out to experts at The Balanced Chef and Nutrishop, as well as area gyms. In addition to the Universal Gummies, the team worked tirelessly on learning how to program using IOS software and programmed their robot to complete multiple space themed missions. The team was rewarded for all their hard work in developing their gummy by winning the Research Award at the FIRST LEGO League Championship. The team also won the Champion's Award at the Utica FLL Qualifier. Team coaches, Mr. Eberley and Ms. DeSanctis took home the coach/mentor award.

Team members are: Caleb Fisher, Everet Race, Dalton Stirling, Camrynn Howard, Andrew Stanley, John Campbell and Justin King.



GET HOOKED ON READING: DIVE INTO A GOOD BOOK



On March 4, General William Floyd faculty, staff and students kicked off their PARP (People as Reading Partners) with the song "Baby Shark". Faculty and staff dressed as sea creatures, scuba divers and mermaids. Students were encouraged to read nightly for 15-20 minutes, and were given a log to calculate their reading. If students read for at least a total of 6 hours, they received a free ticket to Water Safari, a shark tote bag and a free book from the Book Fair. A special thank you to Mrs. Triebel and Mrs. Noonan for organizing the theme and events for PARP. We also want to acknowledge all of the faculty and staff for participating in the skit. The students loved it! Thank you also to Mr. Verri for the awesome under the sea bulletin board and Mrs. Kelly for playing the music at our performance.

Technology Allows Students to "Chat" with Well-Known Authors

Mrs. Heiser's 3rd grade class Skyped with author David A. Kelly. They were excited to learn that Kelly, author of *The Ballpark Mystery* series, grew up nearby in New Hartford. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about the writing process in this conversation that served as an exciting introduction to their mystery unit.

The third grade classes of Miss Evans and Mrs. Stockhauser had the opportunity to Skype with author, Kelly Bennett. As part of World Read Aloud Day, students enjoyed reading *Not Norman* (a picture book by Mrs. Bennett) and completed several activities around her book. During our Skype, she read the book aloud to students, shared some 'secrets' about the book, and discussed the lengthy process of writing a book. Her encouraging words and excitement for literature captured the attention of these aspiring authors. Students are looking forward to reading other books by Mrs. Bennett, especially the book she is working on now about Yankee Stadium and Babe Ruth!



Top Secret

Recently, there have been some strange happenings occurring among the third grade classrooms at Holland Patent Elementary. Third graders, started a new mystery unit in reading workshop, and they quickly discovered they had their own mysteries to solve. Books, mascot, and teachers had disappeared right from their classrooms. The students in each third grade class needed to work together as detectives to solve these mysteries. They searched for clues, interviewed staff members, and even took fingerprints to find the missing items and people. During reading workshop, students have been using their newfound detective skills to solve mysteries in the books they are reading.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST INFORMATION

The school lunch department is already planning for the 2019-2020 school year. In 1993, the state legislature passed a law mandating that a breakfast be available for all K-6 students. Due to the low enrollment in grade 6, the district received an exemption to serve breakfast at that level. In September 1995, we offered breakfast in the middle school (since grade six is in that building). Participation averaged only 6 percent.

With this in mind, next year we will again offer breakfast in the elementary buildings, but once again request an exemption for the middle school. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the School Lunch Director at (315)-865-7242.

Thank you to all students who eat breakfast and lunch with us every day. Your continued support helps us serve nutritional, low-fat, increased fiber meals.



SCHOOL SAFETY

We are proud to have two full-time Special Patrol Officers positions who are part-time armed, trained and sworn members of the Sheriff's Office who are assigned throughout our District to provide safety and security to the students, staff and visitors. In order to qualify to be an SPO, candidates must be a duly retired Peace or Police Officer (Deputy, Trooper, Police Officer, Correction Officer, Parole Officer or Probation Officer), possess a valid NYS Pistol Permit, pass the Sheriff's Office background check, and successfully complete our mandated training. In collaboration with the Building Principals, the SPOs craft their daily duties around the needs of the particular buildings.



Spring is here! Parents, sports fans and staff are in a hurry to get in and out of our parking lots. Please remember these safe driving tips and to be extra careful driving on school property while students are coming and going from school buildings:

- Obey traffic signs
- Do not drive while distracted
- Please drive in the right lane. Use the correct entrance when coming in and out of the parking lot
- Please be aware of other traffic
- Slow Down! Please do not speed through the parking lot



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VOTER INFORMATION

What am I voting on?

A budget of \$35,256,643 for the 2019-20 school year, a \$392,800 proposition to purchase school buses, a proposition to authorize a \$9,839,000 capital project, and one candidate for the Board of Education.

When and where is the vote?

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Holland Patent High School Gym.

Who is eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. Citizen, 18 years or older, and a resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the vote. A resident is not eligible to vote if they are prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-06 of the Education Law

How can I vote by absentee ballot?

Applications for absentee ballots can be requested by mail beginning April 22 but prior to May 14, 2019. Applications for absentee ballots can be picked up beginning April 22 but no later than May 20, 2019. The mailing address is Holland Patent Central School District, Attn: District Clerk, 9601 Main Street, Holland Patent, NY 13354. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 21, 2019.

7TH GRADERS GO XC SKIING



On January 28, our 7th grade students were given the wonderful opportunity to go XC skiing with the Black River Outdoor Education Program. The students spent the day outdoors, learning how to XC ski properly and safely. It was a fun and enriching experience for all!