

# HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

HOME OF THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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## Students Learn About Fire Safety

In early October, HPE's fifth graders enjoyed their yearly visit to the Holland Patent Firehouse (Trenton Joint Fire District)! In science, the students were learning about technology that has been engineered to address needs and wants as well as how technology has changed over time. The firemen from the surrounding area helped to integrate that concept into some of the stations they had prepared for the students by showing how advancements in technology have improved the safety of firemen and our community members. The students were able to see how fire helmets, trucks, coats and smoke alarms, to name a few, have advanced. New technology such as the infrared camera, spreader and ATV are new advances in technology that help to quickly rescue people. Thank you to the Holland Patent Firehouse for bringing our learning into the community and also for the hands-on fun!

### "EVERY SECOND COUNTS! PLAN TWO WAYS OUT!"

On October 10, 2017 students, faculty and staff at General William Floyd Elementary participated in a Fire Prevention Day thanks to the efforts of the Floyd, Stittville, Westernville, Whitesboro 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, Whitesboro 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.



## 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.



## Upcoming Events

MS Concert	December 12	7:00 at the HS
ES Concert	December 14	6:30 at the HS
HS Concert	December 19	7:00 at the HS
Winter Recess	Dec. 25 – Jan. 1	<b>No School</b>

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# Dear Holland Patent Central School District Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Holidays to all our families during this Holiday Season. I hope everyone will have the opportunity to spend time with your family and friends and enjoy each other's company.

Since my time as part of the Holland Patent Team, the support that the Holland Patent Learning Community provides to our District is outstanding. The compassion, dedication and willingness to help our District is extremely appreciated.

## District Update

We have had a great start to the school year and are looking forward to all the great feats we will accomplish as a Team in the 2017-18 school year! Our new Syracuse University Project Advanced English class at the High School is off to a great start offering a new rigorous curriculum for our students; our District's Writer's Workshop initiative at the elementary level is providing a new consistent approach to writing; and our STEAM Team at the Middle School is providing innovative ways to engage our students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music. We also have had a wonderful start to our Athletics Program. We are very proud of our athlete's accomplishments and also the guidance and mentoring our coaches provide our athletes! Additionally, we are preparing for the initiation of our District's Capital Improvement Project and also anticipate the final approval for our Smart Schools Bond Initiative from the New York State Education Department in early Spring.

## State Education Department Releases Revised Learning Standards

In September, the Board of Regents approved the new Next Generation English-Language Arts and Mathematics Standards. The new standards, created in collaboration with educators, parents and instructional leaders, are a revision of the New York State Learning Standards and will provide better support for educators and prepare our students to become life-long learners. The roll-out of these new standards will occur over a 3-year period and will not be fully implemented until the 2020-21 school year.

Some of the significant changes to the ELA standards include:

- Add Lifelong Practices of Readers and Writers
- Merge the Reading for Information and Reading for Literature standards
- Convene the New York State Early Learning Task Force
- Revise the Grade-Level Reading Expectations for the Text Complexity
- Revise the Writing Standards
- Reduce the Number of Anchor Standards
- Create a NY-Specific Introduction on How to Use the Standards
- Ensure Literacy is Included in the Content Areas

Some of the significant changes to the mathematic standards include:

- Move Standards to Different Grade Levels
- Provide for Students to Explore Standards
- Clarification of Standards
- Add and Consolidate Standards-
- Maintain Rigor of the Standards
- Create a Glossary of Verbs

Additional information regarding the new Next Generation ELA and Mathematics Standards can be found at: <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/fact-sheet-examples-revised-standards-may-2017.pdf>

## Capital Project

The Capital Improvement Field Project will begin construction this upcoming Spring. The main scope of work for this project will include enhancements to our High School athletic field, which will include:

- A new track with updated field event locations
- A reconstructed natural surface playing field
- LED field lights
- ADA compliant bathrooms
- New irrigation system

During the construction of the playing field, we will be relocating the Track Team for the 2017-18 spring season and the football Team for the 2018-19 fall season. We will also be adding new ADA compliant bathrooms to the High School and making improvements to the middle school cafeteria.

## Smart Schools Bond Initiative

We are anticipating approval for the Smart Schools Bond Initiative, which will provide the Holland Patent Central School District with approximately 1.4 million dollars dedicated towards technology improvements. The funding will be utilized to upgrade the District's infrastructure, which will increase our connectivity and allow the District to provide 1:1 technology for every student within the school day. The bond will also allow us to replace outdated security cameras and upgrade door security at several locations throughout the District.

As you can see, working together as the Holland Patent Learning Community, we will be successful with all of the initiatives we have in front of us. The encouragement, compassion and confidence you instill in our Team will provide our students with meaningful experiences as life-long learners in our District. Thank you for your continued support! Go Golden Knights!

Sincerely,  
**JASON P. EVANGELIST**  
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# Welcome New Staff

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to new staff members as they begin their careers in the Holland Patent Central School District!



Andrea Ashcroft



Danielle Biro



Richelle Murray



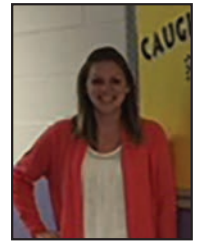
Meelanie Hart



Heidi Hill



Andrea Love



Nicole Rasmussen



Scott Ruganis



Scott Wanner



From L to R: Michael Reilley, Melanie Mancari, Lexi Hansen and Eric Hansen

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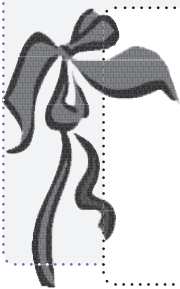
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Avery Evans  
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Stacey Nieman  
Cory Roberts

## Foothills Rural Community Ministry

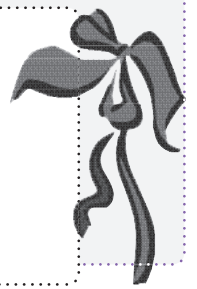
The annual Christmas Basket Project, which is sponsored by the Foothills Rural Community Ministry, will be held for three weeks from Monday, November 27 through Wednesday, December 13. Each year, baskets containing food and gifts are prepared and given to local families at Christmas to help make their 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	Sugar	Jams or Jellies	Cake Mixes
Peanut Butter	Cereal	Canned Stews	Pudding/Jello
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruits	Soups	Pie Filling
Tuna Fish	Canned Meats	Rice	Cookies
Canned Gravy	Canned Vegetables	Paper Towels	Kleenex
Toothpaste	Hand Soap	Crackers	



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

## Constitution Day

Constitution day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution. HPE students had the pleasure of learning all about the branches of the government, how our government works, and the constitution. Representatives from our local "Daughters of American Revolution," in collaboration with some of our 5th graders, presented to the entire school.



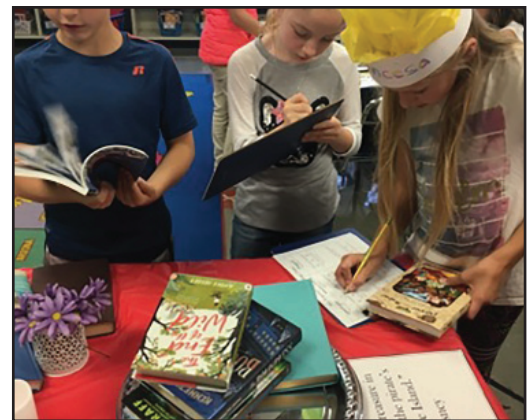
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## College English Classes Offered to Students through Syracuse University's SUPA Program

This year, senior students have the new opportunity to take Syracuse University English classes on the Holland Patent High School campus through Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA). During the fall semester, students take Syracuse University's WRT 105 Academic Writing course. They complete a Syracuse University approved curriculum, which focuses on academic writing, and they receive three college credits upon successful completion of the course. In the spring, students will take Syracuse University's WRT 114 Creative Nonfiction course and earn an additional three college credits. Students receive an official SU transcript as well as gaining their high school credit for English 12, as it is a dual-enrollment course. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity for our students as they are exposed to the rigor of courses offered on the Syracuse University campus. It is our hope that exposure to such college level classes during their high school career will help students to gain credit early and ease their transition into college after graduation from HPHS.

## Reading as a Main Course: Fourth Graders Participate in Book Tasting #1

On September 8, the second day of school, fourth grade students at Holland Patent Elementary participated in their very first Book Tasting Event. During this event, students were able to "sample" a variety of books in order to find their preferred "tastes" in reading. Students enjoyed the café-like setting that their classrooms were transformed into and excitement filled our rooms as students rummaged through books in order to find appetizers, main selections, and dessert books that interested them. As teachers, we have found Book Tastings to be a wonderful way to get kids engaged in and excited about reading. By the end of our tasting, every student had a list of "Books I Can't Wait to Read in 4th Grade." We look forward to hosting more Book Tastings throughout the year!



## Third Graders Perform "Text Feature Surgery"

The new Journey's reading curriculum touches on one text feature per week, in our paired selections, to show students how using text features can help us better understand what we read. Mrs. Carnevale's third grade class dove into each text feature to see what each one means, how it's used, and how it helps us understand our texts better. As a culminating activity, the students in Room 20 performed "Text Feature Surgery" and used magazines to collect "specimens" (examples of text features) and operate on their patients. Each "patient" was labeled with a text feature. Students used the examples they cut out and glued them onto their patients to show their understanding of each text feature. Students had a lot of fun being surgeons!



## 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 Spring of the 2017.

Date	Location	Product Name/EPA Reg. Number
8/30/17	High School	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/17	Bus Garage	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/17	Holland Patent Elementary	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/17	Middle School & Annex	Ranger Pro Herbicide 524-517
8/30/17	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 child(ren)'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 child(ren)'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.

### Safety Tips from the Transportation Dept.

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

Turn Markers



Into Energy!

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating 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!

# FALL 2017 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Girls Varsity Soccer

Girls' varsity soccer is competing in semi-finals and this is the farthest they have competed in program history. They finished the season with 13-6 overall and claimed the CSC League Champion title. (Coach: Josh Olney)



## Boys Varsity Soccer

Boys' varsity soccer also fought well in the first round of sectionals as they played hard against Cazenovia. They finished the season with 10-7 overall, claiming second in the CSC League. (Coach: Scott Ruganis)



## Boys Varsity Football

The HP varsity football team was a young team that fought hard throughout the season. The team participated in community service projects such as helping on the Pop Warner field flipping burgers and hot dogs, doing the chains and DJ Harter announced every home game. The athletes also raked lawns for people in the community. The football team finished up the season with a record of 2 - 6 overall. (Coach: Brian Briggs)

## Girls Varsity Swim

The Lady Aqua Knights had a very successful season. The team was undefeated in the Center State Conference with a 14-0 record and an overall record of 15-2. The team was also the CSC champion at the leagues championship meet. By the end of the season, 18 of the 20 swimmers qualified for sectional competition. Kelsey Buck and Riley Lanckton were the co-captains that led the team to their success this season. Congratulations Lady Aqua Knights. (Coaches: Mark Celecki and Avery Evans)

## Boys Varsity Cross Country

Boys varsity cross country finished the regular season with a 14-5 record and a 3rd place finish at the league meet on October 21. CSC All-Stars were Tanner Ludwin, Alex Childres and Dylan Richard. (Coach: Tim Hoffman)



## Girls Varsity Cross Country

The varsity girls cross country team progressed and improved throughout the season. They worked hard and accomplished their personal best. They finished the season with an overall 1-4 record. (Coach: Corey Zlatniski)



## Girls Varsity Field Hockey

Girls varsity field hockey has beat Cazenovia for the first time in many years. They moved on to play Clinton in a tough match and emerged as the Champions for Section III. The ladies went to represent class C in the state competition and finished the season with a 13-7 overall record. (Coach: Renee Morrison)



## Girls Varsity Tennis

Girls' varsity Tennis claimed the CSC League Champion title this year. They finished the season with 11-3 overall. They made it to team and individual sectionals this year. This is the first time in a long time the team has qualified for team sectionals. The girls worked hard and played with honor as they followed the etiquette guidelines of the game and did not falter. (Coach: Scott Parsons)

## Girls Varsity Cheerleading

Holland Patent Cheerleading had another great season. They worked hard together to bring school spirit to their peers and community. The girls worked on new routines and skills throughout the season. They performed at all the Varsity Football games. Great work Cheerleaders. (Coach: Chelsea Light)





# Holiday Safety Message



The holidays are an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday season, here are some tips recommended by The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Have a safe happy holiday season.

## Trees

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.
- Be sure to keep the tree stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.

## Lights

- Check all tree lights—even if you've just purchased them—before hanging them on your tree. Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

## Decorations

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or non-leaded metals.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.
- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to prevent them from swallowing or inhaling small pieces. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them.
- Remove all wrapping paper, bags, paper, ribbons and bows from tree and fireplace areas after gifts are opened. These items can pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child or can cause a fire if near a flame.

## Toy Safety

- Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety hazards for younger children.
- Before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy that he has received as a gift, read the instructions carefully.
- To prevent both burns and electrical shocks, don't give young children (under age ten) a toy that must be plugged into an electrical outlet. Instead, buy toys that are battery-operated.
- Children under age three can choke on small parts contained in toys or games. Government regulations specify that toys for children under age three cannot have parts less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches long.
- Children can have serious stomach and intestinal problems after swallowing button batteries and magnets. Keep them away from young children and call your health care provider immediately if your child swallows one.
- Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.
- Watch for pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length. They could be a strangulation hazard for babies.

## Food Safety

- Be sure to keep hot liquids and foods away from the edges of counters and tables, where they can be easily knocked over by a young child's exploring hands.
- Wash your hands frequently and make sure your children do the same.
- Foods that require refrigeration should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours.

## Happy Visiting

- Remember that the homes you visit may not be child proof. Keep an eye out for danger spots.
- Keep a list with all of the important phone numbers you or a baby-sitter are likely to need in case of an emergency. Include the police and fire department, your pediatrician and the national Poison Help Line, 1-800-222-1222. Laminating the list will prevent it from being torn or damaged by accidental spills.
- Traveling, visiting family members, getting presents, shopping, etc., can all increase your child's stress levels. Try to stick to your child's usual routines, including sleep schedules and timing of naps. This can help you and your child enjoy the holidays and reduce stress.

## Fireplaces

- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.
- Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.



# Message from the Food Service Director

## Holland Patent CSD Meal Charge Policy USDA sets new guidelines for school lunch programs

We have been mandated by New York state to adopt a new Meal Charge Policy meeting Federal guidelines.

We feel that it is very important to never turn away a hungry child. If a child needs a meal and doesn't have the money on their account to pay for it, we will allow the charging of the meal as per the policy. Snacks, drinks and other a la carte items will not be allowable charges. This policy follows State and Federal guidelines.

You will see in the policy that negative balances will not carry over from year to year. However, on June 30 of each year, negative balances be reclassified as 'delinquent debt' and collection efforts WILL continue. Collection efforts will continue into the future until payment is made or a repayment plan has been established.

Please read through this policy at [www.hpschools.org](http://www.hpschools.org) and keep money on your children's account so that we can avoid any delinquent debt.

It is also strongly recommended that everyone take the time to fill out a free and reduced lunch application. THESE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR. There is no harm in submitting, it can only help. Feel free to contact Cliff Casab, Food Service Director, with any questions at 315-865-7242.



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## POLICY

SUPPORT OPERATIONS

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### SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AND MEAL CHARGE POLICY

#### I. Statement of Policy

- A. The District participates in the USDA Child Nutrition Programs including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) and to operate the District's program within the requirements of the federal and state regulations and guidelines applicable to the programs.
- B. To extend the benefit of the program to all eligible students, the District will communicate to families the eligibility for free and reduced meals, the procedures for applying and the district's policies and procedures regarding meal charges set forth in this Policy.
- C. The District's food service program shall be managed so that the nonprofit school food service account does not operate at a deficit, and so that subsidies from the general fund are limited.

#### II. Eligibility for Free and Reduced Meals

- A. At the beginning of each year, information letters shall be sent to households of children attending the school to inform families about the Child Nutrition Programs and that free or reduced price meals or free milk may be available to children.
- B. The letters may be distributed by the mail, e-mailed to the parent or guardian, or included in information packets provided to students.
- C. A household may apply for benefits at any time during the school year.



- D. Only one application is required for all children in the household.
- E. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the District that all children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, they should contact the Food Service Director.

**III. Meal Payments and Deferred Payments (Meal Charge)**

- A. Students may charge meals in accordance with the following rules:
  1. Students will pay for meals at the school's published meal rate each day. Families are expected to maintain funds in accounts to minimize the possibility that a child may be without meal money on any given day. If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the administration will investigate the situation and take further action as needed. If financial hardship exists, parents/guardians will be encouraged to apply for free or reduced price lunches.
  2. Students may charge complete meals only.
  3. All students will be provided with meal charge opportunities pursuant to this policy, regardless of whether they receive full price, reduced price, or free meals.
  4. A student will be allowed to charge a maximum of \$20 to their account after their balance on MySchoolBucks is exhausted. The meals offered to students during this grace period will be reimbursable meals that are available to all students (or allergy specific alternate).
  5. A student with an unpaid balance over \$20 may receive a reimbursable alternate meal (or allergy specific alternate) until their account balance has been paid in full.
  6. No student with a negative meal card or MySchoolBucks account balance will be allowed to purchase any a la carte items, including snacks, extras, or drinks other than milk.
- B. The District is committed to ensuring that federal reimbursements, children's payments and other non-designated nonprofit food service revenues do not subsidize meals for adults. Adults are required to pay for meals in full at the time of purchase.

**IV. Communication of Policy to Families, Students, and Staff**

- A. The District will communicate this policy to parents/guardians in writing at the start of each school year and upon enrollment during the school year through the student handbook, newsletter, and/or website.
- B. The District will provide this policy to all school staff responsible for enforcement, including but not limited to, school food service professionals for collecting payment for meals at the point of service, staff involved in notifying families of low or negative balances, school social workers, school nurses, the homeless liaison, other staff members assisting children in need (or who may be contacted by families with unpaid meal charges), and any staff involved in enforcing any other aspects of this policy.

**V. Nonprofit School Food Service Account**

- A. When outstanding student charges accrue \$20 resulting from nonpayment for school meals a letter and this Policy will be forwarded by mail or email from the School Lunch Director notifying the parent/guardian of the insufficient account balance. This notification may include a repayment schedule for unpaid meal charges.
- B. Outstanding student charges (also called delinquent debt) resulting from nonpayment for school meals are not an allowable cost to the nonprofit school food service account and cannot be absorbed by that account at the end of the school year or carried forward to the next school year. The district will therefore subsidize the nonprofit school food service account for all unpaid meals by June 30 of each school year using non-federal funds. However, the District reserves the right to continue debt collection efforts into the next school year.

Holland Patent Central School District  
Legal Ref: 7 CFR 210.12 and 245.5; 42 USC 1758(b)(2)(A); May 2006 Memo from SED's

Frances N. O'Donnell to Food Service Directors/Managers; August 2005 Memo from USDA titled "Establishing A Meal Charge Policy." July 8, 2016  
Memo from USDA titled "Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments."

Adopted: 08/16/17

Revised: 10/25/17



## FUN AT BLACK RIVER

On September 25 and 26 our 8th grade students were given the wonderful opportunity to go kayaking with the Black River Outdoor Education Program. The students spent the day with certified kayak instructors, learning how to kayak properly and safely. It was a fun and enriching experience for all!



On October 19, our 6th grade students were given the opportunity to go mountain biking with the Black River Outdoor Education Program. The students spent their day outdoors, learning how to mountain bike properly and safely, while navigating a variety of biking trails. It was a fun and enriching experience for all!



## 3rd Graders Visit Critz Farms



Third graders went to Critz Farms in Cazenovia on October 17. The trip tied into our life cycles unit in science. We listened to a story about the life cycle of a pumpkin, learned about pollination, and saw a real working bee hive. After a short playtime on the Critz playground and slides, we finished off our trip with a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick our own pumpkins! Not only did we enjoy beautiful fall weather, but we learned a lot, too!

## STEAM Team Visits Finndale Farms



The 8th grade STEAM Team took a field trip to Finndale Farms in Holland Patent during the afternoon of October 12. During the trip they learned about the operation of this local family farm and its impact on the community. One of the goals of the STEAM program is to make connections between school and community. The experience of visiting Finndale Farms is an important part of the 8th grade curriculum and the first semester STEAM Challenge. Students are now researching, planning, and creating a sustainable and healthy school lunch menu based on their reading of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* in ELA class and lessons from other subjects.

# 7th Grade Life Science News

Students in Mr. Eberley's 7th grade life science class 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. Also, students have been "Cell"-ebating 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!



## Juniors Visit Munson Williams Art Museum

Holland Patent juniors visited Munson Williams Art Museum in Utica for a field trip on October 5 to view the exhibit, "Roaring Into the Future, Jazz Age & Beyond." The English Language Arts curriculum includes reading of *The Great Gatsby* and learning about the time period of the "Roaring 20's." Teachers from ELA, art, spanish, and U.S. history worked on an interdisciplinary unit to expose students to the time period.



An enjoyable afternoon was shared by all and HP students were complimented on their respectful and cooperative behavior by the Munson Williams staff.

## BRIDGE ARTS ENSEMBLE VISITS DISTRICT



The Week of October 23, GWF, HPE, and Holland Patent Middle school had an exciting musical guest called the Bridge Arts Ensemble. The BAE performed four concerts at the three buildings and even spent time within classrooms. This group is comprised of musicians from all over the country with a base in NYC. They reach out to schools only in the Adirondacks. Each ensemble consists of a variety of diverse musicians, exposing students to musical styles including Broadway, Classical, Jazz and World music. The musicians were able to step into some classes and teach about how music can make students feel emotion, the science of the sound and how music can tell a story. For more information about this group go to <http://www.bridgeartsensemble.org/>



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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 above factors and recommendations from the Director of Transportation.

## 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.

## 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 WKTU, 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](http://www.hpschools.org) for information.

## 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 School Closing Plans are in place and contact information is updated with the District.

## 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 to 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.