

February

2/1 Volleyball: RTM @ HMS
 2/1 Wrestling: HMS @ RTM
 2/1 Musical Auditions
 2/2 Musical Auditions
 2/2 PTO meeting @ 7:00 PM
 2/4 Wrestling: HMS @ Caruso
 2/4 Musical callbacks
 2/5 8th Grade Promotion Pics (AM)
 2/6 District 21 Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Cooper
 2/9 Volleyball: HMS @ MAC
 2/9 Wrestling: HMS @ Highland
 2/9 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 2/11 Wrestling: LND @ HMS
 2/11 Volleyball: HMS @ LND
 2/12 No School - Non attendance day
 2/15 No School - Presidents' Day
 2/17 Wrestling: Antioch @ HMS
 2/18 Volleyball: CMS @ HMS
 2/18 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 2/20 Wrestling Conference Meet—hosted by MAC
 2/22 Volleyball: HMS @ RTM
 2/23 Volleyball: HMS @ Lincoln
 2/23 Wrestling: HMS @ Shepard
 2/24 District 21 Choral Festival @ Holmes @ 7:00 PM
 2/26 Late Night @ Holmes: 6:45 – 9:00 PM
 2/27 Wrestling regional meet @ TBA
 2/27 Jazz in the Meadows @ Rolling Meadows H.S.

March

3/1 Volleyball: MAC @ HMS
 3/2 Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 PM
 3/3 Volleyball: LMS @ HMS
 3/4 End of the trimester
 3/4 Hornet Assembly @ 2:30 PM
 3/5 Wrestling: Sectional Meet @ TBA
 3/5 a.m. @ Holmes: The Family Edition
 3/7 PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 3/8 Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
 3/9 8th Grade Promotion Picture Retakes
 3/11 Volleyball Invite (7/Lincoln & 8/Cooper)
 3/11 Report cards go home
 3/11 & 3/12 Wrestling State Tournament
 3/11 & 3/12 IGSMA Contest
 3/15 Election Day: No School
 3/17 School Board Meeting @7:30PM
 3/21 Spring Break Begins
 3/28 Classes resume

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NEWSLETTER

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BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

SEMI-ANNUAL FOOD SERVICE REVIEW

The Board received an update on CCSD21's new food service provider, Organic Life. Organic Life offers healthy and creative meals to students, like butternut squash soup, ratatouille, and baked mostaccioli, as well as a salad and sub sandwich bar. Every meal served is a "complete meal," meaning that each meal has a variety of components, like fruits, vegetables, meats, and grains. Breakfast and lunch menus are available at www.ccsd21.org.

SELF-INSURANCE PLAN PRESENTED
 School District 21 always seeks ways to provide high-level services while doing so with the least possible costs. The District Insurance Committee identified that by moving to a self-insured program, School District 21 could save approximately \$600,000 annually. This savings would come while maintaining all existing benefits for staff and consistency with the insurance carrier. It is anticipated that the administration will recommend adoption of the self-insured program to the Board at the February meeting.

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education approved the 2016-2017 school year calendar. The school year will begin on Monday, August 22, 2016. The full calendar can be found at www.ccsd21.org.

NEXT MEETING

February 18, 2016 -- 7:30 PM
 Gill Administration Center

Black History Month

During the month of February our country joins together to celebrate Black History Month, where we recognize the efforts, contributions, and major accomplishments that Black-Americans have made to America. It is important to set aside time to recognize specific cultures and ethnicities that have helped to shape American society and affected our collective history.

At Holmes, we are proud of our diversity and pleased to see how teachers recognize African-American contributions across the curriculum. Many teams and teachers have been working on lessons highlighting the importance of the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and President Barack Obama. Other teams have focused on Black authors and poets including Maya Angelou and Gwendolyn Brooks. Through their participation in a variety of activities, students are actively learning about the rich history and importance of Black culture.

“Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Remember our VISION ...

The Holmes community values the whole child and will strive to create a supportive environment where students can grow into responsible citizens invested in and accountable for their future.

La comunidad de Holmes tiene valor del niño entero y se esfuerzan por crear un ambiente de apoyo donde los estudiantes pueden convertirse en ciudadanos responsables invertido y responsables de su futuro.

Do Well. Do Good. Lead.

PTO Meeting...

Our next two PTO meetings will take place on: Tuesday, February 2 & Monday, March 7 – hope to see you @ Holmes!

Stay tuned to our next issue ... we'll be talking SUMMER SCHOOL!!**5Essentials**

One component of measuring school improvement in the state of Illinois is a survey of staff members, parents and middle and high school students. This survey, the 5Essentials Survey, is produced by the University of Chicago and is used throughout Illinois as part of the Illinois State Board of Education's school improvement planning and data collection requirements. This survey is available now through March 11. Access the survey through the following web address: .5-essentials.org/illinois/

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Lead.**

8th Grade Promotion Pictures

Promotion Pictures will be taken of all eighth grade students on Friday, February 5, 2016. Street clothes and gown poses will both be taken. Please be aware that pants and skirts will show in some of the posing. Boys should wear a shirt and tie, if possible. Sport coat, suit or sweater is optional. Girls should have their hair neatly arranged and should avoid excessive make-up. Turtleneck sweaters or high neck dresses are not recommended since they will be seen in the gown poses. Proofs will be sent home following the portraits for your approval and purchase. Please note that the photography studio will charge a \$10.00 fee for picture retakes for any other reason than photographer error.

Quando Necesita Ayuda

Los Trabajadores Sociales Escolares Son Un Recurso Vital
¿Tiene su niño un problema en la escuela? ¿No puede solucionarlo usted solo? Hable con su maestro o director, pero no olvide a su trabajador social. Los trabajadores sociales de la escuela intermedia están bien calificados para lidiar con los problemas difíciles de los niños.

He aquí porqué:

- Están entrenados para manejar toda clase de inquietudes de los preadolescentes. Muchos poseen títulos de estudios avanzados. También se mantienen actualizados en lo que respecta a investigación actual.
- Entienden a los adolescentes. Saben todo acerca de los cambios que sufren los niños—físicos y mentales. Pueden ayudar a los niños a lidiar con estos cambios.
- Trabajan con los maestros todos los días. Establecen relaciones estrechas con ellos. Si su niño tiene un problema con un maestro, el trabajador social puede ayudar a poner las cosas en orden.
- Están entrenados para trabajar con individuos y grupos. ¿Tiene su niño un problema con otro jovencito? El trabajador social puede platicar con ambos niños.
- Saben de otros recursos en su comunidad si su niño necesita ayuda adicional.

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"Do all the GOOD you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can"

-J. Wesley

6th Grade Orientation!

On **Wednesday, April 27th**, current fifth graders and their parents are invited to visit Holmes for an introduction to our school and a tour of the building. Important components of our program, such as exploratory classes, teaming, and extracurricular opportunities, will be highlighted. This year, the building tour will begin at **6:45 pm** and the evening program will begin at **7:00 pm**. All current fifth graders who will be starting at Holmes this fall should attend with their parents!

¡Orientación de 6 ° Grado!

El **miércoles, 27 de abril**, alumnos actuales de quinto grado y sus padres se invitará a visitar Holmes para una introducción a nuestra escuela y una gira de el edificio. Los componentes más importantes de nuestro programa, tales como clases de exploratorios, trabajo en equipo, y las oportunidades extracurriculares, se resaltarán. Este año, la gira del edificio empezará a las **6:45pm** y el programa comenzará a las **7:00pm**. Todos en quinto grado que asistirá la escuela Holmes este otoño deben asistir con sus os padres!

When You Need Help

Middle School Social Workers Are a Vital Resource
Does your child have a problem at school? Are you unable to solve it alone? Speak with his teacher or principal, but don't forget his guidance counselor. Middle school social workers are more than qualified to deal with children's tough issues. Here's why:

They are trained to handle all sorts of preteen concerns. Many hold advanced degrees. They also stay updated on current research.

- They understand adolescents. They know all about the changes kids go through—physical and mental. They can help kids deal with these changes.
- They work with teachers every day. They form close relationships with them. If your child has a problem with a teacher, the social worker can help sort things out.
- They are trained to work with individuals and groups. Does your child have an issue with another youngster? The social worker can talk to both kids.
- They know about other resources in your community if your child needs additional help.

DO WELL. DO GOOD. LEAD.

INFORMACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN**REVISIÓN SEMI-ANUAL DEL SERVICIO DE COMIDA**

La Junta recibió un informe sobre el nuevo proveedor del servicio de comida en el CCSD21, Organic Life. Organic Life ofrece comidas saludables y creativas a los estudiantes, como la sopa de calabaza, el pisto o el mostaccioli al horno, así como la opción de ordenar una ensalada o sándwich a su gusto. Cada comida que se sirve es una "comida completa", lo que significa que cada comida tiene una variedad de componentes como frutas, verduras, carnes y cereales. Los menús de desayuno y almuerzo están disponibles en www.ccsd21.org.

PRESENTACIÓN DEL PLAN DE SEGURO PROPIO

El Distrito Escolar 21 siempre busca maneras de ofrecer servicios de alto nivel con los menores costos posibles. El Comité de Seguros del Distrito identificó que al cambiarse a un programa de auto-aseguranza, el Distrito Escolar 21 podría ahorrar aproximadamente \$600,000 al año. Con este ahorro todavía se mantendrían todos los beneficios existentes para el personal y la coherencia con la compañía de seguros. Se prevé que la administración recomendará la adopción del programa de seguro propio a la Junta en la reunión de febrero.

AÑO ESCOLAR 2016-2017

La Junta de Educación aprobó el calendario del año escolar 2016-2017. El año escolar se iniciará el lunes 22 de agosto de 2016. El calendario completo se puede encontrar en www.ccsd21.org.

PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN

18 de Febrero de 2016 -- 7:30 PM