

April

4/3 Classes resume
 4/3 PTO meeting @ 4:00 PM
 4/11 Girls Soccer: LND @ HMS
 4/11: Track @ Prospect H.S.
 4/13: Track @ Wheeling H.S.
 4/14 Good Friday: No School
 4/17 No School: Non-attendance day
 4/19 Holmes Pops Concert @ Chevy Chase @ 7:00 PM
 4/20 Mid-Trimester
 4/20 Girls Soccer: CMS @ HMS
 4/20 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 4/24 Boys Soccer: HMS @ LND
 4/26 6th Grade Orientation @ 7:00 PM
 4/27 Girls Soccer: HMS @ CMS
 4/27: Track @ Wheeling H.S.
 4/28 School party 3:30 – 5:15 PM
 4/29 NIMC State Contest
 4/29 Musical Rehearsal 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

May

5/1 PTO meeting @ 7:00 PM
 5/1 Boys Soccer: HMS @ CMS
 5/3 Musical dress rehearsal @ 3:30 PM
 5/3 Boys Soccer: LND @ HMS
 5/4 Musical performance @ 3:30 PM
 5/5 AM/Students – PM/ No Students
 5/6 Track: Conference Meet @ Prospect H.S. @ 9:00 AM
 5/6 Musical performance @ 7:00 PM
 5/9 Girls Soccer: HMS @ LND
 5/10 Boys Soccer: CMS @ HMS
 5/10 Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
 5/11 Honors Reception @ 7:00 PM
 5/13 Track Sectionals @ Hersey H.S.
 5/15 Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 PM
 5/16 Choral Concert @ 7:30 PM
 5/17 Chorus, Jazz & Orchestra Feeder Tour
 5/17 Boys Soccer: RTMS @ HMS
 5/18 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 5/19 8th Grade Promotion Party
 5/19 School-Wide Awards Assembly
 5/19-20 State Track Competition
 5/26 No School - Institute Day
 5/29 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
 5/31 8th Grade Promotion
 6/1 8th Grade trip to Harper College
 6/2 Last Day of School

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HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Martin Hopkins, Principal
 Matthew Lombardo, Asst. Principal

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Holmes Middle School is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding work of Ms. Debbie Rein. Ms. Rein first began her career at Holmes Junior High School as a student. After graduating school, Ms. Rein made the decision to return to Holmes and work as an aide. As an aide, Ms. Rein had access to a number of teachers who inspired her to become a teacher; she completed the necessary requirements and applied for a core teaching vacancy for which she was hired. Since that time in 1999, Ms. Rein has brought her own brand of leadership both in and outside of the classroom that clearly aligns with our professional learning community and supports inclusionary practices and authentic learning.

Always looking to improve her craft, Ms. Rein consistently reflects on instruction looking to support her students - often times she will meet with colleagues to discuss the effectiveness of a lesson and brainstorm ideas on how to reach struggling students or extend students needing an additional challenge. Ms. Rein will reach out to teachers at other grade levels to find out more about how students learned the previous concepts so she's better able to tap into students' prior knowledge and build from there or ask the best way to prepare students for the following year. In addition to working with current educators, Ms. Rein is also a highly sought after cooperating teacher. She willingly shares her expertise with a number of student teachers, supporting their journey to become successful educators.

Ms. Rein places a special emphasis on creating, nurturing and growing an inclusionary classroom setting so that all students have access to the tools they need to be successful at school, and in life. She puts in extra effort to get to know her students and support their social and emotional learning. Additionally, Ms. Rein makes a point of attending students' games and performances to support her students.

Ms. Rein also finds the time to support the larger school community with her involvement in our Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. This program is essential for our students as it helps them develop bonds and build relationships with both peers and adults outside of the traditional school setting. She also conducts math tutoring after school through the CHiL program, offering our students vital academic and social supports they would not normally not receive after school hours.

Because of the aforementioned reasons, we are proud to nominate Ms. Debbie Rein as our Celebrating Excellence Award for the school year 2016-17.

BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

At the March Board of Education meeting, Dr. Hyland and the Board of Education acknowledged the hard work and outstanding service of our licensed educators with the District's Celebrating Excellence award. These eight staff members were recognized for their exemplary efforts in upholding our Professional Learning Community Collective Commitments for Teachers.

FIVE-YEAR PLANNING REPORT PRESENTED

The five-year planning report is a sophisticated economic modeling of district staffing, enrollment, expenses, and generated revenues. This report is one of many ways that the Board and administration monitor revenues and expenses, and plan for use of the community's resources. The report reflects the reduction of expenses from the previous two years, as well as planned reductions of \$3 million in expenses in the coming fiscal year.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

CCSD21 is on Facebook and Twitter. Links to both can be found at School District 21's website – www.ccsd21.org.

NEXT MEETING

April 20, 2017 -- 7:30 PM
 Gill Administration Center

PTO Meeting...

Our next two PTO meetings will take place on: Monday, April 3 @ 4:00 PM & Monday, May 2 @ 7:00 PM~ we hope to see you@ Holmes!

8th Grade Parents

In mid April, keep your eye out for a special mailer describing all of the end of the year activities (ex. Promotion) and dates.

Important end of the school year dates:

May 1: last PTO meeting @ 7PM

May 11: Honors Reception

May 19: School-Wide Awards

May 19: 8th Grade Party

May 26: 8th Grade Promotion

June 1: 8th grade trip to Harper

June 2: Last day of school!

June 5: Summer Music Program Begins!

Begins!

June 12:: Title I Extended Year and SELA summer programs begin!

**“LIFE IS LIKE RIDING
A BICYCLE. TO KEEP
YOUR BALANCE,
YOU MUST KEEP
MOVING.”**

~ALBERT EINSTEIN

**Do Well.
Do Good.
Lead.**

Summer School Information

This summer, District 21 will offer a district-wide instrumental music program for band students currently in grade 5-7 and orchestra students currently in grades 4-7. It will run the week of June 5th and the week of August 7th at London Middle School. Information and registration forms for the district-wide summer instrumental music program were sent home on Friday, March 24, 2017. Additional forms may be requested through the school's office.

Incoming 6th grade students will be provided an opportunity to engage in a preview program at Holmes. This continues the tradition of our “Wow, I’m Going to 6th Grade” class previously offered to incoming 6th grade students. If your child is entering 6th grade and is interested in participating, please mark your calendars for August 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Bussing will not be available for the sixth-grade welcome session.

Información para la sesión de verano de la Escuela Holmes

Este verano, el Distrito 21 ofrecerá un programa de música instrumental a nivel de distrito para los estudiantes de banda actualmente en los grados 5-7 y los estudiantes de orquesta actualmente en los grados 4-7. Se llevará a cabo la semana del 5 de junio y la semana del 7 de agosto en London Middle School. La información y los formularios de inscripción para el programa de música instrumental de verano de todo el distrito se enviaron a sus casas el viernes, 24 de marzo de 2017. Tenga en cuenta que los formularios deben ser entregados en o antes del viernes, 28 de abril de 2017. No se aceptará formularios entregados después del día 28. Se pueden solicitar formularios adicionales a través de la oficina de la escuela.

Los estudiantes que comienzan en el sexto grado este agosto tendrán la oportunidad de participar en un programa de orientación a la Holmes. Con esto continúa la tradición de nuestra clase “Wow, I’m Going to 6th Grade” ofrecida previamente a los estudiantes que comienzan en el sexto grado. Si su hijo(a) está interesado(a) en participar, por favor marque su calendario para el miércoles, 16 de agosto de 2017 de 1:00 a 3:00 pm. La inscripción para el programa también tiene una fecha límite del 28 de abril de 2017. No habrá transportación disponible para la sesión de orientación y bienvenida del sexto grado.

Promotion 2017

Our eighth grade promotion ceremony, held at Wheeling High School, has been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 PM. Parents of eighth graders will receive specific information about promotion exercises in a special April mailing.

Promocion 2017

Nuestra ceremonia de promoción de octavo grado a celebrarse en Wheeling High School, ha sido reprogramada para realizarse el miércoles, 31 de mayo, a las 6:30pm. Los padres de los alumnos de octavo grado recibirán información específica acerca de la promoción en una comunicación especial, que se mandará por correo en abril.

Uroczystość Zakonczenia Szkoły 2017

Data uroczystości zakończenia VIII klasy została zmieniona. Odbędzie się 31-ego maja o środa 18:30 w Wheeling High School. Szczegółowe informacje otrzymają państwo w miesiącu kwietniu.

Snacks at School

In January 2011, the Illinois State Board of Education enacted Public Act 96- 0349, which requires school boards in Illinois to adopt policies promoting both the prevention and management of life-threatening allergic reactions. A copy of the Wheeling Community Consolidated School District 21 manual, Procedures for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in School, is available on the district website or at your child's school. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our students and their families that classroom snacks are currently limited to fruits, vegetables and hard cheese. If necessary, these snacks may be further limited in accordance with specific food allergies in a classroom. In addition, the district does not allow food birthday treats to be sent in to school. If food treats are sent in, parents will be required to pick the treats up or the treats will be discarded at the end of the day. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with his/her classmates, we suggest stickers, pencils or other non-food items. You may also choose to donate a game or book to your child's classroom. Finally, any food provided during the curricular day, for individual classroom and/or the whole school, must be pre-approved by the principal and school nurse.

INFORMACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN PREMIOS CELEBRANDO LA EXCELENCIA

La Dra. Hyland y la Junta de Educación reconocieron el trabajo duro y el servicio sobresaliente de nuestros educadores licenciados entregando los premios del Distrito *Celebrando la Excelencia*. Estos 8 miembros del personal fueron reconocidos por sus esfuerzos ejemplares en el avance de los Compromisos Comunes de los Maestros en nuestra Comunidad de Aprendizaje Profesional.

PRESENTACIÓN DEL INFORME DE PLANIFICACIÓN A CINCO AÑOS

El informe de planificación a cinco años es un sofisticado modelo económico del personal del distrito, matriculación, los gastos y los ingresos generados. El informe es una de las muchas formas en que la Junta y la administración controlan los ingresos y gastos, y planifican el uso de los recursos de la comunidad. El informe refleja la reducción en gastos de los dos años anteriores, así como las reducciones previstas de \$3 millones en gastos en el próximo año fiscal.

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PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN

20 de abril de 2017 - 7:30 PM Centro de Administración Gill