

## February

2/1 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Pics (AM); Activity Pics (PM)  
 2/1 Parent-Teacher conferences 4:30-7:30 PM  
 2/3 District 21 Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Cooper  
 2/5 PTO meeting @ 4:00 PM  
 2/5 Wrestling: LMS @ HMS  
 2/5 Volleyball: HMS @ LMS  
 2/7 Wrestling: MAC @ HMS  
 2/7 Volleyball: HMS @ MAC  
 2/9 School Party 3:30 – 5:15 PM  
 2/13 Wrestling: HMS @ RTMS  
 2/13 Volleyball: RTMS @ HMS  
 2/15 School Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM  
 2/15 Wrestling: HMS @ Barrington Station  
 2/17 Wrestling Conference Meet—hosted by MAC  
 2/19 No School - Presidents' Day  
 2/21 District 21 Choral Festival @ Holmes @ 7:00 PM  
 2/22 Volleyball: HMS @ LIN  
 2/24 Jazz in the Meadows @ Rolling Meadows H.S.  
 2/24 Wrestling Regional Meet @ New Trier H.S.  
 2/26 Volleyball: CMS @ HMS  
 2/28 Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 PM

## March

3/1 Volleyball: LMS @ HMS  
 3/2 Late Night @ HMS @ 7:00PM  
 3/2 End of the trimester  
 3/3 Wrestling: Sectional Meet @ Vernon Hills South  
 3/5 PTO Meeting @ 5:00 PM  
 3/6 Volleyball: MAC @ HMS (we'll need to reschedule)  
 3/6 Community Engagement Event  
 3/7 Band Concert @ 7:00 PM  
 3/7 8th Grade Promotion Picture Retakes 8:30 - 9:30 AM  
 3/7 Track & Field Coaches Meeting @ ? @ 5:00 PM  
 3/8 Volleyball: HMS @ RTMS  
 3/9 Volleyball Invite (7/Cooper & 8/Lincoln)  
 3/9 Report cards go home  
 3/10 IGSMA Contest (tentative date)  
 3/9 & 3/10 Wrestling State Tournament  
 3/15 School Board Meeting @7:30PM  
 3/20 Primary Election Day: No School  
 3/12 Track Conditioning May Begin  
 3/26 Spring Break Begins

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# HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

#### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The Board received an update on the phone and online survey that was conducted this past fall. The information represents the quantitative data that was collected from parents and the community about priorities for the future.

The next phase is to build on this work through community conversations and further define how we can work together to design the future for our students and our community. Check out [www.ccsd21.org/design21](http://www.ccsd21.org/design21) for more information about this process and mark your calendar to participate in one of the focus groups!

#### 2018-2019 CALENDAR

The Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 school year calendar. The first day of school for students in grades 1-8 will be Wednesday, August 22. Kindergarten students will begin on Thursday, August 23. The full calendar can be found at [www.ccsd21.org](http://www.ccsd21.org).

#### KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION

Registration for students who will begin kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year, and registration for first grade students who are new to CCSD21, will begin in February. We are launching a new, online registration process this year. More information can be found at [www.ccsd21.org](http://www.ccsd21.org).

#### NEXT MEETING

February 15, 2018 -- 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: Monday, February 5 & Monday, March 5 @ **4:00 PM** - we hope to see you @ Holmes!

District 21 is hosting a series of conversations facilitated by reps. from M<sup>2</sup> Communications and are eager to hear more about the community's priorities for our schools and students.

These conversations are the next phase of our work, building on the online survey that was shared with parents and the community this fall.

Be a part of the conversation as we work together to design the future for our students and our community!

Please join us at:

Thursday, February 1, 2018,  
7:00 -8:30 PM  
London Middle School

-Wednesday, February 7, 2018,  
1:00-2:30p PM  
Indian Trails Library

Wednesday, February 7, 2018,  
7:00-8:30 PM  
-Whitman School  
(Sessions will be held in English and Spanish)

Thursday, February 8, 2018,  
7:00-8:30 PM  
-Kilmer Elementary School  
(Sessions will be held in **English and Spanish**)

Saturday, February 10, 2018,  
10:00-11:30 AM  
Wheeling Park District,

\*\*Refreshments and childcare will be provided at each session\*\*

**Cuando 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.

**Principal's Advisory Council (PAC)**

When parents, teachers and administrators work together and learn together, students are the winners! For this reason we have formed a Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) at Holmes made up of parents who are interested in important school -related issues that have a direct effect on your child's education. Together this group will identify topics for discussion and provide parent input on important building decisions. All are invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm.

**Consejo de Asesores al Director- Principal's Advisory Council (PAC)**

Cuando los padres, maestros, y administradores trabajan juntos y aprenden juntos, los estudiantes son los ganadores! por esta razon, hemos formado un Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) en Holmes, para padres interesados en temas relacionados que influyen en la educación de su hijo/a. Juntos este grupo identificará temas para discutir y proveer la oportunidad para padres en ayudarnos con decisiones importantes. Todos están invitados a nuestra próxima reunión el miercoles, 22 de febrero a las 7:00 pm.

**Doradca Rada Dyrektora (PAC)**

Uczniowie korzystają, gdy administracja, nauczyciele, i rodzice współpracują. Utworzyliśmy Radę Doradczą w Holmes. Rada składa się z rodziców zainteresowanych w ważnych kwestiach związanych ze szkołą, które mają bezpośredni wpływ na edukację dziecka. Razem, ta grupa będzie ustalać tematy do dyskusji i zapewniają podejmowanie ważnych decyzji. Zaproszeni są rodzice do naszego kolejnego spotkania w sroda 22 Luty o 7:00 wieczorem.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation!**

On **Wednesday, April 18th**, 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 orientation will begin at **6:30 pm**. All current fifth graders who will be starting at Holmes this fall should attend with their parents!

**¡Orientación de 6 ° Grado!**

El **miércoles, 18 de abril**, alumnos actuales de quinto grado y sus padres senvitado 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 **6:30 pm**. 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.

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**INFORMACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN****CONVERSACIONES CON LA COMUNIDAD**

La Junta recibió un informe sobre la encuesta por teléfono y por internet que se realizó el otoño pasado. La información representa los datos cuantitativos recopilados de los padres y la comunidad sobre las prioridades para el futuro.

La siguiente fase es desarrollar sobre este trabajo a través de conversaciones comunitarias y definir aún más cómo podemos trabajar juntos para diseñar el futuro de nuestros estudiantes y nuestra comunidad. Visiten la página web [www.ccsd21.org/design21](http://www.ccsd21.org/design21) para obtener más información sobre este proceso y marquen su calendario para participar en uno de los grupos focales.

**CALENDARIO 2018-2019**

La Junta de Educación aprobó el calendario del año escolar 2018-2019. El primer día de clases para los estudiantes en los grados 1-8 será el miércoles, 22 de agosto. Los estudiantes de kinder comenzarán el jueves, 23 de agosto. El calendario completo se puede encontrar en [www.ccsd21.org](http://www.ccsd21.org).

**INSCRIPCIÓN DE KINDER Y PRIMER GRADO**

La inscripción para los estudiantes que comenzarán el kinder en el año escolar 2018-2019, y la inscripción para los estudiantes de primer grado que son nuevos en CCS21, comenzará en febrero. Este año vamos a iniciar un nuevo proceso de inscripción por internet. Se puede encontrar más información en [www.ccsd21.org](http://www.ccsd21.org).

**PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN**

15 de febrero de 2018 - 7:30 PM  
Centro de Administración Gill