

March

3/1 Volleyball: LMS @ HMS
 3/2 Late Night @ HMS @ 7:00PM
 3/2 End of the trimester
 3/3 Wrestling: Sectional Meet @ TBA
 3/5 PTO Meeting @ 5:00 PM
 3/6 Volleyball: MAC @ HMS
 3/7 Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
 3/7 Promotion Picture Retakes 8:30 - 9:30 AM
 3/8 Volleyball: HMS @ RTMS
 3/9 Volleyball Invite (7/Cooper & 8/Lincoln)
 3/9 Report Cards go Home
 3/9 School Party 3:30 – 5:15 PM (rescheduled from snow day)
 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
 3/26 Spring Break Begins

April

4/2 No School: Non-Attendance Day
 4/3 Classes Resume
 4/3 Track Season Begins
 4/9 PTO meeting @ 4:00 PM
 4/10 State of the Schools (6:30 - 9:00 PM)
 4/12 Holmes Pops Concert @ Chevy Chase @ 7 PM
 4/18 6th Grade Orientation @ 6:30 PM
 4/19 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 4/20 Mid-Trimester
 4/27 School party 3:30 – 5:15 PM

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HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Martin Hopkins, Principal
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BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

RECOGNIZING DISTINCTION

Dr. Hyland and the Board of Education acknowledged the hard work and outstanding service of educational support staff with the District's Recognizing Distinction award. The honorees were recognized for demonstrating and advancing District 21 values and the characteristics of a Professional Learning Community. The individuals honored this year were T. J. Jandura from London Middle School, Kevin Markiewicz from Frost Elementary School, Scott Ouimette from Kilmer Elementary School, and Sue Werneske from the Administration Center.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The Board received an update on the next phase of community conversations to take place in March. The March Design21 sessions will focus on priorities identified by the community through phone and online surveys, interviews, and focus groups. A different topic will be presented on each night; plan to come to one session, multiple sessions, or every session! Check out www.ccsd21.org/design21 for dates and details on each session and more information about this process.

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NEXT MEETING

March 15, 2018 -- 7:30 PM
 Gill Administration Center

Promotion 2018

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

Promocion 2018

Nuestra ceremonia de promoción de Octavo Grado a celebrarse en Wheeling High School, ha sido reprogramada para realizarse el miércoles, 30 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 Zakończenia Szkoły 2018

Uroczystości zakończenia szkoły ósmej klasy odbędzie się w środę, 30 maja o 18:30 w Wheeling High School. Szczegółowe informacje otrzymają państwo w kwietniu.

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.

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PTO Meeting...

Our next two PTO meetings will take place at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 5 and Monday, April 9, we hope to see you @ Holmes!

Upcoming Dates...

3/2 End of the Trimester

3/7: Band Concert @ 7PM

3/9: Rescheduled Party

3/9: Reports go home

3/27: Spring Break Begins

4/2 Non-Attendance Day

4/19 – Mid-trimester

4/27 – School Party

A reminder to the parents of 8th grade students... during the month of April, you will receive a special mailing detailing specifics about 8th grade promotion and all of the end-of-year activities. Stay tuned!

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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.

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.

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Holmes Bands Shine Brightly

On Saturday, January 20th, five jazz bands from Cooper, London, and Holmes Middle Schools, representing Community Consolidated School District 21, traveled to the 41st Annual Northshore Jazz Festival at Glenbrook South High School. Both Cooper and Holmes Jazz Band 1 tied for first place in the top bands division, Cooper and London Jazz Band 2 tied for first place in the second bands division, and Holmes Jazz Band 2 got third place in the second bands division. **District 21 took five out of the six placements in the junior high divisions, a feat that shouldn't go unnoticed.**

This is not the first time in the district's history that the bands have been successful at the Northshore Jazz Festival. Since 2005, the Holmes Jazz Band 1 has taken the top spot three out of the last five years. In the second bands category, Holmes' second jazz bands have placed first and second every year for the last 13 years.

In addition, the Holmes Jazz Ensemble competed at the annual Jazz in the Meadows Jazz Festival at Rolling Meadows High School. Competing against 15 other middle school bands from throughout the state as well as the state of Missouri, the HMS Jazz Ensemble received the highest score and the first place trophy for the second consecutive year!

Parking Lot Safety

We are noticing more issues with parents picking up their children at school. We all need to work together to keep our school safe. Please remember the following:

- No cars are allowed in the front driveway between 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
- No cars are allowed in the front driveway between 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- No cars are allowed to enter the back parking lot between 3:00 – 3:45 PM
- Parents may not stop on Highland Avenue, west of our front driveway.
- Parents may stop and pick their child up, on Highland Avenue, east of our driveway.

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INFORMACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN**RECONOCIMIENTO DE DISTINCIÓN**

La Dra. Hyland y la Junta de Educación reconocieron la ardua labor y el servicio excepcional del personal de apoyo educativo con el Premio Distinción de Reconocimiento del Distrito. Los homenajeados fueron reconocidos por demostrar y avanzar los valores del Distrito 21 y las características de una Comunidad de Aprendizaje Profesional. Los profesionales reconocidos este año fueron T. J. Jandura de la Escuela Intermedia London, Kevin Markiewicz de la Escuela Primaria Frost, Scott Ouimette de la Escuela Primaria Kilmer, y Sue Werneske del Centro de Administración.

CONVERSACIONES CON LA COMUNIDAD

La Junta recibió una actualización sobre la próxima fase de conversaciones comunitarias que tendrá lugar en marzo. Las sesiones de Marzo del grupo Design21 se centrarán en las prioridades identificadas por la comunidad a través de encuestas telefónicas y en línea, entrevistas y grupos focales. Se presentará un tema diferente cada noche; ¡planee venir a una sesión, a sesiones múltiples o a cada sesión! Visite www.ccsd21.org/design21 para conocer las fechas y detalles de cada sesión y para obtener más información sobre este proceso.

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