

April

- 4/2 No School: Non-Attendance Day
 4/5 Track Meet @ Wheeling H.S. @ 5:00 PM
 4/9 PTO meeting @ 4:00 PM
 4/10 Track Meet @ Prospect H.S. @ 5:00 PM
 4/10 State of the Schools (6:30 - 9:00 PM)
 4/12 Holmes Pops Concert @ Chevy Chase @ 7:00 PM
 4/17 Track Meet @ Buffalo Grove H.S. @ 5:00 PM
 4/19 Mid-Trimester
 4/19 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 4/18 6th Grade Orientation @ 6:30 PM
 4/24 Track Meet @ Wheeling H.S. @ 5:00 PM
 4/27 School party 3:30 – 5:15 PM

May

- 5/2 Musical dress rehearsal @ 3:30 PM
 5/3 Musical performance @ 3:30 PM
 5/4 Musical performance @ 7:00 PM
 5/4 AM/Students – PM/ No Students - School Improvement Day
 5/5 Track: Conference Meet @ Wheeling H.S.@ 9:00 AM
 5/7 PTO meeting @ 4:00 PM
 5/10 Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
 5/12 Track Sectionals @ TBD
 5/14 Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 PM
 5/15 Honors Reception @ 7:00 PM
 5/17 Choral Concert @ 7:30 PM
 TBD Chorus, Jazz & Orchestra Feeder Tour
 5/17 School Board Meeting @7:30 PM
 5/18 8th Grade Promotion Party
 5/24 School-Wide Awards Assembly
 5/18-19 State Track Competition
 5/25 No School - Institute Day
 5/28 No School – Memorial Day
 5/30 8th Grade Promotion

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HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Martin Hopkins, Principal
 Liz Richards, Asst. Principal

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Holmes Middle School is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding work of Ms. Bermudez. Over the course of the past 15 years, Ms. Bermudez has taught in the bilingual Spanish program as well as the Spanish Proficiency program. In both settings, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to her students, the school community and her colleagues.

Currently, as a Spanish Proficiency teacher, Ms. Bermudez understands the value of linguistic and cultural awareness and instills these values in our students each and every day. She has a strong passion for building students' native language as a pathway to understanding their culture and being a member of a community. Ms. Bermudez sets high standards for our students and holds them accountable for their academic achievement, as well as their achievements in their learner qualities. She also develops positive relationships with students and they look up to her for support. Ms. Bermudez provides a positive school climate and develops an inviting and comfortable environment where students look forward to class and are willing to take risks. Her number one priority is the well-being and learning of students within our school. Students know her throughout the building, even if they do not take her class; she has a positive influence on the school as a whole.

Ms. Bermudez leads other Spanish Proficiency teachers across the district by challenging them to incorporate sound literacy practices that mirror core classroom instruction. In addition, she takes leadership roles within our building to model and demonstrate specific areas of literacy that she addresses in her classroom. Ms. Bermudez exemplifies Professional Learning Commitments and often volunteers to help teachers in the classroom. She is flexible and keeps the best interests of students in need in mind. Ms. Bermudez has embraced technology and uses it in her daily teaching in the classroom; she utilized Google Classroom regularly in addition to online resources and educational games that support learning.

Because of the aforementioned reasons, we are proud to nominate Ms. Sharen Bermudez for the Celebrating Excellence Award for the 2017-18 school year!

BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

Superintendent Dr. Kate Hyland and Board of Education President Phil Pritzker acknowledge the hard work and outstanding service of our licensed educators each year through Celebrating Excellence. These staff members are recognized for their exemplary efforts in demonstrating and advancing School District 21 values and characteristics and our Professional Learning Community Collective Commitments for Teachers. Congratulations to this year's honorees:

- Cooper: Amber Company, Colleen Conley, Lauren Hirsch, Dennis Lubash, Heather Renkar, and Jenny Stash
- Frost: Charlie Fabrikant
- Hawthorne: Sofia Flores
- Holmes: Sharen Bermudez
- Kilmer: Tracy Snelson
- London: Amy McCall-Alip
- Riley: Sandy Mills, Karen Ditthardt, and Luiza Kozikowska
- Tarkington: Caron Normyle
- Twain: Amanda Zito

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NEXT MEETING

April 19, 2018 – 7:30 PM
 Gill Administration Center

PTO Meeting...

Our next two PTO meetings will take place on: Monday, April 9 @ 4:00 PM & Monday, May 7 @ 6:00 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 7: PTO meeting

May 15: Honors Reception

May 24: School-Wide Awards

May 18: 8th Grade Party

May 30: 8th Grade Promotion

June 4-8: Summer Music Program

June 14: Title I Extended Year and SELA summer programs begin!

August 13 – 17: Summer Music Program

**“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 4th and the week of August 13th at London Middle School. Information and registration forms for the district-wide summer instrumental music program will be sent, soon!

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 15 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Bussing is not 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.

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, 15 de agosto de 2018 de 1:00 a 3:00 pm. No habrá transportación disponible para la sesión de orientación y bienvenida del sexto grado.

Quotables...

“IF YOU HEAR A VOICE WITHIN YOU SAY “YOU CANNOT PAINT,” THEN BY ALL MEANS PAINT AND THAT VOICE WILL BE SILENCED.
–VINCENT VAN GOGH

“THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF ALL TIME IS THAT A PERSON CAN CHANGE HIS FUTURE BY MERELY CHANGING HIS ATTITUDE.”
–OPRAH WINFREY

“IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.” –ZIG ZIGLA

State of the Schools

April 10 @ 6:30 PM

We at Holmes are excited to partner with Whitman, Frost, Twain and Hawthorne schools to present the State of the Schools celebration!

This evening will focus on our students’ learning and growth and celebrate achievements they make every day. Through student performance and a curriculum showcase, students will share what they have learned, how they learned it, and how it connects to learning standards and to the world around them.

Our own Holmes Jazz Combo will perform leading up to Superintendent Dr. Kate Hyland’s remarks at 6:30 PM in the main gym. Following her remarks, you are encouraged to walk through the many student-led exhibits and ask them about questions their work. You will also want to stay tuned for additional performances by the combined 5th grade choirs as well as a grand finale by the Holmes Orchestra!

Promotion 2018

Our eighth grade promotion ceremony, held at Wheeling High School, has been rescheduled 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 Zakonczenia Szkoły 2018

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

DO WELL. DO GOOD. LEAD.

INFORMACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN PREMIOS CELEBRANDO LA EXCELENCIA

La Superintendente Dra. Kate Hyland y la Mesa Directiva de Educación, el Señor Phil Pritzker, reconocen el trabajo excelente y el servicio destacante de nuestros educadores cada año a través del premio Celebrating Excellence. Se reconoce a estos miembros de personal por sus esfuerzos ejemplares en servicio al avance de los valores y características del Distrito Escolar 21 y nuestros Compromisos Colectivos para Maestros de nuestra Comunidad Profesional de Aprendizaje. Felicidades a los recipientes del honor Celebrating Excellence de este año

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PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN

19 de abril de 2018 - 7:30 PM Centro de Administración Gill