



# Holmes Elementary School HIGHLIGHTS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Holmes Families,

It is amazing to me how fast the year goes by year after year. We are nearing the halfway point. As we continue to work together to support students, we are really focusing on school-wide attendance. You may have noticed that we are rewarding students weekly with popcorn if they have perfect attendance for the week, including no tardies or leaving school early. Teachers are working hard to provide bell to bell instruction in order to maximize academic/social/emotional achievement and we need your help. A couple of ways that you can help ensure that your students are ready for the day are: If they are eating breakfast, please try to have them at school by 8:00 so they have 10-15 minutes to eat and still get to class on time. Also, waiting until 3:00 to pick up your child really helps to ensure that they don't miss out on any important information that is communicated by teachers at the end of the day.

We want to partner with you to create a culture that reflects the importance of being at school. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Through your continued partnership and love of students, we can provide the foundation on which success is built!

Kale Colyar, Principal

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## UP COMING EVENTS

- **Feb. 2nd @ 5:30PM**  
Music Concert 2nd,3rd and 4th grade
- **Feb. 3rd**-No School Semester Break
- **Feb. 10th @ 2:00PM** Holmes Award Assembly First Semester
- **Feb. 11th** Holmes Family Engagement Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30AM
- **Feb. 14th** Holmes Parent/Guardian Connection: Math with Mr. Mitchell 8:30-9:00AM
- **Feb. 20th and 21st**: No School President's day and Teacher workday
- **Feb. 28th** Classroom Picture Day



## Holmes Parent/Guardian Connections

Join us Monthly for coffee and donuts to connect and build community

February 14th will be Math with Mr. Mitchell

8:30-9:00AM

in the Holmes Cafeteria

## Attendance

Breakfast starts 7:50 AM (8:50 AM Monday)

First Bell rings at 8:25 AM (9:25 AM Monday)

School starts promptly at 8:30 AM (9:30 AM Monday)

Student supervision is 7:50 AM-3:00 PM  
(8:50AM-3:00PM Monday)

Students are rewarded for perfect weekly attendance –Bell to Bell with popcorn on Fridays!

Our school goal is to improve our students attendance. We value education and their learning in a safe environment. Research shows, a student that misses 10 minutes each day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the school year.

The State of Washington has a mandatory Attendance law known as the Becca bill which requires attendance and an excuse for each day absent. We understand that sometimes there are unique circumstances and a variety of reasons your child may be missing school. We have staff at Holmes prepared to help. Please give us a call at 509-354-2990 if you need assistance.

[Attendance Policy 2023.pdf](#)

**Reminder: Please call our Attendance line 24/7 if your child will be absent.**



**509-354-2992**

## Holmes Big 3

Be safe, be Respectful,  
be Responsible

## December Holmes Heroes

Holmes Heroes are chosen once a month from their classroom for embodying the monthly character trait. Students are honored with a luncheon in the library with the Principal and their families. Holmes Heroes receive a special award, t-shirt and pencil. December's character trait was Empathy. Congratulations to our December Heroes!

Maddie Helton—Kindergarten

Ryker Miller-Kindergarten

Zaria Apiiga-Kindergarten

Mille Moore-Kindergarten

Mira Belcher-1st grade

Josh Wasekwa-1st grade

Saviah Castrolang-2nd grade

Josiah Summerhill-2nd grade

Hannah Huber-2nd grade

Ashlyn Richardson-3rd grade

AnnaMarie Runions-3rd grade

Zoey Reindl-3rd grade

Ben Eubanks-4th grade

Vera Woods-4th grade

Elsie King- 5th grade

Max Person-  
5th grade



# Chocolate Fundraiser Sale

Students at Holmes Elementary are taking orders for *The World's Finest Chocolate* to raise money for educational opportunities and activities to benefit the students at Holmes! This is ASB's biggest fundraiser. All students were sent home with order forms and need to be returned by February 24, 2023.



ASB

## ASB Corner

ASB student representatives meet before school to plan and help with school activities and are led by Mrs. Yanuszeski. These activities include planning spirit week, chocolate sale fundraisers and Pancake socials. The ASB students work with the community and are great role model for our school.

**Next meeting is Feb. 1st at 7:30 AM**

**Parent /Teacher Conferences : January 26-27th, No School**

**MEALS:** Elementary students will be able to come to their schools for FREE on-site breakfast and lunch, which will be served at the following times: Breakfast: 8-10 a.m. Lunch: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

# Holmes Chess Club

**Chess Club is every Wednesday 3:00-4:10PM and led by the Inland Chess Academy. The Students are having a great time!**

