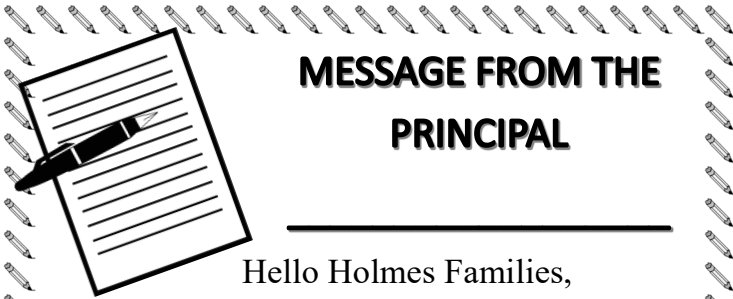




Holmes Elementary School HIGHLIGHTS

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Feb. 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Holmes Families,

In the midst of all the awesome things that are happening at Holmes right now, I want to continue to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support! Your kids are working so hard and finding success in so many ways. A big part of our school improvement plan this year is to increase our weekly attendance rates schoolwide. We are hovering right around the 82% mark. We would love to see those numbers closer to 90%. Students can earn popcorn on Friday's if they have perfect attendance the whole week. We know if our students are at school, they can continue to make academic and social emotional gains for students. George Washington Carver said, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

With that in mind, please be looking for a book to come home with your child that you can read and enjoy as a whole family. There will be fun activities and chances to win prizes in the month of March. Happy Reading!

Kale Colyar, Principal

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UP COMING EVENTS

- **March 7th @ 5:00PM**
Reading Night
- **March 8th**– last day of Chess Club
- **March 12th** Day light savings
(Spring forward)
- **March 14th -8:30-9:00 Holmes Parent/Guardian Connection**
Counselors Corner with
Mr. Caldwell in the Holmes Library
- **March 29th**– last homework club
- **March 31st**-Silverwood Reading logs are due



Holmes Parent/Guardian Connections

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

March 14th will be Counselors Corner with Mr. Caldwell

8:30-9:00AM

in the Holmes Library

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

January 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. January's character trait was Perseverance. Congratulations to our January Heroes!

Raymmius —Kindergarten

Mohib -Kindergarten

Brock -Kindergarten

Greyson -1st grade

Zaki -1st grade

Abidah -2nd grade

Mohamed -2nd grade

Zeke -2nd grade

Allen -3rd grade

Calvin -3rd grade

Jett -3rd grade

Braxton -4th grade

Amar'e -4th grade

Akillah - 5th grade

Mozdalifa I- 5th grade

Chiron

-5th grade



January Holmes Heroes



Abidah, Allen, Amar'e, Calvin
Braxton, Chiron, Greyson, Jett
Mohamed, Mohib, Mozdalifa, Zaki
Raymmius, Zeke, Akillah, Brock
Congratulations!!!



Chief Hockey tickets



In January the Spokane Chiefs came and visited Holmes for a Goal setting assembly. They donated 200 Hockey game tickets that were raffled off to the families that signed up at the Parent/Teacher conferences. We had 44 lucky families win tickets to attend a game.

Congratulations!

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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. Chocolate's from the bunny sale will be delivered in March. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

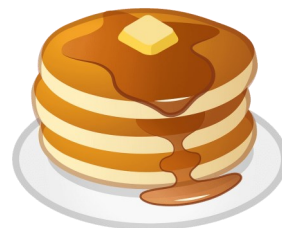
**Next meeting is: March 1st @ 7:30AM and
March 22nd @7:30AM**



Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

Holmes hosted a sweetheart pancake breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 11th. Families enjoyed breakfast together and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Holmes PTG and staff for all your help! A new Holmes tradition has been born.





Holmes First Semester Award Assembly



**Congratulations to all the
award recipients!**

Golden Heroes: Molly, Ryker, Averie, Faith, Henry, Theo, Hannah, Maeve, Mujeeb, Selah, Xzirah, Daniel, Aiden, Lily, Rosalie, Amaya, Sharlette

Spirit of Holmes: Elza, Dereon, Lucy, Reegan, Lupine, Ami, Brylin, Lyrik, Maeve, Allen, Harlow, Paisley, Carly, Sareem, Nolan, Elsie

Principal Leadership: Eva, Jaxen, Titius, Cora

Ultimate Athlete: Kashton, Ziana, Lillian, Amar'e

Musician of the Semester: Jayce, Saviah, Jaxon, Mila

Scientist of the Semester: Jacye, Faith, Kieran, Dani

Artist of the Semester: Ami, Maeve

Patroller of the Semester: Jiuleonna

Perfect Attendance: Ashlyn, Brayden, Calvin, Bryson, Elsie, Jacquelyn

First Semester Award Assembly



Mrs. O'Neill's third grade class has been learning about the Native American way of life and researching how the surroundings of specific tribes affected the way they lived. Their Wednesday volunteer, Mrs. Grainger, was able to speak with the class all about her experience of working for local tribes. She also shared some of her own artifacts that represent this culture. It was an awesome way to engage a community member in our learning!

