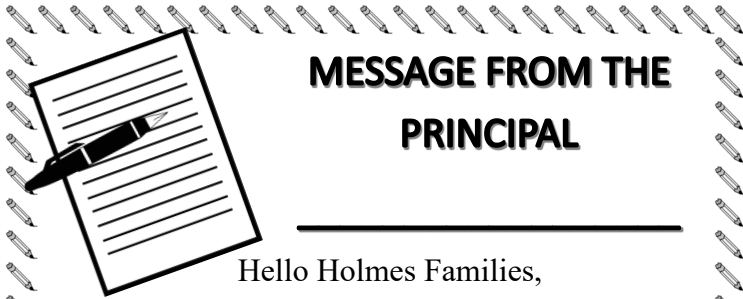




Holmes Elementary School HIGHLIGHTS

2600 West Sharp Avenue • Spokane, WA 99201-0996 • (509) 354-2990

March 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Holmes Families,

I hope you have a restful spring break. As we look at and reflect on the work that we have done this year, I am so proud to be a part of the Holmes community. As a school we feel strongly about being Committed, Caring, and Consistent to Empower ALL students to Believe and Achieve. We have adopted this “Motto” and feel it is our collective “Why” we do what we do at Holmes Elementary. Through your partnership, the sky is the limit.

Looking ahead to after break, teachers will continue to maximize learning time. We will have our state testing for third through fifth grade. I am excited to see all the growth our students have made this year. In addition to supporting academic opportunities for students, please be looking for several after school activities beginning after spring break. These include Girl Scouts, Soccer, and Disc Golf to name a few. The end of the year is a busy time chalked full of activities and opportunities to get involved in our school community. Our Parent Teacher Group has established an active board and is seeking participation from you. Please get involved!

I hope you have a great spring break and have an opportunity to get out and enjoy some sunshine and family time.

Kale Colyar, Principal

kalec@spokaneschools.org

UP COMING EVENTS

- **April 1st** MAC museum Family day bus leaves Holmes at 10:30, returns at 3:00
- **April 3-7** Spring Break
- **April 10th** Pesticide Application spray
- **April 18th** Parent/Guardian Connection– 8:30-9:00AM in the Holmes Library –Literacy tips & tricks
- **April 22nd**– Earth Day
- **April 24th**– Holmes Hero Luncheon
- **April 27th** Tooth-Savers at Holmes



Holmes

Parent/Guardian Connections

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

April 18th will be **Literacy tips and tricks** with the Reading teachers.

8:30-9:00AM

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

February 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. February's character trait was Honesty. Congratulations to our February Heroes!

Baset —Kindergarten

Allen -Kindergarten

Isabella-Kindergarten

Lupine -1st grade

Eva-1st grade

Oliver -2nd grade

Lienn -2nd grade

Chance-2nd grade

Abe-3rd grade

Asher-3rd grade

Kennedy -3rd grade

Adrian -4th grade

Ariana -4th grade

Mari- 5th grade

Mason- 5th grade



February Holmes Heroes



Abe, Adrian, Allen, Ariana
Asher, Baset, Isabella, Kennedy
Lienn, Eva, Lupine, Mari,
Mason, Oliver, Chance
Congratulations!!!





Northwest
Museum of
Arts and
Culture

Holmes has been chosen by the MAC museum for a free family Day!

When: Saturday, April 1, 2023 11:00-3:00PM

A bus leaves Holmes at 10:30AM

Where: MAC museum of Arts and
Culture: 2316 West 1st Ave.
Spokane, WA 99201

What: Kick off spring break and bring your family to the MAC, where we will have Hispanic folklore dancers, music, mask-making art, and an artist demonstration with international renowned mask-making artist, Felipe Horta.

Cost: Free for Holmes Families!





Join Girl Scouts at Holmes Elementary!

Girl Scouts meet every Tuesday after school in the Multi purpose room 3:00-4:30PM. For more information call

Natalie Giles

509-747-8091 ext. 218

Where girls try new things, develop a range of skills and take on leadership roles and just be themselves.

Open your phone's camera and scan the QR code to register!



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. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! **Next meeting is: April 12th @ 7:30 AM**

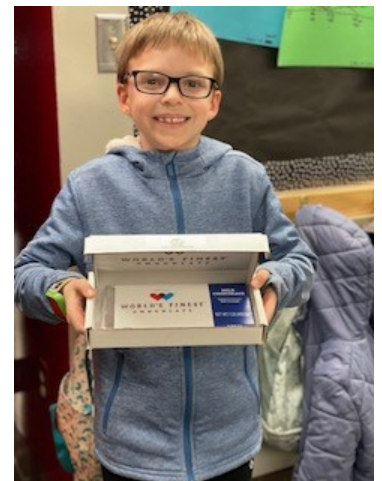
April 19th @ 7:30AM

Chocolate Fundraiser Winners!

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped raise money for our school. Congratulations to our top sellers! Saviah, Justice, Remington, Roland, Lilith, Hunter, Calvin

Remington, Roland, Lilith, Hunter, Calvin

**Top Winner
Arianna!**





Holmes Elementary Kindergarten Registration is Open for the 2023-2024 school year!

- Children need to be 5 years old by Aug. 31st
- The online registration is available at [Spokaneschools.org](https://spokaneschools.org) or come to the office at Holmes Elementary. We have laptops available or pick up a packet.
- Students must be in compliance for the first day of school with their immunizations.
- Please bring a birth certificate or proof of birthdate and current immunizations.
- Any questions, please call 509-354-2990

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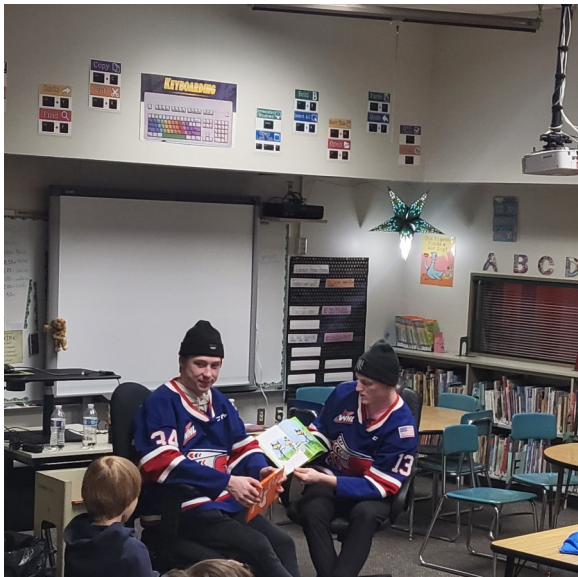
Reading Night 2023



Families came to school and enjoyed dinner, stories with the Spokane Fire Dept, Spokane Chiefs hockey players, Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol, a local author, and other wonderful members of our community. They also had an opportunity to browse books and take some new stories home to read with their families! It was a fun evening for all!



Reading Night 2023



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www.spokaneschools.org



March 2023

TO: Parents, Guardians & Staff Members of Holmes Elementary

FROM: PRINCIPAL Kale Colyar

SUBJECT: **PESTICIDE APPLICATION ALERT!**

This is to inform you that our annual dormant oil spray will be applied to the trees and shrubs at our school on April 10, 2023. This spray application consists of one gallon of mineral oil mixed in 80 gallons of water to cover and kill dormant insect eggs that overwinter in our area. Our school has taken steps to keep school children away from these areas for 24 hours following the application of spray. We would like to ask that you and your children refrain from brushing up against or playing around the trees and shrubs at our school. A variation from this schedule may occur as a result of inclement weather. Thank you!