

## Eagle Times: Taking Flight for 21st Century Learning

School is back underway, and we are excited to begin another great school year. The Holden R-III School District has made great strides over the past several years. The District has, and is, seeing record high daily student attendance rates. This has lead to record low dropout rates and continued outstanding graduation rates.

The District has also implemented its "Take Flight" Program, a one-to-one program that provides every student in grades K-12 a computer device to assist with daily lessons. This tool is allowing the classroom instruction to meet the needs of today's learners.

These accomplishments are not easy and is a credit to the students, community, and

faculty working together to create an atmosphere for academic success.

Recently you may have received a link to a survey asking you to rank what you value as important goals for public schools. The District is always working to reflect the needs of the community it serves. Patrons may access the survey online from our school website at [www.holdenschools.org](http://www.holdenschools.org).

The survey information will be used as a part of our upcoming planning session to update the District's five-year plan called the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan or CSIP. This is a document, that once revised, works to guide district goals and our direction into the future. If you think you would be

interested in taking part in this planning process, please contact Holden R-III Central Office at 816-732-5568 and we can add you to the list to attend a planning session.

Please remember to stay up-to-date with all district activities by visiting the district website at [holdenschools.org](http://holdenschools.org), and as always "SOAR Like an Eagle!"

Wade Schroeder,  
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## Creating, Collaborating & Innovating: Coding at Google Fiber Space



Holden High School computer programming students recently visited Google Fiber Space in Kansas City on Saturday, September 6, for the CoderDojo KC. CoderDojo is a global collaboration providing free and open training to young people, especially in programming technology.

Coding is an important skill that can lead to huge career opportunities for students. At CoderDojo, each child is encouraged to explore, create and innovate by developing their

own technology based projects and products using coding software. The students were given the task to create something using the voice command tool within the coding software.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to be around some industry professionals and the chance to ask questions about computer programming.

CoderDojo sessions are held at Google Fiber Space every second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### :: Important Dates to Remember

Oct. 6	2nd & 3rd Grade Fall Concert, 6:30 p.m. at H.S. Gym
Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL / Teacher In-service
Oct. 18	M.S. Band & Choir Concert, 7 p.m. at H.S. Gym   M.S. Art Show, 5-7 p.m. at H.S. Cafeteria
Oct. 21-27	M.S. Book Fair   Family Nights, Oct. 24 & 27 - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m
Oct. 24 & 27	Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	H.S. Band & Choir Concert, 7 p.m. at H.S. Gym   H.S. Art Show, 5-7 p.m. at H.S. Cafeteria
Oct. 28	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 1	R.I.S.E. Awards Ceremony, H.S. Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 11-13	H.S. Musical, H.S. Gym, Nov. 11-12, 7:00 p.m. & Nov. 13, 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 14-18	Elementary Book Fair   Family Night, Nov. 15, 3:20 to 6 p.m.   Grand Event, Nov. 18, 7:15 a.m.
Nov. 15	H.S. Academic Recognition Night & NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m. at H.S. Gym
Nov. 23-25	NO SCHOOL / Thanksgiving Break

“ The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities. ”

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Visit the school website to sign up for Text Alerts & Email Updates to receive important messages regarding school closings, early dismissals and event reminders.

## Color Run: A Day of Fun & Fundraising for Student Scholarships

October 8, 8 a.m.




Grab your family and friends! The Holden R-III School Foundation will be hosting the 3rd Annual Color Run and Kid's Dash on Saturday, October 8th. The race will start at the tennis courts at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The 5K course will go to Downtown Holden and back to the school. Each participant will be given a bag of 'color' to throw during the race in order to create a colorful, fun event.

Entry forms are available at all schools or can be picked up at Holden R-III Central Office during school hours. All proceeds from the Color Run are returned to the district in the form of teacher grants, student scholarships and other special activities that enhance the students' learning experience.

The Holden R-III School Foundation is always looking for additional board members. If you would like to serve as a voluntary board member, please contact a current board member or plan on attending a monthly meeting. Meetings are held at the Holden Innovation Center at 124 W. 2nd Street in Downtown Holden. Visit the school district's calendar online for meeting dates and times at [holdenschools.org](http://holdenschools.org)

Holden R-III School Foundation Board: Sally Davidson, president; Gregg Montgomery, vice president of administration; Christy Seiz, vice president of development; Sara Lohe, treasurer; Wade Schroeder, secretary; P. Kaye Chisler, recording secretary; and members: Lisa Baker, Jacki Brandel, Donna Mannschreck, Kyndal Phelps, Marion Robey and Lisa Stoyko.



No School / Teacher In-service - October 10

Parent-Teacher Conferences - October 24 & 27, 4 to 8 p.m.

No School - October 28

No School / Thanksgiving Break - November 23-25

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# School Pride Newsletter

## Bookaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure!

Ahoy Matey! The middle school book fair will be docked at the Holden Middle School Library from Friday, October 21, through Thursday, October 27. Come explore a treasure trove of books daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be items for all ages and interests so every mate is sure to discover a book they will battle a kraken for.

Family Events will be held during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 24 and October 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. For every book you buy, you will be able to play a game and win a prize.

The goal for the book fair is to ensure as many children as possible receive and have access to books. One of the ways we can do that is through the All for Books program. Not only does your donation help our cause, but Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to one million books to the Kids in Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. See you at the book fair!

The Holden Elementary Library invites all students, parents, staff and the public to the elementary school book fair November 14 to November 18. The book fair will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Family Night at the Book Fair will be Tuesday, November 15, from 3:20 to 6 p.m.

A special “Grand” Event for grandparents will be held at the book fair on Friday, November 18, from 7:15 to 8:20 a.m.

Come explore a large selection of books at the book fair and find great reads for every person in your family! Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. The more kids practice reading, the better they will get!



## Recognizing Individual Student Excellence

November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Students, parents and staff will soon celebrate our students’ academic success on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End of Course (EOC) assessments. The Holden R-III School District will honor those students scoring at the Advanced achievement level, the highest level, on these assessments at the R.I.S.E. Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Last spring, students were tested in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts in grades 3-8 and Science in grades 5 and 8. End of Course assessments were given to high school students in the following courses: English I, English II, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, American History, Government, Biology and Physical Science. Test results are reported to the schools in the fall.

The district looks forward to Recognizing Individual Student Excellence and celebrating the students’ academic success.



## High School Academic Recognition Night

November 15, 7:00 p.m.

The High School Academic Recognition Night will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

The National Honor Society will honor students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

In addition, Academic Letters will be awarded to recognize and reward those students who demonstrate and maintain academic excellence in the classroom.

## Mark Your Calendars: Parent Teacher Conferences

October 24 & 27, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 24 and Thursday, October 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. each evening. This is a very important time for parents to discuss their child's progress with his/her teachers, as research has shown that parental involvement is one of the most important factors in a student's success in school.



Elementary parents will have scheduled conferences with elementary teachers. Middle school parents will be able to schedule a time to meet with their child's teachers. At the high school, parents may individually confer with their child's teachers in their classrooms on a first come, first-served basis. Parents may contact their child's school for more information.

## Get Involved in Holden PTO

Holden Elementary offers many fun-filled and enriching opportunities and events in collaboration with PTO! The Holden PTO would like to involve everyone in the Holden Elementary family and invite all parents and staff to participate through the Holden Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

The Holden PTO is a vibrant and committed group of volunteers composed of parents, school staff, and administrators who share time and talent for the welfare of all children. Through fundraisers, the PTO helps provide the opportunity for students to participate in educational field trips that enhance their learning experience.

To join the PTO, complete a membership form and return it to Holden Elementary with a \$5 membership. Each member will receive a Sonic Community Card with over \$24 in savings. Members do not have to attend meetings to be involved.

The Holden Elementary PTO runs many fantastic programs that provide services and enrichment for students. All parents and friends of Holden Elementary are invited to attend and volunteer for events. We hope to see new faces in the future, and thank you for your support of Holden PTO. Like us on Facebook!

Upcoming Holden PTO Events	
Oct. 17-21	Fall Service Project: Collecting hats, coats, gloves, scarves
Oct. 21	Father/Son Event at Elementary
Oct. 24 & 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Dinner Available for Families
Nov. 3	PTO Meeting
Nov. 18	Mother/Daughter Event



Donuts with Dad had a great turnout!



Check the October & November calendar for times and locations of events.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP**

**SIGN UP**

- \* School Foundation - Show your support through your annual membership. Membership levels: friend, family and founder.
- \* Join PTO/PSTO anytime! Your membership dues support our students!

**VOLUNTEER**

- \* Elementary PTO
- \* Middle School PSTO
- \* School Foundation
- \* Advisory Committees
- \* Booster Clubs

**DONATE**

- \* Bright Futures Holden - Donate your Time, Talent or Treasure to help meet our students' needs
- \* School Foundation - Make a contribution or establish a memorial, pledge or tribute

# School Pride Newsletter

## Elementary Music Programs

Mark your calendars for the Holden Elementary School Music Programs! The Elementary concert schedule will look different from previous years with concerts being performed throughout the school year. All programs will be held in the Holden High School Gym.

<b>October 6</b>
2nd & 3rd Grade Fall Concert
<b>December 15</b>
Kindergarten & 1st Grade Winter Concert
<b>March 9</b>
4th & 5th Grade Spring Concert

We cordially invite the public to attend the music programs and look forward to seeing everyone at the performances.



## Middle School & High School Fine Arts Nights

**Choir and Band Concerts & Art Shows**  
**October 18 & October 25**

Please join us for the Fall Fine Arts Nights at the Holden schools. The middle school choirs and bands will perform their fall concert on October 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. In addition, a special viewing of artwork created by middle school art students will be on display in the high school cafeteria that evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

On October 25, the high school choirs and bands will perform their concert at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Artwork created by high school students will be on display in the high school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening.

We invite the community to come see our students perform this fall, whether in band, choir, or art. The concerts and art shows are free. Come enjoy the music and art!

## Holden High School Presents “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”

Nov. 11 & 12, 7 p.m. & Nov. 13, 2 pm.

Holden High School students will be performing the musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 at the high school gym starting at 7 p.m. both nights with a third performance on Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m.



*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a hilarious tale of high school-aged overachievers, their hopes, their dreams, and their angst as they compete for a slot in the National Spelling Bee. Overseen by adults still stuck in adolescence themselves, they sing their stories, utilize unique spelling techniques and learn that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

Tickets will be available at the high school or you can purchase tickets at the door the day of the performances.

## Chili Supper

October 7, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.




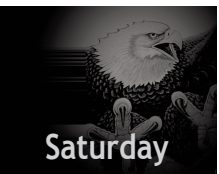
Come enjoy some chili before the Holden Eagles take on Carrollton in the last home football game of the season on October 7! This is also Senior Night and Youth Cheer Night. The Chili Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All proceeds benefit the Holden R-III Activities Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!



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November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 R.I.S.E. Awards Ceremony @ H.S. Gym, 7pm  FBLA Butter Braids Fundraiser, Nov. 1-11	2	3 FFA Chapter Officer Meeting, 7am Summit Technology Academy Presentation, HS Cafeteria, 1pm FFA Area VII Fall Speech Contest, Ag Building, 4-7:30pm PTO Meeting, 6pm ES Library	4	5 District Jr. High Choir @ UCM District HS Band & Jazz Band Auditions @ Warrensburg HS Cross Country State Meet HS Trap Shooting @ UCM
		Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org				
6	7 "Katy on the Go" School Based Dental Program at Holden R-III Nov. 7-18 <small>(Parent Consent Forms Available at the Nurse's Office)</small>	8 ELECTION DAY	9 FFA Central District Fall Speaking Contests @ UCM, 4pm	10 FFA Chapter & Parents, Friends, Alumni Meeting Ag Building, 7pm	11 VETERANS DAY  HS Musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" HS Gym, 7pm	12 HS Musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" HS Gym, 7pm
13 HS Musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" HS Gym, 2pm  HS Trap Shooting Practice, 4-6pm	14 HS FBLA / March of Dimes Week, Nov. 14-18  Elementary Book Fair, Nov. 14-18  Board of Education Meeting, MS Library, 7pm	15 HS FBLA Businesses Appreciation Breakfast, HS Library, 7am Jr. FFA Candies from Harmisons Fundraiser, Nov. 15-29 Family Night @ Elementary Book Fair ES Library, 3:20-6pm MS Wrestling @ Butler, 5pm  NHS Induction & H.S. Academic Recognition Night HS Gym, 7pm	16	17 Holden R-III Foundation Meeting, @ Holden Inc., 6pm	18 Grand Event @ Elementary Book Fair ES Library, 7:15-8:20am  PTO Mother/Daughter Spa Night, Elementary Gym & 3-5 Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30pm  FFA Chapter Barnwarming Ag Building, 7-10pm  Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball Jamboree @ Center HS	19 MS Wrestling Tournament  HS Trap Shooting @ UCM
Elementary Book Fair, Open 8am to 4pm Daily, Nov. 14-18 / Family Night, Nov. 15 & Grand Event, Nov. 18						
20	21 Holden R-III Foundation Hosting Chamber After Hours, Holden, Inc. 5:30-7pm  JV/V Girls Basketball @ Oak Grove, 5:30pm  Preschool Activity Night, ES Gym, 6:30pm	22 MS Wrestling Quad @ Cameron, 5pm C/JV/V Boys Basketball @ Concordia, 5pm MS Girls Basketball @ Knob Noster, 5pm MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Knob Noster 5pm	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK						
27	28 MS Wrestling @ Richmond, 5pm	29 MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Higginsville 5pm  MS Girls Basketball @ Higginsville, 5pm  JV Boys / Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball @ Sherwood, 5pm	30 HTA Meeting [staff] HS Library, 3:45pm	Our CHARACTER Trait of the month is...CITIZENSHIP Being a responsible member of a community		

October 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org		Our CHARACTER Trait of the month is...RESPONSIBILITY Taking ownership of what you say and do				1 Varsity Volleyball @ Stockton Inv.  FBLA Show Me Leadership Conference
2 HS Trap Shooting Practice, 4-6pm	3 JV/V Softball @ Clinton, 5pm  JV Football @ Richmond, 5:30pm	4 FFA Labor Auction, 7pm Dinner, 5pm, HHS HS Cross Country @ Excelsior Springs, 4pm JV/V Volleyball @ Lexington, 5pm MS Volleyball @ Richmond, 5pm MS Football @ Carrollton, 5:30pm	5 Fun Run HS Track, 5-8pm	6 FFA Chapter Officers Mtg, 7am 2nd Grade Field Trip to Kaleidoscope C/JV/V Volleyball @ Higginsville, 5pm MS Volleyball @ Clinton, 5pm 2nd & 3rd Grade Fall Concert, HS, 6:30pm Youth Football @ Holden, 7-9pm	7 Chili Supper, @ HHS, 5-8pm  Varsity Football, Home vs. Carrollton, 7pm - *Senior Night & Youth Cheer Night	8 Holden R-III Foundation Color Run, 8 am @ Tennis Courts Youth Football @ Holden, 8am-4pm HS Trap Shooting @ UCM District Choir Concert @ Oak Grove HS, 5:30pm
District Softball, Oct. 5-8						
9	10 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service  MS Volleyball @ Grain Valley, 5pm C/JV/V Volleyball @ Osceola, 5pm JV Football, Home vs. Carrollton, 5:30pm Board of Education Mtg Elementary Library, 7pm	11 ASVAB Test @ Multi 8:30am-12pm  MS Volleyball @ Pleasant Hill, 5pm C/JV/V Volleyball, Home vs. Richmond, 5pm MS Football, Home vs. Knob Noster, 5:30pm	12 Special Olympics @ Odessa, 8am-3pm  MS/HS Cross Country @ Sherwood Inv., 4pm	13 MS/HS Cross Country @ Warrensburg, 4pm  JV/V Volleyball @ Carrollton, 5pm  FFA Chapter & Parents, Friends, Alumni Meeting Ag Building, 7pm	14 Kindergarten Field Trip to Shuck's Farm  Varsity Football @ Knob Noster, 7pm	15 HS Band @ Missouri Days Marching Festival  MS Volleyball @ Oak Grove Tourn.
16 HS Trap Shooting Practice, 4-6pm	17 PTO Coats, Hats, Gloves and Scarves Drive, Oct. 17-21	18 Picture Retake Day  MS Art Show, HS Cafeteria, 5-7pm  MS Band & Choir Concert, HS Gym, 7pm	19 FFA @ National Convention, Indianapolis  HS Cross Country Conference Meet @ Richmond, 4pm	20 FFA @ National Convention, Indianapolis  Holden R-III Foundation Meeting, @ Holden Inc., 6pm	21 FFA @ National Convention, Indianapolis MS Book Fair, Oct. 21-27  PTO Father/Son Event, ES Gym, 6:30-8:30pm  MS Halloween Dance MS Gym, 7-9pm	22 FFA @ National Convention, Indianapolis  HS Band @ UCM Homecoming Parade
District Varsity Volleyball @ Knob Noster, Oct. 17-20						
PTO Coats, Hats, Gloves and Scarves Drive Oct. 17-21						
23	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm*  *PTO Dinner 3-5 Cafeteria, 4-8pm Family Night @ MS Book Fair, 4-8pm	25 HS Art Show, HS Cafeteria, 5-7pm  HS Band & Choir Concert, HS Gym, 7pm	26	27 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm*  *PTO Dinner 3-5 Cafeteria, 4-8pm Family Night @ MS Book Fair, 4-8pm HS Student Council West District Mtg, 7am	28 NO SCHOOL	29 Cross Country District Meet @ Stockton  HS Trap Shooting @ UCM
MS Book Fair - Open 8am to 4pm Daily / Family Nights, Mon. & Thurs. 4-8pm						
30	31 Elementary Fall Party Day					