

Community School Report



Holden R-3
School District

December
2024

You Sunk My Battleship!



Freshman Biology students participated in gamified instruction while studying Mitosis & Meiosis. During a life-size game of Battleship, students donned special nautical hats and answered questions to differentiate between Mitosis (*the process by which a parent cell divides into two identical daughter cells, each containing a complete set of chromosomes from the parent cell*) and Meiosis (*produces cells that are genetically unique from the parent and contain only half as much DNA*) to sink their opponents!

Hands-on Fun: Easy & Engaging

Hands-on activities are a powerful way to support learning and development in elementary students. When students work with their hands they use multiple senses and enhance their problem-solving skills, fine motor abilities, and creativity. At Holden Elementary, the Build It Club presents students with projects that have clear instructions and materials but give them the chance to put their own spin on them. Here are some students in action:



During winter break there are tons of ways families incorporate hands-on activities without even trying, which is beneficial to everyone! A nature walk to collect pinecones, leaves, or twigs to create a centerpiece for a holiday meal; a LEGO challenge to build something holiday-themed; measuring ingredients for baking cookies; These activities not only support learning but also create opportunities for quality family time and fun memories.

School Board Openings

Holden R-3 will be accepting school board candidate filings December 10, beginning at 8:00am through December 31 at 5:00pm. There are two positions available with three-year terms each. For specific filing hours and information, visit holdenschools.org and look under Latest News.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Fri 12/6 Sat 12/7 Mon 12/9</p>	<p>HMS Holiday Dance @ MS Commons 6-8pm HS Band State Band Auditions @ Columbia HES Build It Club @ ES Library 3:45pm HES PTO Christmas Store Family Night @ ES Gym 5:30pm-9:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm HS Choir/Band Concert @ HS Gym 7pm Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Concert @ HS Gym 6pm HS Football Banquet @ HS Gym 6pm Project Grad 2025 Meeting @ HS Library 6pm</p>	<p>Mon 12/16 Thu 12/19 Fri 12/20 - Fri 1/3 Sat 12/21 Mon 1/6 Tue 1/7 Fri 1/10 Sat 1/11</p>	<p>MS Band/Choir Winter Concert @ HS Gym 7pm EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15pm NO SCHOOL - Winter Break</p> <p>Robotics League Meet @ Pembroke HS NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice Classes Resume HS Band District Band Rehearsal @ UCM District Band Rehearsal & Concert @ UCM HS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill Invitational</p>
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MS/HS Girls Wrestling



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MS/HS Girls Basketball



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District Calendar

