

HOLLAND PATENT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Home of the Golden Knights



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MAY 2023

HPCSD Names 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Isabella Stalker

The Holland Patent Central School District is proud to announce the standard bearers for the Class of 2023. Representing the class as valedictorian is **Isabella Stalker**, daughter of Harold and Kathleen Stalker of Holland Patent.

Isabella is an outstanding all-around student. She has earned a 99.5 grade point average throughout her four years at Holland Patent High School, and has accomplished this while taking mostly advanced placement and dual credit college courses. Isabella possesses many leadership qualities. She is the president of the National Honor Society and Student Council, and vice president of the Drama Club. Isabella also participates in a variety of other extracurricular activities such as varsity field hockey, Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, International Club and Newspaper Club. In addition to all of the time she spends on school work and activities, Isabella finds time to volunteer in the community. She has volunteered with the food drive for the Kuyahoor Valley Foundation, worked with children at Upstate Cerebral Palsy and helped organize Christmas and Thanksgiving gifts for families at St. Leo's Church. Isabella plans to attend college in the fall, but is undecided on her school and major at this time.



Abigail Draper

Representing the Class of 2023 as salutatorian is **Abigail Draper**, daughter of John and Terry Draper of Remsen. Abigail also has a very impressive resume. She has scored a 91 or higher on all of the Regents Exams that she has taken in high school and will leave with over 30 college credits. Abigail is active in several extracurricular activities including: National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, International Club, Student Council, varsity field hockey and varsity alpine skiing. She is active in the community, where she has volunteered hosting events at the Prospect Library, helping serve food at the Hope House and writing letters and

replacing flags at the American Legion. Abigail is currently undecided on her future plans after high school. Joining Isabella and Abigail in graduating with "highest distinction," reflecting an average in excess of 95 percent are: **Molly Bathrick**, daughter of David and Margaret Bathrick of Remsen; **Emily Carlson**, daughter of Michael Carlson of Whitesboro and Shelly Wilson of Barneveld; **Logan Cuda**, son of Thomas and Tina Cuda of Stittville; **Caleb Fisher**, son of James and Julie Fisher of Barneveld; **Deron Howe**, son of Geoffrey and Donna Howe of Holland Patent; **Andrew Kanclerz**, son of Casey and Rebecca Kanclerz of Holland Patent; **Zoë Kelly**, daughter of Adam Kelly and Lydia Berez-Kelly of Barneveld; **Jayson Masters**, son of Carrie Haldeman of Rome; **Julia Racha**, daughter of Scott and Andrea Racha of Holland Patent and **Marissa Shuck**, daughter of Bruce and Dawn Shuck of Stittville.

Nineteen additional students will graduate with "distinction," reflecting an average in excess of 90 percent. Members of the class graduating with distinction are: **Cecelia Allen**, daughter of Jason Allen

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BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY

May 02

6:00 p.m.

HS Library

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY

May 16

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HS Gymnasium

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

PROPOSED
2023-24 BUDGET

\$ 39,270,823

CURRENT
2022-23 BUDGET

\$ 37,990,863

BUDGET INCREASE

3.37%

\$ 1,279,960

TAX LEVY INCREASE

2.41%



OUR MISSION

Holland Patent Central School will provide a safe, caring, positive environment where all students can achieve their maximum innate potential and acquire the skills, attitudes and abilities necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.



Dear Holland Patent School District Community,

The Board of Education adopted the spending plan of \$39,270,823 for the 2023-2024 school year at the March 8, 2023 meeting. The budget supports a solid curriculum which seeks to prepare students for college and career readiness. We have utilized flexible thinking and planning to produce a budget that maintains programming in the face of multiple challenges. The

rate of inflation in New York State has presented many challenges and through long term financial planning, our District has worked diligently to present a budget that stays within our tax levy limit at 2.41%. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our teachers, staff and students, as well as the support from our community. The spending plan that has been constructed is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers in the long and short term, while continuing to maintain the solid educational programs that are essential to our students' success today and in the future. We have added extracurricular offerings to our students, such as Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), as well as added additional sports such as girl's wrestling. It has been a positive and productive time in our school buildings across the District.

Some highlights, amongst other wonderful opportunities, in our budget are inclusive of the following examples of our programs:

- Languages: Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, American Sign Language (ASL)
- Arts: Photography, Computer Graphics, Drawing and Painting, Digital Design, Sculpture
- Technology: CAD, DDP, Computer Applications
- Physical Education: Life Saving, Health, Pre-K-12
- Music: Chorus, Select Chorus, Jazz Band, Vocal Ensemble, String Ensemble, Music Theory, K-8 General Music, Chamber Orchestra
- MVCC: English 101 & 102, Psychology, Sociology, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Math 115 and 125, Statistics, French, Spanish, Chinese, Keyboarding, Intro to Business, Accounting, Personal Finance, Computers and Society, CAD, Drawing and Painting, Computer Graphics and Economics.
- AP Courses: Calculus, Biology, Language and Composition, US Government, US History and Government, Modern World History, Music Theory
- Sports: Football, Tennis, Swim, Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Volleyball, Alpine and Nordic Ski, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track and Lacrosse

As a team, we have worked on supporting a strategic plan as a Board of Education, leadership team, faculty, staff and community which aligns our focus on the Mission, Vision and District goals for the future. As we digested the ideas from this plan, focusing on a commitment to student growth, we are proposing a balanced approach to facilities improvement. We are recommending a \$18,850,000 Capital Improvement Project that will focus on ensuring our facilities and classrooms are renovated to support the needs of our students. The improvements are centered on both classroom spaces, facilities work and athletics. To highlight a few areas addressed, the project will include items such as work in our HS library, HS cafeteria, HS

music, HS and MS art and a multi-purpose field. The capital Improvement Project creates NO ANTICIPATED TAX INCREASE, as it is funded primarily by Estimated State Building Aid and the remaining portion from the Capital Reserve. Please feel free to email capitalproject@hpschools.org with any questions.

We are future focused, with students centered at our core. Some of our current points of pride include:

- Investment in early literacy – Full-day pre-K
- Building literacy capacity K-12
- Teacher Center professional learning that supports District initiatives and building capacity
- Differentiated professional learning with technology integration
- Instructional coaching K-12 focused in reading, writing and math
- Connected Community Schools, which are located in every building
- Hubs located in every school with food pantry, clothing closet and school supplies
- Links referrals to outside agencies including mental health, housing, family needs, academics, nutrition, medical needs, transportation and behavior management
- Dual Credit Courses – Syracuse University Project Advance, MVCC, HCCC, Utica University, Hamilton College
- Career and Technical Education, P-TECH, New Visions, Regional Program for Excellence
- Summer programming for K-8 enrichment at Holland Patent
- Summer camps, including athletics, STEM, art and music
- Accrual of 54 dual-credits available to all students attending our high school
- Best community for music education for five consecutive years
- Mentoring Program for new staff
- Updating curriculum to ensure the NEXT Generation standards are embedded
- Instructional Coaches are building small group instruction in the classrooms
- Using student data to drive instruction and fill gaps due to learning loss

These points of pride are supported through a fiscally responsible proposed budget. The proposed 2023-24 tax levy is a 2.41 % increase from the 2022-23 budget. The tax levy limit requires Districts in New York State to apply a multistep formula to determine the tax levy increase a District can propose. We will once again stay within this tax levy limit. The Board of Education adopted a spending plan of \$39,270,823 for 2023-2024 school year, which results in a levy below the District maximum allowable levy limit.

Many years of financial planning has helped us to build a budget that engages student centered learning and is fiscally responsible, with a tax levy under the allowable levy limit. We would like to thank everyone who put forth a great deal of effort in the development of the budget. We invite all residents to attend the public hearing at Holland Patent High School on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. The budget vote will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl J. Venettozzi
Superintendent of Schools

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

IN ADDITION TO VOTING ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, WE ARE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER THESE ITEMS:

- The election of one (1) member to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years.

CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BIO ON PAGE 6): Kathy Smyth

PROPOSITION NO. 1: Authorize a purchase of two school buses and one passenger van for **\$345,258**

PROPOSITION NO. 2: Authorization of a Capital Project.

2023-24 BUDGET INFORMATION

ESTIMATED INCOME	Current Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Admissions	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Interest	\$ 12,000	\$ 100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 2,136,072	\$ 2,378,740
Sale of Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
State Aid - Basic, Trans, Spec. Aid, etc.	\$ 15,685,920	\$ 16,045,776
Building Aid	\$ 2,053,428	\$ 2,215,136
Textbook Aid	\$ 121,188	\$ 119,265
BOCES Aid	\$ 1,847,948	\$ 1,908,809
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Tuition	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes-Reg. Water Auth.	\$ 32,670	\$ 69,375
Interfund Transfer	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Total Estimated Income	\$ 24,211,226	\$ 25,159,101
TAX LEVY	2022-23	2023-24
Budget	\$ 37,990,863	\$ 39,270,823
Non-Tax Income	\$ 24,211,226	\$ 25,159,101
Tax Levy - Budget	\$ 13,779,637	\$ 14,111,722
Total Tax Levy	\$ 13,779,637	\$ 14,111,722
	\$ 332,086 or	2.41%
Tax Levy Public Library	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including business office operations, payroll, purchasing, general administration, personnel, legal and auditing services. Cost for administration and supervision of each of the District's four (4) schools is also included in this component.

SCHOOL YEAR	2022-23	2023-24	INC/(DEC)
Board of Education	\$ 34,800	\$ 34,965	\$ 165
Central Administration	346,840	358,964	\$ 12,124
Finance	555,204	569,189	\$ 13,985
Legal Services	88,842	91,592	\$ 2,750
Public Information	2,250	2,250	\$ -
Central Printing	45,000	45,000	\$ -
Central Data Processing	526,000	552,300	\$ 26,300
Unallocated Insurance	150,157	150,157	\$ -
BOCES Administration	377,000	395,850	\$ 18,850
Supervision Regular School	900,757	935,157	\$ 34,400
Teaching Special Ed.	122,882	127,797	\$ 4,915
AIS	40,085	41,688	\$ 1,603
Employee Benefits	987,111	1,108,166	\$ 121,055
TOTALS	\$4,176,928	\$4,413,076	\$ 236,148

PROGRAM COMPONENT

The Program Component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the District's 1,372 students. Programs are offered in two (2) elementary schools, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school. Funds are also included in this component for transportation.

SCHOOL YEAR	2022-23	2023-24	INC/(DEC)
Teaching Regular School	\$ 10,136,055	\$ 10,531,851	\$ 395,796
Teaching Special Ed.	5,156,050	5,340,346	\$ 184,296
Occupational Education	520,000	546,000	\$ 26,000
Legal Service	78,658	78,658	\$ -
AIS	110,224	114,364	\$ 4,140
Instructional Media	311,591	323,697	\$ 12,106
Attendance	27,550	28,425	\$ 875
Guidance	452,857	470,173	\$ 17,316
Health	198,509	203,863	\$ 5,354
Co-curricular	87,304	90,796	\$ 3,492
Intersch. Athletics	485,543	497,414	\$ 11,871
Transportation	2,193,157	2,245,007	\$ 51,850
Employee Benefits	6,888,536	7,324,642	\$ 436,106
TOTALS	\$ 26,646,035	\$27,795,236	\$ 1,149,202

CAPITAL COMPONENT

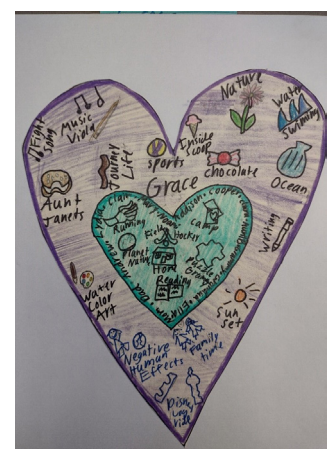
The Capital Component pays for maintaining 10 buildings, for upkeep of more than 65 acres of property and for electricity, gas, heat, oil, water and sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included for "mortgage" payments on capital projects (principal & interest payments) and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

SCHOOL YEAR	2022-23	2023-24	INC/(DEC)
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 2,904,559	\$ 2,951,323	\$ 46,765
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	\$ -
Employee Benefits	897,139	931,607	\$ 34,468
Debt Service	3,326,202	3,139,582	\$ (186,622)
TOTALS	\$ 7,167,900	\$ 7,062,512	\$ (105,389)

GRAND TOTAL	\$37,990,863	\$39,270,823	\$1,279,960
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BUDGET SUMMARY

PROGRAM AREA	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 BUDGET	DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET AREAS
Board of Education	\$34,800	\$34,965	District clerk, District mtgs., dues, supplies, State School Boards membership
Central Administration	346,840	358,964	Salaries - Supt./secretary; supplies, travel, journals
Finance	555,204	569,189	Salaries - Asst. Supt. support staff; auditor, audit mandates, treas., tax collector
Legal	167,500	170,250	Legal fees, advertisements, negotiations
Public Information	2,250	2,250	Newsletters, calendars, budget brochure
Operation & Maintenance	2,904,559	2,951,323	Water, tele, custodial-maint., equip., trash, heat fuel, elect., supplies, Capital Outlay, HS Floors
Central Printing	45,000	45,000	Mailing, repair costs, parts, supplies
Central Data Processing	526,000	552,300	Computer services: networks, rpt. cards, attendance, scheduling, payroll, acct.
Unallocated Insurance	150,157	150,157	Property, liability, student accident insurance
Tax Refund	40,000	40,000	Refund of taxes, sewer taxes
BOCES Administration	377,000	395,850	Salaries, supplies, telephones, hiring, space rent, new debt, legal, interest
Supervision - Regular School	900,757	935,157	Salaries - building principals, assist. principal, dean, secretaries, travel
Teaching - Regular School	10,656,056	11,077,850	Teacher salaries, subs, aides, clerical; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES
Students with Special Needs	5,278,932	5,468,142	Salaries - Sp. Ed. staff, admin.; equip., supplies, textbooks, BOCES Sp. Ed. Prog.
ALS Instruction	150,309	156,052	Salaries - remedial staff - math, writing, reading; equip., supplies, textbooks
Instructional Media	311,591	323,697	Salaries - staff; equip., supplies, books, magazines, newspapers, BOCES prog.
Attendance	27,550	28,425	Salary - attendance officer; supplies
Guidance	452,857	470,173	Salaries - staff, secretaries, equipment, supplies
Health	198,509	203,863	Salaries - staff, school physician; equipment, supplies
Co-Curricular	87,304	90,796	Salaries - advisors, chaperones, clubs
Athletics	485,543	497,414	Salaries - coaches; officials' fees, equip., supplies
Transportation	2,193,157	2,245,007	Salaries - drivers, mechanics; athletic/field trips, fuel, parts, supplies
Employee Benefits	8,772,786	9,364,415	Retirement, social security, workers' comp., unemployment, health insurance
Debt Service	3,326,202	3,139,582	Principal/interest payments - bldgs (new/existing), buses, short-term borrowing
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,990,863	\$39,270,823	Total budget increase of: \$1,279,960 or 3.37%



Board of Education Candidate



KATHY SMYTH

My name is Kathy Smyth, and I ask for your vote as I run for re-election to the Holland Patent School Board.

Since 2018, I have had the honor of serving the students, parents and community members of the Holland Patent School District, first as a board member and then as the board president for the last year. Our children are our greatest asset, and it is our responsibility to provide each child with the education and skills they will need for success throughout their life. We must do all we can to help them grow and prosper into the leaders of the next

generation.

I would like the opportunity to continue to be involved with the many important decisions that affect our students, staff and community. It is my goal to see continued improvement in school achievement while providing a fiscally sound budget for our community members and taxpayers.

I am proud of the strengths and achievements of our District. The focus needs to continue to address the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has left us with. The learning and social impacts continue to be felt by our children. I am proud to have been involved with the multiple programs our District has initiated to meet these challenges. The addition of the after-school programs, summer school camps and Connected Community Schools have proven beneficial to our students.

My involvement in the community began long before being elected to the school Board. As a parent of two Holland Patent graduates, I have been an active volunteer in the community and school events for over 20 years. I have spent my time volunteering for and being on the board of Northern Community Pop Warner, Northern Community Little League and Holland Patent Sports Boosters, and I continue to be active in youth football.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue as a member of the school Board. I welcome the challenging work and dedication required to meet the challenges ahead. I look forward to working to grow the District and advance opportunities for our students.

Thank you for your support.

INAUGURAL GIRLS WRESTLING SEASON

The newly formed, all girls wrestling team completed their inaugural 2023 season. Team members included the following. **Seniors:** Stephanie Grocholski and Cadence Torres. **Juniors:** Autumn Razzano, Hayliegh Southwick, Crimson Francis. **Sophomores:** Ariana Montoya, Alyssa Russell and Hannah Kasmierzack. **Freshmen:** Claire Favata, Autumn Fountain, and Addison Snider. The girls competed throughout the 2022-23 season at various tournaments and duals throughout New York State. A majority of the Holland Patent girls wrestling team participated in the first ever state-recognized New York State All Girls Invitational held at Onondaga Community College's SRC arena. As this was this first year with many schools not offering a team competitive records were not kept.



HPCSD Names 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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of Rome and Sara Allen of Stittville; **Brooklyn Boshart** daughter of Shea and Amy Boshart of Rome; **Gavin Boshart**, son of Shea and Amy Boshart of Rome; **Tanner Boshart**, son of Jeremy and Kelly Boshart of Rome; **Briana Byers**, daughter of Tara Mellor of Barneveld; **Margaret Cummings**, daughter of Lance Cummings of Holland Patent and Melissa Cummings of Deerfield; **Matthew DePerno**, son of Robert and Sherry DePerno of Marcy; **Zu DeWire**, child of Brice and Kalena DeWire of Barneveld; **Jillian Enk**, daughter of Christopher and Theresa Enk of Stittville; **Jake Foster**, son of Stacey and Robyn Foster of Remsen; **Kamryn Kotary**, daughter of Eugene and Anita Kotary of Rome; **Sierra Laguna**, daughter of Kenneth and Nancy Laguna of Stittville; **Matthew Lux**, son of Stephen and Judith Lux of Marcy; **Dylan McGuire**, son of John and Elizabeth McGuire of Holland Patent; **Alex McLaughlin**, son of James and Bonnie McLaughlin of Holland Patent; **David Mathewson**, son of James and Shannon Mathewson of Holland Patent; **Regan Merrill**, son of Leslie and Kelly Merrill of Holland Patent; **Avery Pilatzke**, son of Matthew Pilatzke of Ava and the late Diana Pilatzke and **Adam Stowell**, son of Daniel Stowell of Little Falls and Monica Stowell of Holland Patent.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Junior varsity and varsity spring sports began their practices on March 13 for the sports of baseball, softball, boys tennis, lacrosse, boys and girls golf and boys and girls track and field. Modified sports began their practices on April 3, with the first contests beginning at the end of April.

WINTER TEAMS

Boys Basketball	11-11
Girls Basketball	8-14
Boys Bowling	1-15
Girls Bowling	8-6
Alpine Ski	Athletes represented at the Sectional and State level
Nordic Ski	Athletes represented at the Sectional and State level
Boys Swimming	7-6, Athletes represented at the Sectional and State level
Girls Wrestling	Inaugural season
Boys Wrestling	15-4, Athletes represented at the Sectional and State level
Girls Volleyball	3-14

FALL TEAMS

Field Hockey	14-5, Section III Class B Champions
Boys Soccer	1-12-1
Girls Soccer	8-9-1
Football	8-3
Cross Country	5-4, Athletes represented at the Sectional level
Girls Swim	2-11, Athletes represented at the Sectional level
Girls Tennis	3-10, Athletes represented at the Sectional level



Holland Patent Central School District

2023 Capital Improvement Project

Proposition 2: A balanced approach to facilities improvement

PROPOSED WORK

High School - \$9,419,830

- Library Renovations
- Cafeteria Renovations, including asbestos abatement
- Music Suite Renovations, including asbestos abatement
- Art Classroom Renovations
- Buildingwide M/E/P Upgrades
- Classroom and Corridor Lighting Replacement
- Fire Alarm System Replacement
- Construct Additional Tennis Court
- Resurface Existing Tennis Courts

Middle School - \$2,252,950

- Carpet Replacement
- HVAC Upgrades
- Art Classroom Renovations
- Agricultural Technology Classroom Renovations

GWF Elementary School - \$1,204,220

- HVAC Upgrades for Cafeteria
- Cafeteria Kitchen Upgrades

New Multi-Purpose Turf Field Behind Pole Barn - \$5,973,000

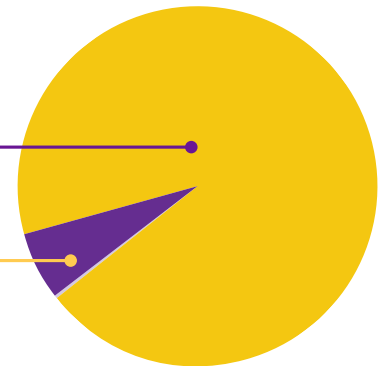
- Includes: Lights, Scoreboard
- Portable Bleachers and Sidewalk to High School
- 80 New Parking Spots Near Multi-Purpose Field

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Project Cost
\$18,850,000

Estimated State Building Aid
\$17,653,932

Estimated Capital Reserve
\$1,196,068



**NO ANTICIPATED TAX INCREASE
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAPITAL PROJECT**

CURRENT CONDITIONS



High School Library

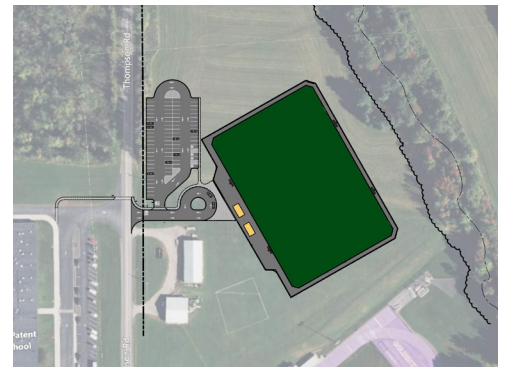


Original High School Cafeteria



Original High School Band Room

MULTI-PURPOSE TURF FIELD



Conceptual Rendering

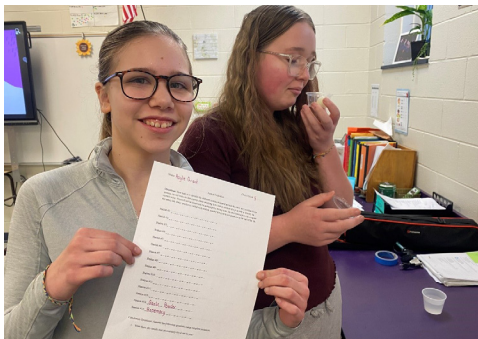
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VOTE: Tuesday, May 16, 2023
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Agriculture & Technology Class

AROMA TESTING LAB



Students participated in an aroma testing lab. Examples of tested samples were banana, vanilla and citrus scented.



2023 INAUGURAL HOLLAND PATENT DOG SHOW

WINNERS:

Jeremy Ward – grand champion terrier
Isabelle Schuler – grand champion hound
Grace Hanna – grand champion herding
Kolbie Schantz – grand champion sporting
Holly Buchanan-Wise – grand champion non-sporting
Payton Muha – grand champion toy (supreme champion overall)
Ruby Douglass – grand champion working

ANATOMY OF THE EGG



Students explored poultry science and learned the anatomy of an egg during an egg dissection activity.

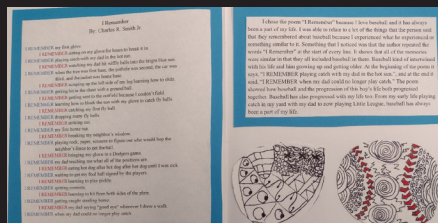
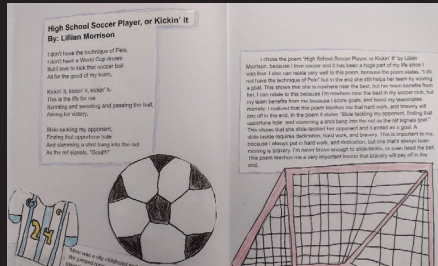
FINDING HOLLAND PATENT'S FAVORITE EVERGREEN TREE



Our students explored the different types of evergreen trees used during the holiday season and then voted on their favorites! A special thank you to the Buttenschon Tree Farm for donating the tree samples!

Celebrating Sixth Grade Readers of

POETRY

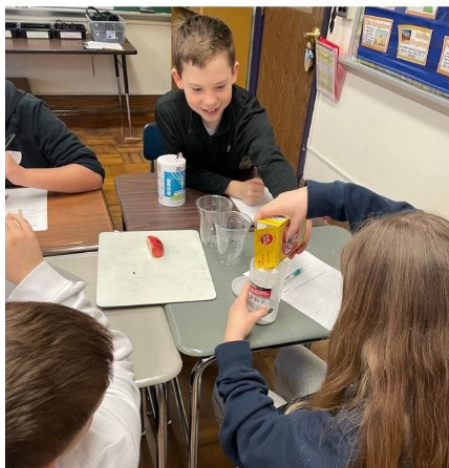
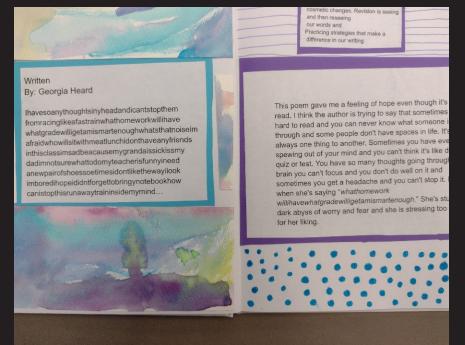
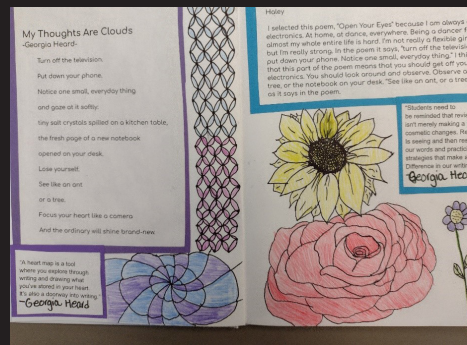


Mrs. Richard's sixth grade reading sections recently finished their unit in poetry by celebrating their poetry notebooks. Each student created a heart map filled with all the things that mattered most to them. The hearts became the covers for the poetry notebooks and were used to foster interest in the types of poems they might like to read.

From there, students were asked to reflect on several questions: what comes to mind when you hear the word poetry, what makes poetry different from other kinds of writing, who are your favorite poets and what do you like about them. Across the unit, students read widely from contemporary poets to the classics.

To culminate the unit, the students created a two-page notebook spread. On these pages, the students had to include a poem that resonated with them. They had to illustrate the poem using art forms like watercolor, collage, Zentangles, drawings and photography. Students also had to reflect on why the poem mattered to them and what drew them in. The students added researched quotes by the poet as a finishing touch.

These poetry pages truly reflect what is possible when the reading of poetry is joyful, playful and most of all, meaningful.



SIXTH GRADE MUMMIFICATION

Sixth grade students recently practiced the process of Egyptian mummification on apples in their social studies class. The students created an at-home version of natron, a substance used in ancient Egypt over 3,000 years ago, by mixing two simple ingredients: salt and baking soda. Over the span of 20 days, students observed and recorded what happened to an apple slice that was "mummified." This experiment demonstrated how the Egyptians would preserve bodies for their important journey to the afterlife.

HOLLAND PATENT ELEMENTARY

"Because of Winn Dixie"



Third graders at Holland Patent Elementary finished reading "Because of Winn Dixie" over the course of their character studies unit. They focused on getting to know a character by looking at what they say and do, in order to get to know them like a friend. They studied character traits, character change and lessons learned, while backing all of these ideas up with evidence from the story. One of the secondary characters in the book, Gloria Dump, teaches the main character Opal that: "Everyone makes mistakes. The important thing is to learn from them." Gloria reflects on her mistakes by looking at the bottles she has hung from a tree in her backyard. Each time the wind blows and the bottles clang together, she remembers her mistakes and what she's learned from them. Third graders took this powerful lesson and made their own tree! Each student wrote a mistake they made on one side of a bottle, then reflected on what they learned from that mistake on the other side of the bottle. The bottles were hung from the "tree" in the hallway, and each time a person or a class walked by, the bottles spun around and bumped each other, similar to how Gloria's bottles did!



A Message from the Food Service Director

FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS

Reimbursable Meal Vending Machine Coming Soon to Holland Patent Middle School

Holland Patent Food Service, in conjunction with the teachers and administration, have recently explored several ideas in an effort to provide breakfast meals at the middle school.

We have set our sights on a reimbursable vending machine to solve two key issues: to serve students a healthy and USDA compliant breakfast in a shortened time period, and do it without involving the added expenses of extra staff and equipment of a traditional serving line. This approach has been utilized at the high school with tremendous success, and we are hoping to replicate that success at the middle school during the 2023-24 school year.

These cashless vending machines not only allow kids healthy, time-efficient choices for lunch, but also for breakfast. The machine adheres to the offer versus serve regulations and allows three, four and five components to be served. They also provide the school with an innovative, reimbursable meal revenue generating solution.

The vending machine interfaces with our NutriKids point-of-sale (POS) system the same way the registers do in the traditional serving lines. Cashless

vending machines allow the student to enter a PIN to make their selection. This is important because it allows all the benefits of going through the lunch line and using their lunch accounts for the purchase.

Furthermore, and most importantly, if a student receives free or reduced pricing, they will be able to enjoy their benefits at the vending machine as well. As always with free and reduced accounts, the first meal is free or reduced, and any other purchases would be charged to their account accordingly.

Hunger leads to distraction during learning times. Offering breakfast items in the vending machine will give students the opportunity to eat before class starts, and in turn, be more focused on classwork without being distracted by an empty stomach.

The Food Service team is excited about this new endeavor and confident that we can reach our goal of feeding more kids and giving them the fuel they need to start the day. In the process, we hope to serve as a model for other schools in the region experiencing the same sort of struggles with regards to offering a breakfast program.

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2023

Holland Patent CSD

Summer Camps

WHEN?

JULY 5- AUGUST 10, 2023



**WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER SUMMER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS:**

- **K-8 Summer School 8:00 AM-2:00 PM**

- 6-week program on Mondays-Thursdays (except July 3rd & 4th)
- Lunch and transportation will be provided daily for K-8 Summer School for arrival at 8:00 AM and dismissal at 2:00 PM
- English Language Arts, Math, Arts and Crafts, Life Skills, Sports Camps, music, and STEAM, swimming
- If your child stays for the afternoon camps for the afternoon, pickup is required at 4:00 PM
- Located at Holland Patent Elementary School and Middle School



- **Grades 3-8 Activity Camps 2:00-4:00 PM**

- Many options will be available including swimming, other sports camps, STEAM, music, and life skills

- **Grades 9-12 Summer Activity Camps**

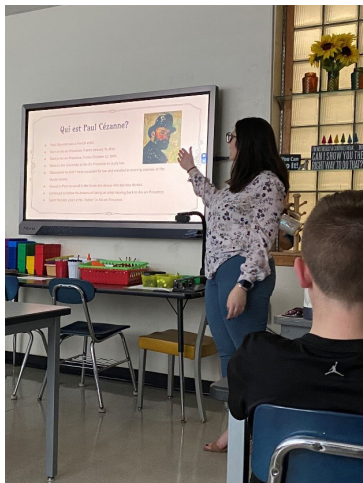
- Swimming, football, field hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling and more

We are excited to announce that we will be offering student opportunities for summer 2023! We will be again offering both K-8 summer school bridging programs AND summer camp activities for our students.

Holland Patent CSD is providing summer school for students currently enrolled in our District. This learning opportunity is open to all Holland Patent CSD students who will be entering grades K-8 in September.

Interested in registering for summer camps? More information will be coming soon for the 2:00-4:00 p.m. Timeslots will be provided at a later date.

Paul Cézanne's "MONTAGNE SAINTE-VICTOIRE"



Ms. Mancari and Mrs. Kiehn recently co-taught a lesson on Paul Cézanne. Ms. Mancari was able to promote the French language program during her sixth grade art classes. The students made their own recreations of Paul Cézanne's "Montagne Sainte-Victoire."

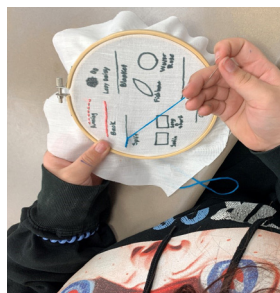


HOLLAND PATENT VIDEO CLUB

Holland Patent eighth grade student Aidyn Mosher is participating in the extended school day program's Video Club. The Video Club is an opportunity for students to gain experience in planning, shooting, editing and producing quality video content. Aidyn is seen working with a Sony ZV-1 camera, a Rode external microphone and a Ronin gimbal.

EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM

At the extended day program, Ms. Mancari invited students to come and try their hand at embroidery! For their first meeting, the students learned how to use an embroidery hoop, split the floss and thread a needle. After the basics were covered, they began practicing basic stitches that will help them to create their own art in the coming weeks.



Taste of the Arts Budget Vote

**Tuesday, May 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Holland Patent High School Gymnasium**



**Elementary Track Meet
Knightly Baker's Bake Sale
Elementary Concert at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Auditorium
AND OTHER FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

CHICKEN BBQ TO BENEFIT THE CLASS OF 2023!



Holland Patent High School is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ on School Budget Vote and BOE Election Day – Tuesday, May 16 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please come out to support our district and pick up a delicious chicken BBQ dinner from Scotty's Smokehouse Barbecue.

Dinners are **\$15** each and a portion of each ticket sold will directly support our Holland Patent High School students. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and the deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, May 9.

Please contact High School Principal Russell Stevener at rstevener@hpschools.org or **315.865.8154 ext. 7** for tickets.



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VOTER INFORMATION

WHAT am I voting on?

A budget of \$39,270,823 for the 2023-24 school year, a proposition to purchase school buses, a proposition to authorize a Capital Project and one candidate for the Board of Education.

WHEN and WHERE is the vote?

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Holland Patent High School gymnasium.

WHO is eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and a resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the vote. A resident is not eligible to vote if they are prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-06 of the Education Law.

WHAT about military voters?

Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315.865.7221 or vmarris@hpschools.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

Applications for absentee ballots for the 2023 budget vote will be available beginning April 19, 2023, and may be picked up from the Office of the District Clerk at Holland Patent Central School District -- 9601 Main Street, Holland Patent, NY 13354 -- or requested to be mailed by calling 315.865.7221.

For voters requesting a ballot delivered to them by mail, completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 9, 2023.

For voters requesting a ballot delivered to them personally, completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 15, 2023.

All completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.