

Dear Holland Hill Families,

August 23, 2016

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year and happy end of summer. This summer was filled with many books at the Cretella House-one of our favorite new ones is The Thank You Book, by Mo Willems. We also spent many summer days at the aquarium, playing outside and going to the beach. My boys are looking forward to starting a new school year. Alexander will be starting 2nd grade and Theodore will be starting Preschool. I can't believe that when I started at Holland Hill, Alexander was 2 years old!!

This summer was filled with many changes at Holland Hill. We had 2 new portable classrooms installed, our fencing project is almost completed and the Library Media Center received new carpeting. The plans for our new building have been worked on with the Holland Hill Building Committee. The Building Committee meetings are open to the public and would welcome Holland Hill families to attend.

In addition to the building work, we also welcome many new staff to Holland Hill (some will be familiar names that we welcome back) that will team with our returning staff.

- Melissa Rodrigue, Language Arts Specialist
- Kristy Macoy, Fifth Grade Teacher
- Meg Coccaro, Special Education Teacher
- Michelle Reid, Special Education Teacher
- Audra Lins, School Psychologist (Substituting for Brie Roberts)
- Alison Elwell, Speech and Language Pathologist
- Mary Jo Conetta, Paraprofessional
- Brian O'Donnell, Paraprofessional

A complete list of our new and returning staff is at the end of this letter. ☺

A couple of important dates to remember:

Class Placement

- **Wednesday, August 24th**-placements will be posted on Infinite Campus after 9:00 a.m. Class placements will not be given over the phone, all families must log onto Infinite Campus.

Meet your Teacher/School Visitation

- **Wednesday, August 31st-2:00-2:30 p.m.** This is a time for **all families** to visit the classrooms, meet the teacher and meet a new friend for the first day of school.

First Day of School

- **Thursday, September 1st**
 - Students will enter the building either through the front door of the school or the flag pole door (near the gym). There will be many staff members helping students find their classroom on the first day of school. Parents-please give your child a hug and kiss outside.
 - Snack: Pack your child a healthy, nut free snack to eat in the classroom
 - Lunch: Pack your child a lunch to eat in the lunchroom. If you would like your child to purchase lunch, please send them to school with money for their lunch accounts.
 - Breakfast: Holland Hill serves breakfast to students-if you would like your child to purchase breakfast, please write your child's teacher a note and they can help for the first couple of days of schools.

Welcome Back Breakfast-For Parents

- Thursday, September 1st at drop off in the front yard of school

Open House

- Thursday, September 8th
 - 6:00-6:30 p.m.-Grades 3, 4, 5 in the classrooms
 - 6:35-6:55 p.m.-All families in the gym
 - 7:00-7:30 p.m.-Grades K, 1, 2 in the classrooms

School Hours

- 8:10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (the building opens the doors for students at 8:00 a.m.)
- 2:45 p.m.-Please send your child a note to school on their dismissal plans for the first few days of schools
 - Parent Pick Up (at the back door of the classroom)
 - Parent Pick Up (at the flag pole)
 - Bus
 - Wakeman Boys and Girls Program
 - YMCA
 - Easton Community Center

School Address/Phone Numbers

- 203-255-8314
- 105 Meadowcroft Road

School Supply Lists

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/hh/notes-from-the-office/>

We are welcoming many new families and many returning families to school for the 2016-2017 school year. We can't wait to see the hallways full of students greeting friends and making new friends. If you have any new neighbors that are not registered for school, please encourage them to call our Central Office at 203-255-8277 to make a registration appointment. We are very close to adding an additional class in Grade One, Grade Two and Grade Four. If our registrations increase, I will be in touch with all families that will have a classroom change.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you may have.

In Partnership,

Laura Cretella

Principal

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HOLLAND HILL STAFF-2016-2017

Laura Cretella, <u>Principal</u>	Leslie Ford, <u>Instructional Improvement Teacher</u>
Rita Ioanna, <u>Secretary</u>	Micki Vipond, <u>School Nurse</u>
<u>Kindergarten</u> Sarah Black Meghann Ralabate Stephanie Rosado	<u>First Grade</u> Nancy Farrell Amanda Kemp Kayla O'Donnell
<u>Second Grade</u> Laura Ehrenkranz Stacey Moore Cindy Pierce	<u>Third Grade</u> Jackie DePierro Paulette (Paoletti) White Pat Tyler
<u>Fourth Grade</u> Michelle Correll Dennis Pryor Lisa (Santianna) Carpenter	<u>Fifth Grade</u> Kim Battista Kristy Macoy Maureen Mocker Tara Shay
<u>Language Arts Specialists</u> Amy Martin Melissa Rodrigue	<u>Math and Science Teacher</u> Lynne Fuchs
<u>Special Education Teachers</u> Meg Coccaro Jill Jarvis Jennifer Psciuck Michelle Reid	<u>Speech and Language Pathologists</u> Patti Morrow Allison Elwell
<u>School Psychologist</u> Brie Roberts Audra Lins	<u>School Social Worker (FULL TIME AT HH)</u> Chris Olson
<u>Gifted and Talented</u> Sheila Ferrara	<u>OT</u> Kim Flynn and Gina Papa <u>PT</u> Daniella Rhoades
<u>Art</u> Helen Cihl	<u>Library Media Specialist</u> Clare Stafstrom
<u>Music</u> Jon Noyes Mendy Midzenski	<u>Physical Education</u> Kathryn Klaassens Brett Conner
<u>Band-Grade 5</u> Brian Borrelli	<u>Strings-Grades 4 and 5</u> Jennifer Ficks
<u>English Language Learner Teachers</u> Joyce Bultman Veronica (Misiewicz) Sanford	<u>Spanish-Grades 3, 4 and 5</u> Suzanne Sugrue
<u>Custodians</u> Bob McMaster Ron Hydeck	<u>Informational Technology</u> Luke Alteri
<u>Building Substitute:</u> Ali Fuchs	<u>Building Substitute:</u> Bridget Kurtz
Kathy Aquilla, <u>Afternoon Clerical</u>	Jill Delet-Kanic, <u>Morning Clerical</u>
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Mary Jo Conetta Lynne Coppolla Zaida DeAbreu Maxine Gordon Dorene Herron Krystyna Jolley	Merlee Lange Kim Luckner Mary Miner Brian O'Donnell Jarka Thomas Gretchen von der Linden