

# Holland Hill Update

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Holland Hill Families,

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a wonderful start! I am literally pinching myself every day to make sure that I am not dreaming- that's how happy I am and how lucky I feel. Thank you all for the extremely warm welcome I have received since beginning here at Holland Hill in early August.

I would like to extend a big thank you to the PTA, especially Wendy Papageorge and Kim Hein, for spending time meeting with me as we made important decisions about how to get this school year started on the right foot. Thank you also to the families who came out to assist with the "spruce up" of our grounds before school started! What a difference that made to our staff and students on the first day. The luncheon provided to the teachers when they came back was beautifully hosted by Daphne Fernandes and her committee, and it made the teachers feel loved and welcome!

With lazy and unstructured days of summer officially behind us, we appreciate all that you are doing to help your child arrive at school prepared for the day. Please remember to use our morning drop off options safely by not allowing your child to exit the car in the parking lot, and by remaining to supervise walkers until the doors open at 8:00 am.

Thank you all for coming to Open House on Tuesday night. We are excited to be partners with you in your children's education. It's going to be the best Holland Hill year yet! Please feel free to contact me if you need anything at all. My door is open to you!

Warmly,

Molly Farrell

## Upcoming Events



9/15	Fall Family Picnic
9/21	No School- Rosh Hashanah
9/27	Picture Day
10/4	Walk to School Day
10/10	Author Visit to HH
10/17	Early Dismissal 12:55
10/19, 10/25, 10/26	Early Dismissal 12:55~ conferences (10/19 & 10/25 are evening conferences)
10/20	School Spirit /Town Meeting
10/27	Howl-O-Ween Dance
10/31	Halloween Parade
11/7	No School- Election Day
11/9	Veterans Day 9:00
11/17	International Night

## Staff News

We are so proud of **Michelle Correll**, our Grade 4 Teacher! Michelle was recently recognized for her 25 years of teaching in Fairfield- all at Holland Hill!

Welcome to James Patrick O'Donnell! Congratulations to **Kayla O'Donnell**, our first grade teacher, on the birth of her beautiful son!

## Building a "New" HH Community

One of my main goals at Holland Hill is to build a new sense of community and pride in this wonderful school that we all share! Starting our students' days with welcoming smiles is the first step. Increased communication between home and school is also important, so that all of you feel connected to what is happening at school. One way that I would love to communicate with you is through our new Holland Hill Twitter account! Please follow me- **Mrs. Farrell @HollandHillElem**. I am posting pictures of exciting parts of our day and of our school events. Don't miss out on the Tweets!



### Town Meetings

Another initiative to boost community at HH is our Town Meetings. These will take place once every month, and they will focus on highlighting student achievement outside of

school, and we will also weave in some pieces of social curriculum. Our first Town Meeting took place on Friday, September 8, in conjunction with a school spirit day. The theme of the meeting was respect. It was a huge success! We will end each Town Meeting with our adopted school song, "Nothing More." Its message is perfect because it reminds us to focus on the golden rule, and to treat others with respect.



### Husky Pride Board

We are beginning another new community building feature of our school- the Husky Pride Board. Each week, teachers will select a piece of work for ONE student to be displayed on the Husky Pride Board. All students will have a chance to be included over the course of

the year, and their work will remain up on the bulletin board for the entire week. The Husky Pride Board will be located on the bulletin board outside of the teachers' room. I cannot wait to see our students' hard work across all of the grades and subject areas!

#### **Nothing More** by the Alternate Routes

To be humble, to be kind.  
It is the giving of the peace in your mind.  
To a stranger, To a friend  
To give in such a way that has no end.  
We are Love  
We are One  
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.  
We are Peace  
We are War  
We are how we treat each other and  
Nothing More

To be bold, to be brave.  
It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved  
And the darkness can come quick  
The Dangers in the Anger and the hanging on to it.  
We are Love  
We are One  
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.  
We are Peace  
We are War  
We are how we treat each other and  
Nothing More  
Tell me what it is that you see  
A world that's filled with endless possibilities?  
Heroes don't look they used to, they look like you do.

We are Love  
We are One  
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.  
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