

# Holland Hill Update

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Holland Hill Families,

What a wonderful fall this has been so far! As we head into the winter season with all the busy holiday events, I wanted to take a moment to share my gratitude with all of you. I cannot even believe how lucky I am to be part of the Holland Hill community again! Change is always hard for me, but this is one of the best changes I have ever made. Some of my most favorite events at Holland Hill so far were the Halloween parade, Veteran's Day and International Night! The loving neighborhood feel of the parade reminded us all of what a special community this is. Veteran's Day was a special show of respect for our community's veterans, and this was a valuable learning experience for the students. Finally, on Friday night at International Night, the pride and enthusiasm of this community were astounding! Seeing families sharing their cultures and foods was

absolutely beautiful, and it brought us all together. Thank you so much to Kerry Hind and her PTA committee who worked with Veronica Sanford, our ELL teacher, to bring this wonderful evening together.

We are not done with the beloved HH traditions for 2017! I cannot wait to see you for the **Sing-a-Long on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.** This is an early dismissal day (yippee!), and we are going back to a whole school singalong, rather than splitting into two groups. This means there will be less seating, so please be prepared for that! However, having time together will be worth the congestion.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! Enjoy time with your family and friends, and a long weekend!

Warmly,

Molly Farrell

## Upcoming Events



Thursday 11/30	School Store
Tuesday 12/5 & Wed. 12/6	Holiday Boutique
Thursday 12/7	Gingerbread Houses 6:30 pm
Friday 12/8	School Spirit Day & Town Meeting
Monday 12/11- Friday 12/22	STAR Assessments resume for all students
Tuesday 12/12	Senator Tony Hwang visits HH
Tuesday 12/12	Early Dismissal 12:55; Staff Development
Thursday 12/14	Winter Concert 7pm
Wednesday 12/20	Progress Reports Issued on IC
Friday 12/22	Sing A Long 9:30 am
Friday 12/22	Early Dismissal- Happy Holidays!
Tuesday 1/2	School resumes



## HH Construction Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the neighborhood meeting for our construction project on November 9<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the phases of the construction were presented by the architect and construction manager. We also presented the project at the most recent Town Planning and Zoning Meeting.

The first official step of the project involves moving the portables from behind the gym to the front of the school. They need to move because they are currently on the footprint of the new construction site. They are home to Occupational and Physical Therapy, as well as Gifted Education. Their new location will be right next

to the two white portables housing 5S and 5M. These will be ready for occupancy again on January 4, and they will remain in their new location until the construction project is finished.

While the portables are out of commission, Mrs. Ferrara will work with her students in the library, and Mrs. Rhoades and Mrs. Provost will push into classrooms to work with their students. Thank you to these staff members for their flexibility!

Right now, it looks like our official start date for the actual construction is March 22! Much more information will follow as that date gets closer! It is an exciting time for HH!



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