

# Holland Hill Update

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## Spreading Kindness at HH!

Dear Holland Hill Families,

We are so excited to be kicking off a wonderful week of Kindness at Holland Hill. Actually, although this is the official **Kindness Week**, we will be focusing on Kindness and collecting "Random Acts of Kindness" all month!

**Mrs. Christine Olson**, our wonderful Social Worker, is heading up this initiative at Holland Hill, with the help of her "Kindness Squad" of 5<sup>th</sup> graders- **Ryan Sullivan, Daphne Pardo, Saanvi Reddy, CC DeRosa, Scarlett Robbins and Michael Joya**. Some highlights of their work include~ the creation of a school Kindness Chain; read alouds and lessons in each classroom; yoga and mindfulness in PE; and therapy dogs visiting Holland Hill!

Their plans will be presented at this week's Town Meeting. We will also be taking a school-wide

Kindness Pledge!

Additionally, we will be singing an African American spiritual in order to complement the work being done in the classrooms to celebrate **Black History Month!**

Finally, speaking of kindness, thank you to our Fifth Grade Teachers, **Mrs. Battista, Mrs. Shay and Mrs. Mocker**, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students for coordinating the **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Food Drive!** Thanks to our amazing and generous HH families, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade was able to donate over 1,000 food items to Operation Hope! What a beautiful contribution to our community!

Warmly,

Molly Farrell

## Upcoming Events

Week of 2/12	Kindness Week at Holland Hill
Tuesday 2/13	Sound Tigers Game~ Fifth Grade Fundraiser
Wednesday 2/14	Town Meeting 9:30 & School Spirit Day
Thursday 2/15	Early Dismissal 12:55-Staff Development
Friday 2/16	No School~ Staff Development
Monday 2/19	No School~ Presidents' Day
Thursday 2/22	School Store
Friday 2/23	Winter Dance 7:00
Thursday 3/1	Bingo Night 7:00
Monday 3/5	Third Grade to Fairfield Museum
Friday 3/9	Town Meeting 9:30 & School Spirit Day
Tuesday 3/13	Early Dismissal 12:55~ Professional Development
Tuesday 3/27	Progress Reports Issued



## Holland Hill Student Absences

Please remember to call our 24-hour absence line- **203-255-8412**- when your child is ill or needs to miss school or arrive tardy for any reason. Messages about ill students are always communicated to Nurse Vipond, so that she can keep track of illnesses across the school! While students should stay home when sick, consistent attendance at school is crucial to success in academics.



## School Safety & Security

There is nothing more important to us than the safety of your children. Unfortunately, there are new incidents of school violence across the world all the time. In order to keep our school as safe as possible, we need to adhere to policies that can sometimes make parents feel unwelcome in our building. Please remember that if you need to meet with a teacher, the nurse or with me, it is only possible to do so with a pre-arranged appointment. Parents should not be visiting the classroom unless they have pre-arranged a meeting or volunteer opportunity with the teacher.

We value your participation and support of our school, and we want your input and involvement, but it is imperative that we follow the rules established by Fairfield Public Schools and the Fairfield Police Department. Thank you for your understanding!

## Smarter Balanced Testing

It's hard to believe but, state testing is around the corner. Students and staff have been working so hard this year, and we are excited to show the SBA what we know! Please keep these dates in mind, if possible, when arranging doctors' appointments or trips. More information will be coming soon! Also...Mrs. Lynne Fuchs, our Math and Science Teacher, will be leading us through a **SBA Word of the Day** initiative in the month of March! This is for the entire school, so listen up for some math vocabulary at home!

### Grade 5

April 2-April 6 (ELA); May 14-May 18 (Math)

### Grade 4

April 16-April 20 (ELA); May 7- May 11 (Math)

### Grade 3

April 23-April 27 (ELA); April 30-May 4 (Math)

