

# Holland Hill Update

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Holland Hill Families,

Welcome officially to the 18-19 school year! Our year is off to a wonderful start, and we are all getting used to our "shabby chic" environment! This year is going to be full of changes around here, but we are ready to take it on with grace and flexibility! As always, I will communicate every step of the way with all of you!

Thank you to the PTA, led by Wendy Papageorge, for all of the work they did over the summer to get so many exciting plans in place for this school year. Thank you also to Laurie Branscombe and her committee for the wonderful staff luncheon the day before school started! It was so welcoming and thoughtful, and appreciated by all.

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 & pick up options safely each day.**

Here are some reminders:

**\*\*Children may not exit your car in the parking lot, please**

use the "flagpole" lane OR walk your child up to the front door.

**\*\*Please use the flagpole lane, rather than driving through the parking lot, to get to the flagpole drop off area.**

**\*\*Please do your best to arrive at school BEFORE 8:10 am. Starting school late, even by a couple of minutes, makes for a difficult beginning to the day!**

**\*\*Please keep your car running in the afternoon at the flagpole so that your children can get in quickly and make room for another family.**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at **Open House on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!** This is an evening for adults only~

**6-6:30** K-2 in classrooms  
**6:35-6:55** All parents in APR  
**7:00-7:30** 3-5 in classrooms

See you then!  
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## Upcoming Events



9/19	No School- Yom Kippur
9/24	SOE classes begin!
9/25	Open House 6:00-7:30
9/26	Picture Day
9/27	School Store
9/27	Poetry in Motion Assembly
10/2	PTA Meeting 8:15 am; Construction Update
10/10	Walk to School Day!
10/10, 10/11, 10/18	Early Dismissal 12:55~ conferences (10/11 & 10/18 are evening conferences)
10/19	School Spirit Day/Town Meeting
10/23	Early Dismissal 12:55
10/25	School Store
10/27	Howl-O-Ween Dance 5-8 pm
10/31	Halloween Parade

## Staff News

Congratulations to our wonderful custodian, Christos Sideris, who got married on August 26<sup>th</sup>! Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Chris and Stephanie!

Welcome to our new night custodian, CJ Romeo! Mr. CJ and Mr. Chris are already an amazing team!! We are so happy to have you here, CJ!



The Fairfield Public Schools has an exciting new curricular program for all students in grades 3-5!

S(cience)

T(echnology)

E(ngineering)

A(rts)

M(athematics) – STEAM.

We are so lucky to be welcoming **Ryan Carroll** to HH as our STEAM/Gifted teacher!

Students will meet with their STEAM teacher once per six-day cycle to apply problem solving and inquiry processes to address everyday situations. We are very excited about this addition to our already rich elementary curricula.

There will be a **STEAM information night** for ALL parents of students in grades 3, 4 and 5 on **October 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm** in the Fairfield Warde High School Auditorium. Come see what your children will be experiencing and try out some of our exciting materials.

## Same Wonderful Person, New Role

Last year, FPS created a new position for all 11 elementary schools. We were lucky to be able to keep **Leslie Ford** at Holland Hill, but serving in this new role- **Elementary Program Facilitator**. She is essentially doing the same things she always has, but you may now also see her at PPT's and 504 meetings. She is a talented educator and a most valuable asset to our whole community who provides leadership in all facets of our school. Thank you Mrs. Ford!



## Construction Corner

As I mentioned in my back to school letter, this was a BUSY summer here at Holland Hill! To hear more about what is coming, please come to the PTA Meeting on October 2 at 8:15 in our newly renovated APR! Here are some highlights of what is to come~

- Walls and windows are being installed in early October in the new addition.

- The concrete slab is complete under the new addition in the back of the school and in the kitchen addition.
- At the holiday break, many of our lower wing classes will be relocated so that our primary wing can be renovated!

You may have heard about a construction worker, the new **Holland Hill Husky mascot**, who surprised us at our Town Meeting last week! He is helping to get the project done on time!



Now that he is here, we need to name him! Fill out the attached form to help name him! The new mascot's name will be announced at our next **Town Meeting on Friday, October 19!**



Don't forget to follow me on Twitter for lots of school photos, videos and updates!

**Mrs. Farrell @HollandHillElem**

# Name the New Holland Hill Husky Mascot!



Student Name & Teacher:

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Name suggestion:

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Please give this form to your teacher to be included in the  
*Name-the-Mascot Contest!*

