

# Holland Hill Update

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## Happy Winter!

Dear Families,

Well, it sure feels good to have arrived in January, and have all of our teachers settled into their new spaces! Thanks to all of our families for being so flexible and understanding about the necessary changes that affected your pick up and/or drop off procedures. Access to the HH campus has changed, but it will change again as the project continues! One day, this will all be over and we will be back to normal around here!

Speaking of accessing the campus, we have temporarily lost several parking spaces due to the construction. Please **try not to park** in the lot in the morning before dropping your child off. We do not currently have enough parking for our staff, so if you are dropping your child off in the car, please use the flagpole! Finally, please remember that children are not allowed to exit cars anywhere but **at the flagpole** where staff are ready to receive them safely.

Finally, we are noticing that many children are **arriving late** to school in the past few weeks. Please do your best to ensure that your child arrives before 8:10! It makes a huge difference in getting their day off to a positive start if they can hit the ground running at 8:10.

Warmly,

Molly Farrell

## Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday 1/30</b>	NAEP Testing Grade 4
<b>Wednesday 1/30</b>	Grade 5 to Discovery Museum
<b>Thursday 1/31</b>	School Store
<b>Tuesday 2/5</b>	PTA Meeting 8:15 am
<b>Tuesday 2/5</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Concert 7pm
<b>Wednesday 2/6</b>	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School (unless snow days push it later!) <b>**Food Drive Deadline!</b>
<b>Thursday 2/7</b>	In School Field Trip for Grade 3
<b>Monday 2/11</b>	STAR Reports on IC (Grades 3-5 only)
<b>Wednesday 2/13</b>	School Spirit Day & Town Meeting
<b>Thursday 2/14</b>	Early Dismissal at 12:55
<b>Friday 2/15 &amp; Monday 2/18</b>	No School- Presidents' Day
<b>Tuesday 2/19- Friday 2/22</b>	Kindness Week
<b>Wednesday 2/20</b>	Book Club- 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting! Same book!
<b>Friday 3/1</b>	Sweetheart Dance

## Staff News

*Our school psychologist, **Kimberly Zuker**, will be leaving us in a few weeks to welcome her baby! We are very lucky to welcome **Carol Balgach**, a recently retired psychologist from Dwight Elementary School, for the duration of Kim's maternity leave! Congratulations to Mrs. Zuker on the addition to her family!*



We are getting ready to kick off our focus on Kindness during **Acts of Kindness Month- beginning on February 19<sup>th</sup>**! Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Domm are hard at work planning for this special week! Their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kindness ambassadors are: **Dat Nguyen, Maddie Vallillo, Sadie Edwards, Anthony Tranquillo, Jestin Mauri, Emmy Mikos and Dylan Barrow.**

The focus this year is going to be on Kindness in the Community. We will be creating Kindness Rocks and inviting Senior Citizens in to our school to read aloud to our students. Stay tuned for more details about Kindness Week at Holland Hill!

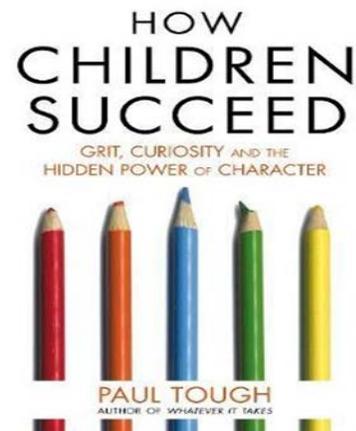


## Construction Update

The construction team is hard at work renovating the classrooms in our lower wing so that they will be ready for us. These classrooms will go back to housing K, 1, 2 and art once renovations are complete.

As many of you saw on STEAM night, the classrooms in the new addition are beautiful! The kindergarteners & first graders are loving being “big kids” and walking to the bathroom! And, all of our students are enjoying the permanent music room and the “Art Studio” on the stage!

Our security vestibule has been installed and we are appreciative of the extra security it provides to the whole school. Work on the kitchen addition is almost complete as well, and the next step is the renovation of the upper grade classrooms and the office, all of which will take place this summer. This summer, the campus will be completely closed again to the community. Then in September, we will get to enjoy a beautiful new building! Air conditioning for everyone! ☺



## Mrs. Farrell's Book Club-

### *Second Meeting*

Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm in the LMC

All parents are invited to our second meeting to discuss this book! Again, no need to read the whole book, but try to have read the first few chapters. This group is more about sharing camaraderie, support and advice along the parenting journey!