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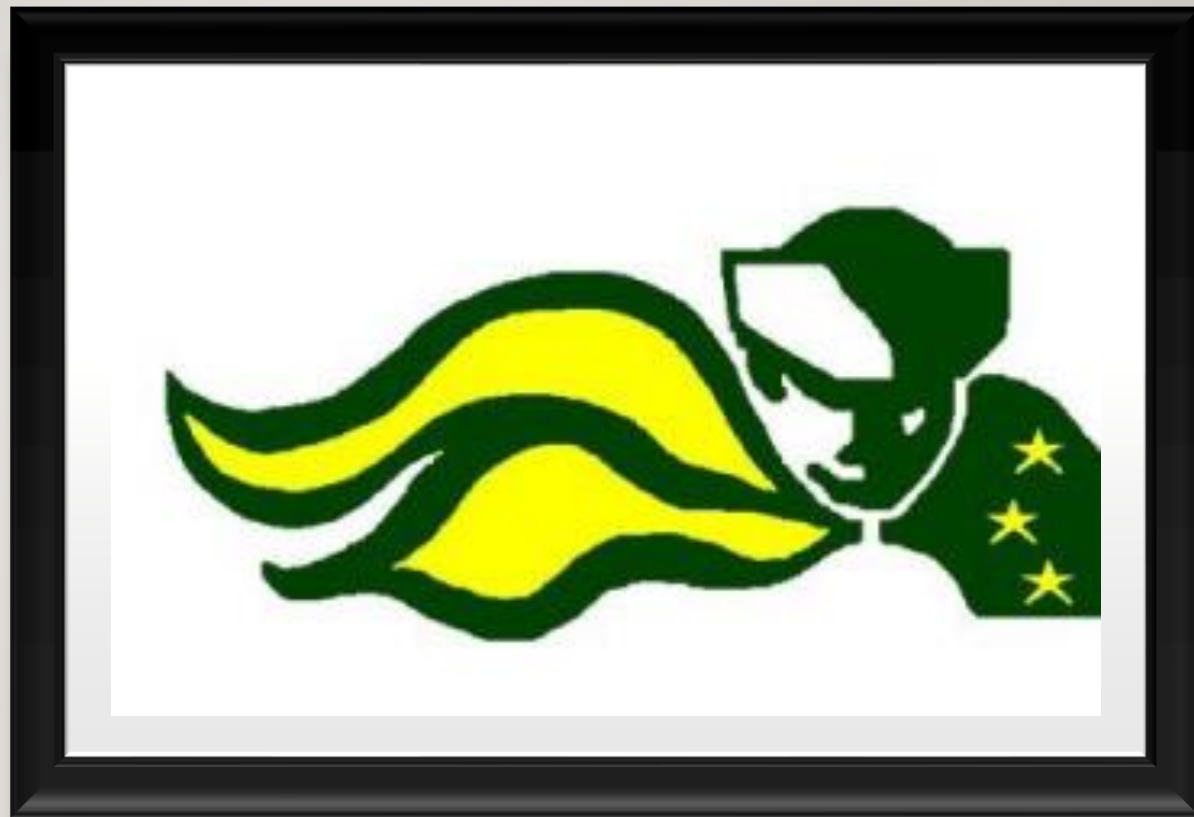
Please take a look at the “Thank you” cards written by
our friends at Cold Spring!

Peruse the Holicong website on your laptop!



HOLICONG PARENT COUNCIL

MARCH 21ST, 2019



Holicong Middle School & Cold Spring Elementary School

A True Community



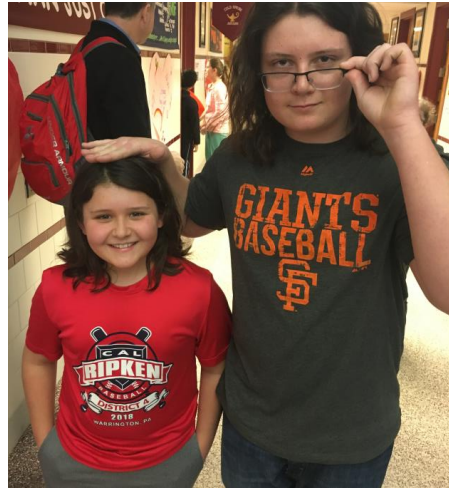














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2018-2019
Agenda Book
Cover Winner

Congratulations

***Kaitlyn
Miller!***



MARCH - CALENDAR UPDATE

- **March 25th Faculty Meeting – PSSA Training**
- **March 25th CB Jazz Festival @ 6:30**

APRIL – CALENDAR UPDATE

- **April 1st Leadership Council**
- **April 5th Colonial Dress Day**
- **April 8th Faculty Meeting**
- **April 9th End of 3rd Marking Period**
- **April 9th Reading Olympics at Unami Middle School**
- **April 10th NJHS Induction Ceremony**
- **April 15th Parent Portal Open (3rd MP Grades)**
- **April 16th PSSA ELA Tests 1 & 2**
- **April 17th PSSA ELA Test 3**
- **April 17th Department Meetings**
- **April 18th No School for Students; Parent Conferences**
- **April 19th No School for Students or Staff (Good Friday)**
- **April 23rd Faculty Meeting**
- **April 24th National Administrative Professionals Day**
- **April 26th ACATAMAJAM A Cappella Competition @ Tamanend**
- **April 30th PSSA Math Tests 1 & 2**

MAY – CALENDAR UPDATE

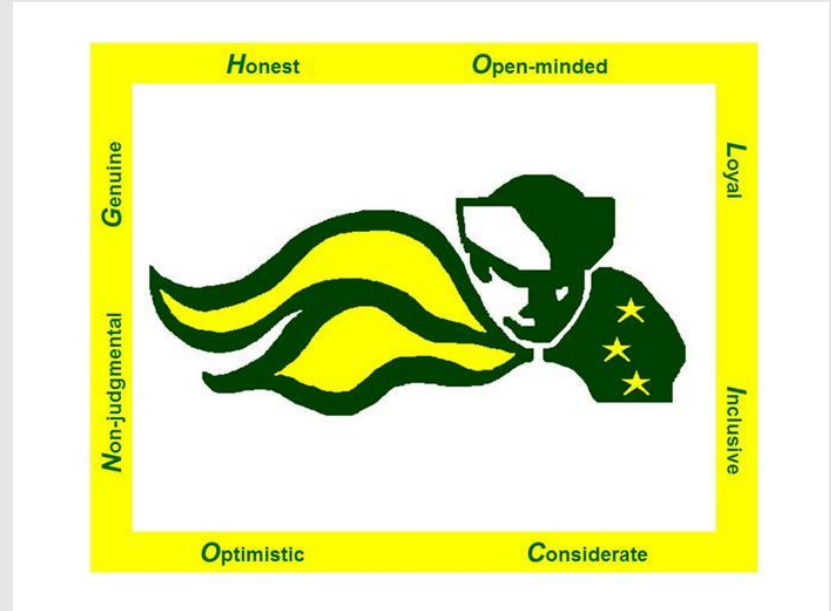
- **May 1st** Leadership Council
- **May 2nd** Spring Choir Concert
- **May 6th** Faculty Meeting
- **May 7th** CERT Meeting
- **May 8th** National School Nurse Appreciation Day
- **May 9th** Spring Band Concert
- **May 15th** Department Meetings
- **May 16th** Parent Council
- **May 16th** 9th Grade Concert
- **May 20th** Faculty Meeting
- **May 22nd** Spring Arts Festival & Orchestra Concert
- **May 23rd** iSTEAMM Conference
- **May 23rd** 6th Grade Student Visits – Buckingham & Cold Spring
- **May 24th** 6th Grade Student Visits – Bridge Valley, Linden, & Warwick
- **May 24th** World Languages & International Week Concert
- **May 27th** No School for Students or Staff (Memorial Day)
- **May 31st** Music Adjudication Trip

Curriculum Spotlight

SCIENCE

HOLICONG SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CLUBS / ACTIVITIES

- **Maker Club**
- **iSTEAMM**
- **You be the Chemist**
- **Science Fair**





MAKER CLUB

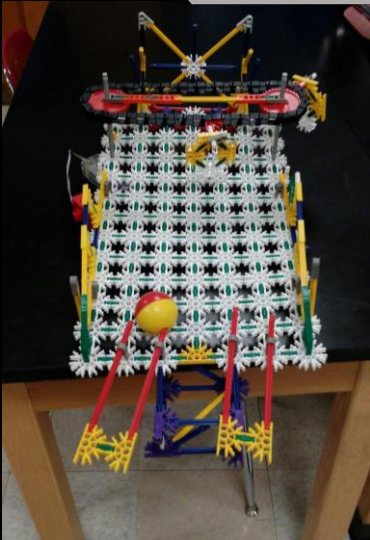
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Wednesdays after school, with Mr. Geneva

Students build, create and tinker

- K'NEX
- Makey Makey
- Squishy Circuits
- KEVA Blocks
- Design and Prototyping
- Coding



iSTEAMM Conference - May 23



- ***iSTEAMM* (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, and Manufacturing) conference seeks to inspire 7th and 8th grade students to pursue careers in STEAMM.**
- **Each student will attend one panel presentation and two smaller breakout sessions, of their choice, led by local STEAMM professionals.**



March 9

- National academic contest that encourages grade 5-8 students to explore important chemistry and STEM concepts and their real-world applications.
- Participation starts at the school level with a qualifying exam and continues with Local, State, and National competitions.
- Individual (not team-based) quiz-bowl format competition.

Lucas Sandstrom – 6th place

Rowan Hafen - 5th place

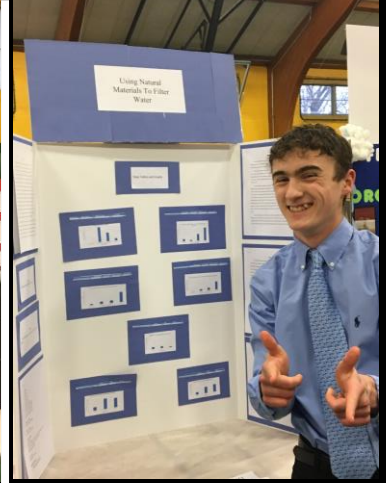
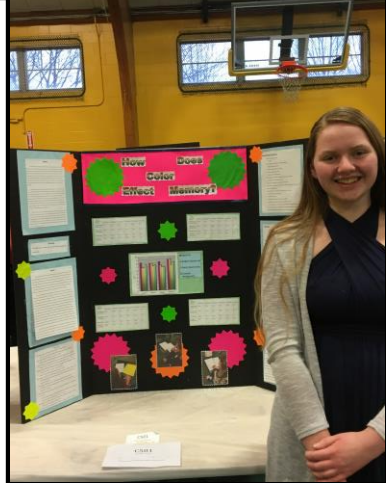
And

Alexander Robertson – 4th place

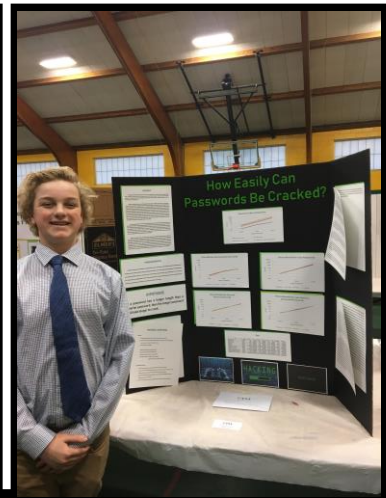
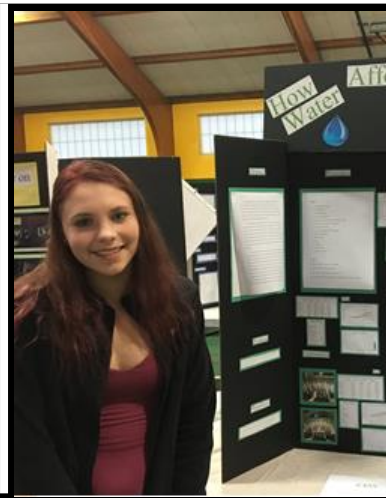
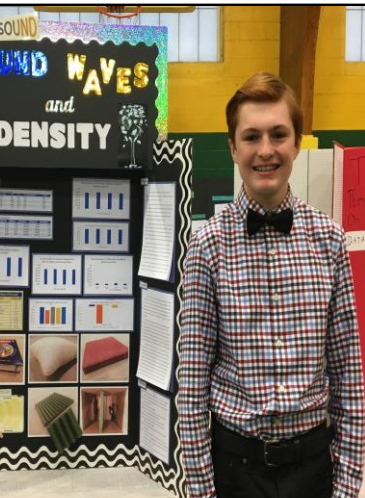
will be moving on to represent Holicong at the state level of this competition.



Bucks County Science Fair / Delaware Valley Science Fair
March 11 – 13 / April 2 – 4



Bucks County Science Fair – Holicong Students Earned Over 30 Awards!



Bucks County Science Fair – Award Winners

- **Behavioral and Social Science**
 - Honorable Mention – Kailee Lynch
- **Biochemistry**
 - 2 – Anthony Michael
 - HM – Leo Ritz
 - HM – Annie Young
- **Botany**
 - HM – Liam Donnelly
 - HM – Lauren Boylan
- **Chemistry**
 - HM – Nathan Chen
- **Computer Science**
 - 1 – Sean Blizzard
 - HM - Alexander Robertson
 - HM – Alex Levinson
- **Consumer Science**
 - 1 – Kaitlyn Walters
- **Earth and Space**
 - HM – Kenan Alemao
- **Environmental Science**
 - 1 – Kaveena Ponamgi
 - 2 – Chester Kempinski
- **Engineering**
 - 1 – Katie Monaghan
 - 2 – Nathan Mutchler
 - HM – Regan Eater
 - HM – Ben Flego
 - HM – Barbora Mickute
 - HM – Ryan Schwartz
 - HM – Francis Torres
- **Mathematics**
 - 1 – Charley Wan
- **Medicine and Health**
 - 1 – Ally Cenci
 - 2 – Elisabeth Davis
 - HM – Avery Ralph
 - HM – Rohan Shetty
- **Microbiology**
- **Physics**
 - 2 – Mason Matich
 - HM – Dhaval Tantry
- **Zoology**
 - 2- Savannah Burmaster

Bucks County Science Fair - Award Winners

9th Grade

- **Chemistry**
 - 1 – Karen Song
- **Earth and Space Science**
 - 1- Elena Tawa
- **Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking (PhACT)**
 - Annie Young
- **Mideastern Region PSEA / Council for the Advancement of Public Schools Award**
 - Sean Blizzard
 - Kaveena Ponamgi
- **Dow Chemical Company Award**
 - Elena Tawa
- **Michael Dappolone Memorial Award – Best in Grade Level**
 - Mason Matich



Advanced Social Studies with Advanced Science

Things to Consider

Things to consider when choosing both

Time commitment

Most work is completed independently outside of school with deadlines almost every week

Must be ok with giving up on some activities or free time

Can conflict with other extra curricular activities

You need to want to take both

Must have grit and enjoy learning

Must be comfortable asking for help and accepting feedback

Things you will gain

- Strong research and writing skills
- Collaboration with teachers and peers
- Critical thinking
- Learning about a topic on a deeper level
- Being more comfortable with public speaking
- Creativity
- Presentation skills



Things you will gain

- Learn new skills
 - NoodleTools
 - Scientific Method
 - Annotations
- A chance to compete at the Bucks County Science Research Competition and the NHD Showcase at Holicong

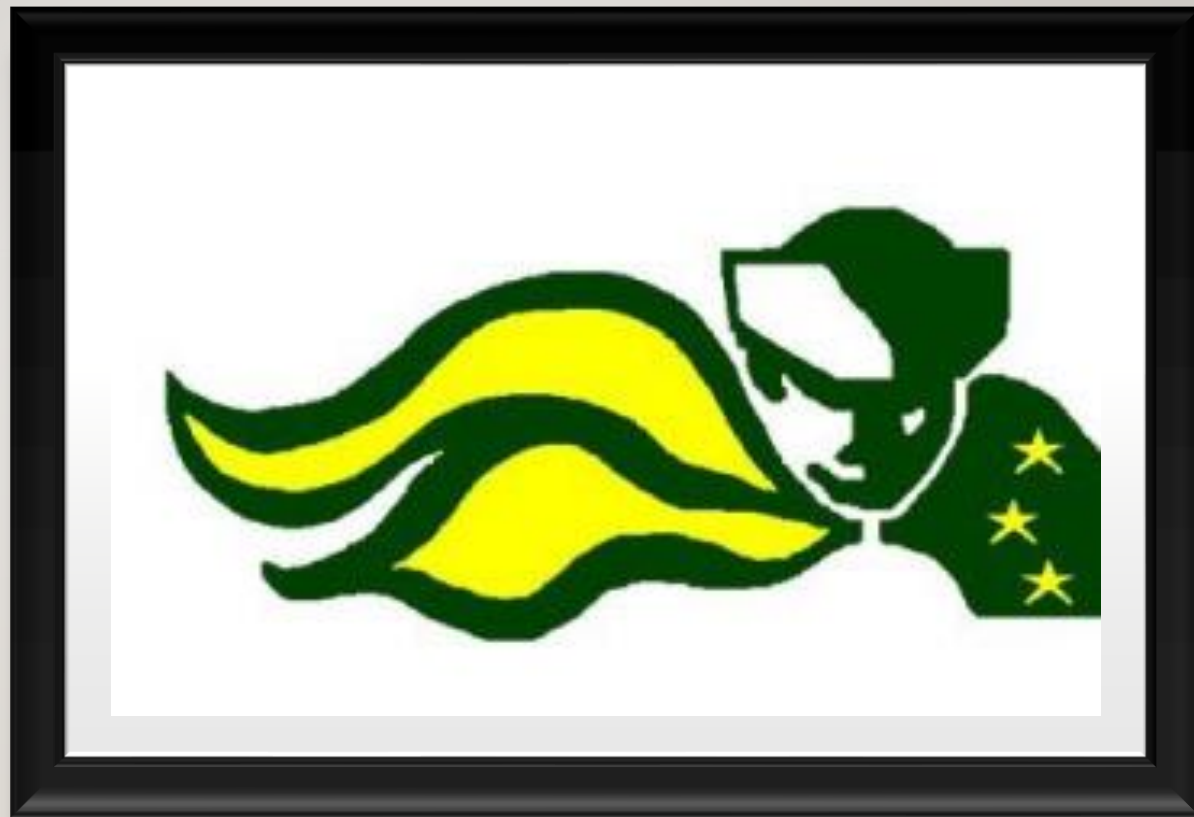


Takeaways



- Would I do this again? Absolutely!
- Was it hard? It was hard at times but very rewarding.
- Should I discuss this with my parents? Yes, I think it's helpful to talk to your parents and look all your interests and time commitments.

STUDENT
ACTIVITIES AT
HOLICONG



Saturday,
May 18th
@
Tohickon



What is Relay for Life?

- **8th & 9th grade** team walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society
- Honors cancer survivors, caregivers & loved ones lost
- Opportunity to spend time with friends for a good cause (DJ, food, fun!)



CBSD Middle Schools- Relay History

- Began in 2003 with participants from all CB Middle Schools
- Over the last 15 year, CB Middle Schools have raised close to \$4 million dollars for the American Cancer Society



How can students participate?

- **Form a team** of approx. 10-12 people and select a team captain
- **Register** via the American Cancer Society website (details will be shared at kickoff meeting)
- **Attend meetings**, during Advisory or after school for captains
- **Fundraise** for ACS!





Holicong Timeline



February 26th	Kickoff during Advisory
March 5th	Captains meeting
March 5th through March 15th	Registration open
March & April	Fundraise, attend meetings, plan chaperone schedule
May 18th	Attend Relay for Life!

ONE OF OUR VALUES = JOY!

KvT Name That Tune

Holicong Middle School 1:1 Year Two



Curriculum Committee Meeting

Steve Geneva, Karen Lovuolo, Molly Rickert, Kevin Shillingford, Lauren Wentz

Professional Development

Building goals

Our building goals for the 2018-2019 school year will focus on the following initiatives:

Building Goal #1: Differentiated Instruction – We will explore the philosophy and practical applications of differentiated instruction. We will utilize a workshop model to address specific needs and interests as well as provide workshops that target best practices in instruction and assessment.

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #1 – Teaching & Learning*

Building Goal #2: 1:1 Laptop & Canvas LMS – The 1:1 laptop initiative now includes grade 7 and 8 across all middle schools in CBSD. We will utilize a workshop model to address specific needs and interests and also provide targeted workshops toward effective 1:1 & Canvas implementation. We will build upon the work and expertise developed during the Year One pilot and ensure that offerings are varied and best practice. Targeted areas will include (but not limited to):

- a) Canvas for all levels
- b) Office 365 tool suite
- c) Instructional Best Practices & technology tools

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #2 – Technology*

Building Goal #3: Community Partnerships – We will look to expand our partnerships with our parent and local community stakeholders. This will include a committed effort with our Parent Council to include our parents in Holicong goals and initiatives.

Two priorities for the year will include, among others:

- 1) Career Fair – This is a new initiative that would align with the Career Readiness Indicator
- 2) Community Movie Night – This will be a collaborative effort with our NJHS & Parent Council that will align with our Advisory program

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #3 – Community Connections*

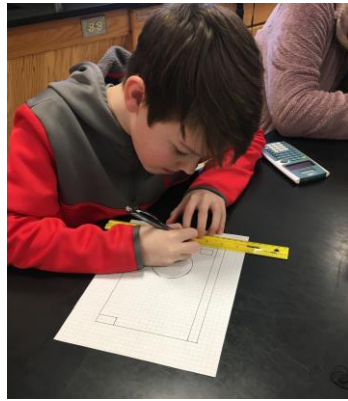
Professional Development



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Innovation and Creativity



Science and Technology



Power of Digital Textbooks

- Dynamic
- Interactive
- Accessible
- Ability to annotate
- Cost effective
- Print available

The screenshot shows a user interface for a digital textbook. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with icons and labels for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, Commons, and Help. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 8th Grade Geneva > Pages > Central Bucks Homepage. Below this is a navigation menu with options like Home, Announcements, Assignments, Discussions, Pages (highlighted), Files, Syllabus, Quizzes, Modules, Office 365, Grades, Conferences, and People. A blue 'View All Pages' button is visible. The main heading is 'Central Bucks Homepage', followed by '8th Grade Science' and 'Mr. Geneva'. A 'Welcome' message is displayed. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Chemistry 4-1 Introduction to chemical reactions' with a link to a quiz and a link to the textbook 'Chemical Reactions'.

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8th Grade Science

Mr. Geneva

Welcome

Chemistry 4-1 Introduction to chemical reactions

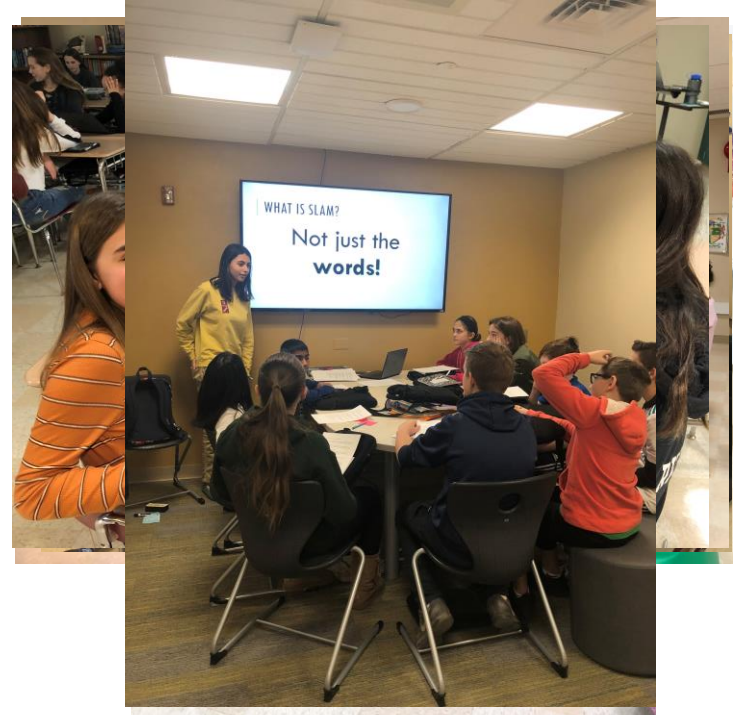
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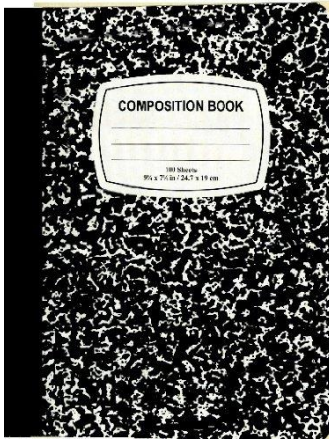
Textbook:

[Chemical Reactions](#)

English Language Arts

- In an ELA classroom, students will:
 - work in small groups or partners daily
 - participate in discussion-based Book Clubs
 - engage in debates, making claims and listening for counter arguments
 - respond aloud to various texts
 - participate in Reader's Theater
 - conference with teachers and peers about writing
 - voice attitudes, questions, ideas, and thoughts in whole group discussions





Example Lesson

- In your Writer's Notebook, agree or disagree with the following claims:
 - Arachne is guilty of having too much pride.
 - Niobe deserved the punishment she received.
 - Phaethon should be considered a hero.
- Take your stance (literally!)
 - Stand on the left side of the room if you "agree"
 - Stand on the right side of the room if you "disagree"
- Be prepared to defend your thinking
- Choose one claim from today. Post your thinking about that claim in the Collaboration Space (exit ticket).

Homework: Respond to one classmate's post

Holicong Library

Book talks
& book clubs



Advisory novels



Balanced research-
print & digital



Digital Citizenship

Integrated Technology - 7th Grade

Digital citizenship essential questions:

- What are the outcomes of presenting yourself in different ways online?
- What is a digital footprint, and what does yours convey?
- **How do I engage in positive, safe, legal, and ethical behavior when using technology?**

Integrated Technology - 8th Grade

Digital citizenship essential questions:

- What responsibilities do you have to respect others' creative work?
- What is the place of digital media in our lives?
- **How do I engage in positive, safe, legal, and ethical behavior when using technology?**

- > DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
- > BELL SCHEDULES & MS INFORMATION
- ✓ PARENT COUNCIL 2018-2019
- > ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES & IMPORTANT DATES
- > CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY
- > DRESS CODE POLICY
- > STUDENT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL & PARENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF
- > HOLICONG OVERHEAD MAP - PICKUP/DROPOFF & PARKING
- > MY PAYMENTS PLUS
- > SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
- > TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LITERACY
- > FOOD SERVICES AT HOLICONG
- > PARENT PORTAL
- > CB CARES
- > CB CARES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BACKPACK NEWSFLASH



Technology & Digital Literacy Resources

We have created this page to post resources and articles that fall under the "umbrella" of Technology, including social media, Internet Safety, and other information that would be helpful to our parents and students regarding this topic. The "cyber-world" is changing daily, and we will look to include information when we come across it to share with our community.

Journal/Research Articles

[7 Media Resolutions Every Family Should Make in 2017](#)

[Common Sense Media Census Measures Plugged in Parents](#)

[Raising a Digital Child](#)

[The Digital Lives of Teens](#)

Videos

[It's Complicated - Social Lives of Networked Teens](#)

Other Resources

[Town Hall Presentation](#) (From 2016 CB East Cluster Town Hall Meeting on Social Media)

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THE PSSA SLIDE

DATES

ELA: April 16th & 17th

Math: March 30th

Science (8th Grade): April 1st

PARENT INFORMATION

- ✓ [PSSA FAQ](#)
- ✓ [CELL PHONE LETTER](#)
- ✓ [PDE PSSA HOMEBASE](#)

OTHER UPDATES

- SAFE2SAY
- CERT
- VAPING & PAYS REPORT
- NISL

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