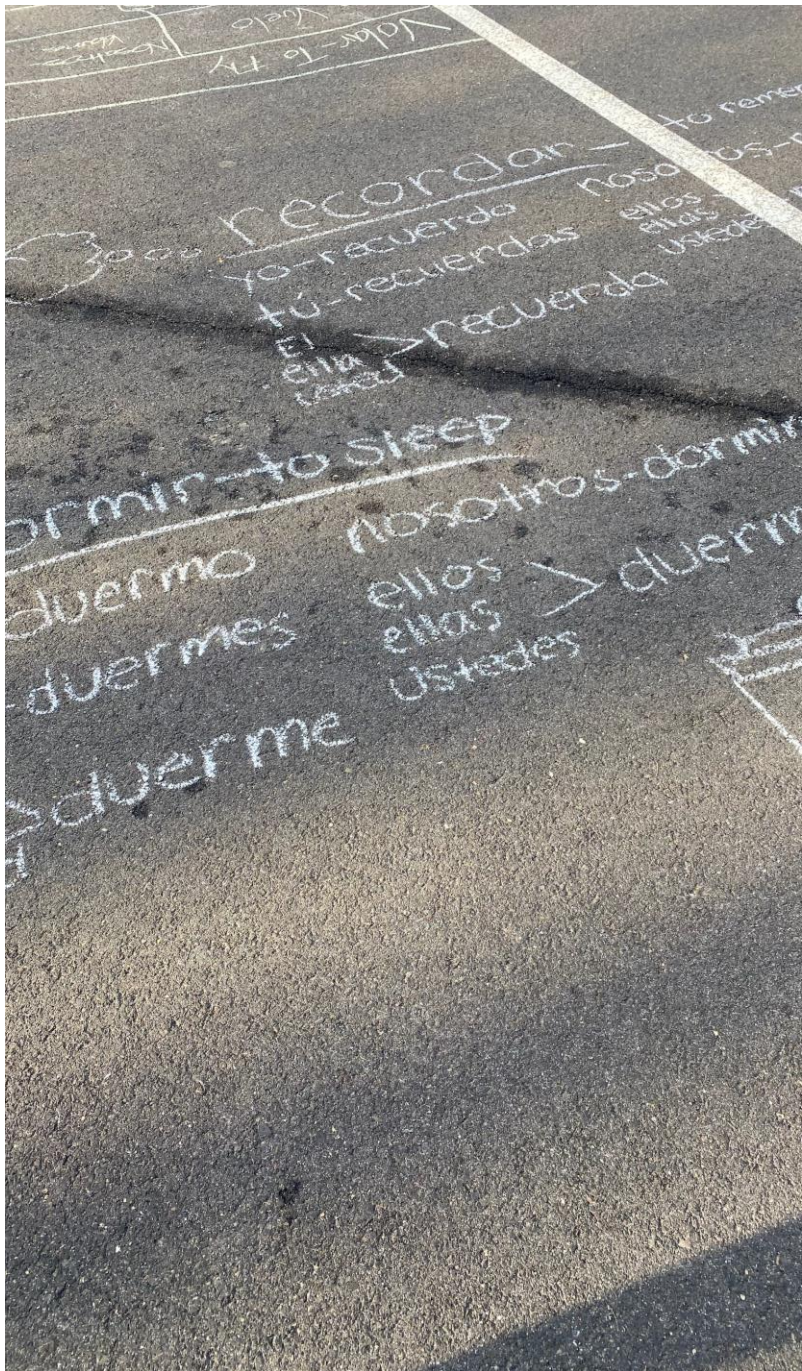


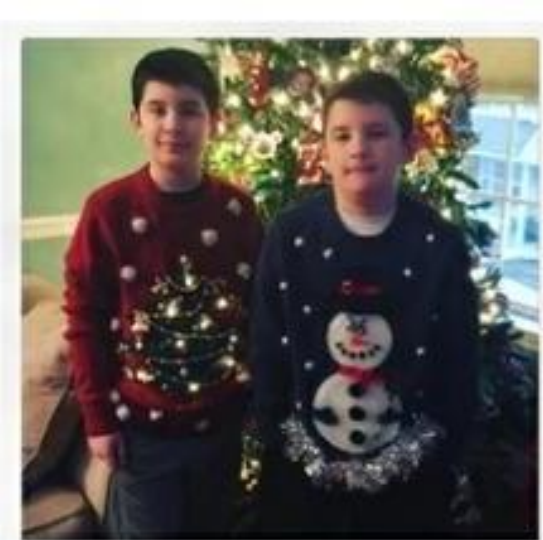


HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

April 15, 2021

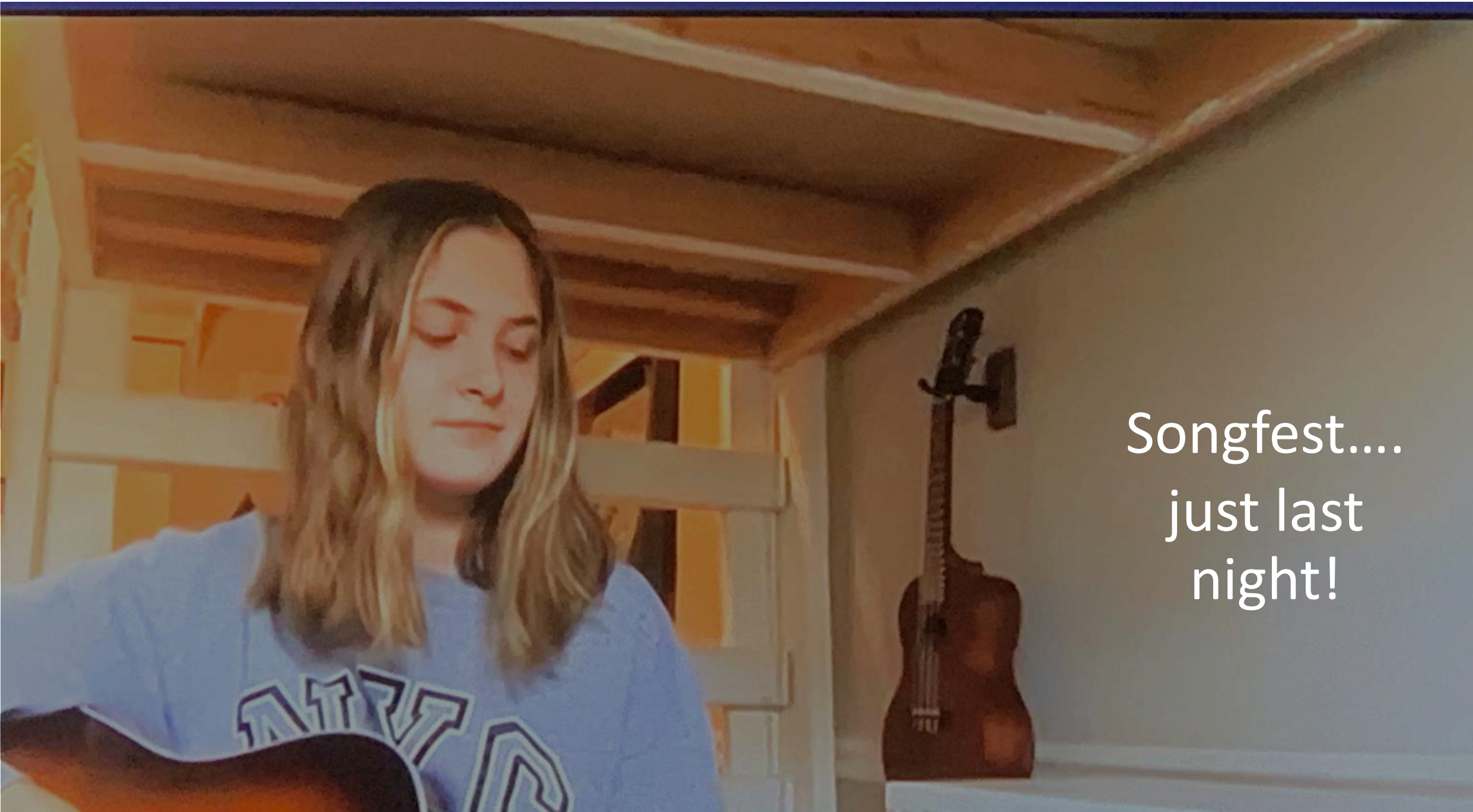












Songfest....
just last
night!

HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

1998



THANK YOU
TEACHERS



Agenda

- Student Activities
- Music
- Athletics
- Technology
- Teaching & Learning
- Guidance
- Health & Safety Plan
- Parent Superintendent Advisory Update
- FAQ





Parent Council Norms

- Be Respectful & Considerate – of other people’s thoughts and opinions
- Be Responsible – ready to begin on time, be prepared, and maintain joy
- Be Healthy – create a safe meeting environment where all feel comfortable enough to share their thoughts





School Reminders & Updates

- ✓ **No Place for Hate & Anti-Defamation League** – Introduction Meeting TODAY!
 - ✓ [ADL Website & Resources](#)
- ✓ **Work from April 9th – Connectedness**
 - ✓ 1st period – [4th Marking Period Kickoff](#) link to “assembly”
 - ✓ [Goal Setting](#) (will attach)
 - ✓ 2nd period – [Iceberg Activity](#)
 - ✓ 3rd – Team Time
 - ✓ 4th – Academic Resource & [Exit Ticket](#) (will attach)
- ✓ **Teacher Appreciation** – Week of May 6th
- ✓ **Yearbooks** – [My Payments Plus](#)
- ✓ **Next Parent Council** – Invited to join with Tohickon for Brian Fitzpatrick – opportunity to hear status/thoughts of education in Pennsylvania





FAQ

Q: These online meetings are very convenient, and the overall attendance is significantly larger. Can this continue in parallel with in-person parent councils?

A: The attendance fluctuates for these day and evening events but we do like the opportunity this provides. We are going to continue the online meetings for the remainder of the 20-21 school year. We want parents in the building for meetings next year if we can but will certainly consider the online element as we plan for parent council next year. We also plan on doing the AM/PM events as often as we can (this year we have done 2 every month – sorry that tonight we have to cancel!).

Q: Will the questions taken Brian Fitzpatrick be done live? Are they edited?

A: Parents will be asked in advance if they have any questions for Mr. Fitzpatrick. These may be given to him prior to the meeting so they he can address them at that time. We are guests so asking that we can get as many now in the chat as we can.





Student Activities

Mrs. Wentz & Club Advisors


[Student Activities Page](#)

- Information on clubs & extracurricular activities

[Holicong Video Page](#) “Homebase”

- Our Story, Songfests, Mornings Show, and Shout Outs!

- NJHS Induction
 - A recorded video will be sent to induct new members
- Book Drive – CB East



CHANGING LIVES, BOOK BY BOOK

CB EAST BOOK CLUB

**DROP OFF AT
HOLICONG FRONT
OFFICE LOBBY**

If you can't donate books, cash donations are welcome! The money will go towards shipping the books to their location.

Visit our GoFundMe: "Help Establish a Library in Malawi, Africa"





Reading Olympics





AUTISM AWARENESS AT HOLICONG!

What?

Wear blue or your favorite Autism Awareness T-shirt and ribbons of support!

When? Tuesday, April 27th!

Why?

To celebrate the resilience of those affected by the disorder and support causes that promote awareness of it.



Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Repper

- The current focus in band, choir and orchestra finds all curricular and co-curricular ensembles learning and working on new pieces that will be recorded and shared in our spring events
- Extra-curricular groups will continue to “meet” in whatever way makes the most sense for each ensemble considering the health/safety plan and providing the most meaningful experience for the students
- “Principal photography” on *Freaky Friday* wraps up today. A few minor reshoots may be needed next week due to tech issues, but we’re just about wrapped!!! So proud of everyone involved!!
 - *Freaky Friday* will be streamed on the following dates:
 - 5/6-9 – Orange Cast (THU, FRI, SAT 7PM & Sat/Sun @ 2PM)
 - 5/13-16 – Purple Cast (THU, FRI, SAT 7PM & Sat/Sun @ 2PM)





Music

Mr. Chodoroff, Mr. Glasser, and Mrs. Repper

- Upcoming Virtual Event Dates:

- THU 4/29 @ 7PM - 9th Grade “The Digital Music Revolution” multimedia concert with guest alumni narrator John Barchard (9th Band, 9th Choir, 9th Orch, H-Factor)
- WED 5/12 @ 7PM – 9th Grade “Protest Day” Songfest (featuring 9th grade choir, students, staff and community members)
- TUE 5/18 @ 7PM – Final Instrumental Songfest of the year (individual students/staff and virtual band/orchestra performances)
- MON 5/24 @ 7PM – Final Vocal/Choral Songfest of the year (individual students/staff and virtual choral performances)
- TUE 5/25 @ 2PM – All orchestra students invited to attend virtual clinic with Philadelphia Orchestra violist Rachel Ku

- Dates TBA:

- Holicong Virtual Cabaret – late May
- 9th Grade Spring Concert and Awards Night – early June





Technology

Mrs. Lovuolo & Mr. Striano

Submitting Work Tickets





Guidance

Ms. Blankeburg, Mrs. Louderback, & Mr. Striano

*East/Holicong Tutors still available

*Contact with students on SEL survey

*Events from April 9th – Wellness Activities





Teaching & Learning

Mr. Canelli & Dr. Shillingford

- ✓ PSSA UPDATES
- ✓ NHD & Science Fair Showcase
- ✓ Earth Day – Next Wednesday





5 W's of PSSA's

- **Who?**

7th Grade Students: ELA & Math

8th Grade Students: ELA, Math, & Science

- **What?**

State mandated assessments used to assess student proficiency in the content areas of English Language Arts, Math, and Science

- **Where?**

Assigned testing rooms

- **When?**

ELA: April 23rd and 30th

Math: May 7th

Science: May 10th (8th grade only)

- **Why?**

To ensure students can demonstrate proficiency in their math, science, reading and writing skills

- **How?**

Students will take these standardized exams in school using their district issued 1:1 laptop





What do Students need to do?

1. Bring charged laptop and power cord
2. Bring a calculator (Needed for May 7th and May 10th)
3. Bring a book to read
4. Snacks are available in the morning or bring a “clean snack” (pretzels, goldfish, water only)
5. Be here and be on time





PSSA FAQ

1. Who takes the PSSA?

Answer: 7th and 8th Grade Students

2. How do online students get to school on PSSA days?

Answer: Bus (Transportation information in Infinite Campus) or parent/guardian transportation

3. What do students do if they have opted out?

Answer: Students will work on an alternative assignment. Traditional students will be in the library and Virtual students will join a Teams call.





FAQ - PSSA

Q: What is the process for dropping off virtual students? Where do they report?

A: Dropping off - parent pickup and dropoff is by tennis courts - 7th grade - auditorium, 8th grade - gym - then to cafeteria - that is the testing location - we have room for these students - the cafeteria is a large open area with much sunlight. We will communicate more specific logistics tomorrow and next week so students/parents have everything they need!

Q: Are the teachers going to do a review for the PSSA?

A: PSSA review - practice on Friday - with tutorials in our session on Friday; the content - in classes all year!





FAQ - PSSA

Q: Could you please send the tutorials link for kids?

A:

<https://assets.drccdirect.com/States/PA/Tutorials/Student/current/202001-html5.html>

- The PSSA links are in the middle of the screen.

Q: What are the dates for PSSA?

A: April 23rd, 30th, May 7th and 10th. Dates are in the [Holicong calendar](#) and information posted inside with more details.

Q: PSSA is for Math, ELA and Science?

A: 7th Grade is Math and ELA and 8th grade is Math, ELA, and Science





FAQ - PSSA

Q: Are the PSSAs for the entire day? If not, are virtual students able to be dismissed early or do they remain in the school for the entire day?

A: PSSA are schedule throughout the day so virtual students will remain at Holicong for the day. They will join any classes they have that day from the cafeteria.

Q: If a student (virtual or not) is absent for PSSA, is there a makeup process?

A: Yes. We actually have a longer window this year so this will be easier to navigate. Look for details when we get closer to PSSA!

Q: How are the PSSAs adhering to COVID safety protocol?

A: Traditional students will take the PSSA test in resource class, so the seating charts and safety guidelines are the same as in class. Virtual students will be testing in the cafeteria following our health and safety guidelines for spacing and cleaning of desks.





Holicong Middle
School

2021
National History
Day Showcase

Junior Individual Exhibit – A sweep for Holicong!!!!!!!!!!!!

First Place:

Carson Amtmann. “The Fireside Chats:
Communication That Brought Hope”

Second Place

Emily Tian “The Dangers of Racial Slander: Anti-Japanese
Propaganda in the Wake of Pearl Harbor”

Third Place

Hannah Peck “Doctor Joseph Goebbels: The Mastermind of
Nazi Propaganda”

Junior Individual Website

Second Place

Anna Daly “Elizabeth Cady Stanton at the Seneca Falls Convention: A Declaration for Women’s Rights”

Junior Paper

First Place

Ella Kiernan “The Enigma Machine:
Alan Turing’s Impact on
Communication Devices”

Junior Individual Documentary

First Place:

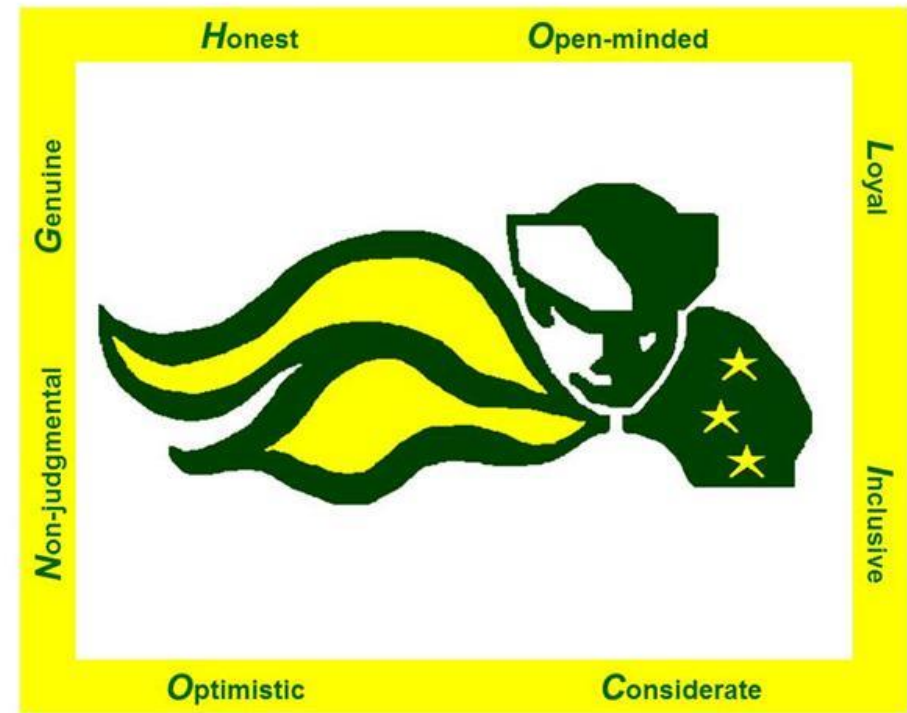
Hunter Barno. “American Sign Language:
Connecting the Deaf and Hearing

Second Place:

Duncan McGarvey. “Joseph Goebbels and
Nazi Propaganda: Lies and Manipulation”

HOLICONG SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Delaware Valley Science Fair Results



HOLICONG SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

7th and 8th Grade Science Fair Results

Chemistry

3rd – Andrew Ganaopolskiy

Honorable Mention –
Riya Mehrota

Consumer Science

2nd – Kasey Walker

Environmental Science

Honorable Mention –
John Hetz

Math

1st – Caroline Rawlings

Medicine and Health

3rd – Ranjit Rajapakse

Physics

Honorable Mention –
Emily Tian

Holicong Middle School

Earth Day April 22nd

2021 Theme

Restore Our Earth



Earth Day Quizzes

- How much do you know about our Earth — its species, its resources and its threats?
- Test your knowledge!

bit.ly/HMSEarthday

Upcycled Foods Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Whale Conservation Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Protect Our Species Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Climate Change Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Oceans and Plastic Pollution Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Environmental Literacy Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Deforestation and Biodiversity Quiz

TAKE THE QUIZ

Earth Day Live

Review the Website ~

[Earth Day 2021](#)

From April 20~22, join the world's leaders for Earth Day 2021. Together, we can Restore Our Earth.



Find an Earth Day Event (Virtual or in Person) and Learn More

FIND AN EARTH DAY EVENT

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Want to switch views? Click **Calendar** at the bottom to see and filter a list.

Are you planning an event?
Register it here

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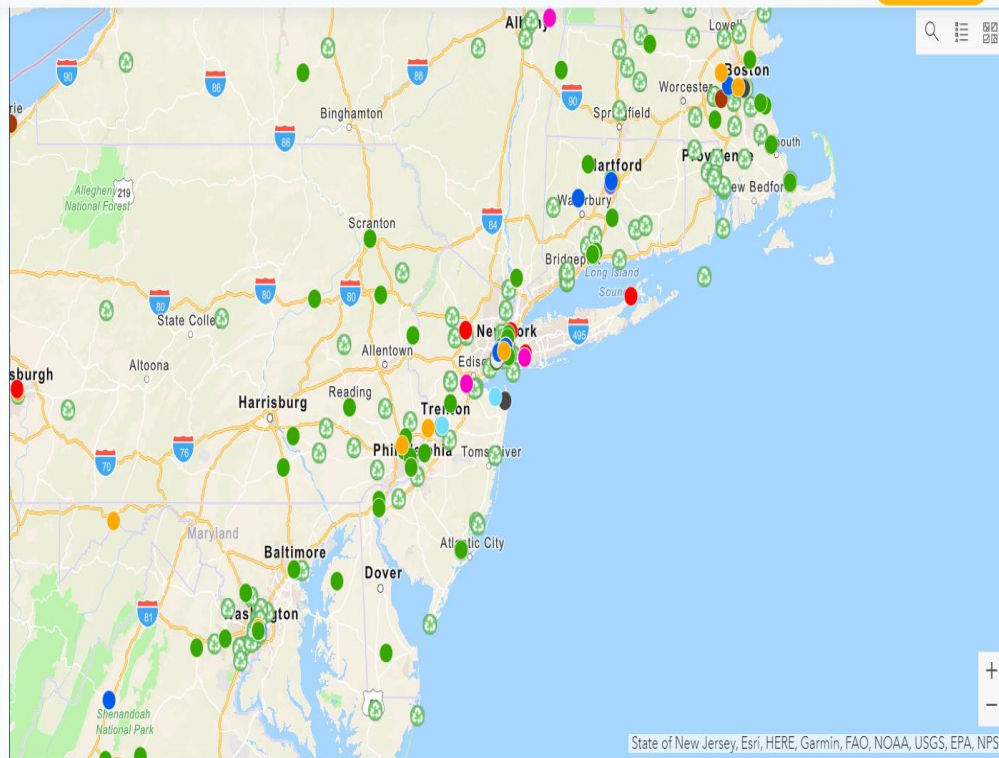
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earth day events

Online events Today Tomorrow This Week This Weekend Next Week This Month Next Month

- Montgomery County Commun... Blue Bell, PA
- 17 APR Earth Day-Service and Fun! Sat, 9 AM – 1 PM Haverford Community Recreat... Haverford, PA
- 17 APR Earth Day Electronics Recycling and Shred Event at... Sat, 10 AM Boyertown Community Park Boyertown, PA
- 22 APR Earth Day Celebration! Thu, 5:30 PM Club Pilates, 3535 US-1 Suite ... Princeton, NJ
- 25 APR Earth Day Fair Sun, 11 AM – 1 PM Montgomery Montgomery, NJ
- 24 Philadelphia Earth Day Events: Grow, Clean, Water

22 APR "Earth Day 2021: Be an advocate for the Planet"

Delaware Valley University

US Post Office, Ulman Hall

Save event More Info Directions Share

Details

Thu, Apr 22
In 9 Days

Delaware Valley University
700 E Butler Ave, Doylestown, PA

Join us on Zoom for a seminar entitled "Earth Day 2021: Be an advocate for the Planet" led by Ann Meredith of Bucks Co. Herald, Stacy Carr-Poole of Bucks County Audubon Society, Alex Dashkiwsky of... [Read more on Visit Bucks County](#)



FAQ - Teaching & Learning

Q: Is there some way to see winning Science Fair projects and/or papers? It would be helpful for upcoming students.

A: Below is the pdf that we share at Program Planning for both Science Fair & NHD (wanted to add this as well as they are both in 8th grade). We are going to reach out to Mr. Meletti & Mr. Knoedler to see if a student(s) is willing to share. Great suggestion!

<https://www.cbsd.org/cms/lib/PA01916442/Centricity/Domain/106/Program%20Planning%20-%208th%20Grade%20Advanced%20Science.Social%20Studies.pdf>





Health & Safety

Mrs. Radice & Dr. Shillingford

- ✓ MODIFIED QUARANTINE
- ✓ CHANGES TO HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN





CBSD Health & Safety Updates to Plan as of 4/13/21

- ✓ [CBSB Athletic Health & Safety Plan](#) – Entire Document – Appendix D address modified quarantine
- ✓ [Modified Quarantine Infographic](#) – Resource to explain quarantine
- ✓ [Health & Safety Plan Revisions](#) – New resource after Parent Council
- ✓ [Letter to Community](#) – New resource after Parent Council





Response Team & Health & Safety Plan Development

- Abram Lucabaugh – Acting Superintendent
- Leanne Cichelli – Nurse Coordinator
- Erin Corrigan – Elementary Teacher, CBEA President





Social Distancing & Other Safety Protocols

- **Seating** - 3 feet recommendation for seating (Holicong was 6 feet)
- **Sports Activities & HPE**
 - Masking and social distancing of 3 ft minimum.
 - Handwashing/sanitizing before and after use of equipment along with discouraging touching faces.
 - Not necessary to sanitize equipment before/after use of balls, sticks, etc.
 - Weight room use allowed as an instructional area. Students and staff will adhere to proper wiping-down of equipment before and after use along with handwashing/sanitizing before and after use. Students and staff are encouraged to not touch their faces during use.
- **Sharing of materials** – Same as yellow phase except that library books do not need to be isolated before returning to circulation. Instead, students will be reminded to wash their hands before and after using any materials that are public/shared, and refrain from touching their faces while using public/shared materials.
- **Interactions between groups of students** - Sharing of resources and materials allowed. Students encouraged to wash/sanitize hands before and after sharing and discouraged from touching faces while sharing.
- **Other social distancing and safety practices** - Permission for end of year events will be considered for approval so long as the stipulations found in this H&S Plan can be met throughout the trip Travel for those events would be considered for grades 6, 9, and 12 only.





Monitoring Student and Staff Health

If a student/staff member at school is exposed, and they have not been “fully vaccinated”¹ or immune due to having had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, they are a close contact. Close contacts will report to the Health Room where they will be assessed and asked about COVID-19 symptoms experienced presently and over the past 24 hours. If non-symptomatic, they will remain in school and follow their normal schedule after agreeing to the following rules of modified quarantine: ■ Wear mask at all times except when eating/drinking which must occur 6 feet or more away from others.

- Watch for and report any symptoms should they occur. If this should happen, the students will follow the plan below for symptomatic close contacts.
- NOTE:
 - Students who cannot wear a mask are not able to have modified quarantine.
 - Students who do not adhere to the masking requirements for modified quarantine will not be permitted to stay in school. They will learn from home for the remainder of their 10 or 7 days from exposure (see below)
- ○ If symptomatic, student/staff member will be sent home until the BCDH determines quarantine. During their time at home, they will have access to virtual learning/working.
- ○ If BCDH determines a student or staff member is on modified quarantine, they follow the steps noted above for modified quarantine.
- ○ If BCDH determines a student or staff member is on quarantine or ongoing quarantine, they must do the following: • Learn/work from home (so long as they feel well) for 10 days. If a person who is on quarantine has a negative test on day 5, 6 or 7 of quarantine, their quarantine can be shortened to 7 days. The district will consult with the Bucks County DOH on decisions impacting the isolation and quarantine of students/staff.
- • If a person is on “ongoing quarantine”² as determined by BCDH, they are not able to get a negative test and return after day 7.





Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Which staff will be responsible for making decisions regarding quarantine or isolation requirements of staff or students?

- The School Nurse has the primary responsibility, with support/guidance from the principal, for responding to students/staff in accordance with this Health & Safety Plan, who have symptoms of COVID-19, have become documented cases of COVID-19, or have been in close contact to cases of COVID-19. This information is reported to the Director of Student Services who collaborates with BCDH to ensure that infected persons are isolated and close contacts (excluding those that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days) follow either modified quarantine or quarantine rules.

What conditions will a staff member or student confirmed to have COVID-19 need to meet to safely return to school? How will you accommodate staff who are unable to/uncomfortable to return?

- Staff and students may return after 10 days have passed (or after 7 days with a negative test result on day 5+) since the symptoms first appeared and being fever-free for 24 hours or based on current PADOH guidelines, if different.





Athletics

Mr. Rittenhouse

- [Athletics Page](#)
- **Spring Sports Update: Spring sports games and meets will start the week of 4-19-21. All schedules for practices and games are on the athletic website.**
- With games approaching for the spring season, I wanted to update you on our spectator policy for CB middle school sports.
- Spectators may attend both home and away contests.
- Spectators must wear a mask at all times.
- Social distancing of six feet must be maintained between non-family members.
- Bleachers are closed. You may want to bring your own chairs.
- Indoor bathroom facilities are closed.





FAQ - Athletics

A: Is there a place on the sports page which shows who the coaches are and how to contact them?

A: <https://holicongathletics.com/>

- We are in the process of updating our spring coaches. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate the feedback and suggestions!





Athletic Health & Safety Plan – Modified Quarantine

CBSD Athletic Health & Safety Plan APPENDIX D





Modified Quarantine

Modified Quarantine Infographic

MQ: How would it work?

1. When we learn of a positive case in school, those who are considered “exposed” (within 6 ft for 15 minutes or longer) will report to the school Health Office.
2. The School Nurse will assess those exposed for symptoms.
 - Those demonstrating symptoms presently or over the past 24 hours without medication will be sent home.
 - Those who are asymptomatic will return to class after receiving guidance on MQ. Parents/guardians will be contacted to confirm status of quarantine.
3. All close contacts will be reported to BCDH who will confirm* the type of quarantine assigned to each contact.
 - Modified Quarantine
 - Quarantine
 - Ongoing quarantine

*If BCDH confirms a type of quarantine different than what was originally communicated, the school will communicate the changed quarantine status with parents/guardians.

CBSD H&S Plan, p. 39





What does this mean for us?

BIG TICKET – Not much changes. We are still following all of our protocols and plans all year...the ones we have reviewed often.

SMALLER TICKET – But the things that matter!

- **Wellness & Other Team Time – Under Supervision by staff and safely – students can toss a ball, catch, play games, etc.**
- **Freshmen Day & “Dance” – These are a go – just need to finalize logistics**
- **End of Year Awards/Team Events – These are a go – just need to finalize logistics – working on this with Leadership Team**
- **Communication for Modified Quarantine Students – Will work on that with Donna and MS team (previously using attendance to note this...)**
- **Sharing of materials – This can happen. If specific questions for curriculum area (science labs, fitness equipment) – please reach out to curriculum supervisor.**





FAQ - Health & Safety Plan

Q: End of year activities was referred to in the Health & Safety Plan...has a decision been made about the 9th grade Hershey Trip and/or the 9th grade dance?

A: 9th Grade Trip and 9th grade dance we are working out the logistics for each event. We do plan on having the dance and the trip to Hershey will be based on the Health & Safety Plan. We will share with our 9th grade students ASAP on that decision.





FAQ - Health & Safety Plan

Q: Will healthy students who are within 6ft for 15 minutes of asymptomatic modified quarantine student be contact traced? or not unless that modified quarantine student becomes symptomatic?

A: Contact tracing only occurs when there is a positive case, so a close contact would be notified and must abide by the rules for modified quarantine.

Q: Do you follow state health guidelines and CDC guidelines if they differ from Bucks Health?

A: We follow the Central Bucks Health and Safety Plan that adheres to the state, CDC and Bucks Health guidelines.





FAQ - Health & Safety Plan

Q: What are the penalties if someone violates this knowingly?

A: At Holicong - if a student is not abiding by the health and safety guidelines they may be removed from the setting and parents contacted. We have reviewed our protocols multiple times with students in various means, so they are aware of what they are and how serious we take them.

Outside of Holicong – We cannot speak to that as we are not aware/have jurisdiction of what occurs outside of Holicong. We just hope that everyone is considering the safety of all of the students and staff in our community.





FAQ - Other Topics

Q: Are we in favor of a tracking ticket process similar to IT?

A: We would be interested in hearing more about what this would look like and organized. We currently use our [Parent Council survey/form](#) – this is posted on the Parent Council webpage and we send it out before each meeting. This allows us to see the questions that are current/relevant with parents based on what is happening in our school and larger community. We also use this for different programs such as [6th grade transitions](#) and other events. That way we have the most up to date information at that time (why we do it on a yearly basis).





Superintendent Parent Advisory
Mr. & Mrs. Freeman

**No Superintended Parent
Council Meeting this Month**





HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

April 15, 2021





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