

Holdingford District & Community Education Newsletter

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Resource Training & Solutions honored 137 educational support staff from across Central Minnesota at the 2023 Educational Support Staff Award Ceremony, on November 15, 2023.

Recipients were nominated by their school district for this award. Holdingford's recipients include Kristin Klemmer, Jenny Streit, Russ Gardner, and Ashia Berschied (not pictured.) Congratulations to these four individuals and thank you for showing dedication to Holdingford Public Schools!

School Board: Ed Feia, Elissa Ebnet, Lori Opatz, Nicole Burg, Rob Knettel, Evelyn Martini, Pat Meier

Administration: Chris Swenson—Superintendent, Jim Stang—Elementary Principal, Kevin Beehler, High School Principal

District News

HOLDINGFORD Husker BOOSTER CLUB

Are you a parent of a 7th - 12th grade athlete? Did you know you're automatically a member of the Holdingford Husker Athletic Booster Club? The Booster Club, a non-profit charitable organization, was founded in 1982 by a group of parents who wanted to support their children in athletic programs at Holdingford schools. Membership is automatic when you sign up your child for an athletic program and free for all parents.

The Booster Club donates an average of \$75,000 a year to support Holdingford Husker athletic teams. Over the years the organization has provided funding for field, gym and weight room maintenance and renovations, equipment, score boards, youth programs, jerseys and more. We work closely with Holdingford School administration and coaches to evaluate project/equipment needs and support these when additional funds are needed.

We are always looking for parents to get involved! The Booster Club meets one night per month, typically the 3rd Sunday. To get on the email list for minutes and meeting agendas, please email huskerboosterclub@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page [Holdingford Husker Athletic Booster Club](#) to learn more about the club, what we're up to, and when meetings are!

We'd also like to thank our volunteer members, supporting local businesses, and all those who support our events and raffles, and provide charitable donations. Your help makes a difference for our Husker athletes! Thank you!

February is School Board Recognition Month!

School Boards: Strong schools help build strong communities – and the Holdingford School Board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level. School board members make the difficult decisions every month – and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.

Even though we're making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members' work is a year-round commitment. Please take a moment to thank the members serving our district, they are: Patrick Meier, Evelyn Martini, Ed Feia, Lori Opatz, Robert Knettel, Elissa Ebnet and Nicole Burg.

School Boards:

Building
the future
of public
education

Celebrate
School Board
Recognition
Month!



The Holdingford Just For Kix program held their annual Winter Show this past weekend Sunday, Jan 21st! They had 141 dancers perform between 2 shows to the theme "Here for the Hoedown" which was a town favorite!

Just For Kix offers classes for all ages 3 year olds- 12th Grade. in styles of Kick, Jazz, Lyrical & Hip Hop. Holdingford Just For Kix

takes registrations year round- Pre- School- 1st graders are starting NEW routines soon! Contact Director Morgan at Holdingford_mn@justforkix.com with any questions!



4 Generations of Huskers!

Husker pride has lived in this family for four generations!

Front row: Maya Wood Class of 2036
Second row from left to right: Adam Wood Class of 2006, Irene Marsolek Class of 1944, Karen Wood Class of 1978.

Greetings from the desk of the Superintendent's office! 2024 has now arrived and we are flying through the school year.

Winter is here and so far the cold has been the biggest problem. We appreciate all of the families who support our bus drivers and often have their children out in a warm car waiting for our buses to arrive in the morning. As we move into the rest of winter, please remember to have a plan ready for any type of change to the school schedule. Announcements will be made as always through radio, TV, social media and most importantly our school messaging system.

As a reminder, the elementary will be using Bingo Bags to provide some at home work but also allow for students to enjoy the snow day. The JH/HS will be doing eLearning days in a similar fashion to a typical distance learning day. Any weather related announcement will let you know if it will be an eLearning day or typical snow day.

The winters are unpredictable and often tough to plan for. However, our students can be better prepared by wearing appropriate clothing each day (hats, gloves, and a winter jacket). Please help out by checking with your children as they leave the house each day. If by chance you are in need of better winter clothing for your child, please reach out to our social worker, Jennifer Meemken (320-746-4496). The Knights of Columbus have always been such a great supporter of ours and have once again done all they can to make sure our students are properly clothed for our winters.

The winter extra-curricular season is past the midpoint and our students are excelling in so many ways. It will be an exciting post season for our students, coaches, families, and community. I hope you get a chance to see them in action as they make the final push. Best of luck in the weeks ahead!

Winter Parent/Teacher conferences are right around the corner. Conferences will be from 2:00-8:00 on Feb. 8th and 12th. If you have elementary students, please be on the lookout for information on how to sign up for conferences with your child's teacher. Winter conferences are such an important time for the team of you, your child and teacher. The staff undoubtedly have learned so much about your child and it is a time to set the path for a great finish to the school year.

The JH/HS is going to try something new and follow the lead of the elementary and provide a signup option for parents. Please be on the lookout for more information in Mr. Beehler's weekly playbook.

Thank you again for your support of our staff and school. It truly is a partnership and we celebrate our victories together.

Chris Swenson
Superintendent

Notes from the Nurse's Office

Extra Clothes








Please send extra clothes for all K-6 students! Students of all ages and sizes frequently come to the nurse's office in search of clean, dry clothes, and our supply is quite limited. Even if your child is too old to have an accident in the bathroom (although we've learned to never say never!), please remember that clothes can rip in unsightly places, milk and juice spills occur in the cafeteria, and muddy puddles attract both little and big feet alike! It's very helpful if your child keeps an extra set of clothes in his/her backpack, cubby, or locker. Please include a pair of shorts or pants (switch out one for the other depending on weather), underwear, socks, and a shirt.

Is my child well enough to attend school and school activities?

Sick season is still in full swing. Please remind your children to wash, wash, wash their hands! This is the best aid in defense against illness. To the right is a chart to help guide you on whether to send your child to school and school activities

A good question to ask yourself as a parent is, "Would I want my child to sit next to a child with these symptoms?"

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. tylenol, motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching or fever; i have been evaluated by doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school if applicable	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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Warm Clothes

Please send your child to school well prepared for winter weather. Exercise and fresh air are important during all seasons, but recess is no fun if a child is too cold to enjoy it! Even if it is so cold that we keep students inside for recess, emergencies with power and heat in the building and/or school bus could expose your child to cold conditions. We suggest that you send your child(ren) with a jacket, snow pants, hat, and mittens/gloves. A student can always take off layers if he/she doesn't end up needing them.

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Technology Department News

www.sites.google.com/isd738.org/techdept

HOW CAN I GET MY KIDS OFF THEIR PHONES?

Constantly looking at phones—it may be annoying, but it's a normal part of life for many kids. Staying in touch with friends is important to preteens and teens. However, if phone use is getting in the way of family time, homework, and other responsibilities, it might be time to help your kid manage their phone use.

- Help kids reflect on their phone habits by having open, nonjudgmental conversations.
- Help them find space for face-to-face conversations.
- Model the manners and behavior you want to see.
- Charge kids' phones in a common area at night.
- Establish consequences for problematic phone use.
- Understand the underlying reasons your child might be on their phone a lot.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/cellphones-and-devices-a-guide-for-parents-and-caregivers>

Email Etiquette

What is it and why is it important

Email etiquette reflects those rules that dictate what is and isn't appropriate when sending email correspondence. Just like every other situation in life, email adheres to unspoken social norms and principles.

12 Quick Tips

1. Use a direct subject line
2. Use a professional email address
3. The reply-all button should be used sparingly
4. Add an appropriate email signature
5. Use greetings (ie. "Hello", "Hi", "Greetings")
6. Be wary of excessive exclamation points
7. Be careful when using humor
8. Reply to all your emails
9. Always proofread before pressing send
10. Keep your fonts simple and classic
11. Segment your communications
12. Consider your tone

Technology Department (320) 746-4480 or Skywardhelp@isd738.org

Lance Feia, Jennifer Sandstrom, Jena Nelson

SKYWARD® FAQ MCA test results now online!

Each year students across the state participate in the MN Comprehensive Assessment Tests (MCAs) in Math, Reading and Science. The math MCA is administered to students in grades 3 - 8 & 10, the reading MCA is administered to students in grades 3 - 8 & 11, and the science MCA is administered in grades 5, 8 & 10.

Parents are provided an Individual Student Record (ISR) of their child's test results the following fall. Typically this is a four page document mailed to the family home.

This year, parents/guardians will access these documents via Skyward, our Student Information System. This provides added security as it is password protected. In addition, the ISR is available to view at any time in the student's Skyward profile.

If you are unable to view the ISR and would like to have a copy emailed to you contact our helpdesk at SkywardHelp@isd738.org for assistance.

High School News

Hello Husker Community,

We are officially halfway through the school year. As we look ahead to the start of semester 2, this is an opportunity for a fresh start for both students and staff. As schedules change for the semester, it is hard to imagine we are nearing the end for our seniors but planning a new year for the rest of our students. Throughout the month of February and March students will be looking at courses of interest and building their schedule for the 2024-25 school year. As we move towards the end of the school year, I am looking forward to the craziness this time brings.

Students will be finishing up their winter activities and beginning their spring activities. Students will be completing MCA testing, ACT testing, attending prom, scholarship night, and closing the school year with graduation and sending our seniors on to new beginnings. I am looking forward to celebrating our seniors and hope they will always remember what they have learned at Holdingford.

I want to continue to express my gratitude towards the community and student body for their support and welcoming me into my role. I am beyond grateful to have this opportunity to lead such a great bunch of students. Everyday, students show up and demonstrate a community of accountability, respect and empathy towards themselves, classmates, and staff. I am proud of the work they have done and hope to continue to do and cherish the memories made along the way.

Thankful to be your Principal,

Kevin Beehler
High School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Feb. 8th, 2024** - Early Release Day at 1:15pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 2PM—8PM
- **Feb. 12th, 2024** - No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences from 2PM—8PM
- **Feb. 19th, 2024** - No School
- **Feb. 28th, 2024** - Yearbook orders are due. No orders will be accepted after this date. Please order online at www.jostens.com/yearbooks
- **March 25th, 2024** - No School
- **March 28th & 29th, 2024** - No School
- **April 1st & 2nd, 2024** - No School
- **April 9th, 2024** - ACT testing for Juniors at City Hall from 8:10AM—1PM
- **April 27th, 2024** - Jr/Sr Prom in the HS Gym at 7PM
- **May 8th, 2024** - Senior Awards in the HS Theater (Time TBD)
- **May 23rd, 2024** - Last day of school for Seniors (½ day).- Graduation practice.
- **May 27th, 2024** - No School - Memorial Day
- **May 30th, 2024** - Last day of school for 7th - 11th grade (½ day).
- **May 31st, 2024** - Graduation in the HS Gym at 7PM

The Holdingford Junior Class will be hosting prom on Saturday, April 27, 2024. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend! Sophomores and outside guests (under age 21) are permitted to attend if asked by a junior or senior. Grand March will begin at 7:00 PM in the high school gym. Spectators may begin entering the front doors at 6:15; admission is \$2.00.

The dance will be held from 7:30-11:00 PM, followed by post prom.

Prom & Post Prom are BOTH A LOCK-IN; students must remain in the building and will be required to contact a parent/guardian and check out with a chaperone in order to leave the dance prior to 11:00 PM.

Students only attending prom will be dismissed from the building at 11:00 PM.

If attending prom and post prom: locker rooms will be available from 10:30-12:00; all clothes etc. must be brought into the building prior to grand march and placed in student lockers. Students will not be allowed to go to their vehicle at any time. +

Students only attending post prom can arrive for registration from 11:00 PM-12:00 AM.

There will be a **\$100 GIFT CARD** drawing for those who are present at the dance at 11:00 PM.

Prom early bird tickets will be sold March 4-8th for \$25 per person.

Regular ticket price sales will be April 3-5th for \$30 per person.

Make checks payable to Holdingford Public Schools or pay with cash.

All class dues need to be up to date prior to purchasing prom tickets; they can be paid online or in the high school office.

We look forward to another successful Prom Night!

The Prom Queens



Quarter 1

A & B Honor Roll Students

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 12

ELLEGRA C. BOOTH
PAIGE N. FIEDLER
LEO J. FUSSY
GRACELYN M. GERADS
LUKAS W. JENDRO
SETH M. JOHNSON
MAKAYLA M. LENZEN
MADISON E. MITCHELL
JADA K. MOSEY
LORRAINE C. MROSLA
AUBRIE C. OPATZ
JENNA E. PALLOW
ABRIL I. PARKS
AIDAN B. PELLETT
JADIELYN E. RUDOLPH
PEYTON A. RUDOLPH
KIRSTYN M. SAND
ANNIE E. SUPAN
CARTER C. WUNDERLICH
AYLA P. YOUNG

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 11

MACKENZIE APPEGATE
NOLAN V. BOECKERMANN
CARA L. BRENNER
ALLISON G. FEIA
HEATHER P. FELD
MASON R. GLATZEL
CARTER J. GROSS
NOAH M. HEITZMAN
CARTER C. HELBACK
RUSSELL T. JENSEN
JORDYN R. KOSTREBA
KORIN J. KOSTREBA
CHLOE LANCOUR
NICOLE J. NOTSCH
WYATT J. NOVITZKI
ANNALIESE M. ODDEN
MADISON R. OLSON

EMILY J. OTTMAN
LOGAN D. PAPPENFUS
MORGAN M. PELLETT
GRACIE J. PHILIPPI
ADDISON B. PILARSKI
ALEXIS J. REIS
SAMUEL A. RUPRECHT
DAMIAN SKWIRA
MCKENNA R. STREIT
SARA STREIT
SAOIRSE K. WOODS
CLARA R. WRUCK
KITANA J. YOREK

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10

SIMON M. BOECKMAN
RILEE E. BRETH
GABRIELLE BRUNS
ANGELIKA G. DIAKITE
DEVON G. ENGBRETSON
KYLE J. FIEDLER
MAKENNA L. FIEDLER
LINDSAY A. FORD
MAKADENCE K. GALLUS
SARA J. HANSON
KENZIE R. HARREN
EMILY J. HARTUNG
EMILY L. HEINEN
JENNA R. HULS
NATHAN A. JENDRO
CALEB R. KRATTENMAKER
RACHEL R. KUKLOK
BRANT B. KURTZ
MASON D. LICHY
CAMERON M. MARTINI
OLIVIA R. MEYER
KATELYN R. MOLUS
LORETTA L. MROSLA
MAVRICK T. NOVITZKI
CALI A. OPATZ

ALEXIS A. PALLOW
TYLER J. PANEK
WYATT M. PILARSKI
DALTON M. POSCH
BRADLEY J. REVERMANN
KAYLEN A. RONNING
AFTON SCEGURA
VERONICA R. SCHEFERS
AIDAH T. SCHLUETER
HALEY SCHRODEN
MADISON C. SCHRODEN
WYATT SKWIRA
NATHAN STREIT
EMMA I. VOIGT
SAMANTHA M. VOLKERS
LEXUS L. WILCZEK
LEXI WOITALLA
JACOB S. WORLIE

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9

GABRIELLA APPEGATE
ELLA J. BENSEN
REECE R. BRINKMAN
ARAYDEN A. CHAPMAN
CLAIRE J. CHRISTEN
MARIA B. CHRISTENSEN
WILLIAM EICHEN
KENZIE K. FEIA
MADALYNN A. GALLUS
LILY M. GERADS
MAGGIE M. GROSS
AVA D. HAGERTY
NEILA M. HARTUNG
DAWSON J. HOFER
KAYLEE HORSCH
CASEY J. KNETTEL
KYLEE KONSOR
HAILEY L. KOTZER
GRANT A. KRATTENMAKER
CARLY M. MITCHELL
KAIYA N. MYOGETO
ELIZABETH ODDEN
CALLIE PEKAREK
ELLA R. PILARSKI
AYLA PUERINGER
CARSON M. REIS
ANNA M. REVERMANN
AVA ROSKE
THOMAS J. SAKRY
SOPHIA C. SCHLICHTING
AUSTIN TERPSTRA
DEVIN W. THOM
BENNETT J. WINKELMAN
ABIGAIL WOITALLA

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 8

THEODORE M. AUER
KASHTON M. BLACK
JAX BUERSKEN
CALEB F. FRIE
JACOB E. FRIE
LOGAN R. FUNK
CASSANDRA E. GERTKEN
SETH A. HARTUNG
COLE G. HELBACK
LILIANNA HENAGIN
MAX H. HOMMERDING
LYLA A. HULS
PHOENIX M. IHLI
SAM KEUL
RYLIE L. KOTZER
CARTER KUBAT
CALEB J. KURTZ
KIRA LANCOUR
LAUREN K. MACIEJ
LYDIA T. MROSLA
BLAYDEN NIERENHAUSEN
MONIKA NOVITZKI
JAX K. PATRICK
MADELYN E. PHILIPPI
DAWSON T. RUDSER
JAYDA R. SKROCH
CHEYENNE L. SOBANIA
TAYLOR STRANDBERG
QUIN M. SWANSON
MAIYA S. SWENSON
JOEL THEIS
ANNALIESE VOLKERS
KIELY K. WARGA
CHASE WINKELMAN

"A" HONOR ROLL - GRADE 7

ADDISON M. ACHMANN
KENNEDY J. BECHTOLD
STELLA J. BINEK
ROWAN BLACK
TYLER BOULTON
BENJAMIN D. BRUNS
TATUM L. BURG
OWEN CHENEY
BRYNN R. DETLOFF
HENRY C. DONABAUER
ETHAN D. EBNET
LAILA FARRIS
ALLISON M. GERTKEN
LEVI A. GROSS
PEYTON E. HARTUNG
BRYCE N. HOMMERDING
KOLE HORSCH
BRYNN J. JOHANNES
OPHELIA KIZER



BRIELLA J. KNETTEL
 LUCAS J. KNETTEL
 ELIZABETH KOBERNUSZ
 BRENNAN D. KONZOR
 GABRIELLA LENZEN
 ABIGAIL LITCHY
 JACOB LOEHLEIN
 NOAH R. MASTERS
 NATHAN MOLUS
 LAYLA L. MUYRES
 ALEX W. OTTMAN
 COLE R. PATRICK
 NATHAN PEKAREK
 CORA PELLETT
 ASHER R. POGATSHNIK
 KYLA M. SALES
 BENTLEY D. SAND
 JORDYN SAND
 MYA G. SEITZ
 HUNTER SHANK
 CAITLYN S. SOBANIA
 MARIEL A. SPYCHALA
 GRIFFIN STANG
 ABRAM SWENSON
 CHASE TERPSTRA
 ELLIANA C. THEIS
 KEAGAN N. VOIGT
 ARIEL VONDERHAAR
 BRYCE WALBERG
 ALAYNA WEBER
 KARINA G. WELINSKI
 EVELYN WOLFORD

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 12

MASON D. BENGSTON
 CONNOR J. BRETH
 ARES A. CHAPMAN
 GRACE P. DOUCET
 COLLIN L. FRIEDRICH
 BREANNA R. GERTKEN
 JEFFREY J. HALL
 BLAISE M. HARTUNG
 ERIN E. HARTUNG
 MAKENNA K. HOHBEIN
 DOMINICK B. HOIKKA
 KYRSTEN A. HULS
 KENDALL J. ISDER
 KENDRA R. JOHANNES
 LINDSEY M. KLAPHAKE
 HANNAH R. KUKLOK
 DREW G. LANGE
 ALLEN K. LEENERTS
 EVAN D. LICHY
 DIERKS M. OPATZ
 LANDON S. PINGRY

ADDISON P. RUDSER
 ZACK J. SCHLEPER
 DUSTIN SCHMITZ
 JENNA E. SKWIRA
 LANDEN SLAMA
 DUSTIN J. WADDELL II
 GRANT WELLE
 AIDEN B. YOUNG

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 11

LUKE D. BIENIEK
 CALEB A. BRENNER
 LUCAS G. BRETH
 ELI J. BRINKMAN
 ATHENA A. CHAPMAN
 PRECIOUS T. DIAKITE
 BRAYDEN K. EIBENSTEINER
 GARRETT J. FRINK
 ALAYSIA G. GREEN
 ALAYNAH J. GRONAU
 MADELINE M. HARTUNG
 BEAU C. JOHNSON
 DAVID C. JOHNSON
 GRAYCE P. JOHNSON
 ADDISON R. KEUL
 OWEN M. KLISCH
 KEGAN G. KLOCKER
 STEVEN J. KNEIP
 TRISTIN KUNSTLEBEN
 PHILLIP J. LAMPERT
 CHASE T. LYON
 MARISSA L. NIENABER
 BRADY J. NOTSCH
 BENJAMIN D. PAGGEN
 TOBY M. PHILLIPP
 WILLIAM J. PILARSKI
 ALLISON R. PYKA
 EMMIE L. SILTALA
 KYLEE M. SKWIRA
 BROOKE A. SOLTIS
 LAUREN J. SOLTIS
 VINCENT THOMPSON
 JULIANA J. THRAN
 SHAILYN M. WELINSKI

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 10

JAXON J. BARTKOWICZ
 HAYDEN T. BECHTOLD
 ALISSA R. BENGSTON
 ARIEL BRILL
 KATIE A. CARLSON
 KOLTON R. DIBB
 GRANT Q. DONABAUER
 JADEN T. EBNET
 RAY L. EISENSCHENK

MARCUS D. GERADS
 EMMA K. GERTKEN
 BRODEN R. GUSTAFSON
 KOLTON K. HARREN
 ELIZABETH A. HASKAMP
 ISABEL A. HEITZMAN
 TRENT W. HERGES
 TREVOR J. JOHANNES
 JOSHUA E. KLAPHAKE
 THOMAS J. KNEIP
 MAXIMILIAN G. KNETTEL
 EMMA R. KOBERNUSZ
 BROOKLYN M. KUKLOK
 CIARA C. LEADERS
 MORGAN L. NORDMANN
 ALEXIS OBERG
 MASYN F. PATRICK
 LILIAN J. PUCHALLA
 KAMERON T. SAND
 BRODY R. SCHMITZ
 NOLAN D. SHEA
 MADELYN J. SKWIRA
 GRACE STANG
 MAKENNA L. STANOCH
 BROOKLYN SWENSON
 CHRISTOPHER J. WENTLAND
 PARKER WESTBROCK
 LUKE J. WUEBKERS

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 9

PAIGE BINSFELD
 DANICA R. BRISSETT
 ANDREW G. D'INCAU
 KENDRA L. DOLL
 MASON M. FEIA
 DYLAN R. FELD
 EMILY M. FIEDLER
 PAIGE GARDNER
 SIMON GOTTWALT
 TRENTON J. HARTUNG
 AUTUMN F. HULS
 SHAYE V. JENSEN
 JOHN J. KLEMMER
 ADDISON J. KLISCH
 ELEANOR POGATSHNIK
 ISAIAH STANLEY
 DYLAN STRANDBERG
 KAMRYN A. THEN

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 8

ABBAGAIL A. BARTKOWICZ
 CHLOE BRENNER
 MICHAEL T. BRETH
 EMILY L. DILLENBURG
 ANTHONY P. DOBIS

JALYNN EIBENSTEINER
 MADELYN M. ENGBRETSON
 LESA H. FERRELL
 WYATT M. FUCHS
 SOPHIE L. HANSON
 AUSTIN B. HULS
 ALEX H. KLEMMER
 TYSON KORALEWSKI
 ALLISON J. KUKLOK
 MATTHEW LEX
 SAMUEL D. MROSLA
 CONNOR OPATZ
 PARKER OPHEIM
 CLAYTON PINGRY
 SAMANTHA POPP
 CLAIRE M. SAKRY
 ELIZABETH L. SCHEFERS
 RORY SKAJEWSKI
 COLETON S. STREIT
 AMELIA M. SYMANIETZ
 QUINTIN R. THEISEN
 AVERY M. THORSON
 SYDNEY J. TONN
 JOSEPH VOUK
 TOBY WELLE
 JACK A. WENTLAND

“B” HONOR ROLL - GRADE 7

VINNY BARBATO
 RILEY BEHNKE
 PAIGE BLENKUSH
 ALEXIS K. BRISTLIN
 GARRETT W. CHRISTEN
 EMMA CRUZ
 KIERA DEHN
 NATALIE DOBIS
 MILLYSSA M. GERADS
 BENTLEY I. GILLITZER
 AVERY S. HENDRICKSON
 ELLIE MACARTHUR
 HUNTER S. MYOGETO
 ABBIGAIL NELSON
 GAVIN R. PAGGEN
 TAYLOR J. POSCH
 COLLIN B. REVERMANN
 PAYDON SAND
 BENJAMIN L. SCHEFERS
 ANNABELLE E. SCHWINDEL
 MAGGIE L. SHEA
 KADYNCE SKAJ
 LAKEN M. SKROCH
 JACOB F. SKWIRA
 EDEN ULIK
 FAITH WUEBKERS
 NATHAN E. YOUNG

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

QUARTER 1 | 2023-2024

AGRICULTURE:

7-9: ABIGAIL WOITALLA
10-12: MAXIMILIAN KNETTEL

ART:

7-9: MARIEL SPYCHALA
10-12: EMMA GERTKEN

BUSINESS:

7-9: KIELY WARGA
10-12: MAKAYLA LENZEN

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES:

7-9: JACOB LOEHLEIN
10-12: DOMINICK HOIKKA

HEALTH / PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

7-9: PE- NATHAN PEKAREK
Health - NATHAN MOLUS
10-12: PE- ALEXIS PALLOW
Health – LEXI WOITALLA

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY:

7-9: JAX BUERSKEN
10-12: PEYTON RUDOLPH

LANGUAGE ARTS:

7-9: CASSANDRA GERTKEN
10-12: PAIGE FIEDLER

MATHEMATICS:

7-9: ALAYNA WEBER
10-12: KATIE CARLSON

MUSIC:

7-9: CARLY MITCHELL
10-12: COLLIN FRIEDRICH

SCIENCE:

7-9: ELLIANA THEIS
10-12: LORRAINE MROSLA

SOCIAL STUDIES:

7-9: KAIYA MYOGETO
10-12: LUKAS JENDRO

WORLD LANGUAGE:

7-9: KAYLEE HORSCH
10-12: AFTON SCEGURA



Elementary News

Happy New Year Husker Family!

With Christmas wonderful memories in the past, a New Year filled with promise and hope, and spring time just around the corner, I hope this update finds you counting blessings by the thousands.

We have had the most amazing start to the school year. I am so proud of our children. I have the nicest, neatest, smartest, most wonderful children! I love their smiles, manners, can do attitude, and I love the way they treat each other and adults. I love the way our 5th and 6th graders help out and watch after our littlest Husker children. Thank you for leading by example. Thank you for going the extra mile of kindness on the bus, cafeteria, playground, hallways, and classrooms. By no means are we perfect, but by golly our children create a school where every child belongs and kindness, hard work, team work, and laughter leads the way. Our Husker way starts with your family values and commitment to making our community a safe, fun filled place to raise a family. SO PROUD OF YOU! Please keep up the great work.

Equally AMAZING...we have the BEST, most wonderful staff! From bus drivers, to cooks, custodians, paraprofessionals, to Ms. Christy, Ms. Meemken, Mr. Swenson, and our excellent teaching team, thank you for taking such good care of our children and for sharing your passion and positive energy for helping children learn, laugh, and grow. I am proud of you! I love working with you!

Last but not least, please remember to read often at home. Turn off the TV, put down cell phones and other electronic devices, and cuddle up with a good book. Grow the love of literacy and imaginations, build your child's vocabulary, and create quiet time to enjoy togetherness.

Sincerely and with Husker Love and Appreciations,

Jim Stang

Holdingford Elementary Principal

PS...Kindergarten Round up! I can't wait! I LOVE LOVE LOVE our Littlest Husker Kiddos!



UPDATES!

Upcoming Meetings:

PTA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM in the Elementary Media Center. FREE childcare is provided!

Stay up-to-date with all things PTA by providing your email address! Use your phone's camera to scan this QR Code to access the link!



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SAVE THE DATE FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Please watch backpacks for more information coming soon!



GRAND PARENTS DAY

FRIDAY MAY 10, 2024

Husker High Five Shows Husker Integrity Every Day, Every Where

Whether on the bus, on the playground, in classrooms, or in the hallways, the Husker High Five is alive and well at Holdingford Elementary. Together staff and students are improving student's academic and behavioral outcomes to ensure all students have access to the most effective instructional and behavioral interventions possible. Every day and everywhere, staff and students are working together to make our school a safe place for learning and friendships.

The Husker High Five consists of these simple guidelines:

I show my Husker integrity by:

- Being Ready
- Being Respectful
- Being Responsible

Every Day and Everywhere!

Husker High Five at the bus stop and on the bus!

Being Ready: Talk with your children about what being ready to ride the bus looks like. If a child is being ready, they are on time for the bus and are making good friendship choices while waiting for the bus. Ask your child, are they getting on and off the bus without horse play? Are they crossing the road carefully when directed by their bus driver?

Being Respectful: Talk with your children about using kind words and quiet voices with others on the bus. Being respectful means offering to let someone sit with you even if you don't really know them. Being respectful means taking care of your property and space while also respecting other student's property and space.

Being Responsible: Being responsible on the bus also includes being respectful and ready but it also means that students take greater care of their surroundings. Responsible means safety comes first. This is shown by students facing forward, using quiet voices, using Husker manners and listening to the bus driver's directives the first time they are asked to fix a problem behavior.

Thank you Rodney and bus drivers for all you do to keep our children safe! Together we make a great school even better!

Attendance and Achievement! We need your help and support!

Happy New Year! All of us at Holdingford Elementary hope your family found time to make wonderful holiday memories and are feeling well rested. I am very excited to settle into winter months filled with social and academic growth. In order to maximize your student's potential, it is critical they attend school every day. Parents who let their children miss a lot of school may be setting them up for academic failure. Researcher, Mary Frase, tracked students who dropped out of high school. One thing that nearly all of them had in common was poor attendance.

One of the most important things we can do as parents is to get your child to school on time every day. As we begin the New Year, assist your child to establish the following habits:

- **Enforce a regular bedtime** for your child. Make sure you have an evening routine that includes some time for reading.
- **Make sure your child is organized** so he/she can get out the door with that he/she needs.
- **Prioritize the activities** you add to the schedule. If you add lots of before-and after-school activities, you take away time for your child to read, play and study.

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Jim Stang, Elementary Principal

Kindergarten Round Up 2024-25 school year: Kindergarten Round Up will be here before we know it. Crazy how time flies when we are having fun! Back by popular demand, Kindergarten Round Up will be shared online. Roundup and Registration will open online March 4 at 4:30PM. Please do not hesitate to call Ms. Christy for help at 320-746-4462.

If you are new to our school or if you would like to tour our school prior to August Open House, just give me a call at 320-746-4461. I would love to give you a tour and show off our amazing school.

We are committed to helping every child be the best they can be as a learner, friend, classmate, and Husker family member. Please note, our Kindergarten classes fill up quickly. Watch out Kindergarten...here we come!

Principal, Jim Stang



Just For Kix!

A group from Holdingford Just For Kix recently performed in the pregame and halftime shows at the ReliaQuest Bowl in Tampa Bay, Florida on January 1, 2024. Dancers performed before a crowd of 31,424 fans at Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. There were 398 performers ranging from 2nd – 12th grade.



Comments from Cindy Clough...

"We had an incredible group of dancers representing 11 states this year. We felt they came in more prepared than usual and worked very hard. All dancers learned the choreography from video links that were sent to them in late November and once they got to Florida the show was put together. Also, with the performers, we had 552 non-performers and 38 coaches/studio owners on the tour as well. Everyone had a great time and was so easy to work with. It is something they will remember forever as there is nothing quite like this large-scale performance."

Holdingford Just for Kix brought 8 dancers and 18 family members. In addition to the performance and practices, dancers, twirlers, family members and coaches enjoyed Florida by spending an afternoon at Clearwater Beach, toured one of the four Walt Disney World Theme Parks or Universal Studios in Orlando, toured Busch Gardens, attended a dinner cruise on the Yacht Starship and celebrated New Year Eve with a talent show and dance party at the hotel.

This Trip is truly a once in a lifetime-we have had dancers go 2-3 times and ready to go again! It gets better and better every year!

Performance picture is the JFK dancers: Emily Ottman, Anna Revermann, Anna Scherping, Allsion Feia, Mercedes Martini, Addison Skroch, Breckyn Burg, Rya Rudolph




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Facility Rentals

Are you looking for something fun to do for a birthday party or family gathering? Look no further than the Holdingford School! Spaces such as the pool, gyms and cafeterias can be rented. It is necessary to call at least 2 weeks in advance to reserve the space. For pricing and more information on facility rentals contact Community Ed. at 320-746-4466 or email becca.vanheel@isd738.org.

IMPORTANT!

Don't miss out on class announcements!

Make sure that all information is filled out accurately when registering for Community Education classes. If classes are changed for any reason, you will be notified via email. Please check the Community Ed. Facebook page for updates as well.

Remember: If school is canceled, all Community Education classes are canceled including Husker Kids' Zone, unless notified otherwise.

Open Swim & Open Basketball

The pool will be available for swimming on Sunday afternoons. Students under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult. There will be a lifeguard on duty.

The high school and intermediate gyms will be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 PM—2:30 PM. Basketballs will be provided, but you may also bring your own.

Students under 7th grade must be accompanied by an adult.

Tennis shoes are required in the gym.

Enter HS door #1. No loitering allowed.

Dates: Sundays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25

Time: 1PM—2:30PM

Fee: \$2.00/person OR \$5.00/family

Supervisor: Community Ed. Staff

****Check the Holdingford Community Ed. Facebook page, website, and school calendar for any weather related cancellations/ closures.**

Youth Ice Fishing Contest

Holdingford Community Ed. Is having a Youth Ice Fishing Contest. Any youth in grades K-12 can enter this contest. Participants 16+ years old must have a current Minnesota fishing license. The fish pictured must be a MN catch between November 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024.

The deadline to register and submit your photos is March 4, 2024. Please check your email after registering, there will be link to submit your photos. Reach out to the Community Ed. Office if you cannot locate the link.

There will be 2 categories—
Biggest Fish (inches) and
Best Photo.

Fee: \$5.00/entry

Prize: \$25.00 gift card to
Scheels

Deadline: March 4, 2024



Spring PotSpot Painting! grades K-6

There will be an assortment of planters & vases for you to choose from! Paint it however you wish! Instructors will bring the supplies, and you bring the creativity! PotSpot will take the items to be fired and return them within 2 weeks. Please pick students up from door 8.

Date: Tuesday, April 9

Time: 3PM—4:15PM

Location: Elem Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$19.00

Max.: 20

Deadline: Monday, April 1

Spring Youth Soccer grades K-2, 3-6

Our program's main goal is to HAVE FUN and make memories for the players and parents. Every year we want to go more in-depth with the rules of soccer, work on small-sided games and competitive drills, develop soccer skills, and teach the players how to be good teammates. The program will be run by Joel McDonough and Chris Swenson.

Practices will be on Tuesday & Thursday evenings and the last date will be a light practice and a full scrimmage.

Players must wear soccer or tennis shoes. Players may bring a ball to practice but please be sure to write their name on it. Shin guards and high socks are highly recommended for all players. Those registered by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. *bring a chair if you would like to stay and watch.

Dates: April 30, May 2, May 7, May 9, May 14

Time: K-2nd grade, 5:15PM—6:15PM
3rd-6th grade, 6:15PM—7:30PM

Scrimmage: May 14, same times as the practices

Location: Practice Football Fields (behind baseball fields)

Fee: \$30.00 Deadline: Monday, April 15

Girls Youth Basketball grades 1-2

Come and find out what basketball is all about while having fun with your friends. The sessions will consist of learning fundamental basketball skills, sportsmanship, practice and inter-squad games. Participants must wear appropriate clothing and athletic shoes. Price includes a shirt if registered by April 1st.

Dates: April 15, 18, 22, 25

Time: 6PM—6:45PM

Location: Elementary Gym

Fee: \$32.00

Max.: 30

Coach: Jess Mickelson

Deadline: Monday, April 1

Swim & Dive Camp grades 3-6

The Husker Swim and Dive Team will work with students in grades 3-6 interested in Swimming.

Participants will work on the four strokes—breast, butterfly, back, and freestyle. We will focus on technique, starting off blocks, and flip turns.

Our Divers will work with those interested on approaches and simple dives, techniques, and how scoring works.

Our goal is to introduce girls to the strokes, technique, and drills that are used to help build skill and endurance. Most of all to the fun and team building dynamic of Swim and Dive!

Participants should have experience in the water as this is not swimming lessons but rather improving technique.

Our last day, March 22, we will have a mini meet with grades 3-6 to see how it goes!

Dates: March 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Time: 6PM—7:30PM

Location: HS Pool
(pick-up / drop-off at HS door 1, enter pool through locker room)

Fee: \$40.00 Max.: 35

Instructor: Jolene Breth (Varsity Swim coach) and Swim & Dive Team members

Deadline: Monday, March 4

Boys Youth Basketball grades 1-2

Come and find out what basketball is all about while having fun with your friends. The sessions will consist of learning fundamental basketball skills, sportsmanship, practice and inter-squad games. Participants must wear appropriate clothing and athletic shoes. Price includes a shirt if registered by April 1st.

Dates: April 15, 18, 22, 25 Time: 7PM—7:45PM

Location: Elementary Gym Fee: \$32.00

Max.: 30 Coach: Kendra Posch

Deadline: Monday, April 1

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Babysitting & Staying Home Alone Clinic

This clinic is a preparation course for boys and girls ages 11+ undertaking the responsibility of childcare and/or preparing to stay home alone. The course will cover child development, basic first aid, how to handle various emergencies, managing a child's behavior, games to entertain, and basics of newborns & toddlers. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a bag lunch. Please drop off and pick up from high school door #1.

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 9AM—2:30PM

Fee: \$30.00

Location: High School LMC

Deadline: Monday, March 11

Min.: 20

Max: 30

Instructors: Rachel Schwartz and Anna Christensen

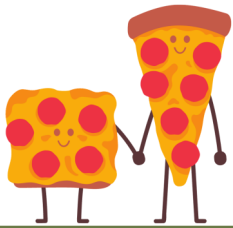
Pool & Pizza Party

grades 1-6

Join your friends for some fun after school! First, take a dip in the pool while enjoying open swim time. Next enjoy some delicious pizza from Rudolph's Redneck Roost!

You must provide your own swim suit and towel—students are responsible for their own belongings. Students may bring their own lifejackets, please indicate on the registration if one is needed. Students with long hair should have it pulled back in a ponytail or braids or wear a swim cap.

Students will meet in the elementary cafeteria after school, from there they will be walked down to the locker rooms / pool. Pick students up promptly at HS door 1.



Date: Thursday, February 8

Time: 1:15PM—3PM

Location: Pool & HS Commons

Fee: \$17.00

Deadline: Friday, February 2

Supervisor: Community Ed. Staff

OR

Date: Thursday, February 29

Time: 3PM– 4:30PM

Location: Pool & HS Commons

Fee: \$17.00

Deadline: Friday, February 23

Supervisor: Community Ed. Staff

GRASP grades K-8

Holdingford Community Education has made arrangements to acquire the GRASP program for your child this summer.

GRASP is a correspondence program for students in grades K-8 which helps maintain reading and math skills while they are on summer break. Children receive a packet of materials with a booklet containing 9 lessons. It should take your child approximately one hour to complete each weekly lesson. Students can complete one lesson per week or work at their own pace, as long as they submit all lessons by August 4th. Lessons are mailed to GRASP where they are scored and returned to the children with comments.

There is also an online version of GRASP for students in grades 4-8. These students will receive feedback immediately. Please note on registration if you would like the online or book version. Children that successfully complete at least 7 lessons with 70% accuracy are awarded a certificate. Those successfully completing all 9 lessons with 70% accuracy receive a medal.

Each child should be placed at the grade they just completed in school. If there are extenuating circumstances, order the level that is appropriate for your child. **Please indicate subjects, grade level, and online or book option at registration.**

Fee: \$32.00 for one subject
\$55.00 for both subjects

Deadline: Friday, April 19

Husker Kids' Zone Childcare - Summer 2024

For students that completed grades K-6 during the 2023-24 school year.

Registration for Husker Kids' Zone Childcare for summer 2024 is now available. The parent handbook and registration information can be found on the school website at www.isd738.org/community-education

You must fill out a paper registration form and send it in with a \$10 registration fee per child. This fee is to secure your spot for the summer of 2024, it is non-refundable. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. Community Ed. will contact you if the program is full and cannot accept your registration.

***If your child currently attends Kids' Zone (23-24 school year) you will still need to fill out a registration for summer care.**

Summer Kids' Zone will begin Tuesday, June 4 and end on Friday, August 23.

Contact the Community Ed. Office with any questions.



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Register online at : www.todaysdrivingschool.com

Select area : **Holdingford**

Select Class : **March 11-15, 18-22 , 3:15PM—6:15PM**

June 10-14, 17-24, 9AM—12PM (no class 6/19)

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Registration and payment must be completed at least one week prior to the first day of class. We accept cash, check or credit card. Credit card payment includes a 3% convenience fee. Students are charged a one-time processing fee of \$6.25 at the time of registration. Payment plans are available.

Valentines Cookie Decorating **grades K-8**

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some Valentines cookie decorating!! At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated Valentine cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

Date: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$25.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Instructor: Char Bzdok

Deadline: Tuesday, February 6

Cotton Candy Making **grades K-8**

Come and learn how Cotton Candy is made WITH and WITHOUT a machine. In this class we will be learning how Cotton Candy is made by heating and spinning flavored sugar and Jolly Ranchers. We will also be playing games for fun prizes like a CARNIVAL and EVERY child will go home with Cotton Candy and Prizes. Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy the CARNIVAL.

Date: Friday, April 19

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$30.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Instructor: Char Bzdok

Deadline: Thursday, April 11



Spring Pastels Cake Pops **grades K-8**

Cake pops are made for kids, and now they can make their own! We'll teach you how to combine just the right amount of cake crumbs and buttercream icing to create tasty cake pops in fun SPRING colors and designs! You will learn to read a recipe & follow directions, how to melt candy melts and kitchen safety. At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated Cake Pops for your family!!

Date: Tuesday, March 26

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: Elem. Teacher's Lounge

Fee: \$30.00

Min.: 5 Max.: 20

Instructor: Chae Bzdok

Deadline: Monday, March 18

JO Girls Volleyball **grades 4-6**

Our Elementary JO Volleyball program provides students in grades 4-6 a chance to learn skills and play volleyball in a fun, safe environment through practices, skills sessions, scrimmages, and tournaments.

Dates: Sundays, February 18 - April 28 (No practice March 31st)

Fees: 4th grade - \$45.00, 1-2 tournaments TBD

5th grades - \$45.00, 1-2 tournaments TBD

6th grade - \$55.00, 2-3 tournaments TBD

Time: 4PM—6PM

Location: High School/Elem Gym (please meet in the High School Gym on the first day)

Firearm Safety

Youth ages 11 and older can attend a HYBRID firearm safety certification course and receive their certificate. The Firearm Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be permitted to hunt small game and are eligible to purchase a big game license. This course is sponsored by area Sportsmen's Clubs and Holdingford Community Education.

Participants will complete their hunter safety course online before Saturday, April 27. The certificate of completion for the online portion must be brought with to class on Saturday.

Saturday, April 27 will be a classroom review day bridging the gap from online learning to hands on learning. (12pm-4pm, Holdingford Elementary Cafeteria, enter door E1 by the baseball fields)

Sunday, April 28rd will be the field day portion. More information to come on time and location.

Please indicate birth date on registration form.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 12 PM—4 PM (Elementary Cafeteria)
Sunday, April 28 Field Day. More info to come.

Fee: \$7.00

*Additional fees will be required to the DNR when you complete the online class and the Self-Certification process (this will be explained in class).

Link for online class: [Official Minnesota Hunter Safety Course | HUNTERcourse.com](https://www.huntercourse.com)

Morning Lap Swim Adult Enrichment

The pool will be open for lap swim on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6AM –7AM. A lifeguard will be on duty. You must register for the whole session.

Dates: Tuesday & Thursdays, February 27—May 23
(no lap swim 3/28 and 4/2)

Time: 6AM—7AM Fee: \$75.00 Min.: 5

Custom Card Creations Adult Enrichment

Join Stampin Up! connoisseur, Rachel Varner, for an evening of card making. Leave class with 4 one-of-a-kind cards to give to your loved ones. All of the supplies will be provided.

Fee: \$18.00

Min.: 8 Max.: 12

Date: Thursday, March 7

Time: 6PM—7PM

Location: HS LMC
(enter door 1 & follow the signs)



Track & Field Clinic grades 3-6

A Track Clinic is being offered for students in grades 3-6. The instruction will be provided by varsity and junior high coaches. Students will be introduced to shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, hurdles & hand-offs. This is a great opportunity to find out what track is all about. Students should wear shorts/running pants and tennis shoes. Students will meet in the elementary cafeteria after school and they are to be picked up from the High School Track promptly at 4:30PM.

T-shirts will be provided for students registered by the deadline; Monday, May 6.

Dates: Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23

Time: 3PM—4:30PM

Location: High School Track

Fee: \$30.00

Instructors: Track coaches & Track Team

Deadline: Monday, May 6

Open Pickleball Adult Enrichment

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, it does not matter! All skill levels are welcome!

*Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Dates: Sundays, November—March
(no Pickleball 3/31)

Time: 3PM—5PM

Location: Intermediate Gym (enter HS door 1)

Fee: \$2.00, pay at the gym
(1/2 price senior citizen)

Supervisor: Molly Schnell

Water Aerobics Adult Enrichment

Water Aerobics offers a fun, "No Sweat", effective exercise. It's a nice way to trim, tone, and stay limber! Water Aerobics minimizes strain on your body because the water cushions your muscles as you work out. The class is held in the shallow end of the pool, so no swimming ability is necessary. The pool steps make it easily accessible.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 21—May 22 (no WA 3/20)

Time: 6PM—7PM

Fee: \$3.00/ person at the door
(1/2 price senior citizen rate)

Summer Recreation

All Teams: No practices or games May 27, June 19 and the week of July 4.

*Registration includes a team t-shirt. Participants registered after the deadline may not receive a shirt.

Summer Recreation Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024—HS LMC

If you are interested in coaching any of the following teams please let Community Ed. know and be sure to attend the meeting. All coaches need to have a background check and concussion training on file. Contact the Community Ed. Office for more information. 320-746-4465 or kendra.posch@isd738.org

- Junior Varsity Baseball: 5:30 PM
- Varsity Baseball (JVL): 6:00 PM
- Junior Varsity Softball: 6:30 PM
- Junior Olympic Softball: 7 PM



***Anyone interested in being paid to ump softball or baseball games, please stop by the Community Ed. Office or contact us at 320-746-4466 or becca.vanheel@isd738.org.**

T-Ball

Boys and girls ages 4-kindergarten

T-Ball is an introduction to the games of baseball and softball. It is offered in multiple locations. T-ball is coached by parents and volunteers. Below are tentative T-Ball practice dates and times.

- Holdingford: Mondays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 3 @ City Park
- Opole: Wednesdays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 5
- St. Wendel: Mondays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 3
- St. Anna: Wednesdays 5:30PM– 6:30PM starts June 5
- * T-ball Ends the week of July 15.

Fee: \$25.00

Deadline: Friday, May 3

Rookie Ball

Boys and girls completing grades 1-2

Rookie Ball is a coach pitch league for youth that are learning how to play the games of softball and baseball. Rookie Ball is offered in multiple locations. There may be a scrimmage scheduled with a local teams. Teams are coached by volunteer parents. Below are tentative Rookie Ball practice dates and times.

- Holdingford: Wednesdays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 5 @ City Park
- Opole: Wednesdays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 5
- St. Wendel: Mondays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 3
- St. Anna: Wednesdays 6:30PM—7:30PM starts June 5
- *Rookie Ball ends the week of July 15.

Fee: \$25.00

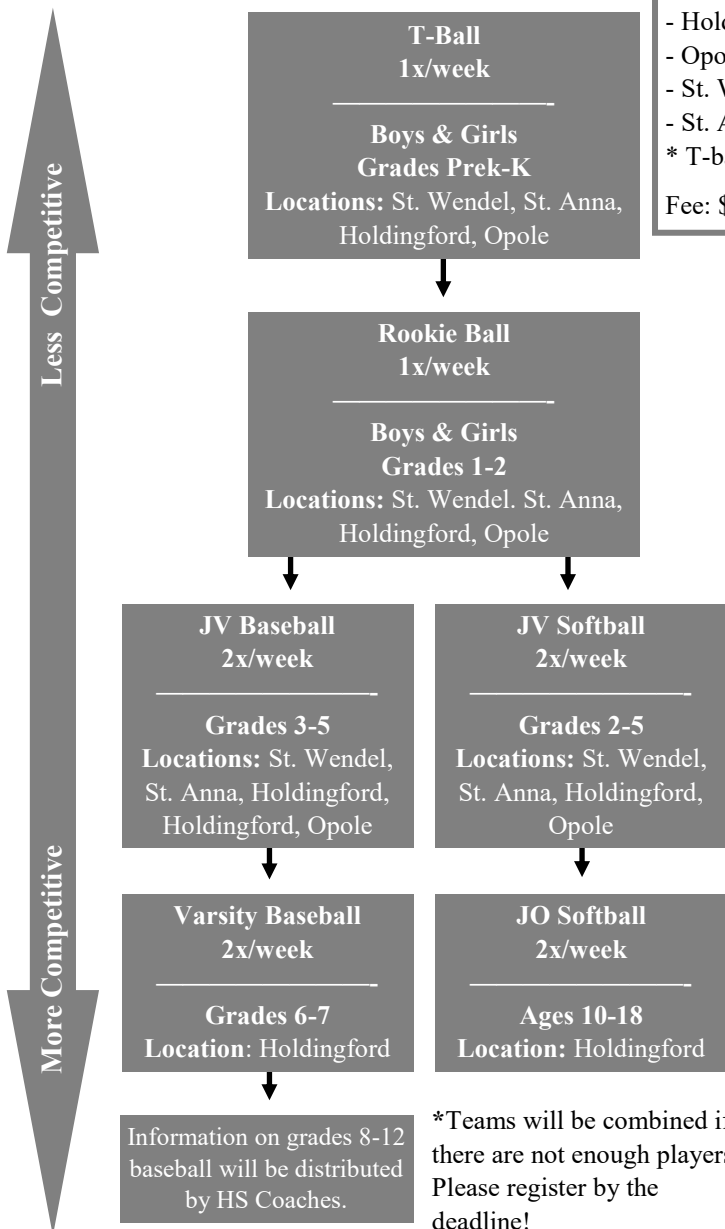
Deadline: Friday, May 3

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Junior Varsity Baseball

completing grades 3-5

Junior Varsity baseball will be offered at Holdingford, St. Wendel, Opole, and St. Anna. Junior Varsity Baseball games are played on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM in the months of June and July. Practice dates and times may vary by location based on field and coach availability. The coaches will contact the players with information on the first practice the beginning of May.

Please mark your first and second location preference on the registration form. Make sure all contact information is filled out including cell phone and email address. Teams are coached by volunteer parent coaches.

Fee: \$25.00

Deadline: Friday, April 12

Fee after April 12: \$35.00

Junior Varsity Softball

completing grades 2-5

Junior Varsity Softball will be offered at multiple locations. If there are not enough players or coaches; locations will be combined. This is a beginner league where players will pitch either windmill or mixed delivery methods. Practices will begin mid-May. Coaches will contact their teams in May with a practice schedule.

Holdingford Community Ed. and Albany Community Ed. teams will combine to form a league with games on Thursday evenings in June and July. For player safety, all elementary softball players are strongly encouraged to wear a defensive fielders mask, regardless of position (supplied by player). Teams will be coached by parent volunteers.

Fee: \$25.00

Deadline: Friday, April 12

Fee after April 12: \$35.00

Varsity Baseball

completing grades 6-7

Varsity Baseball will be offered in Holdingford for students completing grades 6 and 7 Spring of 2023. This team will be part of the Junior Victory League playing against other schools. Opponents in the past included Pierz, Upsala, Royalton, Flensburg, and Little Falls. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:45PM, all games will be double headers. Practices will begin sometime in May and games will be in June and July. Practice dates and times may vary based on field and coach availability.

Notes and emails will be sent home regarding the first practice date. Make sure all contact information is filled out and up to date, especially cell phone and email address. Teams are coached by volunteer parent coaches.

Fee: \$30.00

Location: Holdingford Baseball Fields

Deadline: Friday, April 12

Fee after April 12: \$40.00

Junior Olympic Softball

10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U

Holdingford will be offering Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Softball this summer. JO Leagues are meant to be fun and competitive playing against other Central MN Communities. Sign up for the age that you are as of January 1, 2024. Age groups may be combined based on registration numbers. Practices will start in May depending on weather and field availability. Coaches will notify their teams as it gets closer with a practice schedule. If a team chooses to participate in a tournament, additional fees may apply. Games will be in the months of June and July. League Info:

- 2024 St. Cloud fastpitch league summary 12-18U, season starts beginning of June.
7 week season, doubleheaders on Tuesdays, start time 6PM, 65 minute games.
- 10U season starts beginning of June
Approx. 7 week season, 60 minute games on Thursdays.

*This is a non-sanctioned league.

Fees: 10U - \$40.00, 12U—18U - \$50.00

Deadline: Friday, April 12

Fee after April 12: Increase \$10.00



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School Readiness 2024-25

Little Husker 4's

Little Husker 4's is a school readiness class designed to prepare children 4 years of age or older by September 1, 2024 for kindergarten and beyond. Children will come to school twice a week (all day), participate in developmentally appropriate learning activities guided by a licensed Early Childhood teacher. All classes are located at Holdingford Elementary School, preparing children for the transition into kindergarten. Transportation is available on existing bus routes.

Classes: Monday/Wednesday 8AM—3PM
or
Tuesday/Thursday 8AM—3PM

Preschool 3's

The 3's preschool is a school readiness class designed to transition children 3 years of age or older as on September 1, 2024 into the school setting. Children come to school twice a week for 2.5 hours a day to participate in developmentally appropriate learning activities guided by a licensed Early Childhood teacher. Transportation to school is available on existing bus routes.

Classes: Monday/Wednesday 8AM—10:30AM
or
Tuesday/Thursday 8AM—10:30AM

Registration Process :

Registration for the 2024-25 School Readiness classes will open Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6PM.

- Starting at 6PM on February 21, you can register from your home online, or at the Community Ed. Office. (the Community Ed. Office is located inside door 3 and will be open from 6PM—7PM on the 21st.)
- When registering please select class preference. Students will be placed in classes in order of registration and according to their priority ranking (see list below.)
- The first month's payment is due at the time of registration (see fee scale.)
- Online Registration will close on March 21 at 3PM. You will be notified of your child's placement by Monday, April 8 via mail.
- Phone and mail registrations will be accepted after April 8, space permitting.
Call 320-746-4465 or mail information to PO Box 250, Holdingford, MN 56340.

Holdingford School Readiness Registration Priority Ranking

- Residents of Holdingford School District.
- Non-residents of Holdingford School District but have children in grades K-12 that are open enrolled.
- Your child attended an Early Childhood program in Holdingford.
- A parent is employed by Holdingford School District.
- Non-residents of Holdingford School District, do not currently have any children open enrolled in grades K-12, and your child has not attended an Early Childhood program in Holdingford.

School Readiness Fee Scale

Family Income	Preschool 3's	Little Husker 4's
Under \$20,000	\$46.00	\$67.00
\$20,000-40,000	\$68.00	\$99.00
\$40,000-60,000	\$105.00	\$153.00
\$60,000-80,000	\$118.00	\$172.00
\$80,000 +	\$132.00	\$192.00

More Info:

- * No student will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Scholarships are available for those that qualify for free or reduced lunch. Call Kendra at 320-746-4465 for scholarship information.
- * The School Readiness Handbook, requirements, and more program information can be found on the school website : www.isd738.org/community-education
- * Please turn in immunization record to the nurse's office prior to the first day of school.
- * For transportation questions contact Rodney Ebnet at 320-746-4464.
- * Classes may be added or eliminated based on enrollment numbers.

Early Childhood

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is for parents and their children to come to school together to explore, sing, play, and learn. Parents also have time to talk about the joys and challenges of being a parent with other families “in the same shoes”. By coming to school with your young child you are demonstrating to your child that school is a great place to be.

You can register online for ECFE classes or by filling out the registration below. Please also send a copy of your child’s vaccination records. Register early, classes fill up.

(all classes enter door 7).

Sibling care is offered during evening ECFE classes only. This is a free service provided to make it easier for families to attend early childhood classes. Please mark on the registration form if your family will utilize this service and the names/ages of the children attending sibling care.

Babies, 1’s and 2’s

(6 week class)

This class is designed for children ages birth-36 months as of September 1, 2023. Class meets Friday mornings from 9AM—10AM.

Dates: Fridays, February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5
(No Class March 29)

Location: Preschool rooms (enter door 8) Time: 9AM—10AM

Max.: 8 children

Fabulous 4’s

(6 week class)

This class is perfect for those children who did not participate in School Readiness this year and will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. Class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 PM—8 PM. Parents drop off their child for this class and will receive informational handouts to view at home. Requirement: 4 years old by September 1, 2023.

Dates: Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Time: 6 PM—8 PM Max.: 10 Children

Stop by and Play

Looking for a fun place to play and meet new families? Here is an opportunity for you and your child to come to school and play! Each Friday that the elementary school is in session, the preschool classroom will be open for play. Toys, games, and various activities will be available. We only ask that you sign in and please put the room back the way you found it.

Dates: Fridays (school session days) Time: 9AM—10:30AM

Location: Preschool rooms (enter door 8) Fee: Free

Early Childhood Contacts:

Jim Stang, Elementary Principal 320-746-4461
Kendra Posch, Community Ed. Director/Preschool 320-746-4465
Becca VanHeel, Community Ed. Coordinator/ Screening 320-746-4466
Christy Gustafson, Elementary Secretary 320-746-4462
Jen Schwalbe, Early Childhood/ 4’s Preschool 320-746-4378
Amanda McDonough, Early Childhood/ 4’s Preschool 320-746-4403
Katie Block, Preschool 3’s / Screener 320-746-4381
Lynn Nelson, Early Childhood Special Ed. 320-746-4399
Sara Szafranski, Speech & Language 320-746-4379
Kristen Bruns, School Nurse 320-746-4369

ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Household Income	6 week	12 week
Under \$15,000	\$13	\$26
\$15,000-\$20,000	\$20	\$40
\$20,000-\$30,000	\$33	\$66
\$30,000-\$40,000	\$40	\$80
\$40,000-\$50,000	\$46	\$92
\$50,000-\$60,000	\$53	\$106
\$60,000-\$70,000	\$59	\$118
\$70,000-\$80,000	\$66	\$132
\$80,000-\$100,000	\$73	\$146
\$100,000 and up	\$79	\$158

* No one will be denied participation due to an inability to pay. Alternative arrangements can be made by calling 320-746-4465. If your income is below \$15,000, you might qualify for Head Start programming. Head Start contact is 320-253-8110.

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning.

Screening at 3.5 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of Kindergarten as required by law.

What to expect at a screening appointment?

A trained professional will check:

- Thinking, language, and communication
- Social and emotional development
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations
- Large and small muscles

Upcoming Screening Dates:

- Friday mornings throughout the school year

*Call Becca at 320.746.4466 to schedule screening

Community Ed. Registration Form

No news is good news! You will only be contacted by email or phone if your class is canceled or changed.

Registration forms may be mailed to: **Holdingford Community Education, PO Box 250, Holdingford, MN 56340.**

Print all information (**especially phone numbers**) legibly.

You may also register online at <https://holdingford.revtrak.net/RW-Community-Education/#/list>

Refund Policy: We will issue a full refund if you notify the Community Education Office with cancellations at least 24 hours prior to the deadline. Late cancellations result in extra expenses for Com. Ed. and the instructors. Classes or programs having multiple meeting dates will receive prorated refunds.

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Participants Name	Last	Age	Grade	Com Ed. Class	Shirt Size
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Address

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I am interested in coaching: NO ___ YES ___ if yes, name and phone number _____

Medical Information: Please answer the statements below as they pertain to the participant(s).

Is the individual(s) physically capable of participating in the activity? NO ___ YES ___

Does the participant(s) have allergies? NO ___ YES ___ (list allergies) _____

Any precautions, medical conditions, or important information about their health we should know? NO ___ YES ___

(explain) _____

Special Considerations for Participant(s)

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Parent/Guardian	Phone Number	Email	Relationship
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Emergency Contact	Phone Number	Relationship
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Assumption of Risk Clause: In order to participate in any activity, I agree to hold harmless Holdingford Area School and Holdingford Community Education, its employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors harmless and I give up any right I may have to make claims or lawsuits against them. I acknowledge that this is not an essential service provided by Holdingford Schools and Holdingford Community Education. I understand and acknowledge that the activities I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant have certain risks. I understand that these risks known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, may result in injury, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property or to other persons or their property. I voluntarily agree and promise to accept and assume all responsibilities and injuries, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property arising from my participation. I am voluntarily participating in activities with knowledge of the dangers and risks involved and no one is forcing me to participate.

I agree to have my child(s) picture used for said purposes: YES ___ NO ___

My signature hereon constitutes my consent on behalf of myself or my minor child or adult for whom I am legal guardian, to participate in HCE/HSD said recreational activity as stated on this form.

Participant(s) Name

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This will help us keep records up to date and mailings current. In the case of separation or divorce, both parents will receive information if we have the addresses. Thank you!



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Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the Summer 2024 Newsletter is Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Please send any submissions to Becca by that date - becca.vanheel@isd738.org



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