

HOLMES ELEMENTARY

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



That's a wrap!

June was filled with numerous activities: including our 4th grade band, orchestra, and chorus concert, our 3rd grade recorder concert, Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony, 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, field trips to Linde, Flag Day, Ken West's Senior Walk, Arts Rock, and Field Day.

What an **AMAZING** year we've had!! Thank you for all of your support!

Be sure to ask your student which end of year activity was their favorite!

CHALLENGE & PRIDE

We are so **PROUD** of all the ways our students have **CHALLENGED** themselves this year! We encourage all of our students to continue doing so over the summer by reading new books and writing about their summer adventures!

Ask your student how they are going to continue to challenge themselves over the summer!

PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP

This year, **39.30% of our students were chronically absent**. This means more than a third of our students **missed 18 or more days of school** this year.

Why does this matter?

When students are not in school consistently, then learning is harder for them. The harder it is to learn, the less likely they are to put in the effort to be successful.

What can you do?

When your child is healthy, send them to school, even if they don't feel like going. Reach out to us for help if you're having a hard time getting your student to school!

Family Fun and Learning

Looking for ideas for activities to do over the summer? Here are some of our favorites (that also happen to be educational):

- Read together!!
- Take a walk at a local nature trail
- Visit the Kenmore Library together
- Draw or color a picture together - Identify Shapes and Colors!
- Write a story together or keep a summer journal
- Create and complete a summer bucket list

Ask your student which of these they want to do with you!



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Gyergyek's class attended a Unified Basketball game at Ken-West this year as an end of year field trip! The progress this group has made during their time at Holmes has been remarkable, and we cannot wait to see what their future at Edison will bring!



GIRLS ON THE RUN



This year Coach Conway and Coach Caruana had 18 girls participate in Girls on the Run. For weeks, these students stayed after school, and completed a series of conditioning and team building exercises. This culminated in them completing a 5k in June! Way to **CHALLENGE** yourself girls! We are so **PROUD** of you!

EARLY INTERVENTION

If you suspect your child has a delay in cognition, communication, gross/fine motor, social/emotional, or self-help skills:

**YOU DON'T NEED TO WAIT UNTIL KINDERGARTEN
FOR FREE HELP!**

Birth - 2 Years of age, call:

*Erie County Department of Health Early Intervention
716-858-6161*

2 - 5 Years of Age, call:

*Kenmore Tonawanda School District
Donna Ringholz
716-874-8400, ext. 20318*

Kindergarten Registration

If your child is turning 5 on or before December 1, 2024 it's time to register them for Kindergarten!!

There is no need to wait! Click the image below for more information or call (716) 871-2090.



***We can't wait for your student to be a part of our
Holmes Family!***

Send your child to school if...

They have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.



They haven't taken fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, and haven't had a fever during that time.



They haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.



They don't feel great, but have no other significant symptoms. They didn't sleep well, and are kind of tired.



Keep your child home if...

They feel sick and have had a temperature of greater than 100.4°F in the past 24 hours.



They throw up 2 or more times in 24 hours.



They have diarrhea 3 or more times in 24 hours.



Their eye is pink and crusty.



They have a chronic cough or green nasal discharge.



Call the doctor if...

They have a temperature greater than 100.4°F for more than 2 days.



They throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.



They've had the sniffles for more than a week, and aren't getting better.



They still have asthma symptoms after using asthma medicine. (Call 911 if they have trouble breathing after using an inhaler.)



GUIDANCE ON WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME

Did you know that the best way to keep your student from frequently getting ill is through handwashing and keeping yearly doctors' appointments. These preventative measures can truly help your child stay healthy!

When was your student's last well visit?



WEEKLY PROGRAMS!

COME VISIT
US EVERY
WEEK!

NO
REGISTRATION
NECESSARY!



TUESDAYS
4-6PM
PLAY WITH
STEM TOYS!

(AGES 5-16)

WEDNESDAYS
5-7PM
MAKE A
BUTTON!
(ALL AGES)



NEW DAY &
TIME!



SATURDAYS
ALL DAY
PLAY GAMES!
(ALL AGES)



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DIGITAL LITERACY

TWO SIMPLE TIPS

For a Safe, Healthy, and Balanced Digital Life

1) SET MEDIA EXPECTATIONS



The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to set media use expectations using a Family Media Plan. They have created an online tool that makes the process a breeze. The QR code on the right will walk you through the steps.



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YCX56D63](https://tinyurl.com/YCX56D63)

2. TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT MEDIA USE



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/29C9SPP9](https://tinyurl.com/29C9SPP9)

Talking and listening to your child about media issues is a great way to monitor use and encourage healthy media habits. Common Sense Media has created a collection of activities to help families with media literacy. The QR code to the left will take you to Common Sense's resources for parents.

