



The Hornet

50 Holland Court
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
<https://www.brevardschools.org/HollandES>



VISION: To help all students develop skills, concepts, attitudes, and values which enable them to be successful members of society.

MISSION: Looking toward our children's future with challenging learning experiences that will lead to success.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 10th
First Day of School
for 1st-6th Graders

Friday, August 13th
First Day of School
for Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 13th
Boo Hoo Breakfast
for Kindergarten Families

Friday, August 19th
PTO Meeting

RESCHEDULED
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, August 24th
SAC Meeting

Thursday, August 26th
Open House



Please join us for our annual **OPEN HOUSE**

We would like to invite you to our annual Open House that will take place on Thursday, August 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Teachers will host two sessions so that parents can learn procedures in more than one classroom. The first session will begin at 5:00 pm and the second session at 6:00 pm. Virtual options will be available. Stand by for more details and information!

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet the classroom teacher and learn more about grade-level expectations and classroom procedures, setting the stage for great success in the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you!

SEVERE WEATHER: Central Florida is home to the most lightning-prone areas in the US. Brevard Public Schools follow emergency procedures and guidelines in the event of severe weather. Understanding that the weather changes very quickly, often times **lightning dismissal is not called until the last minute**. In these times of severe weather, *dismissal may be suspended* until it is safe to release students. When technology systems are working properly, an email/text message is sent through our Blackboard Connect Program.

As a reminder, the procedures for inclement weather dismissals are:

- If there is *light rain* and *no lightning*, we will have a **REGULAR DISMISSAL**.
- If it is *pouring rain*, even if there is no lightning, we will conduct a **RAINY-DAY DISMISSAL** (*walkers/bikers are kept indoors, car loop dismissal continues*).
- If there is *lightning* in the vicinity, we will conduct a **LIGHTNING DISMISSAL** (*all students are kept indoors until it is safe to dismiss*).

If a rainy-day dismissal is called, your child should follow his/her established rainy-day plan. The two options for rainy-day plans are: Change to car rider and dismiss from the car loop **OR** wait until the rain stops to be released. Please be sure you always have your dismissal tag visible while in the car loop, or in-hand if you are meeting a walker/biker. The car loop may be more congested due to the weather, so please be patient as we safely dismiss each child. Your patience is appreciated during the wait time before your child can be released. We will always err on the side of safety and students will be dismissed when conditions improve. Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

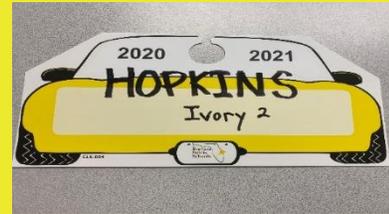
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)



Spessard L. Holland's School Advisory Council is an active Organization that meets once each month after school throughout the school year. SAC is a committee representing various segments of the community, including parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business partners, and other interested community members. The purpose of the SAC is to support the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan.

Nominations are currently being accepted to fill open positions on Holland's School Advisory Council. *If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the front office to express your interest on or before end of business on Friday, August 13, 2021.* A ballot will then be created and posted in our next newsletter.



Please ensure your dismissal tag is visible in your windshield the entire time you are in the car loop!

HOLLAND IS HIRING!

Holland is in search of one additional Funseekers Aftercare Group Leader as well as a Custodian. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Flores at 321-773-7591.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our arrival and dismissal procedures! Please be patient during the first week of school, as it can take a bit longer than usual as the new year begins. **ARRIVAL:** Students who arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 am will join us in the cafeteria where they can enjoy free breakfast and wait with their grade-level peers for the first bell to ring. Students who arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 am will go directly to class. For security purposes, we provide single points of entry at each BPS school. Entry points during arrival will be the door near the bike rack for walkers and bikers, the cafeteria/front office for car riders, and the front office. **DISMISSAL:** At the end of the school day, walkers and bikers in all grades will be escorted to the bike rack for dismissal. Holland Funseekers and daycare students will be taken to their locations as well. Car riders will dismiss from their classrooms. It is imperative for the flow of traffic that dismissal tags are visible in the front windshield of each vehicle until exiting the loop. Please see below for guidelines that will continue to assist with student safety and the flow of traffic:

1. Dismissal begins at 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday and 1:15 pm on Friday. **Please do not arrive prior to that time.** This will help keep cars from blocking the flow of traffic on Jackson Avenue.
2. Keep the walkways clear by not stopping on the sidewalk that crosses Holland Court.
3. Have your dismissal tag visible in your windshield until your child is loaded in your vehicle.
4. Pull your vehicle all the way to the furthest station (1) before stopping to load or unload your child.
5. Students should load and unload vehicles from the **passenger side only.**
6. Be aware of students and families walking and/or riding bicycles as you enter and exit the campus and refrain from cell phone use.
7. When the road becomes two lanes on Holland Court, please remain in the right lane to allow for the entry of any emergency vehicles, should the need arise. Cars should not be stopped in the left lane as it is for passing only, unless directed by SBPD.
8. Please **use our crosswalk** to cross from the parking area to the front of the school.

For safety and security purposes, please refrain from approaching the car loop on foot.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we keep all students safe during arrival and dismissal!

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Our most sincere thanks to the incredibly generous community partners who supported our school staff during their return to begin the new school year!

Thank you to the following partners for providing meals:

- Panera Bread
- Pizza Hut
- Starbucks
- Krispy Kreme
- Beachside Bagel World
- McDonalds
- Chick-fil-A

We also thank the generous sponsors who made significant donations toward purchasing polo shirts for our entire staff! Thank you to:

- Brilliant Smiles Orthodontics
- Re/Max Elite

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**August
Character
Trait:
RESPECT**



**All Parents Invited!
Thursday, August
22nd at 8:15 am
in Our School
Cafeteria
More details to come.**



Please join us in welcoming new staff members to Team Holland!

- Instructional Staff:
 - ♥ Carly Lane, Fifth Grade ELA
 - ♥ Claire McAuliffe, First Grade
 - ♥ Jade Rodriguez, Fifth Grade
 - ♥ Mary Wirta, Fourth Grade
- Position Changes:
 - ♥ Leah Breder, First Grade
 - ♥ Robin Brown, Intermediate Multi-grade
 - ♥ Anne-Marie Chamberlin, Primary Resource
 - ♥ Nicole Lawrence, GSP Job-Share
 - ♥ Cindy Smith, Third Grade
- Support Staff:
 - ♥ Ki Howard, BAS Group Leader
 - ♥ Eri Worthley, Cashier

Annual Asbestos Notification to Building Occupants and Their Legal Guardians

No asbestos removal activities or any other type of asbestos-response actions have taken place at Holland Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019).

Background Information: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all accredited school districts to provide building occupants with a yearly correspondence describing any/all asbestos materials removed from each school during the past year.

The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of the materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*.

The management Plan document and subsequent Three-Year Re-inspection documents are on file at the school administration office. These documents are available to the public for review.

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Mitigation Strategies 21-22

As you know, keeping all our Hornets healthy and safe is of utmost importance. As we prepare to begin the school year, we want you and your family to feel as comfortable as possible.

If you would like to review the *Brevard Public Schools COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Updates* presentation that was shared with the community at the most recent School Board Meeting, please click the link below:

<https://agenda.brevardschools.org/content/files/superintendent-report-7292021-board-meeting-covid-mitigation-strategies-from-622-and-update-003.pdf>

Another School Board Meeting will be held this evening, Tuesday, August 10th, and any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Holland Elementary will implement the strategies in the link above, along with others, in order to keep our stakeholders safe. Masks continue to be optional at this time.

If a positive case occurs and your child is considered a close contact, you will hear directly from the school regarding quarantine information. If your child is a close contact to a case outside of school, please notify us as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or specific concerns for your child, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Alison, our principal, at 321-773-7591 or at alison.samantha@brevardschools.org.

Thank you for your support as we partner to keep our Hornets safe and sound!

Kindergarten Starts on Friday, August 13th

We look forward to welcoming our Kindergarten students on **Friday, August 13th**!

On the 10th – 12th, kindergarten parents should bring their child to school for their scheduled screening appointment. Please check in at the table in the car loop, drop your child off, and come back in approximately 45 minutes to pick him/her up.

Just for the first day, **Friday, August 13th**, the arrival schedule is:

- A-L drop off at 8:10 am
- M-Z drop off is at 8:20 am

Please park, bring your child to the photo booth, take a quick photo, say your goodbyes, and then stop by our PTO's Boohoo Breakfast table! 😊

We look forward to working with you and your child in kindergarten this year!



Once you've sent your little one off for his or her first day of school, stop by our PTO's Boohoo Breakfast table for tissues, coffee, and light breakfast treats!



FREE for ALL BPS Students!

As a reminder, BPS continues to offer **FREE** meals to all BPS students! This includes free breakfast and lunch each day. We do continue to encourage families to apply for free and reduced lunch, as this is important information that allows for other benefits. Weekend meals are also available! Please contact Teresa DeCormier, our Cafeteria Manager for questions. We hope your child will join us for free breakfast and lunch each day!