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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MARCH 2017

MARCH DATES

Dear Holiday Hill Families, Faculty and Students,

This year we have been planting the seeds of leadership! Boy, have we really grown! It is that exciting time of year as we begin *preparing for the Florida State Assessment for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade leaders.*

Here are some things you can have do your child do throughout the testing week:

- Get plenty of sleep each night.
- Eat a good breakfast each morning, either at home or at school (school breakfast).
- Arrive at school on time each day.
- Let your child know that **YOU** believe the test is important
- Share with your child that **YOU** believe he/she will do well on the test.

We appreciate your continued support in helping all our children grow and learn!

Remember, students (grades 3rd – 5th) cannot be called out of class during their assigned FSA testing day. The test begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 a.m. each day. A reminder newsletter with FSA dates will be sent home on March 27, 2017 for upcoming FSA dates.

Get some rest and have a safe Spring Break.

You are truly super leaders!

Yours in education,

Tammy Haberman

Principal

March 8	Flag Raising 8:50am Early Dismissal 1:45pm
March 13	Picture Day Today SAC at Panera 6:30pm
March 16	Last Day for Students (SPRING BREAK) FSA Pep Rally at 1:30pm
March 17	Teacher Planning Day No School for our Leaders!
March 20—24	SPRING BREAK
March 27	Return from SPRING BREAK
March 28	3rd Grade Reading Session 1 at 8:30a
March 29	3rd Grade Reading Session 1 at 8:30a

Friendly Reminders

- Parents must sign in the office prior to visiting any parts of the school.
- We love when our parents come and eat with their leaders. However, due to limited space in the cafeteria, parents and their leaders must eat outside under the pavilion. Friends of your leader may not accompany you.
- No transportation changes are accepted over the phone. Email, text messages, and notes are the only forms of transportation changes accepted.



RESILIENCE—The capacity to successfully manage high levels of change.

- ***Humility** – Willingness to admit mistakes and take responsibility; not pretentious.
- ***Self-Confidence/Empowerment** – Realistic positive attitude about, and trust in one’s self; sense of security, and self-assurance.
- ***Flexibility/Creativity** – Adaptability and versatility; clever, imaginative and inventive.
- ***Self-reliance** – Relying on one’s own abilities, efforts, or judgments.
- ***Initiative/Effort** – Proactive; thinking and taking action on your own; industry.



ABSENCES 4,516	TARDIES 1,727	EARLY CHECK-OUTS 2,019
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Above are the attendance statistics for Holiday Hill for the 16-17 school year as of March 3, 2017.

- Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating
- Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

Donations Needed:

FSA testing is starting soon, and Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-5. To help celebrate our teachers, we will be collecting supplies for their gifts. Please send in your donations of "grab'n'go" snacks (for students for FSA testing and teacher gifts), Sharpie markers, and Expo markers. Mark any donations "PTA" and have them sent to the front office. There will be a bin to collect your donations. If you would like to help put together the snacks for FSA or gifts for Teacher Appreciation, please contact **Shannon** at shannonkubisiak@gmail.com.



Vision:

All members of the Holiday Hill community are committed to inspire and educate our students to achieve individual excellence and become leaders in society.

Mission:

Holiday Hill creates an engaging learning environment where students collaborate, take ownership of their learning and demonstrate a passion for knowledge. We build confident leaders by providing safe, supportive and positive relationships between students, faculty and members of the community. Holiday Hill cultivates success in every student, every day!