

**Principal's Weekly Update
Mrs. Janiece Dilts**

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It

6th Grade Fall Festival: Attention all 6th graders!! The healthful living department will be hosting our annual 6th grade Fall Festival on Thursday, November 7th, from 3:15-4:45 p.m. in the gym. There will be a variety of fun games around the gym and plenty of dancing. Admission to the festival is \$5.00. Concessions will be sold, so bring extra money. See your healthful living teacher for a permission slip and more information

Blanket Sales Fundraiser: Our Dawgs Leadership Club is gauging interest in a fundraiser for selling these Bulldog Blankets. Please see the link for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/spectatorblankets.com/hollygrove/home>



Baseball Update: After reviewing the feedback from families and looking at the options for a baseball schedule, we have decided to remove having baseball at Holly Grove Middle School. That being said, there is club baseball that is coordinated by Devin Paullin. Please feel free to reach out to him if your athlete is interested in trying out. His email address is devin.paullin@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 847-372-4888.

Sheetz Visits: I wanted to let many of you know that students are leaving events and walking to Sheetz to hang out. As many of our students are walkers from events, we do not monitor them leaving the building

during an after school activity and whether or not they go to Sheetz. I will tell you that if students leave an after school activity, they are not permitted to return. I wanted to let all parents know so they can review expectations with their children about walking to Sheetz during an after school event.

Fall Picture Retakes, Tracks 1 & 3: October 16th @ 8:15am. Students qualify for a retake if:

- Return a full picture package for a retake (purchased packages were sent home on 10/1)
- Bring Money to purchase a package (extra fliers available in front office)
- Absent on picture day (8/07)
- New Student after 8/07

**Students do not qualify for a retake if they did not purchase a package on picture day and do not bring money to purchase a package on retake day.

Student Holiday: October 21st is a holiday for students. The building will be closed as all staff will attend training.

8th Grade Field Trip: Our 8th Graders will be visiting Washington DC Field Trip on October 23 - October 25th

The American Math Competition: Holly Grove Middle School will participate in the American Math Competition Level 8 (AMC 8) on November 12, 2019. The AMC 8 is a well-known mathematics contest for middle school students. [Click Here \(or visit our website\) for more Information.](#)

7th Grade Field Trips: [Click here \(or visit our website\) to access Field Trip Information and Dates for all 7th Grade Students.](#)

Instructional Spotlight: I would like to encourage students to bring their own devices to school. We are starting a new program called DreamBox as a math tool to help fill in any gaps in previous learning as well as accelerate students who are doing so well. This tool cannot be used on cell phones, and although we do have some devices in the school, we do not have enough for every child. Being that DreamBox will be done in school and not at home, I would love to encourage your students to bring their devices if you will permit them.

Upcoming Events:

10/18- **Track 3**, Track OUT at the end of the school day

10/22 - **Track 4**, Track IN