

# HOLDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## February 5, 2021



### LUNCH MENU

MON: Chicken Noodle Soup, Goldfish, Roll, Dessert & Milk  
TUES: French Toast, Sausage, Hash Brown, Yogurt w/Blueberries & Milk  
WED: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots, Strawberry Cup & Milk  
THUR: WG Pepperoni, Bacon or Cheese Pizza, Baby Carrots, Trail Mix, Diced Pears & Milk

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 15-19- February Vacation Begins  
Feb 22- School Board Meeting-Holbrook @ 6:30

**GOLD SLIPS – Catching students making good choices** ...Maddie Malm, Jacquelyn West, Ellie Farrar, Brody Dowling

### MATH PRO AWARDS...

**YOU'VE BEEN BUSSED...TED....**

### XTRA MATH...

**LEXIA SUPERSTAR AWARDS...**Hazel Purinton, Konner Kennedy, Logan Mertz, Kaden Kennedy

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Snow is Back!!

The children were excited to get some snow, but I also think they and the staff enjoyed their snow day as well☺ I say we enjoy it while we can; let's get outside and play, play, play.... ( Don't forget your ski pants, boots, etc)

Winter break is next week and then it's full steam ahead when we come back on Feb. 22. A note to the parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders, the children will be taking some form of state assessments and the testing window is from the beginning of March to the end of May. We shall work out a schedule over the next month and will keep you updated in future "Corners."

The children continue to be busy with Outing Club, Ski club, Makers Club, and other activities both inside the school buildings and outside as well☺The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are next for the "Virtual" Makers Club and they will their kits next week. All third graders will get the kits and they are encouraged to attend on line. The club will last four weeks (starting Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:15) and then it is on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Thanks Ms. Wright☺

Mr. Spencer



**Remember to read to your child daily and practice those math facts!!**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER INCENTIVE

Congratulations to Kyle Phinney from Ms. Palmer's class. His name was chosen from the returned newsletter incentive coupons. A gift was received from the office.

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate you taking the time to read the newsletter. Please sign and return this coupon by Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer not to print this coupon, please sign any slip of paper saying you read the newsletter and return it to school.

## TRANSPORTATION

Any questions about bus routes or pick up times can be answered by our Transportation Director, Jake Morgan @ 561-9238.

**BIG REMINDER: OUR OFFICES GET VERY BUSY FROM 2:30-3:00 SO IF YOU HAVE TO CALL PLEASE DO SO BEFORE 2:30. THE SECRETARIES WILL REALLY APPRECIATE THIS, UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY OF COURSE!**



## COLD WEATHER ATTIRE

The cold weather has arrived and we need our students to come to school dressed for the cold. Please make sure your child has a winter jacket, mittens, and a hat for going outside to recess and occasionally PE. When the snow begins to fly students will need to have boots on or will have to stay on the pavement during their recess.



## SKI/SNOWBOARDING & OUTING CLUB

If your child is interested in Skiing/Snowboarding or Outing Club please go to the Holbrook Recreational website to register your child for the second session of skiing/ snowboarding and first session of outing club. (Please take a look at the pages below for details about the Outing Club and Ski rules at Hermon Mountain).

### To Register:

1. Please go to [www.holbrookrec.com](http://www.holbrookrec.com)
2. Click on Programs/Ski/Snowboard or Outing Club
3. Click on Ski/Snowboard Registration or Outing Club Registration at the bottom of the page. (You must register for each separately before joining these clubs).

**ME CHANGE: Remote Help Ms. (Shelly) Miller ~ Eddington School & Holden School**

Hello Parents/Guardians, and Remote Students of Eddington School and Holden School!

I wanted to officially introduce myself to those parents and students who do not already know me and to let you all know that I will be the Remote help/tutor for Eddington School and Holden School.

A little background...I have been at Holden School for the last three years as the Math Support Specialist. I have a degree in Psychology and have been an Educational Technician III for about 30 years (Dedham School, Hampden, Orrington), Regular and Special Education Classrooms, large group instruction, small group instruction, Resource Room and Composite Room, PreK-8th grade in ALL subject areas.

**\*\*** As of now and subject to change, I am available for [Holden School 9 a.m.-12 p.m.](#) and for [Eddington School from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.](#) These times are now open time blocks to allow for greater accessibility for students, parents/guardians to connect on Google Meet with me for any questions and help you may need.

**Mondays through Thursdays:**

**Holden School**

**2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 9a.m.-12:00p.m.**

Google Meet Link Holden: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/b7n4fdt7p3>

**Eddington School**

**Kindergarten and 1st Grade: 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m.**

Google Meet Link Eddington: (Same as above).

I look forward to meeting you and 'seeing' you all soon and helping you through this 2020-2021 school year! We got this...together!

Also, please feel free to email me anytime if you need anything.

[Ms. Rochelle \(Shelly\) Miller email: rmiller@rsu63.org](mailto:rmiller@rsu63.org)

Ms.(Shelly) Miller





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**HOLDEN  
SCHOOL**

***3rd GRADERS***

A Virtual After School Club for those  
interested

With our Librarian, Ms. Wright

(3) Thursdays- 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>,  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, and March 11<sup>th</sup>

We'll read a book or two and have some time to

**MAKE**

(Makers Kits will be provided)

Virtually at:

<https://meet.google.com/lookup/dczpajrmt4>

## **Afterschool Group Lesson Management plan**

Face Masks are required in all areas of New Hermon Mountain, buffs and gaiters are acceptable.

Parents are asked to do a Covid-19 symptom check at home. If symptoms are present do not bring your child. (This is very important to the health of all students and staff)

All Students are asked to arrive as dressed for skiing as possible, if you have your own boots please consider putting them on in the car. The lodge will be limited to 50 people at a time and people are asked to spend no more than 15mins at a time in the lodge.

Due to the limit on indoor capacity and the limited area outside we kindly ask parents to stay in the car or limit the amount of time on the porch and practice physical distancing at all times. No one other than students and staff will be allowed to interact with the lessons, with the exception of lift time for beginners.

Beginner groups will be limited to 3 person groups

Limit Total Number of students in lessons to 50

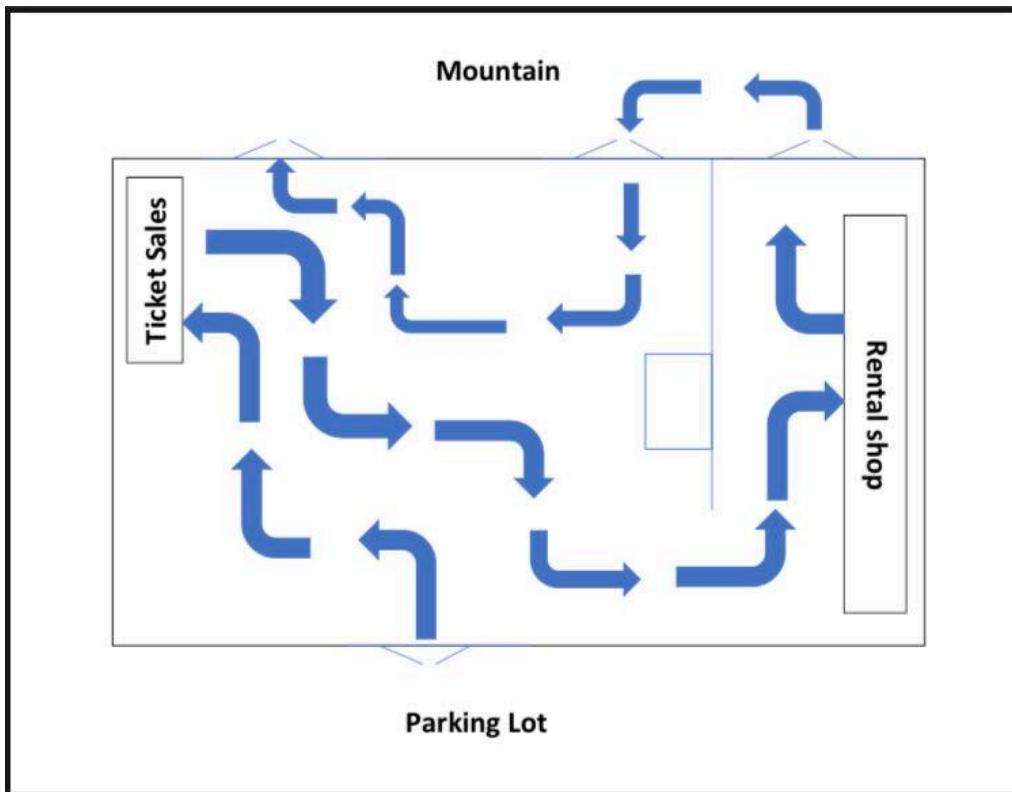
All participants are required to wear face coverings at all times, in addition beginner students are also asked to wear goggles, due to the occasional unavoidable less than 6 ft contact.

Check in: Area to be determined

Students are assigned a color for their group, outside the instructor will be standing at the color (laminated paper on a stick) with a flashlight to illuminate the group color.

1. Check in
2. Proceed to rental shop
  - a. Enter through double doors inside the lodge
  - b. Exit with equipment outside
  - c. Place skis/ snowboard on rack
  - d. Reenter lodge through second front door
  - e. Put on boots, helmet ect.
  - f. Exit lodge through first front door and find the instructor
3. Participants not taking lessons same procedure but proceed to lift instead of to the instructor.
4. When beginner groups are ready to proceed up the lift (usually but not guaranteed week 3 or 4), someone will need to ride the lift with them. Preferably a household member. If no one is available to ride the lift with them they can ride the lift with their instructor, another instructor or a ski patroller. Both the student and the instructor/ patroller must wear a mask and goggles. If you are not comfortable with this please let us know at check in, and understand that the student will not be able to go up the mountain.
5. After lessons are over there will be 1 hour of "free ski" practice time.
6. When the program is over:

- a. Place Skis/Snowboard on racks in front of the lodge
- b. Enter the lodge through the "Enter" door.
- c. Remove boots, go outside and collect skis/snowboard with boots and return them to the rental shop entering through the outside door. (the opposite of picking up the equipment)
- d. Place ski/snowboard and boots on the counter and exit back into the lodge.
- e. Exit the lodge through the "exit" door (parking lot side of lodge).



# AFTER SCHOOL OUTING CLUB

We are excited to start an afterschool outing club for those students looking to get outside and enjoy the fresh Maine air. The schedule will be as follows: **Monday at Eddington School, Tuesday at Holden School, Thursday at Holbrook School, Friday at Dedham School (Dedham School will be grades K-4 only).**

**Starting January 11, 2021 running through April 1, 2021.**

**Students will only be allowed to join the club at the school they attend.**

The program will run from **3:15-4:30** at these locations. All activities will be outside with masks and social distancing. We are hoping to have parents get involved at each school to help make this program a success. Some of the activities are listed below, but are not limited to:

Capture the Flag, Snowshoeing, Hiking (Chick, Little Chick, Bald, Black Cap), Skiing, Walking Trails behind each school, Ice Fishing Derby, Hopscotch/4 square (with gloves), Jump rope, Kick ball, Flag football, Dances, Tag with pool noodles, Sledding at Dedham Hill, Biathlon -Ski and Shoot- (Dart guns), Triathlon- Run, Snowshoe and Ski, and Obstacle courses.

If you have any questions about this program please email:

Jaime Pangburn at [jjpangburn@me.com](mailto:jjpangburn@me.com)

## To Register:

4. Please go to [www.holbrookrec.com](http://www.holbrookrec.com)
5. Click on Programs/Outing Club
6. Click on Outing Club Registration at the bottom. (You must register before joining this club).
7. **If you are a parent who would like to help out, you must fill out our [Volunteer Form](#).**

# Shooting Stars Basketball

**Due to the pandemic we will not be having the shooting stars basketball program this year.** Hopefully next year things will be back to normal.

It is with great sadness that I am resigning from running the Shooting Stars basketball program. A group of moms started it back in 2005 with the hopes that kids can learn the basics of the game and have a little bit of fun with it. We never thought it would be such a huge part of Holbrook Rec. Over the 15 years of organizing, fundraising and coaching I really could not have done it without the endless people of this community. There are far too many to name, but I hope you know who you are. A huge shout out to our secretaries past and present for all your help with newsletters and registrations, Mr. Spencer who honestly is a rock in the district who helped organize gym times and custodians to keep the schools open for us. The Holbrook Rec committee who gave us the go ahead to have the program each year. They saw how amazing it was once the kids hit the peewee age and many of the coaches helped out with shooting stars each year. I want to thank the sponsors that made it possible to have a free program for our kids to participate in. Our goal was always to have the children play and for parents to not worry if they could afford it. We met our goal every year because of the amazing businesses within our districts. I want to thank the parents who came each week to watch their kids enjoy a sport they all loved. I will miss seeing the smiles on all those little faces.

Continue to shoot for the stars!!

Nicole Girard