

Hello!



We are the 4th Grade Team

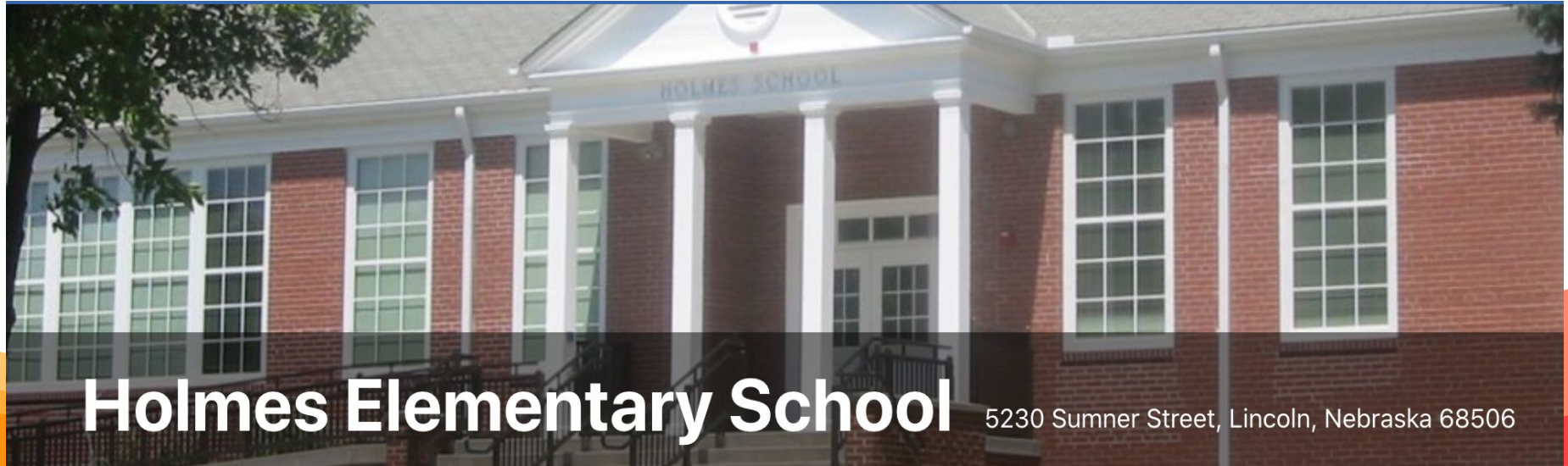
Rich Aust, Jen Barton, and Christine Behne



Arrival: Students are asked not to arrive to school before 7:55 AM, unless they are here for breakfast as supervision is not available until that time. Students are to report to the upper playground walking track if at school before 8:10 AM when the weather is good.

During inclement weather, use door #1 and upper grades will be extended throughout the halls.

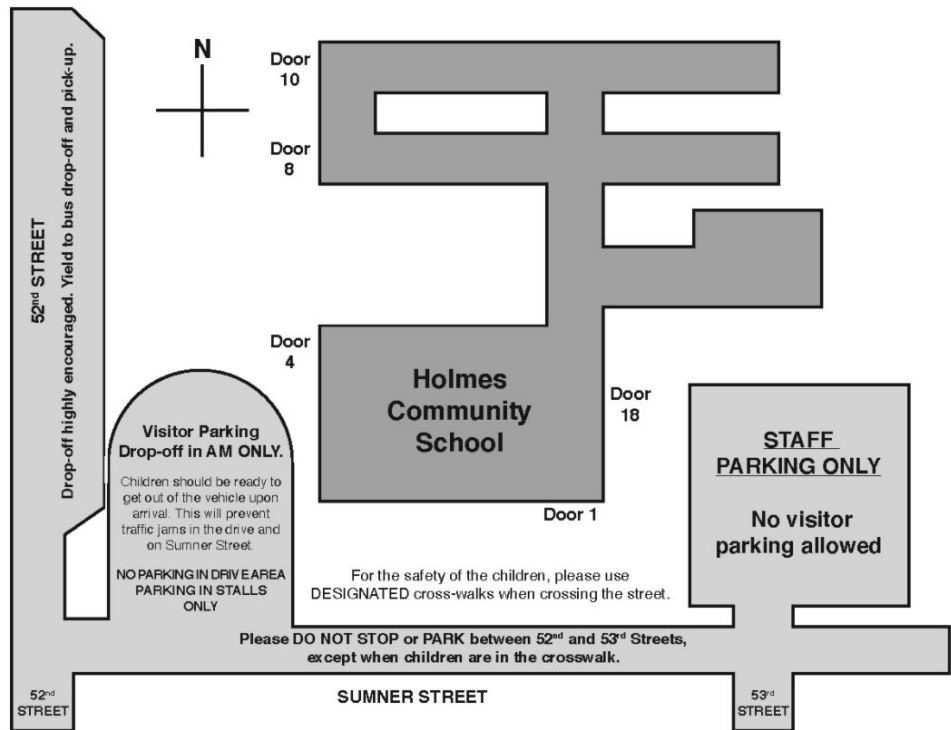
Students who come to school to eat breakfast may enter through door #1 starting at 7:45 AM.



Holmes Elementary School

5230 Sumner Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Dismissal: Fourth Grade will exit door #10 and walk up the northwest stairs. Mr. Aust will walk students that ride a daycare van to the van daycare supervisor. Mr. Aust will also escort bus riders out Door 4. Mr. Aust will walk Family Service students to the Family Service supervisor. IF your child has siblings, it is important to have a reunification site such as, the flag pole or the bike rack. Please remember to utilize 52nd Street for parking. It is important for safety that students ONLY cross streets at the designated crosswalks.



4th Grade Schedule 2020-2021

8:10 - 8:20	Class Community Meeting
8:20 - 9:15	Reading Workshop
9:15 - 10:05	SPECIALS (restroom)
10:10-11:10	Guided Reading
11:10 - 11:15	Activity Break
11:15 -11:45	Intervention
11:45-12:25	Writing Workshop
12:25 - 1:00	LUNCH/RECESS
1:00 - 2:05	Math
2:05 - 2:53	Unit Studies
2:53	Dismissal

PLC Schedule

8:10-8:20

Class Community Meeting

8:20-9:00

Reading Workshop

9:00-9:35

SPECIALS

9:35-10:50

Math

10:50-11:10

Math Targeted Instruction

11:10-11:40

Writing Workshop

11:40-12:10

Second Steps

12:10-12:25

Grade Level Celebration

12:25 - 1:00

LUNCH/RECESS

12:40- 1:33

Unit Studies

1:33

Dismissal

Our Curriculum



Unit Studies

Health

Qtr. 1 - Nutrition

Qtr. 2 - Personal Health and Physical Activity

Qtr. 3 - Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

Qtr. 4 - Human Growth and Development

Science

Qtr. 1 - Prairie

Qtr. 2 - Ecosystems

Qtr. 3 - Space

Qtr. 4 - Circuits and Electricity

Social Studies

Qtr. 1 - Life on the Great Plains

Qtr. 2 - Nebraska Settlement

Qtr. 3 - Growth and Change in Nebraska

Qtr. 4 - Nebraska as a State

*Pioneer School

Mr. Aust's class - 9/17/2020

Mrs. Barton's class - 9/18/2020

Mrs. Behne's class - 9/21/2020

Gifted

The Differentiated Literature and Math will be taught this year by Mrs. Barton.

Here are the district guidelines for both subject areas:

[Gifted Literature information](#), [Differentiated Math Statement](#)

Second Steps

Social Emotional Learning - Second Step Program and Bullying Prevention Unit

The *Second Step* program is:

- A classroom-based social-emotional learning program with lessons and reinforcement activities designed to increase children's school success and decrease problem behaviors.



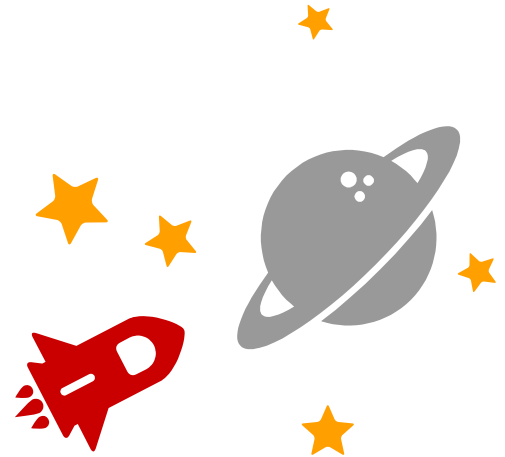
School Improvement Goals

Reading...

All Holmes Elementary students will meet or exceed Reading proficiency, as measured by LPS Fluency Report Card data for grades K-2 and by LPS Comprehension Report Card data for grades 3-5.

Math...

All Holmes Elementary students will meet or exceed proficiency levels in Number Sense as measured by LPS Report Card data.



Parent Teacher Conferences

September 22nd and 24th 3:00-6:30 PM

February 16th and 18th 3:00-6:30 PM

School Rules

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

KINDNESS is the new cool!

Please avoid nuisance items at school.

Trading cards

Fidget spinners

Slime

*School supplies are provided. There is no need to send in supplies for your child. If you want to donate items to a classroom, please check with your child's teacher.

Please leave technology at home. If students bring a cell phone to school, they can check it in with the teacher at the beginning of the day.

Character Development- Positive Reinforcement

Positive Recognition

To support our 4:1 positive ratio, Holmes will utilize DOJO points to positively recognize/award students, groups, etc. Grade level teams will develop a team incentive menu/points as appropriate for their grade level team. Individual teachers may also utilize Dojo points for their individual class menus.

Each Friday, announcements will be made for winners of weekly awards...

**Golden Trash Can Award*

"Hello! Howdy!"

"Everyday Hero"

**Got Grit?!"*

"Rockin' Recess!"

"Einstein Effort Award"

"Holmes Kindest Classroom of the Month!"



On PLC days, each 4th grade class will celebrate student effort and achievements.

School Supplies

Everything students need are supplied from school.

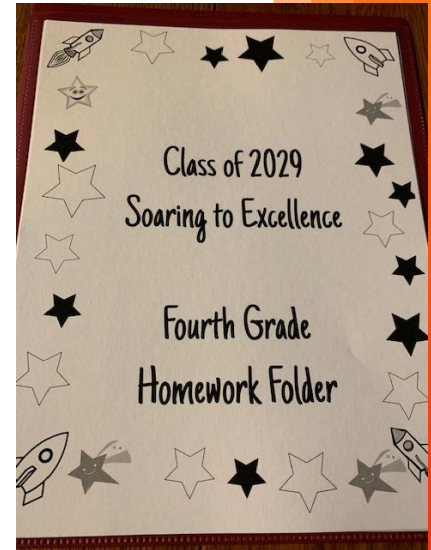
Although if you would really like to contribute an item for the class to use, we can always use Expo markers and/or Kleenex.

Homework:

There will be daily math homework in 4th grade. This is a district expectation. Keep in mind that homework is expected to be a review of the daily lesson. It is intended for students to do independently. Homework should take about 40 minutes. A good guideline is ten minutes of homework per grade. For example, a first grade student's homework should take the child about ten minutes to finish. If homework is taking significantly longer, please contact your child's teacher.

Tips for success:

- Have a set homework PLACE and TIME.
- Remove distractions.
- Praise your child's effort and grit.
- Allow your child to productively struggle.



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