

Dear Holly Drive Academy Parents,

Can you believe there are only 10 weeks left in this school year! I want thank you for entrusting your child's education to us! It is a responsibility that we take seriously and we are honored to have it.

This year we celebrate twenty years in education. Many of the faculty and staff have been at this school since its inception in 1999. I want to take a moment and thank all of you for supporting us during our renewal. Charter schools are held to higher standards than district schools and often the numerous amounts of challenging requirements lead to the closure of many great charter schools. During our renewal process we had some dynamic student and parent presenters and speakers. Please visit our website to see actual footage from that unforgettable night. Visit www.hdla.org then click on the tab that is titled principal's corner to watch. Special thanks to Johan, Larenzia, James and Shyanne for an unforgettable presentation!

While on our website you can also download a renewal application for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment applications can be downloaded on our website or obtained from the front office.

Footsteps through time

Our third and fourth graders have been on an exciting adventure this year walking where trailblazers who helped shaped San Diego have walked. I want to thank Mrs. Day, Ms. Connal and Ms. T for guiding, leading, teaching, and supervising our students on numerous off campus learning opportunities. Visiting places like:

- Mission Trails Regional Park to study the Kumeyaay Native Americans
- Presidio Park to study California before Statehood
- Old town San Diego to study the first town and way of life by visiting the Blacksmiths, the first school house, and the only army who never fought the entire time they served at the Mormon Battalion.

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- Cabrillo National Monument to study Vizcaino and Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo
- Visiting Mission San Juan Capistrano and studying Juan Junipero Serra for his role in the creation of California's 21 missions.
- Ending our Unit at the Gaslamp Quarter - Studying Alonzo Horton and William Heath Davis.

National Parks

Fourth Grade National Park passes can be obtained at the following link. Be sure to grab this once in a lifetime gift given only to fourth graders! The only National Park in San Diego is Cabrillo National Monument; but who knows, once school is out in a few weeks, maybe a road trip to the Grand Canyon or Redwood National Park or Kings Canyon could be planned!

Donation

Citibank has generously gifted HDLA with a donation to purchase books and supplies at Barnes and Noble. In turn, Barnes and Noble chose HDLA to be the recipients of their holiday book drive which yielded us with over 10 boxes of books! We would like to say thank you by visiting and purchasing something from Barnes and Noble on May 24th. Barnes and Noble will give us part of the purchase that day!

End of the year awards ceremony and celebration

Please join us on June 6, 2019 at 6:00pm for an evening of food, family, fellowship and fun as we celebrate our students who made academic and citizenship accomplishments this year! Our Holly Drive dance team will be there to entertain us and a video highlighting our year will be shown. It is a night you do not want to miss!

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Graduation

Our kindergarten and eighth grade graduation will be held at city of Hope International Church at Faith Chapel on June 12, 2019 at 9:30am.

State Testing

State Testing Will begin April 8th, please make sure your child is at school (well rested and on time) each day.

Girl talk and Men's day is back!

Leaders in our community will be on site to impart life skills to our middle school students. Workshops on table setting, how to tie a tie, how to change a tire, puberty and more will be given! Last year, we ended the course with a fabulous tea party at the beautiful and historic Horton Grand Hotel.

Proud Moment

UCSD has a fabulous Program titled Women in STEM (Valued at \$900.00 for the week) where two students from Holly Drive were chosen. We are so proud and happy for Ivarie and Alaya!

Delta Sigma has an essay contest opened to all of San Diego County. This year three of the winners are students at Holly Drive Leadership Academy! We are so proud of Tristan, Jeffrey and D'lon!

Thank you for allowing us to educate your children! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We love to hear from you. We currently have an online survey to help us improve our program. Please visit our website to complete it and let your voice be heard!

In the Interest of Children,

Alysia Smith, Principal

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