

## COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Holland Elementary School  
597 Beverly Road  
Holland, PA 18966

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Dear Parents:

The staff of Holland Elementary School and I invite parents to join us in observing **Council Rock Education Week – January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**. Although parents are always welcome visitors to our school, we especially enjoy seeing you during the week set aside as a time to see our classrooms in operation. In our opinion, there is no better way to see your school as your child sees it. **The dates for parents to visit the school will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Certain guidelines must be followed to ensure that visits by parents enhance the education setting rather than detract from it:

- Each visitor must sign in at the office and receive a yellow *Visitor's Name Badge*. The *Raptor* system will not be utilized during Education Week.
- Each classroom will have chairs for you to sit and observe the teaching/learning process.
- Unless invited by a teacher to participate in what the class is doing, please limit your visit to observing the process.
- Kindly mute cell phones and refrain from all cell phone usage including picture taking. This will minimize distractions to instruction as well as comply with parent requests that their child's photograph not be taken.
- Preschool children should not be brought to school during classroom observation. Please make arrangements to leave preschool children with a sitter. They'll soon get their chance to visit regularly!
- Remember, this is a time to observe the educational process, not to discuss your child's performance with the teacher. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please make an appointment for a conference.
- Due to supervision concerns, parents may not attend lunch or recess periods.

During this week, a workshop will also be provided for parents that will be a Question and Answer session with Mr. MacClay (Principal), Mrs. Dina Muncer (IST Teacher), Mrs. Tara Gittelman (Literacy Specialist), Mrs. Bonnie Lohmeyer (Psychologist), and Mrs. Cory Scott (Counselor). It will take place on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. This workshop will be a session similar to a Town Meeting format that will allow parents to get answers to questions that they always wanted to ask about Holland Elementary, Council Rock, or education, in general. The school representatives will conduct this session in an informal atmosphere to answer questions such as:

- What information is considered to determine eligibility for Special Education Programs?
- What is the difference between IST and MDE?
- How can the counselor and others help prepare my child for middle school?
- As a parent, which school indicators will alert me to the fact that my child may be experiencing difficulty in the area of reading?

Each teacher will also be sending home a copy of his/her schedule for the three days thus enabling you to choose the time and/or subject you wish to observe.

We look forward to your visit to your child(ren)'s classroom. It will be both enjoyable and informative.

Respectfully,



Joseph J. MacClay  
Principal