

New Holland Elementary School

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Dear New Holland Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now over half way through the 2018-19 school year. We are encouraging our learners to make the most of each and every learning opportunity each and every day by doing their very best, and demonstrating the grit and determination that makes our community great.

I want to encourage you to maximize the opportunities that your child has to read for pleasure at home. Indeed, the effects of reading extend into quality of life: high levels of leisure reading and reading proficiency are associated with greater academic, financial, professional, and civic benefits (National Endowment for the Arts, 2007).

One of our foci here at the school is doing for others and practicing random acts of kindness. When we serve and do nice things for others without seeking reward, it builds lasting character and empowers us to make the world a better place one relationship at a time. I encourage you to seek opportunities for volunteerism as a family – you will never regret it!

-Mr. Starr

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Upcoming Events

February 14th

- Early Dismissal 12:30 PM (AM Kindergarten only)

February 15th

- Teacher In-service: no school for students

February 18th

- Vacation: no school for students or teachers (unless we have a snow day prior)

Important Announcements

Snow Day Makeup Sequence

Snow make-up days are as follows: February 18th, June 7th, April 22nd, June 10th, June 11th. Last student day is presently slated for Thursday, June 6th.

Cafeteria Makeover

Your kiddos may be coming home talking about changes to the cafeteria. In an effort to make their dining experience at the *Hawk's Nest Café* more pleasurable, we have installed chandeliers (cardboard), an LCD projection screen that will display background scenery, and some instrumental music.



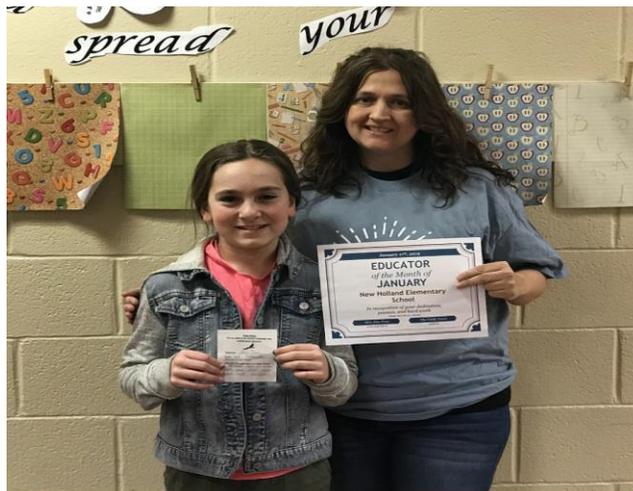
Get to know Jessica Green, NHES Kitchen Staff



1. **What do you enjoy most about your job?** *It is a fast-paced environment and I love serving the students.*
2. **What is your favorite animal and why?** *Dogs because they give love and they don't judge!*
3. **What do you like to do in your free time?** *I love watching TV. There are so many new and exciting shows.*
4. **What is your favorite dish to make for New Holland students?** *My favorite dish to prepare is Walking Taco cause the kids enjoy them.*

New Holland Educator of the Month

Please join me in congratulating 6th Grade teacher Kim Tran as our *New Holland Educator of the Month* for January. Mrs. Tran was nominated by her student Elizabeth Matsanka. Mrs. Tran has inspired Elizabeth as a learner, and now Elizabeth has returned the favor as the Talon Ticket she submitted for Mrs. Tran was the winner!



Let's get to know Kim a little better:

What is your teaching experience? *I started my career at Reamstown Elementary in Cocalico School District, where I taught 5th grade students for 6 years. Then, I took some time off to be a Mom. When I started teaching again, I moved to New Holland Elementary, where I have taught 6th grade students for the past 5 years.*

Where do you like to vacation? *My favorite place to visit is Disney World. My family loves everything about it - the rides, the food and the family atmosphere. I also love to visit the beach every summer.*

What are your hobbies/recreation activities? *Since I have two children in middle school, most of my free time revolves around taking them to swim, dance and soccer. However, I love to read, travel, swim and spend time with my family and friends.*

What do you love most about New Holland Elementary? *I love the students, faculty and families that are part of New Holland Elementary. It is a great community where so many work to help each child grow.*

What makes you smile? *My children and my students make me smile most. I smile when my students understand a new concept or tell me about a favorite book they are reading. I smile when my 2 daughters find joy in their sports or get excited about a new project at school. Teaching and being a Mom are my two greatest gifts!*



Featured Classroom: Mr. Shugar's 6th Grade STEM class poses in front of a New Holland tractor wall mural. The class has been scaling a 1:32 die-cast model to life size, using math, technology, and production skills. The final step compares their work to CNH's technical measurements.

