

# HOLMES Highlights

A NEWSLETTER  
OF THE HOLMES  
JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL PTA

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## Upcoming Events

- 5/2-5/6 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/9 Site Council Meeting  
(4-6pm Holmes library)
- 5/10 9<sup>th</sup> grade hike
- 5/18 Last late-start  
Wednesday
- 5/20 Mix-it-up day/School  
Dance #3 (7:30-10pm)
- 5/23-6/3 Dead week - no activities
- 5/23 Positive School Climate  
Committee Meeting  
(3:45pm large conference  
room)
- 5/24 Orchestra Finale Pops  
Picnic
- 5/25 Regular-start Wednesday
- 5/26 Festival of the Arts  
Concert (6pm in the Quad)
- 5/26 PTA Meeting (7-9pm in  
the library)
- 5/30 **NO SCHOOL** – Holiday  
Memorial Day
- 6/3 Day on the Green
- 6/6 Honor Society Trip
- 6/7 9<sup>th</sup> grade Award Assembly
- 6/7 9<sup>th</sup> grade Party, 6pm
- 6/8 9<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Marine  
World
- 6/8 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Award  
Assembly
- 6/9 End of Quarter 4/  
Semester 2
- 6/9 **Last Day of School ~  
12:00pm Dismissal**

## Welcome 7<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Holmes Junior High School welcomes our new 7<sup>th</sup> Graders for 2011-2012. As a welcoming gesture, this issue of the *Holmes Highlights* is being sent to the households of our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade families. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with some ideas about activities and events at our school, and we invite you to get involved. Parents: Please note the information regarding joining the PTA. The Holmes PTA is very active in supporting the school and provides feedback to the administration about school and community matters. There are many other ways for parents to get involved, so call the PTA or the Holmes office for more information about any item of interest.

### Where Everybody Belongs

We are very excited that your child will be attending Holmes Junior High and we look forward to meeting your student at the WEB Orientation on Monday, August 22, 2011. WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is an inspirational, high-energy program whose sole purpose is to help 7<sup>th</sup> graders feel more comfortable and help them achieve success in their first year of junior high school.

The WEB 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support seventh graders by assigning them a ninth grade WEB Leader. WEB Leaders will mentor 7<sup>th</sup> graders through their first year at Holmes, both socially and academically. WEB Leaders were selected from a large pool of applicants and have met the qualifications of being good role models and positive leaders on our campus. The following is some information to let you know what you and your student can expect before school starts.

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*A Message from the Principal, Derek Brothers***The Year in Review**

This year has passed too quickly! We are preparing to enter a year of change with a reduced budget as a result of some decisions at the state and district levels. These decisions impact the 2011-2012 school year. The few changes that you can expect will be a few more students in each class and small loss of the familiar teachers that make Holmes a wonderful place to learn.

On a positive note, there have been so many accomplishments and successes to celebrate at Holmes this year. I would like to share some highlights with you here:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students began the year with increased confidence and comfort on campus thanks to the successful orientation and follow-up activities by the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program. Sixty 9<sup>th</sup> grade WEB leaders (under the direction of staff members Kerri Hogan, Caroline LaFlamme, Bill Williams and Cheryl Ozga) offered support and friendship to our new students as they made the transition to junior high.
- About fifty students representing diverse groups were trained as Holmes School Ambassadors who offer comfort to those who have felt disrespected and they try to intervene positively during conflict situations.
- All of our students enjoyed many types of assemblies including Teen Truth Live and Climate Change and the Civil War Reenactment.
- In April we heard from a motivational speaker named Keith Hawkins.
- Almost 300 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were involved in Holmes athletics. Students had fun, learned to be both competitors and good sports and they showed tremendous growth throughout their seasons.
- Through the successful Unfundraiser Campaign the PTA has helped provide Holmes' students a chance to experience the Renaissance Period, to relive early American life and to experience the great outdoors.
- Students participated in several clubs during all-school lunches.
- Members of the student Mix-it-Up teams planned 3 special school wide lunch events where students participated in varied and fun activities with groups that were different from their usual friendships.
- Many other talented students played instruments or sang in remarkable musical concerts both at Holmes and the IPAB.

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*A Message from Your PTA President, Christina Dicker***Thank You PTA Volunteers!**

I can't begin to say how much I appreciate every Holmes parent, teacher and staff member who donated time, energy, money and smiles to the PTA and the school. This year has been tremendously successful because of the hard-working individuals that make-up our school community.

Being PTA president has been a fabulous experience, thanks to the wonderful executive board I work with – Nancy Loeb Williams, Shelley Bronzan, Julia Grim, Julie Cuetara, Jennifer Raven, Rachel Aptekar, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Claire Cole and Jennifer Thompson. Thanks to their support, I truly enjoyed my experience with the Holmes PTA this year.

The PTA chairs also did a great job – Sue Rutherford (gardens), Carin Loy (directory), Joe Brewer (red ribbon week), Sally Albertson and all her helpers (hospitality), Julia Grim (scrip), Jennifer Thompson (membership), Katja Greve, Cristina Young, Carrie Matthews-Kelly, Susie Cooper (newsletter), Anne Finkelston, Teri McNamara (parent education), Laura Long (publicity), Shelley Bronzan (registration), Lisa Best (volunteers), Stephanie Malone (toy shop), Allison Broaddus, Becky Marigo (career day), Pamela Lehmer, Gurbinder Nijjar (International day), and Milica Markovic (website). Thank you!

My thanks also goes to the office staff, Principal, Vice Principal, counselors and teachers, all of whom are so dedicated to our children. With these caring individuals in charge, our kids are getting the best education possible each and every day.

I look forward to continuing my presidency for one more year. Many thanks to all the fabulous parents who have signed on to PTA positions for next year. I am confident our success will continue knowing we have so many talented and creative people volunteering. There are some volunteer positions still available so please consider joining our PTA team. The available positions are Drug and Alcohol Coordinator (Red Ribbon Week), Hospitality Chair, Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Layout and Website Coordinator. Please contact me if you would like volunteer.

I hope you can attend the last PTA meeting of the school year on May 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Holmes library. It's a good time to celebrate the end of a great school year. I wish everyone smooth sailing through May and June and I wish you a relaxing summer full of sun and fun!

~ **Christina Dicker**  
 cbd321@yahoo.com  
 (530) 753-7347

## Welcome 7<sup>th</sup> Graders!

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1. In June, your student will receive an invitation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade WEB Orientation.
2. A few days before orientation in August, your student will also receive a phone call from his or her WEB Leader personally inviting him or her to attend the WEB Orientation.
3. Your student is encouraged not to bring backpacks, purses, or other personal items as the day is quite active.
4. Make sure your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.

The WEB Orientation is a student-only function, so we encourage you to let your child attend on her or his own. WEB Orientation and 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration are separate. Specific information about registration, including registration dates, will be sent to your home this summer. If you haven't received a packet by August 5, please contact the office and request one.

We look forward to having every 7<sup>th</sup> grade student attend the WEB Orientation on Monday, August 22. Welcome to Holmes Junior High School!

~ **Kerin Kelleher**, Vice Principal  
 ~ **WEB Coordinators Kerri Hogan, Caroline LaFlamme, Cheryl Ozga and Bill Williams**

## Principal's Message

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- The school counselors held anti-harassment workshops in classrooms.
- We had a Math Counts Team who competed in a wide variety of competitions.

It was a busy and productive year, and we, the staff and parents of Holmes Junior High School, can be very proud. All of this and more added to the ongoing classroom efforts, where students and teachers tackle a challenging and packed curriculum on a daily basis.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your gifts to our school. Please enjoy your summer!

~ **Derek Brothers**

## From the Attendance Office

### Attendance Information

- By law, students must be in school unless they are ill or at a medical appointment.
- Parents should notify the school of any absence by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. Call **757-5445** to report all absences.

### Reporting Absences

- If you have been absent, you must hand in a note to the attendance office (the very next day you return to school) that has been signed by your parent/guardian indicating your name, date of absence, and reason for the absence OR have your parent/guardian call the attendance office with your name, date of absence, and reason for the absence. The attendance office telephone number is 757-5445.
- Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action.

### Leaving Campus during School Hours

- For your safety and by School Board authority Holmes is a closed campus.
- Students are not allowed to leave campus without permission.
- Before school, bring a note to the Attendance Office signed by your parent or guardian stating the time and reason for which you must leave.
- Pick up your off-campus pass and sign-out at the Attendance Office before you leave campus.
- If you must leave during the school day, an adult that is listed on your emergency card must pick you up.
- If you return to school before the end of the day, you must sign in at the Attendance Office.

### Dress Code

The Davis Junior High Schools try to maintain a professional and friendly atmosphere in which teachers can teach and students can learn. While each student's mode of dress and grooming may be an expression of personal style and individual preference, a student's choices may affect the educational program or the health and safety of others. Our goals are to promote school safety and enhance the learning environment, while at the same time discourage distractions that inhibit learning. If a student's dress is not in accordance with this policy, any staff member may ask the student to make an appropriate correction.

Please take a few minutes and talk to your student about their clothes. With the warm weather here we are starting to see an escalation in the number of dress code referrals to the office. Thanks very much for your on-going support of our dress code.

## A Personal Thank-You from Hospitality

I would like to say thank you to all of you who have gone out of your way to help "Appreciate" the Staff of HJH these past several years that I have been the Hospitality Chair, and previously Co-Chair. I have crossed paths with so many truly wonderful, generous and kind people while in this role, and I truly appreciate each person's willingness to help along the way! Whether you have delivered water bottles, a fabulous salad, fruit tray, muffins, a gift card, or helped set up or clean up, or just anything when I have sent out my pleas for help, I send you my heartfelt THANK YOU for your support of the staff at our beloved Holmes Jr. High!

I don't know how other parents coped during their years attending junior high school, but back in "the day" for me, in the mid-1970's, I simply dreaded going to junior high. It turns out my own fears for my children attending junior high, at least at Holmes, were evidently unfounded. My oldest daughter is now a sophomore at DHS and she has very fond memories of Holmes. She thrived and enjoyed her three years at Holmes. I was shocked: how could any kid, let alone my kid, like Junior High? Now my middle daughter is at Holmes, and she too is having a great experience! So this is the reason that I have been involved in Hospitality at Holmes for these past four years. It has been my way to say thank you to the people who are helping my kids, and your kid(s), to have a positive experience during their three-year term at Holmes Junior High. Thank you, Holmes Teachers and Staff, for being so great. There's No Place Like Holmes!

Thank you also to the multitude of helpers that made this past Staff Appreciation Week at Holmes another success. No one can do these jobs alone; it takes many helping hands to get things organized and implemented. Thank you for your contribution(s). I have one more call for help: It is standard practice to lavish the teachers with a "Farewell to the School Year Luncheon" on the day after the last day of school. This year that luncheon will be on Friday, June 10. Please consider bringing a "finger food" or a salad of any variety, to be served at this staff lunch. I will be in the MPR from about 11:00 a.m. until serving lunch at 12:00 pm. Please stop by any time between 11 and noon to drop your item off in the MPR on Friday, June 10. Thank you!

It is my understanding that the role of Hospitality Chair is still vacant for the 2011-2012 school year. This makes me very sad, as it is the best job, in my opinion, that anyone could have with the Holmes PTA! So please feel free to get in touch with me at home, 757-7890, or by email at [sallyalbertson@comcast.net](mailto:sallyalbertson@comcast.net) if you have any questions. I would be happy to chat with you about the job.

~ **Sally Albertson**  
Chair of Hospitality

## Study Skills/Transition Classes Summary

Since the beginning of the year, students have been working diligently on a variety of areas. Students identified their learning style (auditory, visual, or kinesthetic) and have been learning various study strategies that might work best for them. Moreover, various "value clarification" discussions have taken place in terms of "kindness", "perseverance", and "success". Organization methods and strategies have been implemented with students, in hopes of each student finding a method that suits him/her best. In addition, students in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades have taken career interest inventories, researched a variety of careers, and investigated a junior and four-year college they might be interested in attending in the future. In order to prepare for the recent STAR testing, relaxation methods and test taking strategies have been reviewed and rehearsed. Overall, the year has been a busy one.

~ **Georgene Fritz**  
Special Education

## Info Night for Parents

The City of Davis Police Department Community Services Department is sponsoring an info night for parents called "Teenage Binge Drinking". The three leading causes of death for teens are car accidents, homicides and suicides, and alcohol is a leading contributor in all three. In 2003, 31% of teen drivers who died in serious car accidents had been drinking. Learn about the dangers of underage binge drinking on Tuesday, May 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Theatre. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (530) 757-5626.

## Library News

"Medicine for the soul."

- Inscription over the door of the Library at Thebes

A special thank you to our parents and the PTA for supporting the Holmes library this year. Without PTA money, we would not have been able to purchase a new, stable server, hundreds of books, many magazines, and other items that help our library better serve our students. Please be assured we spend wisely and we truly strive to serve all students.

### Incoming 7th Graders

Welcome to our new incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents! We look forward to meeting you in the fall. Seventh graders will get a three-day library orientation/information skills class through their English classes in the fall. We also encourage students to visit the library before school, during lunch and after school throughout the year. Parents are welcome to visit and see what we have to offer! Check out our website over the summer: Seventh graders are allowed to participate in our summer book reviews program (more information TBA on our website, <http://teacherweb.com/CA/Labsonhomeschool/Labson/t.stm>).

### UCD Tutoring in library

FREE tutoring is available every day after school in the library except for Fridays. Please see Mrs. Olivarez in the library or e-mail her at [rolivarez@djuds.k12.ca.us](mailto:rolivarez@djuds.k12.ca.us) for more information. Our informal after school "homework club" will continue through the year until June 9. The homework club and free tutoring will start again in the fall.

### BOGO Book Fair May 4-8

We had two very successful Scholastic Book Fairs that put more books into our students' hands and books on our shelves. We will have one more book fair: May 4-8, the best one yet. This last one is a BOGO-- buy one, get one-- off everything Scholastic sells.

### Summer Reading

The Holmes Library will put out a summer reading list in mid-May. Check our website, the bulletin and listserv for our book review program for the summer. In an effort to collaborate with the Yolo County Library, we will also host the Yolo County librarians on Wednesday, May 27 at lunch. They will have information about their summer reading program.

### Textbook/Library Book Collection

- ALL library books are due by May 20 (Accelerated Reader books may be kept through May 27).
- All textbooks are to be turned into the classroom teacher. Check with your teacher to see when they are collecting them.
- You will receive a list of textbooks your student has checked out with their 4th quarter progress report. This is just a courtesy notice so you are aware of what your student needs to return by the end of the year. Library books are NOT included on that list.
- We encourage all students to check their library record and to leave for summer with a CLEAR library record.

For questions about textbooks, please call us at extension 173 or e-mail **Mrs. de Giere** at [djegiere@djuds.k12.ca.us](mailto:djegiere@djuds.k12.ca.us) or **Mrs. Labson** at [alabson@djuds.k12.ca.us](mailto:alabson@djuds.k12.ca.us). Thank you for a wonderful year!

## Keep the Momentum in the Final Quarter

We are already halfway through the final quarter. Although the end of the year is in sight, students must remain focused for some very important assessments and activities (final exams and projects are May 23 through June 3). One important thing that we can do to help our students be successful is to provide a well-balanced breakfast and encourage students to stay away from sugary snacks. An interesting article about the importance of breakfast and recommended foods can be found at [npr.org](http://npr.org), called "A Better Breakfast Can Boost a Child's Brainpower". The cafeteria sells breakfast 15 minutes before the beginning of school for students who are unable to eat before leaving home.

~ **Leeana Neely**

World Language Department

## SCRIP CARD TOTALS ADD UP

When you use your scrip cards at Nugget, Safeway, or SaveMart, up to 4 percent of your receipts are donated to Holmes PTA. When you use your Jamba Juice card, they will donate 10 percent! The totals really do add up and make a difference for our students; please remember to use them every time you shop!

Contact scrip coordinator Julia Grim at [glen\\_julia\\_julian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glen_julia_julian@sbcglobal.net) or at 530-753-8932 (eves) if you need new or replacement cards. Thank you!

~ **Julia Grim**

Scrip Coordinator

## Athletics Options

Reminder to parents of all Holmes athletes: In order to participate in after school sports at Holmes or Davis Senior High, athletes need to have a physical form on file at the school. Summer is a good time to schedule physicals for students. Blank physical forms can be picked up in the attendance office. Completed forms can be sent to or dropped off at Holmes attn: Heather Wade. One form is good for the whole year. Go Patriots!

### 7th - 8<sup>th</sup> Sports

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| • August - September   | Cross Country | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Boys, Girls |
| • August - September   | Volleyball    | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Girls       |
| • October - November   | Basketball    | 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys, Girls                  |
| • December - January   | Basketball    | 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys, Girls                  |
| • February - March   | Soccer        | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Boys, Girls |
| • April - May<br>(Ninth graders can participate at the Davis Senior High.) | Track         | 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Boys, Girls |

### Davis High School Sports

- Fall Season Sports starts early August

Football	Men's Soccer
Women's Volleyball	Field Hockey
Women's Golf	Women's Tennis
Men/Women's Cross-Country	Men/Women's Water Polo
- Winter Season Sports starts mid November

Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Ski Team
Snowboarding	Wrestling	
- Spring Season Sports starts early February

Baseball	Women's Soccer
Men's Golf	Softball
Badminton	Men's Volleyball
Men/Women's Swimming	Men/Women's Diving
Men/Women's Track	Men/Women's Lacrosse

~ **Heather Wade**

Math Teacher and Athletic Director

### Specific to Cross Country

The Holmes 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cross country season will be starting on Monday of the second week of school (August 29). There will be a meeting at 3:30pm on Thursday of the first week of school to give out information. Because of the early start of our season, students often find out about and decide to join the cross country team after the season has begun. If your student likes to run, or is even thinking of considering going out for cross country please mark your calendars now so as not to miss the start. Cross country is fun and great for fitness! If you have any questions contact Coach Leuchars at [mleuchars@djud.net](mailto:mleuchars@djud.net).

~ **Mike Leuchars**

Math Teacher and XC Coach

## Come Ride the 2011 Bike Loopalooza!

The 2011 Bike Loopalooza will take place on Sunday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's Loopalooza should be even bigger and better than the last! We hope to bring more than 250 children and their families out for a day of fun and exercise while educating them about the Bike Loop and bicycle commuting in Davis. There will be snacks, drinks, and merchandise for sale, as well as new prizes and activities on parts of the Loop. News and updates, including a downloadable map of the Loopalooza route and station locations will be posted soon at the Projects/Schools page at: <http://www.davisbicycles.org/>.

### The 2010 Bike Loopalooza

In May of 2010, the Davis Bicycles! Schools Committee held the inaugural Bike Loopalooza. The purpose of the Loopalooza was to acquaint Davis parents and children with the Davis Bike Loop. The Bike Loop is a 12-mile bike trail that passes through many of the neighborhoods of the City of Davis. The route was established in 2007 through the efforts of Davis Bicycles! It is completely marked and paved with several miles protected from motor vehicle traffic. The Bike Loop provides a safe route to the proximity of seven of the nine elementary schools in Davis. The Schools Committee is promoting commuting to school by bicycle along the Bike Loop as a safe and fun alternative to commuting by motor vehicle.

The inaugural Bike Loopalooza attracted 173 young cyclists and their families. Riders started the Bike Loop at one of 11 stations, mostly located near one of the seven elementary schools near the Loop, and staffed by volunteers. Each young participant was given a Passport when he or she began the ride and received a stamp at each station. Sixty-one young people completed the entire 12-mile loop, collecting all 11 stamps in their passports! Each cyclist that collected 3 or more stamps received a Clif Z-Bar donated by Clif Bar & Company. Several stations also distributed other prizes such as spoke cards and bike pins donated by Davis Bicycles! and the City of Davis.

### Davis Bicycles!

Davis Bicycles! is a citizen group dedicated to promoting bicycling in Davis and addressing issues of advocacy, safety, transportation and education. We believe that creating an inviting and safe environment for all cyclists is a great way to promote healthy living and fitness in our community.

If you'd like to sponsor, or to volunteer at, the 2011 Bike Loopalooza, contact **Trish Price** at [trish@notsonoblepath.com](mailto:trish@notsonoblepath.com).

## Finish Line in Sight!

The Holmes PE Department completed another success-filled track and field unit in April. Many of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were motivated by our unit to join the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Holmes Track Team coached by Ms. Hogan and Mr. King. Their team continues to be the most popular after-school sports team at Holmes. Check the school's web site to see if there are any track meets left this season and come out and cheer for our Patriots.

May signals the start of California State Fitness Testing for all Holmes students. Students will be tested in six strength and flexibility tests and the results will be forwarded to Sacramento. Ask your student how well they did in their fitness testing this year.

We are outside for the majority of the final days of school this year. Be sure your student has a hat and/or sun-screen to wear during class. Also, consider bringing a bottle of water to class to keep properly hydrated.

When the academic year is done, please encourage students to bring home their PE shirts, shorts, and locks for safe keeping until next August. Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> graders need to know that our Holmes PE uniforms may be worn at DHS for PE—a real savings for the family.

Finally, remind your student to remain safe and active throughout the summer, and we will look forward to seeing them in class in August!

~ **Paul Rooney**  
Physical Education

## 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit Chabot Space and Science Center

The Agee/Moore/Kennedy and Broaddus/Delgadillo/Henrickson 7<sup>th</sup> grade cores visited the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland on Thursday April 14. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are just starting to study astronomy in science class and the trip was a great way to get students excited to learn about our universe. We would like to thank all of the parent drivers and chaperones who made the trip possible. Without the support of the great Holmes community and all the parents who gave their time to come on the field trip with us, this trip would not have been possible.

The students saw a planetarium show called the Maya Skies. The show talks about the important contributions the Mayan people made to the study of astronomy. Students will soon be studying the Mayan culture in Social Studies. Students also had the opportunity to spend time in the exhibits at the center. This year there was a new exhibit called Bill Nye's climate lab. This is a very interactive exhibit where students learned their role in helping to slow down global warming. Finally, all students attended one of three classes offered. Some students learned about renewable energy and built solar powered Lego cars. Other students learned about comets and shooting stars, and made a comet! The last group of students attended a class called Space Station One and built paper rockets and then launched them.

Overall a great day, and students learned a lot about astronomy! Thank you to all who made our trip possible.

~ **Jean Kennedy and Dianna Henrickson**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teachers

## Pops Concert

Make a date to party on the school campus, with all the Holmes band and choir members playing for you! The annual Pops Concert takes place starting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26 on the Quad.

It's been such a cold spring, why not bring a picnic to enjoy with friends and family in the warm night air? It will be a magnificent evening; Mr. Quick guarantees it!

## SAVEAGALLON CONTEST UPDATES

Alright, it's getting better! SAG contestants are getting in gear for a high-energy spring! Check out the prizes on: [www.saveagallon.org/Davis\\_School\\_Contest](http://www.saveagallon.org/Davis_School_Contest). As of 3/31/2011 here's how the Saveagallon race looked districtwide:

School Team, most days logged: **Birch Lane**, 611 days

Elementary Classroom Team, most days logged: **North Davis** -Mrs. Yackzan, 105 days

Secondary Classroom Team, most days logged: **Emerson** – Nayar, 121 days

Total number of miles logged this month districtwide: 8,925 (compare to last month's total at 3,201 miles). Total Number of gallons saved this month district-wide: 476 gallons (last month's total was 190 gallons). Total Tons of CO2 saved this month district-wide: 5 tons (last month's total was 2 tons)! Davis students are doing great at saving gallons!

For their March efforts, students with usernames DMar, Ivy and firry664 are being contacted. They will receive a bike computer from Freewheeler, a bike glow light, or a B&L \$25 labor certificate. The two students with the most number of days logged in May will receive a B&L Bike Shop labor certificate, or a stack of comics from Bizarro. Remember the basic contest rule: If the miles logged would normally have been in your family car, you can count them; if the car wouldn't have been started, they don't count.

If you have questions about the contest, please email [chrystal2waters@yahoo.com](mailto:chrystal2waters@yahoo.com).

If you have questions about the Saveagallon website, please contact [info@saveagallon.org](mailto:info@saveagallon.org).



## Counselors' Corner

### 2011-2012 Registration Information

Beginning-of-school packets will be sent to all Holmes families the week of August 8. This packet contains many forms that must be filled out, plus information about PE clothes, math supplies, joining the PTA, registration dates, WEB for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders (Save the date: Monday morning August 22!) and a lot more. Included are instructions to complete necessary forms that need to be turned in on registration day in order for students to receive their schedules.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

A new state law requires schools to have a copy of incoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students' immunization records showing that they have received a Tdap vaccine after the age of 7. Students will not receive their school schedule at registration and will not be allowed to attend school until proof of Tdap is on file with the school nurse. Tdap protects against pertussis (whooping cough) which has reached epidemic levels in California.

### Tentative Registration Dates and Times

- Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 a.m. – noon: Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration, MPR
- Thursday, August 18, 8:00 a.m – noon: Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade registration and parent tours of campus, MPR
- Make-up registration for all grades in the Attendance Office: Monday, August 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 23 (first day of school), starting at 7:30 a.m.

### Counselor Assignments 2011-12

**Joanna Littell:** 7<sup>th</sup> graders with last names starting A-L and all of 8<sup>th</sup> grade (jlittell@djud.net)

**Ashley Nelson:** 7<sup>th</sup> graders with last names starting M-Z and all of 9<sup>th</sup> grade (anelson@djud.net)

~ **Ashley Nelson and Joanna Littell**  
Counselors

## Math Department News

Parents would often like to have a summer activity to help students keep their skills over the summer. There is a company that offers "Summer Skills Sharpener" workbooks for various secondary courses. For Mathematics, it is a nice blend of basic skills and problem solving in short segments and answers are provided. Other content areas are K-8 math, algebra, geometry and algebra II, Language Arts K-5, Spanish, French, and Keyboarding. The Pre-algebra and Algebra review are well done.

If you are interested the website is [www.summerskills.com](http://www.summerskills.com) or the phone is 800-411-8186. Books were \$19 last year and included shipping.

Enjoy the time with your family this summer!

~ **Pat King**  
Math Dep't

## Green Team Receives Award

Green Team received the City of Davis Environmental Award in a ceremony on April 19 to recognize the Team's efforts in promoting environmental awareness. At the awards ceremony, team members looked impressive in their newly acquired Green Team T shirts. Mr. Dufresne nominated the Team for their inspirational efforts to educate and encourage campus-wide recycling, for their promotion of individual responsibility (DOT- Do One Thing) for planet Earth and for implementing a trial food recycling program on campus. In April, Green Team planned campus activities and student participation in celebration of Earth Day.

Green Team will end the school year by recruiting new members for 2011-2012, repainting the recycling bins, volunteering at Bike Loopalooza and will continue their work with the Alliance for Climate Education (ACE). Thanks to parent Julia Grim for her encouragement and support. Go Green!

~ **Martha Quenon**  
Science Teacher

## One Last Chance for Yearbooks

Yearbook sales ended April 30th. Any remaining books will be sold Tuesday, June 7 after school, first come first served, for \$45. Yearbooks will be distributed near the end of the day on June 7. Students who pre-purchased their book should check for their name on the yearbook list, posted at the MPR and on room E39 windows as of May 3rd. Please see Mrs. Leveque, yearbook advisor, ASAP if you think you purchased a book but are not listed. If we don't have your name, we don't have a book for you.

~ **Deanna Leveque**  
Art Dept. Coordinator  
Yearbook Advisor

## Holmes Festival of the Arts

Join us on May 26, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on the Holmes Quad for an evening of the Arts. The Holmes elective department will showcase student work with performances and products. Bring a blanket and picnic on the grass. Some food items will be available for purchase.

The Holmes Jazz Band begins the evening, followed by a Pops concert and Choral entertainment from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be tables and booths of student-produced arts and crafts for purchase. All proceeds benefit the elective programs.

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