
Holmes PTA: Giant Thanks + Help Us Finish Strong!

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A Message of Thanks & Looking Ahead from the PTA

Dear Holmes Families and PTA Members,

As we prepare to cross the finish line of the school year, I want to extend my deep gratitude to everyone who lent their time, energy, and resources to Holmes' students, teachers, and families. At our [final](#) general membership meeting of the school year, I had the privilege of highlighting some of what your support brought to life:

- **Enhanced School Support:** We successfully expanded our teacher grant program to include a second round of funding, providing deeper support for our educators when they need it most.
- **Expanded Parental Engagement:** We reestablished robust parental and community contributions, allowing us to fully celebrate our educators during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and provide meaningful incentives for the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) rewards program, freeing up funds for other needs.
- **Diversified Revenue Streams:** We initiated a recurring monthly restaurant fundraiser series to bring families together while lifting up our budget.
- **Updated Digital Infrastructure:** We modernized the PTA website, streamlined the membership sign-up process, and transitioned to an efficient, user-friendly digital grant application process to make working with the PTA smoother for everyone.

To keep this fantastic momentum going into the next school year, we need your help.

A strong PTA relies on diverse voices and hands to share the workload. Please consider stepping into one of our open roles as outlined below. **It is absolutely essential we fill**

these roles as soon as possible. And if you haven't already contributed to the [Unfundraiser](#) (which funds the student activities on June 10), please do so now.

Thank you once again for an outstanding year, your steadfast partnership, and your commitment. I wish you a safe, restful, and wonderful summer break!

Warmly,

Luke Reynolds, President, Holmes Junior High School PTA, on behalf of the entire Board

Spring Teacher Grants

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to conduct a second round of grants! On May 20, we approved and funded these teacher grant applications:

- **Art:** Funding to replenish paints and clay for end-of-year painting and ceramics projects.
- **Counseling:** Essential supplies for student engagement, regulation, and outreach events—including mini-fidgets and a prize wheel to help build student trust.
- **Music & Choir:** High-quality audio equipment for the upcoming Spring Pops Concert and future school performances.



May General Membership Meeting Outcomes

Thank you to everyone who joined us! Highlights from our vibrant May 20 Membership meeting include:

- **English Department:** Highlighted student creative activities and a fantastic visit from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. (See [PowerPoint](#))
- **Physical Education Department:** Showcased recent active-learning events, including rope climbing and dancing.
- **ASB Leaders:** Shared updates on their highly successful ninth-grade dance—which saw over 130 Holmes students in attendance—as well as the recent *Holmes Got Talent* show.
- **Budget:** Passed the 2026–2027 budget, which will fully fund priority school needs, including year-end celebratory school days and increased teacher grants.
- **Bylaws:** Updated and modernized our bylaws.
- **Awards:** Celebrated Principal Jean Holmes with the PTA Lasting Legacy Award, honored Head Counselor Ellen Shields with the Heart of the PTA Award, and thanked several key PTA volunteers for going above and beyond.

2026–2027 Officer Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected leaders for the upcoming school year!

- **President:** Luke W. Reynolds
- **Third Vice President & Director of Fundraising:** Ruby Germain

- Secretary: Megan Curione
- Treasurer: Ying Chen Axt

We Need You! Open PTA Positions

We are still actively seeking to fill the following crucial roles:

- First Vice President & Director of Communication: Coordinates and oversees PTA newsletters.
- Second Vice President & Director of Membership: Manages and tracks our membership community.
- Hospitality Committee Members: Helps plan and organize appreciation events for our wonderful teachers and staff.

Want to get involved? If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions, please reach out to any board member or Luke Reynolds at lwr202@gmail.com or (202) 306-1283.

Supporting End of Year Student Experiences

Getting our students where they need to go turned out to cost a little more than expected this year.

We are still [raising funds](#) to cover the extra costs of transportation and activities for the two end-of-year events supporting all the students at Holmes: the Marin headlands hike for 9th graders and Day on the Green for 7th and 8th graders, both on June 10th.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

If you haven't given yet, please consider at least a \$25 [donation](#) today. Your support covers your student's share and helps keep these opportunities possible for everyone.



Whether you have a question, a suggestion, or are willing to help out, please email us.

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