

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

From Mr. C's Desk



Finally...spring time! The days are a bit longer and certainly warmer. The school year has entered the fourth quarter and everyone is gearing up for the stretch run.

My high school basketball coach had a phrase that I probably heard a thousand times. The phrase was, "Just get it done!" Coach Kostelac used these words every time he heard an excuse from one of his players for not meeting one of his expectations. I can hear him now. "Coach Kos, that guy is 6-10. I can't guard him," a teammate would say. "Just

get it done," Coach Kos would reply. "Coach, that team is too big and fast. All their players are going to play college basketball," another would say. "Just get it done," Coach would exclaim! "Coach, it's fourth quarter. I'm beat. I got nothing left," an exhausted player once said." Coach's response, (you guessed it) "Just get it done!"

Students, I know it's fourth quarter. The days are warm and you may be a bit tired, but you have worked too hard to slow up now. Work hard, study, do all your home work , complete projects on time, and stay after school to get extra assistance. No excuses why you can't meet your goals for this school year. Now is the time to turn it up a notch and as Coach Kostelac would say, it's time to "Just get it done."

- Mr. Czarnecki

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More Accolades!

Holmes MS was one of five schools named winners of the sixth annual Best of the Web contest, sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Office of Community Relations. Winners were selected from a group of nominated schools and were judged on the high quality of web-based communication between each school and the community it serves. Sites were assessed for the usefulness of content, clarity of de-

sign, frequency of updates, ease of navigation, and adherence to FCPS web policies.

The Holmes MS website was cited for its integration of parent and student resources, Blackboard tutorial, and use of digital video and images to promote student work with technology. The website is maintained by Patrick Ledesma, School Based Technology Specialist, and members of the Holmes Technology Club.

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Career Day 2006



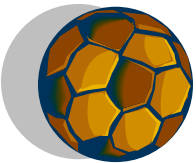
March 24th was Holmes Middle School's Annual Career Day and what a success it was! Approximately 45 speakers from the areas of Communications, Fine and Performing Arts; Engineering, Science and Technology; Health, Human Services & Government; and Business spoke to our students and shared their wealth of knowledge and experience in their line of work. Some of the speakers included an ABC News Correspondent, an FBI Agent, a Chef, IT Consultants, a representative from Explosive Countermeasures Incorporated with their bomb sniffing dogs, Fairfax County Police Officers and Nurses just to name a few!

The week before Career Day, the students took the Myers Briggs Interest Inventory. The inventory helped the students to see what careers would fit their personality and

interests. This, coupled with career posters that were displayed throughout the building, helped to prepare the staff and students for this event.

A special thank you goes out to those parents who volunteered to speak to the students. Seeing and hearing an array of persons discuss their professions/occupations gave the students exposure that they would not ordinarily experience. If you would like to volunteer to speak at Career Day next year, please contact Carrie Schaefer at 703-658-5911 or at carrie.schaefer@fcps.edu.

Spring Soccer League



The Holmes Soccer Season is underway. The 6-team league has 90 student-athletes participating. All student-athletes are required to attend mandatory Wednesday study halls and agree to maintain a C average in all of their classes.

DC United and Holmes have partnered once again this year. The participants in the Holmes Soccer League will have an opportunity to attend three DC United games this upcoming season. All eligible students must have their permission forms completely filled and returned prior to the day of the trip.

HMS Parent Classes

Holmes has begun its Tuesday evening parent classes. On Tuesday, May 16th and June 13th from 7 to 9 pm, we will be offering computer classes for parents who want to improve their computer skills. Other computer related topics that we will be addressing are the Internet, emails, and resumes. Contact Vic Fubler at 703-658-5930 to RSVP or for more information.

Summer School Registrations

The 2006 Encore Summer School Brochure has been sent to all FCPS families. Parents can begin faxing and mailing their student's registrations May 15th. Remember, all registration forms must be signed by a Holmes counselor before you send the registration.

FCPS registration representatives are available for your summer school registration questions May 22 through July 21 at 703-660-2133.

Holmes will be offering a summer school registration night on June 6th, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Your child's counselor will be present to assist you in completing your registration form.

Summer School Registration Dates

May 15 - June 22	Fax/Mail
May 22 - June 23	Walk In
June 6 - Holmes Registration Night	

Registration Centers

Byrant Registration Center
2709 Popkins Lane
Lower Level Office Suite, Room 1
Alexandria, VA 22306
Phone: 703-660-2133
Fax: 703-660-9386

Woodson Registration Center
Located at Woodson Adult HS
4105 Whitacre Road
Room V-20
Fairfax, VA 22032
Phone: 703-503-6400

Centreville Registration Center
5775 Spindle Court
Room 13
Centreville, VA 20121
Phone: 703-227-2253



Bus Stop Change

Effective with the start of the 2006-07 school year, The HO-01 Flag Run Dr. & Queensberry Ave. stop will be changed to Heming Ave. & Queensberry Ave. Stops are changed for safety and routing efficiency. Questions may be directed to Pat Carstater at 703-249-7000.

A reminder to all, Holmes opens its doors each morning at 7:30 am. To ensure our students are supervised appropriately, please make sure that your sons and daughters do not arrive to Holmes before that time.

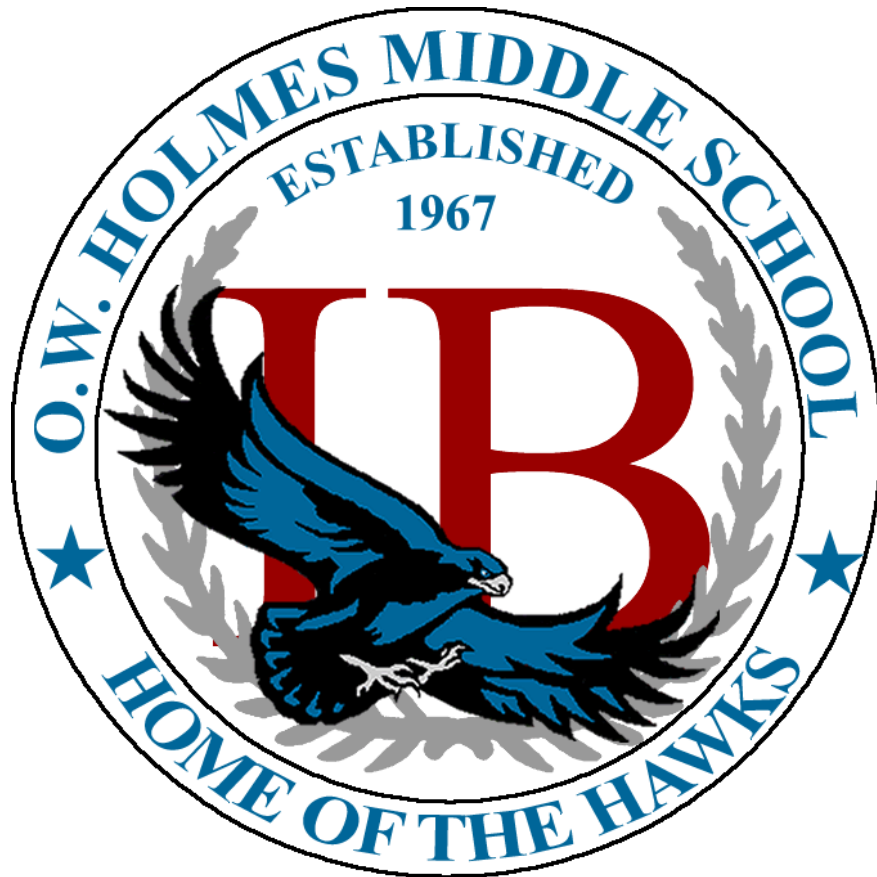
Fashion/Dance Showcase

On Friday, May 11th, from 7 to 9 pm, the Fashion and Dance Department will be hosting its 3rd Annual RIP THE RUNWAY Fashion, Dance, & Talent Showcase. It will be a night filled with dance, fashion, glitz, and glamour. The show will feature a special guest host from HOT 99.5 radio and DJ Trini.

Our Program is about promoting self-esteem and confidence. We found that using fashion, technology, music, and design as tools to build life skills with youth in a joyful and creative setting has proven to keep students motivated and focused.



O.W. Holmes Middle School
21st Century Summer Program
July 10– August 4



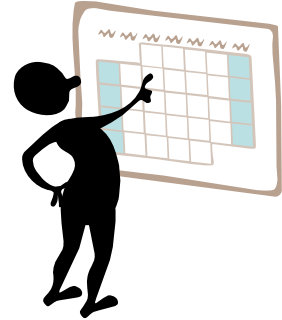
Academic Enrichment, Basketball, Soccer,
Fashion, Art, & Technology

Summer 2006

More Information Coming Soon!

May & June**May**

- 8 -12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library
- 11 Fashion Show / Dance Production
- 12 - 13 Music Trip – Virginia Beach
- 16 Holmes Parent Computer Class - 7:00 p.m. Room D6
- 19 Honor Roll Celebration – 6:30 p.m. – Gymnasium
Bingo Night – Cafeteria
- 26 Music Trip – Hershey Park
- 29 Memorial Day – Holiday
- 31 Spring Drama Production – 7:30 p.m. – Cafeteria

**June**

- 1 6th Grade Spring Concert – 7:30 p.m. – Gymnasium
- 6 Summer School Registration Night, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Choral Concert – 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
- 13 Band & Orchestra Concert – 7:30 p.m. – Cafeteria
Holmes Parent Computer Class - 7:00 - p.m. Room D6
- 14 After-School Program Banquet - 6:00 pm - Cafeteria
- 16 8th Grade Dance
- 19 Awards Ceremony
- 20 Last Day of School - 7:50 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (TENTATIVE)