



Holiday Hill
Elementary School

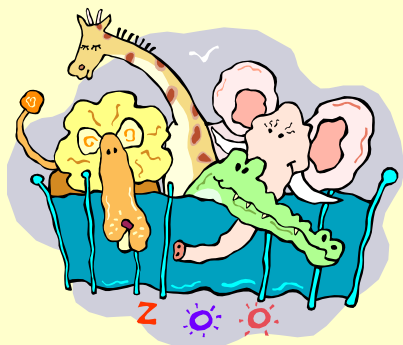
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Where we are *WILD* about learning!

~ Principal's Note ~

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year where we are *Wild About Learning on Our Safari to Success!* A huge thank you to Mrs. Pashley, our wonderful and talented art teacher who painted the animal mural!

We had a smooth beginning this year except for a few glitches with parking. There is a Florida State Statute stating that school buses and cars are not allowed in the same loading zone. Please be advised that if cars try to drive in the front loop before or after school, you may be ticketed by the police. We are diligently trying to make the drop off and pick up safe for you and your child so please help us with this.



We have a very active PTA Board this year and they have already sponsored a work day where they helped beautify the school grounds and hosted our first day "Yahoo - Boohoo" Breakfast! Please be a part of PTA and become a member even if you don't have time to volunteer. Your membership dues help PTA to purchase the monthly CHAMP bracelets and nine week awards as well as other things for our students! Last year, Holiday Hill received the Superintendents Award for an increase in membership!

~ Mrs. Chick - Safari Guide

Welcome Mrs. Henry!

The Holiday Hill Family would like to welcome our new Vice Principal Mrs. Henry! Mrs. Henry was the Reading Coach at George Washington Carver Elementary and before that was Teacher of the Year at Loretto Elementary. She is also a National Board Certified Teacher. Mrs. Henry has been working for the Duval County Public Schools for the past 19 years! We are happy to have her as part of our family!

Teacher Spot Light!

The Holiday Hill Family would like to express our greatest thanks to Mrs. Lori Pashley for the outstanding job she did on our front entrance! Mrs. Pashley has been a teacher in the Duval County school system for the past 8 years, all of which have been here at Holiday Hill! She graduated from UNF with a degree in Art Education. She enjoys traveling, painting, and other various activities. Please show your appreciation for all of her hard work by congratulating her and enjoying the Safari mural!



What are CHAMPS?

Here at Holiday Hill we hold a Flag Raising Ceremony on the last Friday of every month at 8:45 AM. The entire school participates in this event. During the ceremony we will honor our monthly CHAMP students. 1-2 CHAMP students will be recognized from each classroom and receive a CHAMP bracelet provided by the PTA. A CHAMP student is one that displays great citizenship and classroom behavior. If your child has been chosen as a CHAMP, a note should go home in your child's planner. We hope that everyone is able to attend!

~ Dawn Peters – Awards Chairperson ~

~ Math Night ~

Parent Math Academy will be held on September 17th at 6:45 PM for 3rd through 5th graders! Please join our Holiday Hill Math teachers who will be showing you:

- ❖ What your child is learning in their Math class
- ❖ Provide you with tips on how to better help your child with their Math homework
- ❖ Illustrate how your child is taught multiplication and division
- ❖ Demonstrate fun multiplication fact games that you can play at home

The PTA will be providing supervision for your children while you attend Math Night!

~ Go Green ~

Holiday Hill is participating in a Recycling Fundraiser! You may have noticed the recycling receptacle in the parking area. We encourage our families to bring your paper recyclables (**NO cardboard or phone books**) to drop off in our bin and help raise extra funds for our school!

~ Clipping for School ~

We would like to encourage our Holiday Hill families to continue to clip your Box Tops for education! We are collecting Box Tops for Education, Capri Sun pouches, Coke Rewards, Campbell's Product Labels, and Ink Cartridges.

~ Fundraising Kick Off ~

Holiday Hill needs your help! Our Fall PTA fundraiser officially kicks off on September 4th. The funds we raise will fund programs and activities that will benefit our students. Please check your child's backpack for more details!

~ Julie Luken – 2nd VP Ways and Means

~ PTA President's Note ~

Welcome to a new school year at Holiday Hill, where we are WILD about learning! We are also WILD about our teachers, staff, students and parents! The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) brings everyone together to truly make a difference in the lives of our children. The PTA sponsors several events during the year, as well as provides support for many of the school activities and performances. To support these activities, we need your help by becoming a PTA member or by volunteering as often as you can! Your involvement with the PTA will benefit everyone, but the greatest reward is seeing the smile on your child's face when you are involved in his or her world. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact us at holidayhillpta@gmail.com.

~ Charlene de Lugo - President

~ Volunteer Central ~

We appreciate any and all of our volunteers! The smallest amount of volunteer service is appreciated! We encourage everyone to complete and return the volunteer forms, even if you would only like to volunteer once or twice during the school year. If you plan to attend a field trip this year, you are required to have a volunteer card! Please have this information sent in as soon as possible.

Thanks to all that have helped out already:

Abby D., Alisha B., Beatriz R., Caroline M., Charlene D., Craig L., Crystal W., D.J. W., Daniel P., Danielle W., Dawn P., Don S., Jared D., Jean , Jennifer R., Jim A., Julie L., Julie Y., Kathy H., Nate W., Ray D., Roberta H., Rosa J., Community First Credit Union, Holiday Hill Baptist, Lowe's (Store #1691), McGee Entertainment, Regions Bank (Glynlea Branch)

~ Membership's Note ~

You have 2 ways to show how you're **WILD about PTA** this year!

1. Become a PTA financial member by paying \$5 per adult. This includes Parents/Guardians, Grandparents, Family Members, and Friends. Your \$5 will help to financially support many activities and events.
2. Become a PTA physical member by completing the Volunteer Form. We want to match your talents, skills, and interests to help our Faculty/Staff and students.

Last year, we had 258 financial PTA Members and we accomplished a lot. We had lots of Parents/Guardians, Grandparents, and Family Members who also served us as volunteers. We want to thank you and ask that you join us again this year as we help our children remain "Wild About Learning".

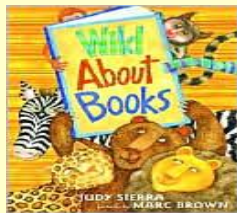
Our goal is to have 350 PTA financial members and 60 PTA volunteers. So, go ahead and complete your PTA Membership envelope and Volunteer Form, then return them to your child's teacher or the front office.

~ Bridget McGee – 3rd VP Membership

~ African Corner ~

Did you know that African people use more than 800 languages and regional varieties of a language, or dialects?

Book of the Month:
Wild About Books by Judy Sierra



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~ 2009-2010 PTA Board ~

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~ Quote of the Month ~

The finest inheritance you can give your children is to allow them to make their own way, completely on their own feet.

