



# Holly Lane IB PYP News

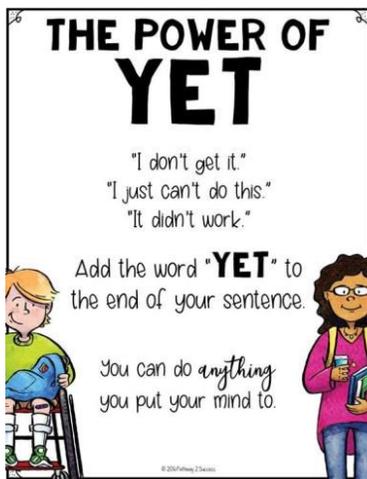


## Holly Lane Elementary School Mission Statement

The Holly Lane Community educates for excellence promoting an inquiry-based environment of internationally-minded individuals who become lifelong learners.

### The PROCESS is Where Learning Happens:

Through her research, Stanford Mathematics Education professor, [Jo Boaler](#) has found that the PROCESS of learning (thinking, problem-solving, making mistakes, correcting misconceptions) is more crucial than the PRODUCT (getting the “right answer”).



**I CAN'T DO IT...YET:** At times, students will need some encouragement to persevere when things become challenging or when others seem to “get it” before they do.

As adults, we can model “[stick-to-itiveness](#)” by showing commitment to challenging tasks. We can also offer songs, stories and biographies that help students think about continuing to try and fail as they build skills and knowledge.

We all feel discouraged at times, but helping children set goals, learn to reflect on their progress, and make plans for success can help them build resilience.

### Hooting Leaders Assembly: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Holly Lane’s Hooting Leaders Assemblies are intended to promote positive behaviors and also encourage students to follow the **Big 3: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful** by focusing on specific IB attitudes and learner profile attributes each month. Staff members nominate students each month who exemplify a highlighted attitude or attribute. During our Hooting Leader assembly on November 30th, students were surprised to find out that they had been nominated for being **CARING**, and/or showing **APPRECIATION** and **RESPECT**. At our January 10th Hooting Leaders Assembly, students could hardly wait to hear the names of students chosen by Holly Lane staff for being **REFLECTIVE**, and showing **INDEPENDENCE**. Our next Hooting Leaders assembly will take place on February 8th, as another group of students will be recognized for being **INQUIRERS**, showing **COMMITMENT**, and showing **CURIOSITY**.

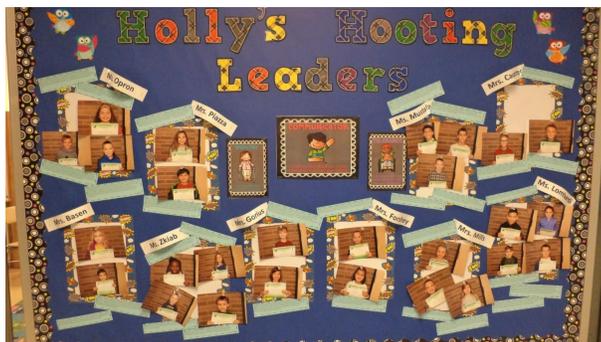




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## Holly's Hooting Leaders: A Breakfast Celebration



Holly's Hooting Leaders

On December 11th, a group of 30 students were recognized by Mrs. Dagostino and Mrs. Erdman for showing the learner profile attribute: **Caring** and the IB attitudes: **Appreciation** and **Respect**. On January 17th, a group of 23 students were recognized by Mrs. Dagostino and Mrs. Erdman for showing the learner profile attribute: **Reflective** and the IB attitude: **Independence**.

*Check out the "Holly's Hooting Leaders" board outside the school counselor's office to see what our Holly Lane staff had to say about our latest nominated students.*

During the month of January our students will be learning about what it means to be an **INQUIRER** and show **COMMITMENT** and **CURIOSITY** through lessons and books taught by our teachers.

Students who are INQUIRERS show CURIOSITY about the world. They can conduct research independently. They love learning and discovering new things and will carry this love of learning with them throughout life.

Students show COMMITMENT when they persevere at tasks and set new goals to continue their progress. They are responsible in their actions and show "stick-to-itiveness"

### How can parents and family members help develop children who are **inquirers** and show **curiosity** and **commitment**?

- Model being an inquirer. Admit when you don't know the answer to a problem or a question and seek out answers in front of your child.
- Encourage commitment by acknowledging your child's efforts toward achieving a goal. Model and verbalize the effort it takes to complete a task when you have a hard job to do at home or work and the pride or satisfaction you feel when finished.
- Encourage your child's natural curiosity and find ways to develop knowledge together. There are lots of great places for a winter excursion right in our area! Is your child:
  - Interested in birds and animals? Explore [Lake Erie Nature and Science Center](#) together or observe the behavior of birds at your feeder and use a bird book or the Internet to identify
  - A Car Lover? Visit the [Crawford Auto Museum](#) at Western Reserve Historical Society
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Westlake City Schools Mission Statement

We Educate for Excellence...Empowering all students to achieve their educational goals, to direct their lives and to contribute to society.