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## **EL SEMANAL**

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### **Highlights of the Week**

- **Donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4-8 for our HoLa Toy Giveaway at the Hoboken Housing Authority. We're collecting until Dec. 19th.**
- **Come to the PTO Meeting on Monday at 7pm at Rue (301 Garden St, fl. 4)**
- **Dec. 14th is early dismissal. Come to the Elks Club (1005 Washington St) for the kids' Winter Carnival, followed by the Cookie Exchange.**

### **Dates to Remember**

PTO Meeting, - Mon, Dec 5 @

7:00pm. Rue Building. Babysitting will be provided.

Elementary School Winter Concert

- Dec 9, 6:30pm at Jefferson St. Gym

Winter Carnival PR Fundraiser, -

Wed, Dec 14 @ 1:45-5:30pm at Elks Club

1pm dismissal - Wed, Dec 14

Middle School Winter Concert - Dec

19th, 6:30pm at Rue Gym

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### **Annual Appeal**

#### **Contributions Pour In**

HoLa's 2016-17 Annual Appeal is underway! Families should have received information about the appeal and a pledge card prior to the Thanksgiving break (also attached). Many thanks to those families who have already made a contribution! Funds raised through the Annual Appeal strengthen student programs and support the school's growth and sustainability. It's easy to donate - please mail your contribution in the provided envelope, send it in your child's backpack or [donate online](#). You can contact [friends@holahoboken.org](mailto:friends@holahoboken.org) with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

### **From the Elementary School Family Liaison**

I am excited to share with you all some of the recruitment and outreach efforts that have been occurring and also inform you of ways that you can help our cause!

As you may be aware, HoLa is the first charter school in New Jersey to offer low income families double entry in our lottery system. This means that when a family who lives in public housing, receives public assistance or qualifies for free/reduced lunch applies to our school, they get their name entered twice into the lottery. At HoLa, we believe that every child deserves a quality education. We also believe that a diverse student population benefits all of our students.

As Family Liaison and Dean of Students I have made it a priority to make sure that families who qualify can take advantage of our lottery preference. We have been in full outreach mode! I, along with other school representatives,, have been going into the community and knocking on doors and setting up tables at local events to get the word out about our wonderful school.

In addition, we have been

working side by side with the Hoboken Housing Authority. This brings us to our biggest outreach event yet. **On December 20th, we will be hosting a toy giveaway at one of the Hoboken Housing Authority buildings (411 Marshall Drive). The toy giveaway will be from 4-6pm. We need your help in collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4-8.**

This toy giveaway is a great opportunity to give back to our community and also provide families a chance to learn about HoLa and apply for our school.

Toys will be collected until Dec. 19th and can be dropped off at the main office in either building. We also welcome parent volunteers for the actual event and other smaller scale outreach efforts that will continue throughout the month of December.

Last, please help us spread the word out about our school to families you know may benefit from our lottery preference. I, and the children who will benefit from your acts of kindness, thank you in advance!

-Delines Rodriguez  
*Elementary Dean of Students and Family Liaison*

## Winter Concert Announcement & Volunteers

The students are excited about the upcoming Winter Concerts! For the December 9th Elementary School Concert, we need parents to assist with setting up chairs in the gym at 5:00pm as well as cleaning up following the event. For the December 19th Middle School Concert, we still need a few parents to assist with directing students as they enter and exit the stage.

For both events, we need parent(s) willing to videotape the entire program. Please contact [Catherine](#) if you would like to volunteer for these events.

You should be receiving notices from homeroom teachers regarding appropriate attire for the concert. Please drop off your children by 6pm on their respective performance days and have them go directly to their homeroom classes. The performances will begin at 6:30pm. Please make sure your children eat before arriving.

We hope to see you all there!



Srta. Rodriguez leads HoLa outreach efforts

## HoLa #1 in Patch PARCC Ranking

In a recent [Patch article](#), HoLa tied as among the #1 schools in all of New Jersey, based on the fact that we had ZERO students scoring a 1 (Not Yet Meeting Expectations) on the PARCC for ELA!

## Report Cards & Parent Teacher Conferences

Be on the lookout! **Report cards go home on Dec 9th, and parent teacher conferences will take place the following week**, beginning on Dec 12th. Links to signups will be sent to you from your child's teacher (Lower School) and from Marta (Upper School).

Class 2B is the exception with both report cards and parent teacher conferences happening the prior week.

**Enrichment ends on 12/9**, and the next term will be posted on 12/16. Additionally, **there will be no Aftercare on 12/14**.



Kinder creating Winter cities using geometric shapes

## HoLa Read-a-Thon Starts December 16!

The 2nd Grade Class and Middle School Committees have already begun to lay the groundwork for our annual **HoLa Read-a-Thon, which will run from December 16 through January 17**. This event is a wonderful way to encourage all of our children to read both in and outside of the classroom and it's one of our biggest annual fund raising events for our school.

The program is simple—students read books (or for the younger children, have books read to them), reach out for sponsors and earn pledges along the way. As an additional incentive, throughout the event there will be prizes offered for top hours read and most sponsors/pledges received. For middle school students, there will be added opportunities to accumulate minutes while also volunteering with the elementary students, along with hosting a "book club" night. The Read-a-Thon is tracked through an easy to use online program. More details will be provided in the Read-a-Thon launch packets that will be sent home next week.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED.** Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer. If you are interested in contributing to the continued success of this program, please reach out to Dee Philipson [d330330@aol.com](mailto:d330330@aol.com) (elementary school) or Ericka Sullivan [erickasullivan@gmail.com](mailto:erickasullivan@gmail.com) (middle school) directly.

## HoLa Moms' Cookie Exchange

Lori Heidenry will host her annual cookie exchange on **Dec. 14th from 7:00-10:00pm at the Elks Club**—and this year the profits will benefit HoLa! Bake 4 dozen cookies (yes, you read that right!), and bring a \$20 white elephant gift.

Can you volunteer? Please [email](#) with your interest. The event needs help with setup and teardown, and assistance with the menu.

Cost is \$40 per person, to include dinner (BYOB). For more details about the event and RSVP, go to the [event page](#). Come have fun and support HoLa!



2B publication party

## HoLa Volleyball Team

Coach Martinho will be holding two volleyball tryouts for boys and girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades: Tuesday, Dec 6, 3:15pm sharp at the Multiservice Center, 124 Grand St., or Tuesday, Dec 13, 3:15pm sharp at the Boys & Girls gym, 123 Jefferson St. There will be mandatory practices two days per week starting in January; games will start in April.

## Winter Carnival PR Fundraiser

Wednesday, Dec. 14th is our early dismissal. Come to the Elks Club afterward to have some Winter Carnival fun! From 1:45-3:45pm, there will be arts & crafts, photo booth, and face painting. Then, from 4:00-5:30pm, there will be a movie with popcorn served. Cost per child is \$10 in advance or \$12 day of, or \$20 advance and \$25 day of for family. Benefits the 5th grade Puerto Rico trip.

**For tickets, PayPal [john@heidenry.com](mailto:john@heidenry.com).**



KB publication party with their gratitude lists

## Hour of Code

Sr. Romero will once again lead HoLa's participation in the national Hour of Code this coming week! Students in grades 1-8 will engage in fun coding activities and learn about careers in coding throughout the week.

For those students who want even more coding action, Stevens Institute will also be holding their Hour of Code event on Monday, Dec 5th, from 4-5pm. See flyer attached for registration information.

## The Elks National Hoop Shoot

The Elks National Hoop Shoot is a Free Throw Program for Youth Ages 8-13. The Hoop Shoot is free to all participants and provides youth an opportunity to compete, connect and succeed. The Hoboken Elks Club is holding their contest on Dec. 3rd. from 9-11am at the Multi Service Center (124 Grand). See flyer for details.



6th grade students showing their literary circles final project