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School Security: In light of the recent tragedy in Sandy Hook, we want to ensure that parents are aware of HoLa's emergency protocol. In addition to monthly fire drills, our students practice "code blue" emergency lock-down drills every month, and have since the first year of the school, as required by NJ school regulations. Our teachers are also trained in the proper response to various types of emergency situations, and our school's approved protocol for each, as outlined in our Emergency Manual (attached and on the website). In terms of day to day security, many parents may not realize that we have a camera monitor in the main office that shows who is at both front doors, as well as an intercom, so that visitors can be identified before buzzing in. If Elsa or an administrator on duty recognizes the person at the door and / or knows what they are at the school for, they buzz them in. However, if it is someone who is not recognized, they are asked over the intercom to face the camera and to state who they are. Further, if a visitor is still not recognized or their purpose is unclear, they are not buzzed in at all, but rather someone is sent downstairs to greet him/her at the door. Parents are asked to sign in at the main office when arriving in the building. Going forward, in the new year, visitors will also be given a visitor's pass upon entering the building. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, there has been more than the usual level of activity in the building – which has finally tapered off now that we are back in pre-storm condition – and there have been more staff members from Boys & Girls Club on site throughout the day. At our urgent request, Boys & Girls Club has agreed to reinforce our pre-existing security protocol of keeping both doors locked until the end of the school day, even after their staff members begin to arrive, to manage the flow of visitors.

Lunch Orders: If you haven't already done so, your child's lunch order for January, MUST be turned in by Fri, January 4th. Thank you!

Sabor de HoLa - Auction donation request: Our spring auction committee has started to request auction donations for the Sabor de HoLa. While home for the holidays, why not ask your family members to donate an item to the Sabor de HoLa auction? Hot items are always the family vacation homes, sporting event tickets, autographed items, or professional services. If you or any of your family members have access to some of these types of items, please ask them to donate to our school auction! If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Andrea Mayendia at amayendia@yahoo.com.

Enrichment: Hopefully you've all successfully signed up through our new Enrichment enrollment system. Please feel free to sign up for as many additional classes as you like. (More than 3 is fine!) There are still spots available in Math Games, Crazy ChemWorks, Story Hour, Guitar, Art History, Bricks 4 Kids, Cooking (2-4), NASA, Baila Conmigo and Magical Mysteries & Sign Language. [Click here to register.](#) Enrichment will begin Mon., Jan. 7th. If your child is taking swimming with Sky Club, please remember that they need to take the swim test beforehand, to assess their swimming skills. Please see dates below for swim test times. For questions, please contact Margarita Garcia at mgarcia@holahoboken.org.

Build An Arcade: Please keep your boxes (shoe boxes, shipping boxes, stray cardboard) for Sr. Galloza's Build an Arcade enrichment classes. He will be using rivets to attach everything, but colorful tape for decorating is also welcome. Thanks!

Garden Grant: We are finalists in the Scotties Trees Rock contest! The prize is \$10,000 that we will use to restore our teaching garden, which was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Congratulations to Melissa Romo and all the kids that made the wonderful video that helped us get this far. It's going to take a lot of votes to win, so please stay tuned for details in the New Year.

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- Pictures Winter Extravaganza & Student Fundraiser
- HoLa Emergency Manual

FECHAS:

- Thurs., Dec. 27th — Swim Club Test, 3-5pm.
- Fri., Dec. 28th — Swim Club Test, 12-2pm.
- Sat., Dec. 29th — Swim Club Test, 9-11am.
- Thurs., Jan. 3rd — Students Return to School
- Fri., Jan 4th — Lunch order forms due
- Wed., Jan. 9th — PTO Meeting, 7pm.
- Sat, Jan. 12th — PTO Fundraising and Solicitation Training.
- Tues., Jan. 15th — HoLa Open House.
- Fri., Jan. 18th — HoLa Sibling Admissions applications due.

Annual Appeal: We've raised \$50,000! Thank you to everyone who donated, and/or reached out to their friends and family for donations. We look forward to continuing our Annual Appeal in the New Year, so please stay tuned for details when the kids return to school in January.

Student Fundraisers: Thank you to Lauryn Wagner and Ariel Prevor for raising \$147 for HoLa! Lauryn generously sold her gently used toys and books, and Ariel helped with sales. We love all our budding philanthropists! Keep up the good work kids!

3rd Annual Coat Drive: Thanks to everyone that donated coats. We received 87 coats! Thanks also, to Lynn Danzker for chairing the coat drive again the year.

PTO: The next PTO meeting will be Wed., January 9th.

Winter Extravaganza: Thank you so much to Srta. Alonso, the faculty and staff, and our talented, committed students for a wonderful celebration of the HoLa community. It was just what we all needed after a difficult fall for Hoboken, and a difficult day for parents and educators.

Hair Fairies: On Thurs, Dec. 20th, the Hair Fairies came to HoLa and did thorough lice checks on all the students and staff. They found only 9 cases of lice of the 203 students reviewed and none among the faculty. Hair Fairies informed us that this number represents approximately 4% of the student population and that on the average in a school of 200, they usually find about 10% infestation. For those reported cases of lice, please ensure that you treat the whole family. HoLa's school nurse Marylou Berhang, offers the following information: *Check your child's head frequently for lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice, which are no larger than a sesame seed, avoid light and are hard to see. Lice eggs, called nits, are usually found very close to the scalp, typically within ¼ of an inch. They look like tiny whitish ovals that are glued to the hair shaft. Unlike dandruff, they cannot easily be flicked away. To check for nits, part the hair one section at a time and look for oval, tan-colored eggs. This can take many hours if there are a lot of nits present. To break the lice cycle you have to keep clearing both the nits as well as the lice out of the hair for 7-10 days, otherwise re-infestation will occur. Clothing, linen, and items such as stuffed animals should be thoroughly washed and dried.*

HoLa Sibling Applications January 18 deadline: If you have another child who will be entering HoLa next year, please [click here to apply online](#). Siblings of current students get priority for admission, but you must submit an application to reserve your child's spot. Once you submit your application (indicating that you are a current HoLa family), you will receive a lottery number like all applicants, but your child's spot will be reserved right away. A BIG thank you to Alex Black for again volunteering to take on the huge task of coordinating the lottery!

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