



THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

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HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER
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“We, the People, recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights; that our destinies are bound together; that a freedom which only asks what's in it for me, a freedom without a commitment to others, a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism, is unworthy of our founding ideals, and those who died in their defense.” – President Barack Obama

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

October/November, 2017

Dear Friends,



We are going to have a whole-school “Walk-to-School” day on Friday, October 20th, with a rain date of Monday, October 23rd. Why is this significant? Why will I ask for your help prior to closing this article and how does it enhance and grow our already strong curriculum?

In 2015, I wrote... “If I told you that approximately 234 students ~ ages 6 to 11~ have acted in leadership roles, leading about 2,400 other students ~ giving almost \$40,000 to charities that span the globe, would you be impressed? Although approximate, the aforementioned are facts about the students at the Happy Hollow School for the past six years. How is this possible?” ~ We are now in our eighth year of Service Learning, so those numbers have most likely dramatically increased ~ however, we have grown our focus and many projects do not yield a financial end product ~ but may impact friendships, environmental projects, projects that educate students around being good global citizens, projects that help local and far-off organizations ~ some beyond our state, some beyond our country ~ and some that remain pertinent to our school yard.

Usually, our process for such projects is organic to student interest alone and come to fruition when students are passionate about their projects and involve parents, staff and other adults as advisors. However, our Walk-to-School event partners with a student-led project and will now become a whole-school endeavor. Norah Kapps, Zoe Mittelsteadt and Ella Moscoffian kicked off our Happy Hollow Service Learning Program for the 2017-2018 School Year, by making themselves the Hurricane Helpers. They are going to run a sale and send aid to one of the hard-hit islands. They pitched their idea, defined a roll out, presented at an all-school assembly meeting to teach about their project, how it would help and what organization they would partner with to bring it all to fruition. Now they are working hard. ~ In the meantime, Rabbi Katy Z. Allen, Facilitator of One Earth Collaborative approached all three elementary school principals with the idea of participating with the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School’s “Walk to School Day” project. This idea comes with education around the benefits of walking vs. driving to school from personal health to health for the environment.

We plan to accept her offer and our day, as said above, will be Friday, October 20, 2017. On that day, I encourage all who can to walk, bike, scooter, jog ~ or even run to school. However, since we already have one learning project for the hurricane victims in full swing, we would like to make our walk day a walk-a-thon. That means any student who walks can also take a pledge sheet and make a donation to help the hurricane victims. Our focus will be on Puerto Rico, as our own Mr. Hernandez, our head custodian extraordinaire, has immediate family on the island. This tie will bring the learning close to home for our students and will let them see their efforts take hold in a solid manner.

To achieve this morning event in a manner that gives all students a chance to walk ~ I needed to provide for our students who take buses. This will mean I need at least two adult volunteers for each of our buses to walk with children who wish to walk to school that morning. The plan is to meet at the High School. The buses will loop around and drop those students who choose to (and have signed permission slips) walk at the softball field across from the poolside of the high school entrance. Buses will start dropping off at the high school at 8:15am. Provided there are enough adult chaperones, students will begin walking to school immediately after disembarking their bus. Parents of non-bus students are welcome to meet us at the high school to join the walk to Happy Hollow.

Should they choose to do so, they should also meet us at 8:15am. Bus students who choose not to walk will stay on their bus and be dropped off at school in the usual manner. ~If you can help would you please respond below with the bus you would be willing to meet. In addition, I am attaching a permission slip to walk to school from the high school and a pledge sheet. Please follow all the links below:

Link to be a Chaperone:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1izwXwAmvDw0JWf1V7BA8v1goHW84-8EkBr4771zDXk/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to permission slips to walk from the Wayland High School to the Happy Hollow School:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wiLG4nePC9LISlagBQo014EizZz1SiAjg5iOv7OCwro/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to pledge sheet to make the walk day into a Walkathon to help the people in the town of Orocovis ~ in Puerto Rico. Please make checks payable to the Happy Hollow School and in the memo note that it is for the Walk-a-thon for Orocovis PR:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oTUwtIv7GwkbdW3zP9og4qOK5GLbBn5u4ps8SK9xr9Y/edit?usp=sharing>

Now to finish explaining a bit about the Happy Hollow Service Learning Program ~ just in case you are new to our school or need to recall the details:

As I stated above, students have helped the environment, engaged in cancer fighting efforts, provided food and supplies for people and animals, taught lessons for awareness, ran anti-bullying campaigns ~ one student even led a whole school spirit day around accepting others and celebrating differences. Impressively, she ran the day and a campaign on the same theme as a second grader. Now a part of our culture, there are always projects happening. Some raise money, but many do not. Many are awareness and some even ask for personal cards or notes.

So what are the requirements to begin a project and see it through to fruition? There are many steps which include:

1. Students have to form a group, get a partner or decide to work on their own ~ but they must find an idea about which they are passionate. The idea has to involve learning. Students may use something they have learned to do a project and/or they must research a topic and teach about it in a whole-school setting. We use the business meeting portion of our assembly meetings to have students present.
2. Students go to the office and book a recess/lunch meeting appointment with the principal. They present their idea to Ms. Corner, request a meeting time and then show up. ~ (Sometimes she sends them back to work a bit more before the actual meeting time.)
3. At the luncheon/recess meeting with the principal, a planning sheet is created, specific to each group. An action plan is formed and students are set to work. The children must do the work, but they also must find a parent or staff member to be an advisor. This is crucial due to new School Committee rules about student activities that involve raising money.
4. Students leave their meeting and set to work. They meet among themselves and/or with their chosen advisor. They create scripts for PA announcements/commercials about their cause and plan. They create posters advertisements/flyers and most often put together a presentation for the whole school assembly ~ in PowerPoint format, Google Presentation or in a scripted play format ~ very impressive! This is where they teach about the project and how it helps us to be better global citizens.
5. Next, they must put their plan into action. This may involve running a school-wide drive, campaign, sale, working with community members, writing letters to pertinent authorities or creating a document such as a comic strip and/or newspaper.
6. After running a project, the most important part is making sure once the fun is done ~ the details are well cared for and promptly too. If they collected money, under the new regulations, an advisor must come to the school and count the money with the administrative assistant in the office. The money may not leave the school. There are forms to complete and the group even has to write a paragraph about their project and intended charity that they will assist. The money is then deposited into the school's student activity account and a check is written to the intended charity. Students then mail their check.
7. Finally, they receive awards at an all-school assembly. Some report back to the school with notes of gratitude from groups that have been helped, others follow-up to make sure that if they started a "clean up the litter on the playground group" ~ it is still ongoing.

All of this is service and learning at its best. Our service learning develops organically from the children. They are the leaders and lead others. This is what makes us unique and what makes the program so very exciting. The sky is the limit for what kids can do to make a difference in the world, and no one is too young to start. Making the world a better place begins with one's sphere of influence and can touch any corner of our earth and that is solid global citizenship at its very finest.

All best,



Jim Lee

Principal



This and That from the Principal's Office:

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL

(Please refer to the map included in this email and follow the procedures right from the first day of school.)

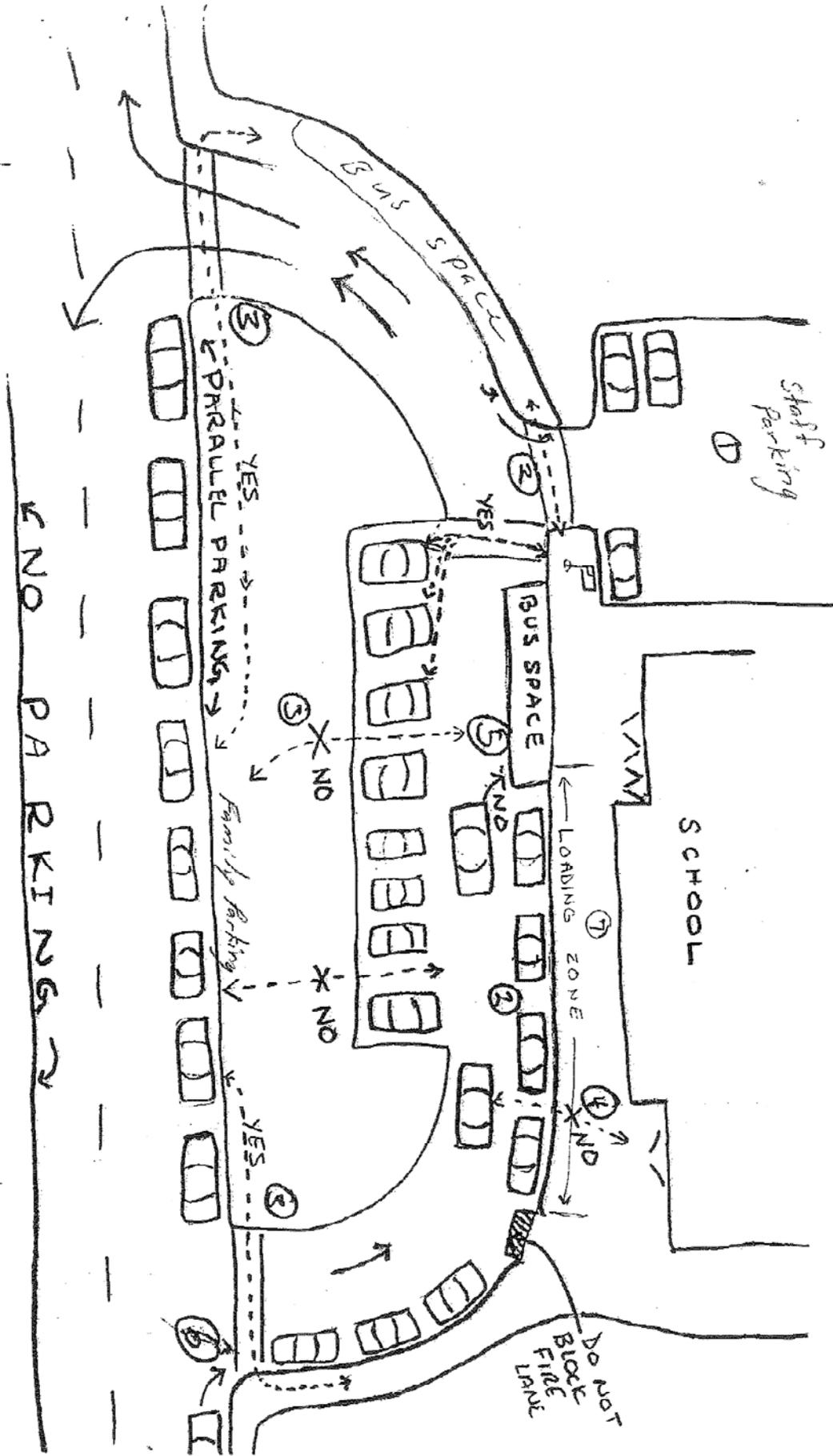
1. There are two lanes of traffic in front of our school. The one closest to the building is the drop off line. The other is a live lane where traffic will pull out from the drop off line to exit or they may be driving through to park in the parking lot. (The parking spaces in front of the building are for staff only. No one may pull out of those spaces during drop off or pick up as it forces the driver to back into the live lane of traffic.)
2. Please drive slowly and be aware that cars will be moving in and out of the traffic area. There is a period of congestion, but if everyone remains aware and patient, the whole process takes 15 minutes or less from beginning to end. This is to admit and dismiss over 400 children. It is impressive and moves smoothly when everyone cooperates.
3. M,T,Th,F dismissal is at 3:15. Please arrive promptly as there is no staff available to watch your children after school. There is no left-hand turn when exiting our driveway M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on M,T,Th and F.
4. **Wednesday dismissal is at 2:05 p.m. Please arrive promptly, as there is no staff available to watch your children after school. – left turns on those days cannot be made until after 2:20.**
5. Please pull all the way up to the end of the sidewalk in front of the school when you are unloading children. The line slows down when all the spaces to the end of the sidewalk are not filled.
6. No one is allowed to pass a bus with flashing **red** lights. (Yellow flashing lights are warnings and you may pass a bus with yellow flashing lights.) If you are in the live lane and a bus is unloading, you must wait behind the bus.
7. The drop off lane in front of the school in the morning is a live lane of moving traffic. You may not park or leave your car in this lane. School personnel will help your child exit your car safely. Make sure the children are seated on the right side or passenger's side of the car. They may not exit the driver's side of the car as this is the live lane and very dangerous.
8. At drop off time, if you would like to park and say good-bye to your child at the front door, you may park in the side parking lot and use the sidewalk to safely proceed to the doors.
9. If students arrive after 8:45 a.m., they are officially late for school and they must stop in the office to report that they are present and to receive a tardy slip.
10. Watch for pedestrians in crosswalks and on the sides of the road.
11. At dismissal: No child should be exiting the side door into the side parking lot. This is not a pick-up area and is very dangerous. It also slows things down because staff exits from this lot and when we add those trying to avoid the pick-up lane, it slows things down for everyone. Please cooperate and help your child to see you following the rules just as he/she is expected to do during his/her school day. Nothing sends a stronger message to a child than the actions of the adults around him/her.
12. Pets: **By state law, no animals are allowed on school property without specific permission from the principal.** In such cases, precautions are taken and arrangements made to ensure that there are no allergies to the animals and that the environment is safe. These times would include show and tell or the like, not drop off or dismissal times.
13. Wayland Police will be out in full force looking for those who do not honor the speed limits on the roads around our schools and neighborhoods... You do not want a note from them! Those notes linger long!

Thank you for your cooperation in all of these matters... they really do matter!



Key

1. Park only in designated areas.
2. Remain in vehicle when in fire lane.
3. Use crosswalks at all times.
4. Load and unload students only at the curb.
5. Preserve open bus loading area.
6. Maintain single file line for pick-up and drop-off.
7. Children must be picked up in loading zone area only.



School Meeting Assemblies:

These exciting school gatherings take place on the first week in a month and the third, rotating every other Monday unless there is a holiday or school cancelation. Assemblies run from 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Our upcoming ones are Monday, October 16 and Monday October 30 (to cover the first week of November)

Lost and Found:

Please check this area on a regular basis. It means so much to us when we see the clothing and other items going home. Thank so much!

October and November at Happy Hollow:

Friday, October 20	Walk to School Day/Walk-a-thon for Hurricane Victims	Buses drop of those who wish to walk at the WHS
Monday, October 23	Meet the New Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Unobskey	HH Gym/Cafeteria
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday October 25, 26, & 27	Book Fair	HH Front Hall
Friday October 27	Movie Night	HH Gym
Friday November 10	No School Veteran's Day	
Wednesday November 22	School closes at 12:00 Noon	
Thursday and Friday November 23 & 24	No School Thanksgiving Holiday	
Monday November 27	Classes resume	

CURRICULUM CORNER

FROM INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Happy Hollow string players are hard at work and sounding great!

Third graders have learned proper playing position and are practicing almost every day. Good work! We've mastered playing the open strings and are on to adding fingers! Very exciting!

Fourth & fifth graders are already sounding much more advanced -- lots of great practicing happening. Each grade has two orchestra pieces now and is balancing their time between practicing in our book and in our concert pieces.

Please be sure your calendars are marked for the first Happy Hollow concerts of the year:
December 5, 7:00 pm: Happy Hollow/Loker combined strings winter concert @ Wayland Middle School
December 8, 10:00 am: Happy Hollow strings & band in-school winter concert @ Happy Hollow Gym



Thank you for your support!
Whitney Tandon & Susan Memoli

HEALTHY HOLLER

Important Information for families:

4th Grade and New Transfer Families:

All kindergarten, 4th grade, 7th grade, 10th grade students, and students transferring into the Wayland Public Schools must provide documentation upon entry that the child has received appropriate immunizations and a physical examination within the previous 13 months. Health records transferred from a previous school may be used to determine compliance with this requirement.

Please keep your cell phones on and check them throughout the day to see if a call has been made by the school nurse (508-358-8648). All parents should have a backup plan in place if they cannot get to school in a timely manner. Please consider a neighbor when making an alternative plan for a timely pick up.

Community Flu Clinics at the Town Building (for ALL town residents)

Wednesday October 11, 18, 25th
2PM-7PM

Please bring your Insurance Cards

Please consider getting the flu vaccine ~ it is our best defense against the flu virus.

A flu guide for parents, as recommended by the MDPH, can be accessed by the following link: <http://goo.gl/AcJoE9>

Mandated Vision and Hearing Screenings will begin late October thru November by the school nurse:

If you wish to exempt your child from these screenings, you must send a note or email the school nurse.

All are mandated screenings required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Vision screening is done in grades 1-5 and hearing screening in grades 1-3. These will also be done on K+ students who do not have documentation of these screenings on their physicals, as it is required before entry to school.

You will be notified by a phone call from the school nurse. A letter will also be sent home if your child fails his/her screening.

If your child is followed outside of school by a specialist, please send in a written note excusing your child from this screening.

Jeanne MacDonald RN

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PTO NEWS & EVENTS

MEET WAYLAND'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Monday, October 23rd at Happy Hollow



Date/Time: Monday, October 23rd - 9:00am

Location: Happy Hollow Gym

Happy Hollow Parents are invited to come and meet Wayland's new superintendent, Dr. Arthur Unobskey, and **discuss topics such as:**

- 1) Defining/important characteristics/features of the Wayland schools we want to protect
- 2) Things we can improve
- 3) New, promising areas - how do we want to grow?
- 4) How we can deepen the collaboration among the community, the schools and the Central Office.
- 5) What do you want and need from your superintendent?

HAPPY HOLLOW PTO MOVIE NIGHT IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th



Doors open at 5:50 p.m.

Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

HH students have chosen SING as this year's movie! On Friday, October 27th, bring a blanket and watch Sing in the gym with other Happy Hollow families.

Snacks available: popcorn, a candy treat (1 per child), apples & bottled water.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is free. We will again be asking families to consider donating to a food drive for Parmenter Food Pantry. Parmenter would be grateful for your donations of any non-perishable food items but has expressed a particular need for the following:

- **Thanksgiving food** (such as canned veggies, jars of gravy, stuffing, etc.)and
- **Non-perishable school snacks** (no nuts)

We need Movie Night Parent Volunteers to help with set up, concessions, clean up and much more!

To volunteer: email Melissa Hartford: mchartford@outland.net or sign up at:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/767012137221364063>

See you on the red carpet!

COUNTDOWN TO THE FALL BOOK FAIR!



Mark your calendars for the Book Fair:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th – and don't forget the Book Fair will be open during Movie Night!

Specific hours, classroom visit times and many more details coming soon!

Watch for information in the weekly E-Blasts!

IF YOU REGISTER, HAPPY HOLLOW EARNS MONEY WHEN YOU USE YOUR STOP AND SHOP LOYALTY CARD



Click on the link, log into your account, select "Rewards & Savings" and choose Happy Hollow as the school you want to support. We earned almost \$2,000 last year! Contact jenpearlman00@gmail.com for any questions.

LINK: <https://stopandshop.com>

NEED TO CONTACT OTHER PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Register your family in MySchoolAnywhere



This is an online directory of families in the Wayland school system. You can search by first name or last, by school, and by grade. If you have questions, contact Jenpearlman00@gmail.com.

For everything you need to know and to get the APP FOR YOUR PHONE:

<http://waylandpto.org/myschoolanywhere-online-districtwide-family-directory/>

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO GIFT YOUR CHILD YET?



If you have, thank you! If you haven't, there's still time!

100% of your donation goes directly to fund fun and educational programs and presentations for our children, community-wide educational and social events, curriculum material and classroom supplies, playground equipment and so much more!!

If you have any questions about Gift Your Child, please visit the PTO website or contact Tarrah Zedower at tmzcali@gmail.com or Lauren Coppola at lccoppola@gmail.com

To donate online: <http://waylandpto.org/elementary-ptos-paypal/>

JOIN the HAPPY HOLLOW PTO on FACEBOOK



We'll keep you informed about future events and let you know what the PTO has going on around the school. We'll publish photos so you feel like you were there and can talk to your child about their experience.

It's a closed group, so an administrator will add you as a member. We will only add people that we have verified are members of the Happy Hollow PTO community.

PTO Appreciation

FAMILY PICNIC - THANK YOU BPC!



Many Happy Hollow families were among those who enjoyed the fabulous picnic hosted by the Boston Parents Council on Sunday, September 24th.

This year's picnic was particularly special, as we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wayland METCO program!

Our thanks to the BPC for a wonderful afternoon!

Please say thanks when you see the following PTO volunteers:

GIFT YOUR CHILD

Many thanks to the **Gift Your Child co-chairs, Tarrah Zedower** and **Lauren Coppola**, for their ongoing work on the GYC campaign. This is a big - and essential - job! The funds raised through GYC are applied toward things like:



- Cultural enrichment programs for our children (field trips, author visits and - musical/theatrical group visits)
- School-wide activities including school picnics, movie night, kindergarten/new - student scavenger hunt, garden/composting programs and community outreach.
- Teacher and staff "wish lists" for classroom materials.
- Innovative software and equipment for the classrooms.

And...special thanks to Assistant Teacher Monique Thompson for enthusiastically donning the GYC Costume!

E-mail us at happyhollowpto@gmail.com if you want to get involved in PTO. We have opportunities for every schedule and personality!

Visit us online at [http://waylandpto.org/happy-hollow-ptol/](http://waylandpto.org/happy-hollow-ptol)

We appreciate your patience as we continue to update the website for 2017-2018.