

Hope Meeting

January 20, 2026

- I. Mr. Levinson- Welcome parents/caregivers to the meeting, hoping that everyone had a Happy Holiday!
 - A. December Recap
 - 1. Had multiple theme days and a hallway decorating contest, which the students had a lot of fun doing.
 - 2. Had a prep rally before winter break with fun games and competitions.
 - 3. Second grade students won the Attendance Challenge.
 - 4. 4th grade students recently had their chorus concert. The students did a wonderful job! Thank you again to Mr. Grayce!
 - B. Read Across America will be the 1st week in March.
 - 1. We will be doing a Masked Reader Show, like the Masked Singer. Teachers will read books while wearing a mask and students will have to guess which teacher. It will be happening March 5th. At night there will be a Book Bingo.
 - C. The fourth grade students were chosen to participate in the NAEP testing, which will be on February 24th. Letters have been sent home to parents/ caregivers explaining.
 - D. Safety Applications
 - 1. Safety Applications has been reopened, to welcome new safeties. It is a two week process. Usually applications are opened at the end of the previous year. Reopening the applications will give an opportunity for more students to join, especially if there are any new students to our school. The applications for the 2026-2027 school year safeties will not open until September 2026
 - E. The Ocean County Health Department has been going around to the different grades and delivering age-appropriate health classes (e.g., hygiene) to all grades. Letters have been sent home to inform parents/caregivers
 - F. Community day
 - 1. Students are broken up into different groups with different grades and teachers. Each student drew a jaguar which is displayed on the front bulletin board.
 - 2. The next community day will be in February.
 - G. The 100th day of School is February 19th. Students can wear 100 days of school shirts or dress up as an old person.
 - H. Black History Month
 - 1. It has been 100 years of celebrating Black History. It is very important to celebrate. We will do a scavenger hunt, the clues will be Black History facts.

I. Family Math Night

1. Holman will be hosting on 2/9-2/10. It is for students who are struggling with mathematics. This is a way to help parents and students learn new strategies in solving math problems. An email has been sent out with sign ups.

Mr. Levinson introduced Alicia Nicosia to the parents/caregivers as the president of HOPE who continued the meeting.

II. Applebee's Dine to Donate

- A. Emailed Applebee's - waiting to hear back. We might pick a different place for January and do Applebees another month. More information to come.

III. Display My Art Fundraiser

- A. Is currently in progress with art teacher, Ms. Castellano. Students are creating artwork that will be transferred to an item of the parent's choosing. Once the artwork is completed it is then sent to the company who will provide a brochure that will be sent home with different items with your child's artwork. HOPE earns 15% from all orders placed and will be shipped directly to parents.

IV. "Souper Bowl" runs 1/26 - 2/6

- A. Place canned goods in the bin for which team you think will win the Super Bowl. Write homeroom number on bottom of can. Homeroom with the most cans wins a prize. Will also pull 2 cans to represent both Super Bowl teams that will compete against each other. The winning Super Bowl team will win a class prize, like a pretzel party.

V. Nothing Bundt Cakes Valentine's Fundraiser

- A. Flyers going home soon for the option to purchase a bundt cake for your child. Bundt cakes will be \$10 and HOPE receives \$3.50 for every cake purchased. Bundt cakes will be delivered to students at school on 2/12.

VI. Valentine's Day Lollipop Grams

- A. Forms will go out on 1/26 and will be due back on 2/6. Lollipops handed out 2/12

VII. Beaded Bracelet Fundraiser

- A. More information about pricing and images of the bracelets will be sent home soon. Bracelets can be personalized

VIII. Dinner & Movie Night 2/6 **Lauren and Stephanie**

- A. Kids are to be supervised, this is not a drop off event
- B. Please RSVP, so we able to have a count for food
- C. Luca will be the movie that will be showing. It goes great with this year's school theme. There will be food, popcorn and a photobooth
- D. We are currently working on finalizing decorations and securing a photobooth
- E. We are going to be catering food from the Freehold Boro High School Culinary Program.

IX. Online Spirit Wear sale next month

X. Yearbook

- A. Currently collecting baby pictures and Friends Forever pictures for our **4th grade students** for the yearbook. Please email

holmanyearbookpictures@gmail.com with 1 baby picture and no more than 3 Friends Forever pictures (all students must be Holman students). Please put the student's name in the subject line.

- XI. Readathon - Runs from 3/2 to 3/16.
 - A. An email will be sent to sign up for a website. Every student that signs up gets their own personalized website for friends and family to donate. Each week prizes will be sent out to the students.. The student who fundraises the most will receive a grand prize. We get 75% of the profit, last year we raised \$6,000.
- XII. 4th Grade March Madness 3/26. (basketball game)
 - A. Forms will be going out next month to sign up to play and order t-shirts
 - B. More info will be coming out soon
- XIII. Treasurer Report **Chris**
 - A. WinterFest- \$ 465 and \$130 from Cinnabon
 - B. Candy Grams- \$386
 - C. Holiday Fair \$756
 - D. Dine to Donate from September (Inzillos)- \$250
- XIV. Ms. Mayer
 - A. Saw online that teachers are tattooing your teacher fundraiser. Students will be able to buy a washable tattoo and they will be able to pick where the tattoo will be placed on the teacher. Fundraiser possibly in April, more information to follow.
- XV. Next HOPE meeting 2/17

Mr. Levinson thanked all parents/caregivers for coming

The meeting was adjourned.