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**[holt\_staf] Catch me if you can! It's gingerbread time!**

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Hello staff,

Gingerbread house building will happen again this year! If you are new to Holt, you can check in with another staff member to get some details about the gingerbread night (PS it's also a great social event to hang out with our staff). All staff members are encouraged to participate, but it is a voluntary event. Below please find more details about the build.

The annual gingerbread creation event is almost upon us! Please find the details below for the building night and school raffle.

The decorating of the gingerbread house has been a long-standing tradition at Holt, dating back to its beginnings with the holiday sing and raffle fundraiser of the houses. It has evolved over time, but does have some foundational elements that all teams need to be prepared for on construction night.

**Katie and Melanie will (again) graciously host the event and provide:**

boards for construction your house and scene (if you want a larger board, you must provide it AND plan to transport your own house back to Holt that night)  
gingerbread house (already constructed); there's a new style this year that Katie will bring in a sample of  
icing (endless amounts; please let me know of color needs ahead if possible for planning - white is the standard)  
room, tables and chairs  
transportation of your house to school (help in transportation is always appreciated)  
snacks

**Team responsibilities:**

an idea of what your team would like to create  
all of your candy and food elements for your design (sometimes sharing with another team happens if you're lucky)  
gingerbread- if you want to add/build special pieces or designs of your own  
don't leave your team hanging- bring your ideas and your candy  
tools you might need (knives, scissors, rollers etc)  
Try to keep your creation winter, literature, movie, fun based. Teams plan to keep their idea a secret from other teams until the night of the build. It's fun to see what's being created that night  
Food and beverage to share that night (optional)  
carpool if at all possible- parking is tight

**Rules:****BUILD:**

- \*This is a current Holt staff only event. While we love our former staff, families members, and spouses, only current staff members may participate. Due to space (and our large staff) please leave spouses, former staff, or children of any age at home.
- \*ALL items used in construction MUST BE EDIBLE. This includes any understructures.
- \*All building must be completed the night of the event (some pre-assembly is fine, but all main building must finish that night)
- \*Teams of 3-4 people is about the recommended size. Too many people make it difficult to work in the areas and we want LOTS of houses to raffle off to the kids. Smaller teams are also acceptable
- \*Teams can be ANY combination of staff members. It does not have to be by grade level or department teams. Feel free to mix it up!

**VOTING:**

- \***DO NOT TELL YOUR STUDENTS WHICH ONE** you made until ALL voting is done and the Children's Choice is announced. We really want students to vote for their favorite house instead of their beloved staff members, so please keep your building/theme a secret until after the announcement of the Children's Choice
- \*All students will receive a voting ticket to place in the bag that goes with the house they want to vote for.
- \*All voting must be done **Friday** following the building event
- \*In the final week of school before break, winners will be pulled out of the ZAP spinner each day. Winners will get to select a house to take home.

Ask your team about food and beverage contribution for the constructors on building night

**Time and date:**

Thursday, Dec. 7th  
5:30-8ish

Please see me or an "old" staff member (I guess that's me too! ) if you have other questions.

\*\*Please have someone from your team **let me know by Dec. 1st** how many people there will be for your team. Just email me how many in your team so Katie can plan for tables and chairs as well as an expected number of teams that will be building so that boards and houses are ready. You do not need to tell me your idea for your build or who your members are.

This is s fun event for staff and students alike! If you have questions, please let me know.

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