

# THE HERO IN ME INITIATIVE

Holland Township Public Schools

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Dear Holland Families,

We are excited to introduce The Hero In Me initiative, we aim to inspire and empower our students by encouraging them to recognize the everyday heroes in their lives—and discover the hero within themselves. This journey will help us foster kindness, confidence, and a sense of belonging throughout our school community.

To kick things off, we need your help! As part of this month's activities, we are inviting each child to bring in a picture of three of their personal heroes. These can be anyone who has made a positive impact on their lives—a family member, friend, teacher, athlete, community leader, or even a character from history or fiction.

## **How You Can Help**

- Talk with your child about the people they look up to. Ask: Who inspires you? Who makes you feel brave? Who shows you what kindness looks like?
- Choose three pictures together. These can be printed photos or drawings, and they don't need to be formal—just meaningful!
- Send the pictures to school with your child by November 7 so they can share them with their classmates.

## **Why This Matters**

Recognizing heroes helps students reflect on qualities like empathy, courage, and resilience. It also reminds them that they, too, can embody these qualities. Every act of kindness, every small gesture of inclusion, and every moment of standing up for someone makes them heroes in their own way.

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We are building a culture where students feel valued for who they are—and supported as they become leaders in their own lives. We believe each child holds a spark of greatness within them, and together, we'll nurture that spark to shine even brighter.

## What Happens Next?

When the students bring in their photos, they will participate in a fun classroom activity where they'll present their heroes and share why they chose them. These pictures will also be displayed throughout the school as part of our "Hall of Heroes" to inspire everyone in our community.

## Thank You for Your Support!

We believe that school is at its best when parents, students, and staff work hand-in-hand. Your involvement makes all the difference. Let's work together to make this initiative meaningful—and most importantly, fun—for our students.

With gratitude,  
Michael Spence