

**IMPORTANT - Please Read!**



# Balanced Calendar comes to Holmes Elementary

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Dear Holmes Elementary Families,

We have been selected to pilot a new school calendar for the 2014-15 school year and we're very excited about this opportunity. Here are a few things that you need to know:

1. **Monday, August 11, 2014** is the first day of school for the 2014-15 school year.
2. A balanced calendar means the days of instruction will be divided more evenly through the 12 months of the year.
3. Holmes will still share most common vacation times with other YCS schools, including winter break, Thanksgiving and Labor Day. School will not be in session for the month of July.
4. Transportation will continue to be provided for Holmes students as long as they are in school.

The decision to adopt the balanced calendar is based on research and visits to other districts. Improved academic achievement and an improved school climate are the primary reasons we are embracing this new schedule. We want the best possible learning environment for our students and our Holmes teaching staff is expecting positive results with the change in the calendar.

We hope you have a great summer!

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