



**Snap the Whip, 1872**  
Winslow Homer (American, 1836–1910)  
Oil on canvas  
12 x 20 in.

August 25, 2010

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I am excited to announce my sixth year of teaching, and even more excited to be working with your child as Holly Lane's Educator for the Visual Arts. Many fun and educational projects are planned for your child. Throughout the school year we will be exploring many different artists, cultures, mediums and elements of art that will enhance creativity and develop basic art skills. Please feel free to stop by any time to see your son's/daughters amazing works of art.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our new Holly Laners and update those of you who are returning. I am from a west side suburb of Cleveland. I graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with a major in art education May, 2005 and a Masters in Educational Technology July, 2008. My husband, three sons and I enjoy football; basketball; baseball; biking; hiking; scouting; camping; swimming; vacationing and working in our studios.

As a teacher and mentor, I hope to arm my students with the valuable knowledge needed to become productive adults. I feel it is important that we as teachers stay in tune with our students' abilities as well as value their opinions just as we would value our own. In order for students to obtain individual growth and understanding of others, I believe it is the student's role to become active listeners who continually embark on the learning process.

My mission is to make your child feel safe and secure in the school environment. I want them to be able to have the opportunity to work to their fullest potential as an individual and a student. I will hold high expectations for your child in the areas of behavior, academics, and interaction with others. I will also hold these same expectations for myself in order to establish a trusting relationship among teacher and student. I want your child to feel successful and also not to be afraid to take risks. Through this expectation we will be able to develop unity among the classroom, so that we can all feel success, and learn to encourage each other as we explore art along the way.

Finally, it is very important that you work with your child on assignments given in class to show support of your child's education and his or her accomplishments. One way to do this is to look for the Art Connection Newsletter in the PTA Ledger. This monthly newsletter explains what your child has been working on, what content we will cover next, and offers suggestions/information for you and your child to browse through or review.

Your child's work will be displayed throughout the building many times this year. Each year, in May, Holly Lane artists display their works of art in an end of the year art show. This is a time for your child to shine and be proud of his/her accomplishments. I will be holding most of your child's works until the end of the year to be sure we include as many pieces as possible. You will get your child's artwork back after the show.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (440) 899-3075 (extension-2417) or via e-mail at [StanleyS@wlake.org](mailto:StanleyS@wlake.org). I look forward to working with you so together we can make this another successful year for your child☺!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Sandra Stanley, Educator for the Visual Arts*