

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life

Center Street
School Newsletter
April / May 2023



MARCH MADNESS READING

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Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED—CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please wait in the lobby and someone will assist you. Please push the door once you hear the buzz noise.

Visitors to the Schools – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school:

Access to the elementary building will be through the **main entrance ONLY** beginning at 7:35 AM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area if you need to sign your child in and/ or if you need to speak to someone in the office.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection.

Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support with keeping safety a priority

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

Following the below practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness. If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guidelines should be used:

Please notify the teacher and get their permission first. Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.). The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:

COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED. GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.

****TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TREATS ARE PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Strong with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

APPR of Teacher and Principals - The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for CENTER STREET is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601,

Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identify and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



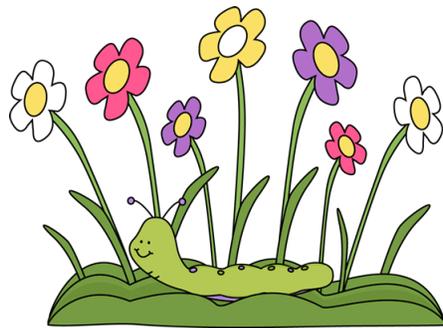
Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),

Spring is finally upon us! I am sure most of us are delighted to say goodbye to winter! While it still may be cold outside at times - things continue to heat up at Center Street. March was indeed, a busy month



involving so many wonderful activities that you will see posted throughout this newsletter. Enjoy!

I want to thank each member of our outstanding PTO and the Site Base Committee for their diligence and dedication in supporting our Center Street School community. They have been an invaluable resource to the school and community, and we could not have accomplished what we have without them.



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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RESPONSIBILITY

BE RELIABLE AND DEPENDABLE

DO YOUR PART AT HOME, SCHOOL AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR ACTIONS!

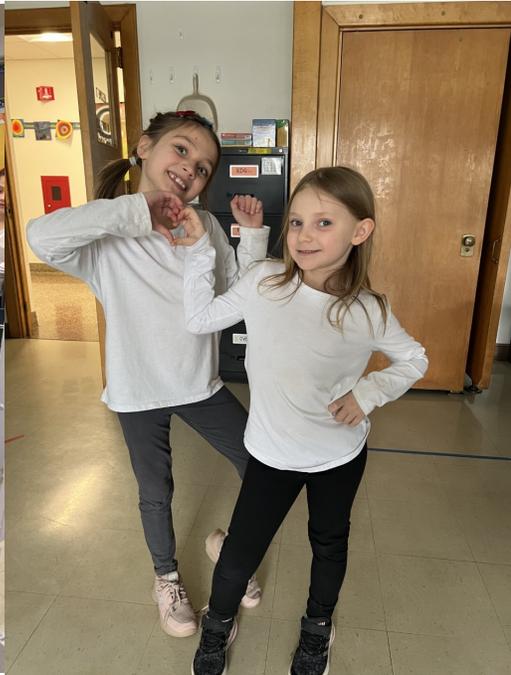


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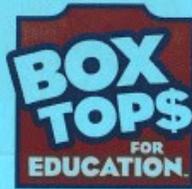
Twin Day – another fun school spirit day created by our CS Student Council. We were seeing doubles all over the building. Principal Sotero was even a twin with one of our first graders.





Are you seeing double????





Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost a billion dollars to schools since 1996. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

**DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!**



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT

BTFE.COM





I was **CAUGHT**
being **GOOD!**

A fun way to keep our kids focused, on task and making good choices! This is NOT replacing our Good Apple Awards this is just something a little extra!

Each staff member will receive some tickets in their mailbox so everyone in the building will be able to participate – **Catching kids making great choices, being on task, doing well in their academics, you name it!** We want to extend our March Madness to “End of the Year Celebrations” in providing our students an end of the year fun way to earn some prizes.

Our CS Site Base Team came up with the following outline:

Who: Can give out tickets – Every CS Staff member

Who: Can receive a ticket – Any student who earns it

What: A fun way for students to earn prizes by making good choices

When: Starting Monday, April 17 – June 16th

Where: CS – all over the building including recess inside and outside, lunch, etc.

Why: To encourage good choices and good behavior

We will also have posters around the building reminding students of this.

Corey the Dribbler

March Madness Assembly

Corey the Dribbler was a unique and exciting Character Education Assembly. Corey shared his story on how he was selected to become a Harlem Globetrotter and the value of reading and integrity.



a former
Harlem
Globetrotter

ATTENTION - 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Intermediate School will be hosting a presentation and self-guided tour for all current 4th graders. The presentation will be held **on April 12th, in the Intermediate School cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. Immediately** following, students and families will have the opportunity to take a self-guided tour around the Intermediate School.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the Intermediate School (IS) will soon be completing 2023-2024 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School no later than April 11th . We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you

CENTER STREET PTO



Come out and join the fun on Tues. April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm for our CS PTO meeting for a great night of planning exciting activities for all to enjoy!

Thank you to all of our CS Families who helped to support our Gertrude Hawks Candy Sale.

Looking forward to planning our fantastic carnival together!

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE!

On Saturday, March 10th, two of our CS students, Scott Kennedy, from third grade and Allistair Lanipao, from fourth grade, represented CS at the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning, NY. We were so proud of them!

New CS Bill - making our school a better place!

Each year, Mrs. Finnerty and Mrs. French's class write a bill to help change our school not only for the current school year but for years to come. Mrs. Finnerty teaches the students the 3 levels of government, how a bill is written and how it comes into law. Principal Sotero discusses the bill with the students and can either sign it into CS Law or veto it. This year, the students created a bill for students honor our SRO at CS. More details to follow!



Our First and Third grade classes enjoyed a special field trip to the Clemens Center. The students enjoyed seeing The Magic School Bus!



Green School Spirit Day - Celebrating St. Patrick's Day!



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PROJECT FAIR - CS TURNS INTO A MUSEUM FOR KIDS BY KIDS!



CS PINT SIZE HEROES AT IT AGAIN PARTNERING WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



We were notified that the amount of units of blood that were collected could potentially help to save 18 lives! Thank you to the Horseheads Baptist Church on Grand Central for allowing us to use your facilities for the blood drive!

St. Patrick's Day Parade!

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**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

LEARNING IRISH DANCING!



**Kicking up
our heels!**



Did you know...?
**May 1st through May 5th is School Staff
Appreciation week!**

Participation is of course completely optional, but if you'd like to let our Center Street Staff know how much we, as a community, appreciate what they do, they would LOVE to receive a handmade card or drawing - *letting all our staff here at Center Street know how much you care!*

Everyone, from teachers, custodians, kitchen staff, teaching assistants, office staff, social workers, and our SRO all the way to our principal Mrs. Sotero, works hard every day to make CS the amazing school that it is for our students. Please take this opportunity to show them you notice and appreciate all the hard work they do!



**Thank you kindly,
Center Street Elementary PTO**

IMPORTANT DISTRICT NEWS

2023-2024 Horseheads District Budget Development The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16.

All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>).

Here is the schedule:

- ♦ **Thursday, April 13**– Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 19** – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ♦ **Thursday, May 4** – Public Hearing on 2022-23 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center.
- ♦ The **Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm**, in the High School South Gym. For more information on the process, schedule, and locations visit our HCSD Website.
- ♦ Marking Period 3 Report Cards: Report cards will go home on April 21st for students in grades one through four.

Reminders

Gym Days -
are sneaker days -
and you are then
prepared to have fun!

Art Days -
students need smocks to
keep clean -
any old shirt will do



APRIL - RESPONSIBILITY

Sun	Mon	Tue s	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>SPRING BREAK</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>DAY 6</i>	11 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>PTO Mtg. 6:30</i>	12 <i>DAY 2</i>	13 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>Poem in Your Pocket</i> <i>Day /CSE Mtg</i> <i>BOE Mtg 6</i>	14 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>FREE HAIRCUTS</i> <i>BE SURE TO SIGN UP</i>	15
16	17 <i>DAY 5</i>	18 <i>DAY 6</i> <i>PEP RALLY</i> <i>Raider Day</i>	19 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>BOE Mtg - 6</i>	20 <i>DAY 2</i>	21 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>Report Cards Home</i> <i>Mix n Match School</i> <i>Spirit Day</i>	22
23	24 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>K Conferences</i>	25 <i>DAY 5</i>	26 <i>DAY 6</i>	27 <i>DAY 1</i>	28 <i>DAY 2</i> <i>MATH FACT DAY</i> <i>SRO Appreciation</i> <i>Day</i>	29
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DAY 3 CS Clothing Sale	2 DAY 4 PTO Mtg 6:30	3 DAY 5 Cap & Gowns—K Pictures	4 DAY 6	5 DAY 1 Crazy Hat Day - School Spirit Day	6
7	8 DAY 2 Spr. Clothing Sale	9 DAY 3 LAST 4TH GR SCIENCE CLUB	10 DAY 4 Fac Science Mobile Lab gr 4 TBC	11 DAY 5 CSE Mtg Science Mobile Lab Gr 3 - TBC	12 DAY 6 K Orientation 8:45 - 12:30	13
14	15 DAY 1 Spring Concert 1:15 & 7:00 Spr. Clothing Sale	16 DAY 2 Budget Vote	17 DAY 3 Recorder Concert 1:30 - Gr 3 only	18 DAY 4 HWC Ends BOE Mtg - 6	19 DAY 5 Last Day Sp Clothing Sale/ Memorial Day Outreach Ends CS Principal's Day	20
21	22 DAY 6 SBT Mtg. 2:45	23 DAY 1 Field Trip Outbacks - 3B	24 DAY 2 Field Trip Outbacks - 3FI/Fr	25 DAY 3 CSE Mtg	26 DAY 4	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 DAY 5			