

Big Flats Falcons November 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to vote on our Horseheads Central School District Facilities project! With overwhelming support from our community, our students, faculty and staff will soon be enjoying various facility updates in all of our school buildings. Although the majority of the funding will support our high school and athletic facilities, our elementary schools will also be getting some much needed updates such as; new roofs, lighting, technology infrastructure, improved parking lots etc. We are so appreciative of our community's support to building our students future now!

This month we have parent teacher conferences. Please be sure to attend your child(ren)s conference to see how they are doing to see and hear the wonderful experiences and opportunities that they have been working on during the first quarter of the school year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated as your child's success is a priority to all of us! If you are not sure of the date or time of your child's parent teacher conference(s), please contact your child's teacher immediately.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has created a Wall of Hero's in our long corridor outside the gymnasium. Our students and staff have been bringing in pictures of their family, friends and neighbors who are our Veteran Heroes to proudly display in our school. Please consider completing this wonderful activity with your child to support and honor our Veterans. If you need another copy of the Veteran Hero Page, please visit our school website or contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M.
Scaptura
Principal



At Big Flats Elementary, we will SOAR together as we explore our "wonders" in a fun and engaging community, where we will inspire each other to achieve anything.



Online Resources:

Monthly Calendar

Bus Manual

www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploadeddocs/busmanual.pdf

GENERAL

INFORMATION:

Big Flats Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Office Phone Numbers

739-6373

795-2550

795-2555 fax

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Write your Name on your Lunch Box!

Lunch boxes have been brought to the office several times this year, after having been left on the bus or in the cafeteria. Most of the lunch boxes have had no name in them, making it difficult to find the owner. Please write your child's first and last name somewhere in or on the lunchbox so we can get it back to them prior to lunch. Thanks!

Half Days and Kids World

Kids World is not offered on half days of school. November 9th is the only scheduled half day so far, and there will be no Kids World available. Be sure to send in a blue note!

Please Always Park in the Parking Lot

When you visit the school to drop something off to your child, attend a meeting, pick your child up for an appointment, etc. please park in the lot (not the fire lane). All visitors must report to the office. If you are dropping something off to your child, the office staff will be more than happy to get it to their classroom or teacher.

Winter and Cold Weather Ahead!

Just a friendly reminder to please make sure that your children are coming to school dressed appropriately for the colder months. In an effort to save energy and to be fiscally responsible as a district, we set the temperatures in all of our buildings to 68 degrees. Please make sure that your children are dressed warmly and have a sweat-shirt or sweater available to them during the day should they become cold. Students should also come to school with coats, hats, mittens and boots when weather warrants it as we do go outside daily for recess in the winter. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

Main Office Updates:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 9 and 17. During this time, parents will have the opportunity to sit down in a one on one format and talk to your child's teacher. You should have received a conference notification informing you of the date and time that your conference is scheduled. On November 9 students will be dismissed at 11:00 am so that conferences can be held in the afternoon. School will not be in session on November 17 due to all day Parent/Teacher Conferences.

School Delays and Closing

As we approach the winter months, please be advised that the Horseheads Central School District uses a delayed start procedure in addition to school closings. The delay opens school one to two hours later than normal start time. School ends at the regular time on delayed start days. Morning buses will arrive at your bus stop one or two hours later; staff will arrive one or two hours later and students being dropped off at school in the morning should arrive after the adjusted time. Breakfast will not be served on days when there is a 2-hour delayed start. The announcements can be found on our district website www.horseheadsdistrict.com or on the local media stations. Radio and television stations that will be announcing the delayed starts and/or school closings are listed on page 6 of the school district calendar. Pre-K classes will begin at 10:30 on days when there is a 2 hour delay start.



Changing your Child's Dismissal Plans?

Thank you for helping us to make sure students go home the correct way each day by using our blue note pads. We acknowledge that changes can occur during the day which impacts your child's go home plans. We have seen an increase in calls near the end of the day, and it is often difficult to make these adjustments at the last minute. We ask the parents, if at all possible, to call before 12:00 so that we can assure a smooth dismissal and to keep our students safe.

Thank you!

BIG BLATS ELEMENTARY
www.horseheadsdistrict.com

Teacher: _____
Date: _____
Student: _____

Was ABSENT from school on (date): _____
Reason: _____

Was TARDY to school on (date): _____
Reason: _____
Time of Arrival: _____

Leaving EARLY for an appointment on (date): _____
Check One: Doctor Dentist/Ophthalmologist
Time student will be leaving: _____
Will student return after appointment? YES NO

Has my permission to go home today on a different bus.
Going home with: _____
On Bus Number: _____
Address: _____

Will NOT be going home on the bus today.
Will be picked up by: _____

Other: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

4TH GRADERS WORKING HARD!



If you are not getting our emails, please check your spam folders. Or, put our email in your address book so your system doesn't think our messages are spam. The email address for our auto-emails is notifications@schoolconnectsweb.com

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF 3RD AND 4TH GRADERS

To provide schools and parents with an assessment of student achievement, New York State has developed the New York State Testing Program. These standardized tests challenge all students in grades 3 through 8 to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Please visit the site at <http://engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>. If you are interested in viewing this site but do not have access to the Internet, please call the school office so that we can make arrangements for you to see this guide.

3rd and 4th grade ELA – April 11-13, 2018

3rd and 4th grade Math – May 1 - 3, 2018

4th grade Science Performance Test – May 23, 2018

4th grade Science Written Test - June 4, 2018

NOTE FROM THE NURSE

ATTENTION PARENTS: If your child has had a physical with his/her doctor in the past year, the nurse needs a record of it or your child will be included in the school physicals at the end of the month. This involves students in PreK, K, 2nd and 4th grades. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse at 795-2552.



Please Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald



PullTabs4McDoalds@yahoo.com
Like Us on Facebook
Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald
House Charites

Wall of Heros

Our Big Flats PTO is organizing a "Wall of Heroes!" in celebration of Veteran's Day. If you have a friend or family member that is a Veteran, help us honor them by completing the picture form that was sent home or request a new copy. The PTO will be placing the description and picture for our service men and women for all our students and visitors to see. Help us Salute a Veteran!



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Spelling Bee

November 2nd & 3rd begins the beginning of our annual spelling bee process called the Spell Down. The top three students from each 3rd and 4th Grade class that excel during the Spell Down, will continue on the 2017 Spelling Bee, November 14th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

November 16th



WELCOME NEW BIG FLATS STAFF MEMBERS

Please help us welcome some new faces within our Big Flats building.

- ◆ Mrs. Donna Jo Mattison—Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Mrs. Deanna Deweese— Teaching Assistant

Highlights



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BIG FLATS PTO

November 7

6:30 pm

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE Pre-K-4th Grade

HALF DAY—11:00 dismissal

November 9

NO SCHOOL—VETERAN DAY

November 10

4th GRADE FIELD TRIP

November 14

School Spirit Mismatch Day

November 16

Board of Education Meeting

November 16—Ridge Road

Parent/Teacher Conference - No School

November 17

Thanksgiving Recess—No School

November 22-24

Picture Make-up Day

November 30

SUPPLY WISH LIST FOR THE MAKERSPACE

Feel Free to drop off items at the office .

*tools-screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, light-weight hammers, hand drills, etc.

*soft woods (ex. Balsa)

*Hardware odds n ends (ex. Nuts, bolts)

*Legos (old, new, easy, hard)

*Embroidery hoops

*Brads

*Modeling clay

*Magnets (any size)

*coffee stirrers/straws

*wire

*tape! Any size, any kind!

*pipe cleaners

*CD's



Character Education trait for November is: CITIZENSHIP

Ideas to support Citizenship include:

- ◇ Do your share to make your community better
- ◇ Cooperate
- ◇ Get involved in community affairs
- ◇ Stay informed: vote
- ◇ Be a good neighbor, follow laws and rules
- ◇ Volunteer
- ◇ Protect the environment



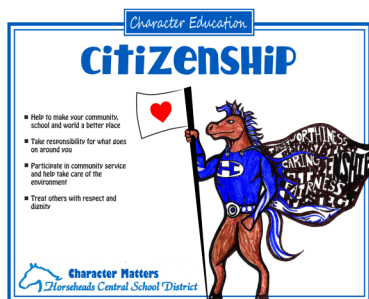
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Big Flats, New York 14814-9707
607-739-6373

School Bus Safety

Most people know it is against the law to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing. It is also against district policy to do so on school property. Please, for the safety of our students, never pass a school bus with its red lights flashing and/or stop bar out—whether on the road or in the parking lot. Thank you!

Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Keep up with last minute announcements by liking us on Facebook! We post classroom activities, school reminders, emergency closings, and all sorts of interesting facts and photos. Check us out daily!
AND – follow us on Twitter – Mrs. Scaptura @escaptura1, #lovelearning@BFE, #celebratemonday, or the District @HhdsSchools
Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools



Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Big Flats Elementary is Elizabeth Scaptura. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Mrs. Scaptura at 607-739-6373.

The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Megan Collins. Mrs. Collins may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, or 607-739-5601 x4211.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central



Honoring &
Saluting Our Heroes!
Happy Veteran's Day!!!

Name of Veteran: _____

Branch of Military: _____

Share something fun about the Veteran being honored: _____

Family honoring Veteran: _____

