

CENTER STAGE



sharing, caring,
and learning for life



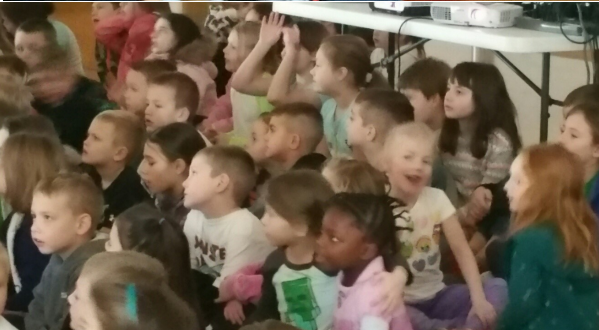
February
2017

JANUARY ASSEMBLY

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Let's Be Friends!

Let's



In January, the CS PTO helped to sponsor the 3 HUGE Screens coming to CS to share the message - "LET'S BE FRIENDS"! This message encouraged students to be more - more kinder, more helpful, more willing to take risks, more persevering, in other words to BE KIND TO OTHERS as told by other elementary children.

Afterwards, students then had a discussion with Mrs. Sotero about being more friendly and helping one another on the bus, on the playground, in school and out of school.

Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

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 report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge.

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**. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 7:45 - 2:25 PM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area, children must learn to proceed to the room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

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

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. Following the above practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness.



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 where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. White with further questions.

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 Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

**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 gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601



Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),
 Amazingly enough we are now into our second half of the school year, and as busy as ever. At Center Street, we celebrate the love for learning on so many levels.



Our Homework Club continues to assist students with being successful in completing their homework. What a joy to know our children want to come to learn, appreciate what others are doing on their behalf, and are growing in leadership and responsibility. Our partnership continues to grow as CS looks for more ways to help our planet and learn how we can make a difference in our world. We have outstanding school spirit and a high level of communication between staff, students, and parents. At CS our staff believes and acts on the notion that happiness and high achievement is not for some but for ALL students.



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal



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Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



Character

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Corner

This month's Character Education word is **TRUSTWORTHINESS**. It means being worthy of someone's trust or confidence, telling the truth, keeping promises and commitments, following the rules, and choosing to do the right thing when no one is looking!

MARCH PROJECT FAIR

COMING SOON!

THURS., MARCH 3rd

GRADE PRE K – “RAINBOWS”

Individually students will create a rainbow. Students will use paints and paper. Students will create the project at school. Students will identify the different colors in a rainbow.

GRADE K – “FARM ANIMALS” NEED K TEAM INPUT!

Students will create a farm or zoo at home. Students may use a variety of materials to demonstrate their knowledge of the types of animals that live on a farm.

GRADE 1 – “SOUND AND RECYCLING”

Students will create a project to display how vibration creates sounds. Students will use any recycled materials or and household items. Students will complete the project at home. Students must include at least one sentence they wrote to describe what creates the sound.

GRADE 2 – “INSECTS”

Second graders will work independently or with the assistance of family members at home to choose an insect and create it. This can be done in different ways. Your child can make a model, a poster, a diorama, a book – the possibilities are endless. Crayons, markers, paint, magazine pictures, or any craft supplies can be used. The insect projects must include the name of the insect. The three main body parts (head, thorax, and abdomen) must be labeled. Non-fiction books about insects can be used to give your child ideas. The internet can also be a great resource when used with adult supervision.

GRADE 3 – “FAST CHANGES ON LAND”

Independently, third graders will construct an exhibit or to illustrate a fast change on land. Research choices include volcano, earthquake, landslide, hurricane, tornado or avalanche. Students must include name of the fast change and label objects on the project. Students must include detailed sentences of possible destruction to the land.

GRADE 4 – “New York State Animal Project”

Students will demonstrate their knowledge of their selected New York State animal. Independently, students will research and create an exhibit teaching others about their chosen animal. Students will construct a display focusing on a model of the physical characteristics of their animal and/or its habitat. Students will be able to use any variety of materials they have available to create their exhibit.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME FROM YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM TEACHER. PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR IT AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING MARCH PROJECT FAIR!

We LOVE CS!

Our January Book Exchange was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! Thank you to Michelle and Rick Gryska for leading this terrific event. We appreciate so much all the parent volunteers who came to support our children with this rich experience. It was a joy to see all the smiles on our students' faces. Thanks CS PTO!!!!



CS STUDENTS AT WORK!

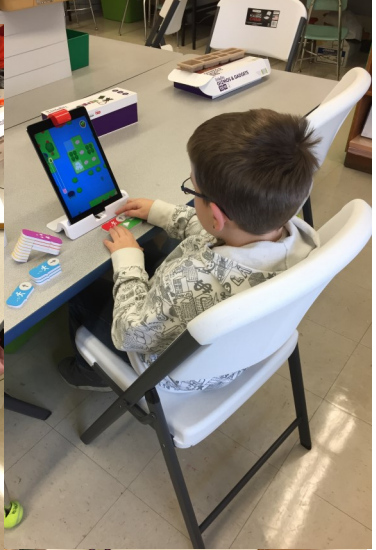
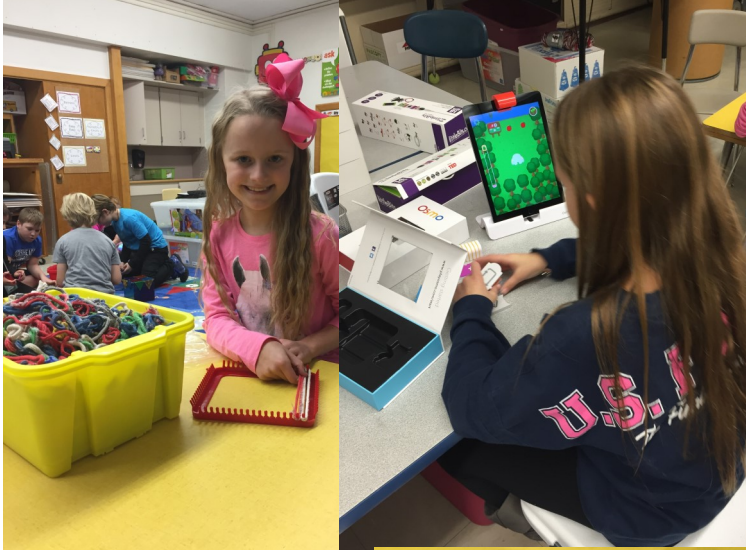
STUDENTS CONNECTING WITH OTHER STUDENTS IN MADRID SPAIN!

Students in Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Karastury's have been communicating with a class in Spain. On Thursday, the students skyped with each other. It was the first time they saw each other face to face. The students LOVED IT!!!!



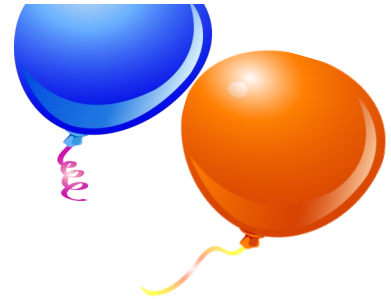
MAKER SPACE ROOM

KIDS IN ACTION



CENTER STREET PTO

Join us March 7th -
OUR PTO MEETING STARTS AT 6:30!
PLEASE JOIN US!!!



Come for the
Bouncing,
Games,
Prizes, Food

SCHOOL CARNIVAL
COMING SOON.....
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MARCH 17, 2017

**Office of Children and
Family Services**

To report child abuse or neglect:

**Call toll free
1-800-342-3720**

or

ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps





Good Apple Awards



The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, students are announced on the WCSN news and Mrs. Sotero presents the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during this month.

The following students received Good Apple Award Certificates for January

Castillo	Delanie	K	Beach
Shoemaker	Juliana	K	Beach
Sullivan	Rhyder	K	Beach
Poulsen	Branson	K	Ripley
Hannah	Rohr	K	Ripley
Stone	Kira	K	Ripley
Warner	Vivien	K	Ripley
Didas	Caleb	K	Standish
Barr	Tyler	K	Standish
Kailbourne	Kenny	1	Robinson
Keough	Kamryn	1	Robinson
Briggs	Amber	1	Williams
Freeman	Natalie	1	Williams
Greene	Ja'Khi	1	Williams
Hourihan	Evan	1	Williams
Barr	Ivy	2	Aquilio
Henderson	Sage	2	Aquilio
Baker	Gabriella	2	Lese
Ostrander	Tyler	2	Lese

Connell	Nyasiah	3	Finnerty
Fitzpatrick	Azlynn	3	Finnerty
Earley	Abby	3	French
Knapp	Josh	3	French
Warrick	Maddie	3	French
Golson-Inness	Alanah	4	Karastury
Kailbourne	Nicole	4	Karastury
Pardy	Adreonna	4	Karastury
Erickson	Jeffrey	4	Packard
Nielsen	Adam	4	Packard
Sophia	Mia	4	Packard
Calbi	Adrianna	4	Prutsman
Chen	Zhi	4	Prutsman
Jenkins	Allen	4	Prutsman



News from the Health Office:

What Everyone Should Know about Flu and the Flu Vaccine: The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination.

What are the symptoms of the flu: •Fever* or feeling feverish/chills, •Cough, •Sore throat, •Runny or stuffy nose, •Muscle or body aches, •Headaches, •Fatigue (tiredness), •some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults,* It's Important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

How is the flu spread? The flu is spread in droplets released by coughing and sneezing. It usually spreads from person to person, though occasionally people may be infected by touching something with the virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Good hand washing, covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing are very important!

When and for how long is a person able to spread the flu? People with flu are contagious (able to infect others) beginning one day before getting symptoms. Adults remain contagious up to seven days after getting sick and children can remain contagious for even longer. That means that you can give someone the flu before you know you're sick as well as when you are sick.

What are the symptoms of the flu versus the symptoms of a cold? In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds tend to develop gradually, while the flu tends to start very suddenly. Preventing the Flu: Seek medical advice about getting vaccinated. Keep children home if they are having any of the above symptoms. School policy = No fever for 24 hrs. and they cannot be using any fever reducer medicine.



IS NEWS

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADE

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2017-2018 classroom placements for students. We create class selections 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 by Friday, April 7th.

Tuesday, February 14th is Red, White, and Pink Day! The student council would love it- if you could wear one, or ALL of these colors!



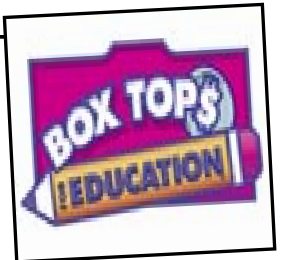
SAFETY & RECYCLING BATTERIES

Please take a moment to watch this Kids and Character video regarding Fire Safety and Battery Recycling. I found this information helpful and while there have been no similar cases in New York State, it's still something to be mindful of. Stay Safe!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSJH21WmALc>

Clip Box Tops - earn cash for our school!

Our school wide goal for collecting Box Tops is even BIGGER this year, which means our contests are going to be even BIGGER this year, which means our prizes will be even BIGGER this year!!



YOUR CHILD'S ART

Be on the lookout for YOUR CHILD'S ART.....
It's on 20 LARGE STICKERS, now isn't that smart?

Art so unique, they're one of a kind!

Our top quality products are such a rare find!

Squarer 1 Art is on the way...

Funds for the PTO HIP HIP HOORAY!

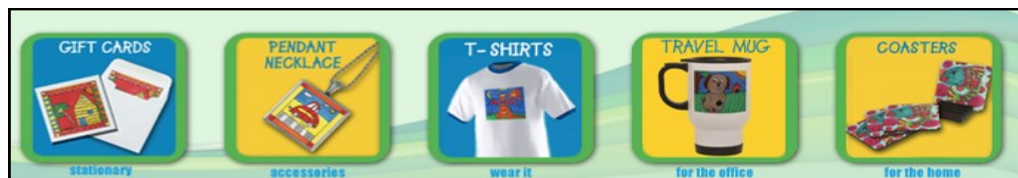
Ornaments, travel mugs, coasters and more... Key chains,
mouse pads, simply too good to ignore!

We always need gifts for family and friends Not to mention great
keepsakes where memories never end!

A deadline is required and we must "do our thing." Just imagine
your child's art and the praise it will bring!

Best of all we make it so easy, it's true! With our new online
ordering, secure and convenient for you.

**Purchase your child's art - quality products online at
Square1Art.com/Shop**



REMINDERS

FEBRUARY - "TRUSTWORTHINESS"

COMING SOON -

ANOTHER RECYCLING
OUTREAH - WEEK OF
MARCH 14 - 21

MARCH 18TH - A SPECIAL
COMMUNITY
RECYCLING OUTREAH
AT NIGHT DURING THE
SPRING CARNIVAL-

START SAVING YOUR

- OLD PHONE BOOKS
- CATALOGS
- MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPERS
- OFFICE PAPER!

BRING THEM TO THE
CARNIVAL OR DROP THEM
OFF IN THE MORNING ON
MARCH 18th IN OUR LOBBY!

WE WILL RECEIVE
MONEY FOR THESE
RECYCLED ITEMS!
ALL MONIES WILL BE USED
FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Please note the
art room is
always in need
of egg cartons.

Center Street has a
Facebook page. Please
"like" us to read about
activities, events, and
other important
information about our



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		6 DAY 1	1	DAY 2	2	DAY 3
			BOX TOP CONTEST BEGINS			4
5	DAY 4	6	DAY 5	7	DAY 6	8
			CS PTO MEETING 6:30 PM	FACULTY MEETING 2:45		CANDY SALE BEGINS
	CS K REGISTRATION					
12	DAY 3	13	DAY 4	14	DAY 5	15
		KID TALK 8:45	RED, PINK, WT DAY 504 MTGS 8:00 AM		CSE MEETINGS	
19		20	DAY 2	21	DAY 3	22
	NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY					BOE MTG 6:00 @ CS!!! JOIN US!
						TA MEETING 8:00 FAMILY SWIM NIGHT 6:30 - 8:00 PM AT HIGH SCHOOL
26	DAY 6	27	DAY 1	28		
			BOX TOP CONTEST ENDS			
	SBT MTG 2:45		1st & 3rd Grade Trip Clemens Center Yr w/ Frog n Toad			
	SQ ONE ART BEGINS					

