

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life


Center Street
School Newsletter
January
2017



CS TALENT SHOW



LARGEST TALENT SHOW EVER AT CS!

PLUS, THE CS STAFF DID A FLASH MOB OF "CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO CENTER STREET?"

IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENING EVENT!

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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 the school nurse with further questions.

DIGNITY ACT COORDINATORS

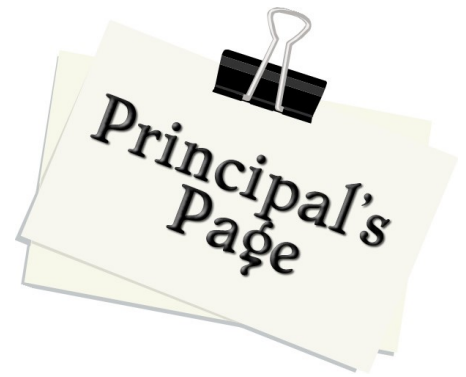
The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen, director of human resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mrs. Christiansen, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845. Her telephone number is 607-739-5601, x4211. **The Dignity Act Coordinator for CS is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600.**

**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



Happy New Year to you and your family!
 The New Year is a time to look back and a time to dream for the future. Reflection is powerful, it allows time to evaluate, appreciate, and generate new ideas. Things have gone well for us in recent months, some would say very well. Everyone in our community has a lot to be proud of, and as we continue to work together, our children at Center Street succeed.



We look ahead to 2017 and the many fantastic opportunities it affords us. As we continue our successful Character Education Program, our word of the month is FAIRNESS. Our theme for this month is always fairness for all. Fairness is being open-minded and listening to others. **Eleanor Roosevelt said, "It is not fair to ask of someone else what you are not willing to do yourself."**

I look forward to all the inspiring things we will be working on to better our school, community, and the world. The Student Council has outstanding plans for the students at Center Street to participate in for the entire building to enjoy. The most exciting news of all is that our students are leading us by example.



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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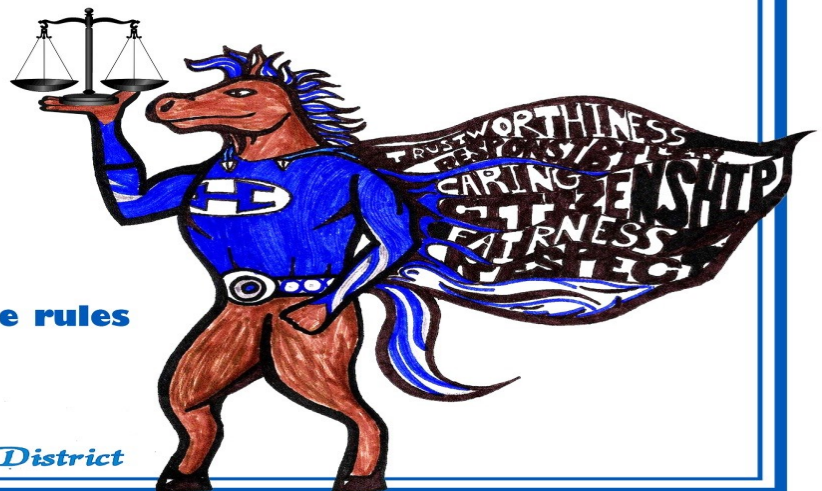
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 Melissa Yearick, Co- President
 Wanda Kailbourne, Co- President
 Michelle Gryska, PTO Secretary
 Denise Tronsden, PTO Treasurer

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

Character Education

Fairness

- **Treat people the way you want to be treated**
- **Think about how your actions will affect others**
- **Listen to people with an open mind**
- **Take turns and play by the rules**
- **Tell the truth**



Character Matters
 Horseheads Central School District

CS Talent Show



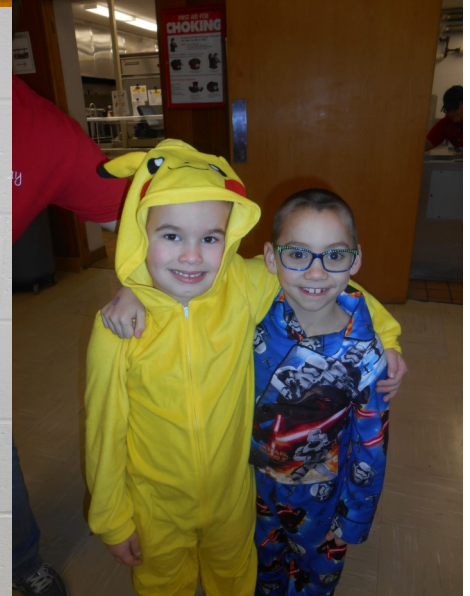
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PJ FUN DAY!



Holiday Shoppe



CS Staff Shares Their Appreciation



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The CS Staff got together to bake hundreds of cookies for those in our community that keep us safe and put their lives on the line each and every day.

We wanted to say “Thank you very much for EVERYTHING you all do!” Cookies were delivered to the Horseheads / Elmira Police Dept., NYS Troopers, Horseheads and surrounding community Fire Departments, and our local ambulance teams.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG



A special congratulations to Mrs. Fuksman's class for being the first winner of the hot delicious pizza. Great job showing your manners and following the rules in the cafeteria. Thank you to Giuseppe's Pizza for donating the character ed pizza to CS!

Center Street PTO HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Thank you for supporting our fun filled CS Holiday Shoppe! We were very excited to offer students a variety of purchase options. This year went incredibly smooth with all the changes we made. Super job to Melissa Yearick, Denise Trondsen and Rick Gryska for chairing this very special event!



COMING SOON.....

CS STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE
PRESENTING ALL THE WONDERFUL
THINGS WE DO AT OUR SCHOOL AT THE
UPCOMING BOE MEETING
ON THURS., FEB. 23RD.
JOIN US AT 6:00 PM IN THE CENTER STREET
CAFETERIA!

Books!



Books!

The 2016 Center Street School Book Exchange is About to Begin!

Books may be brought in any time through Friday, January 20th.

DAY ONE: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

ALL students receive ONE BOOK

(Volunteers needed from 10:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.)

DAY TWO: Thursday, January 26, 2017

The number of books a student can take home will be based upon the number of books his/her class brought in, with a maximum of five.

Class total = 16 – 30 books: Each student will receive 1 more book

Class total = 31 – 50 books: Each student will receive 2 more books

Class total = 51 – 75 books: Each student will receive 3 more books

Class total = 75 + books: Each student will receive 4 more books

(Volunteers needed from 11:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.)

Please e-mail Michelle Gryska at MMGryska@stny.rr.com or call 333-9003 if you would like to volunteer.

We will gratefully accept as many books as you would like to donate. The success of this book exchange rests with having a good selection of books to choose from as well as help from adult volunteers.

Notes from the Center St. Nurse's Office:

When your child has an infectious disease, please notify the school nurse so that we can be aware of your child's health and protect the health of all children and staff in school.

* Diseases or conditions the nurse should know about include chicken pox, strep throat, head lice, flu, diarrhea, whooping cough, hepatitis, mononucleosis, scabies, tuberculosis, or any other infectious disease.

* Children who have flu-like symptoms at school should be sent home and stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine. This also includes any vomiting or diarrhea.

Medication (pain relievers, cough drops, eye drops) are not allowed in school unless ordered by a doctor. If your child needs these while at school, a doctor's note must be filled out, a parent permission slip and the medication must be delivered by an adult. (NOT in the child's backpack).

CENTER STREET NIGHT

****COME LISTEN TO CENTER STREET ELEMENTARY PERFORM AND CHEER ON THE JACKALS AS THEY BATTLE THE READING ROAYLS! ****



First Arena, Elmira, NY

Game Time 7:05pm

Tickets \$ 10

12 and under \$ 7

If a child is sitting on a lap,
no ticket is needed

Friday, January 13, 2017

Come and Enjoy a Night of Action-Packed Hockey with your family, friends and faculty from Center Street for only \$10 a Ticket!!!

Students performing should be behind section 105 by 6:40 PM

TICKETS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL TO BE SENT HOME

Please tear off and return at the Center Street Elementary School

I would like _____ 4th Grade Singer Ticket

I would like _____ X \$10.00 tickets

I would like _____ X \$7.00 kids ticket

Total Cost: \$ _____

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Method of Payment (circle one)

CC VISA/MC

CASH

NO PERSONAL CHECKS

CC # _____ EXP DATE _____ CVV _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

****PLEASE FILL OUT IN ENTIRETY TO ENSURE ACCURATE DELIVERY**

****PLEASE LEAVE PHONE NUMBER IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD**

This form must be turned in to Ms. Hamilton by Tuesday, January 10, 2017

RECYCLING AT CS!

Jan. 23 - Jan. 27th



**YOUR RECYCLING WILL HELP TO RAISE
MONEY FOR OUR STUDENTS AT CS!**

That's right - start bringing in your **phone books, catalogs, magazines, office paper and newspapers.**

Bring items from Jan. 23—Jan. 27 . Please place items in the labeled black containers that are specifically marked and located outside of CS.

For every pound of paper, we will receive 3 cents!!! We believe in recycling and want to encourage our students to recycle more at home. Now we can work together and help raise money for our student programs.

Start saving now!

Thank you the CS Students

CENTER STREET PTO



Come out and join the fun on Tues. Jan. 3, 2017 for a great night of planning exciting activities for the new year!

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!! This year you will be competing for prizes & classroom parties by your GRADE LEVEL!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!

We want to thank Doug Bauer, a volunteer at CS. Doug is a retired engineer who has given back to our community for many, many years. Each week Doug would come to CS on Monday and Wednesdays to work with students on their math. He has become a special grandfather to many of our students and certainly a dear and valued person to our staff. We hope on your "second" retirement you enjoy many years of happiness and health. You will always have a special place in our hearts.

A very special thank you to all the PTO volunteers who helped to make our December month so AMAZING!

Thank you to Michelle Gryska for putting all the Holiday Baskets together for our families! Thank you to our Social Support Staff member, Mrs. Bennett for your assistance with the preparations!

Thank you to Rick Gryska, Denise Trondsen and Melissa Yearick for putting together the Holiday Shoppe. Our event has grown significantly and all the students who had so much fun loved the shopping and play time!

All of our parent / grandparent volunteers - we appreciate everything you do with us at CS. Our students love having you come to CS each week and we love seeing your smiling faces.

WINTER CONCERT



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

“This is a reminder that all parents of PK-12 students are able to view information about their child(ren) using the Parent Portal of School Tool. Parent Portal access for parents of PK-4 students began in February of 2013. Using Parent Portal, parents can view their child’s list of classes, contacts, attendance, report card grades and State Assessment information.

For PK & K, there are no State Assessments, and only 20 and 40 week marking period grades

For Grades 1 & 2, there are no State Assessments, and only 20, 30 and 40 week marking period grades

For Grades 3 & 4, more is seen due to having State Assessment information and report card grades every 10 weeks

If parents aren’t currently signed up for a Parent Portal account, and wish to have access, then they can visit the main office of the school their child(ren) attends and complete a form along with presenting identification. Further questions can be directed to Karen McLain (Peters) at x4251 or e-mail hcsdportalinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com .”

Horseheads Central School District Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at www.nysed.gov, or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845.



Good Apple Awards



Kameron Bates	3	Blasic
Karlyn Capener	3	Blasic
KarLynn Sindlinger	3	Blasic
Sofia Quaglia	3	Blasic
Maddy Corse	3	Blasic
Andrew Fedele	3	Finnerty
Shawn Harrigan	3	Finnerty
Connor LaGier	3	Finnerty
Carter VanPatten	3	Finnerty
Kole Zufall	3	Finnerty
Connor LaGier	3	French
Kylen Craven	4	Karastury
Alannah Hall	4	Karastury
Maylynn Hourihan	4	Karastury
Nick Kingsley	4	Karastury
Hunter LaVigne	4	Karastury
Avery Lejedal	4	Karastury
Johanna Ingerick	4	Packard
Andrew Miles	4	Packard
Robert Peckham	4	Packard
Mallory Gush	4	Prutsman
Alex Hess	4	Prutsman
Zoey McClelland	4	Prutsman
Aubrianna Tenny	4	Prutsman



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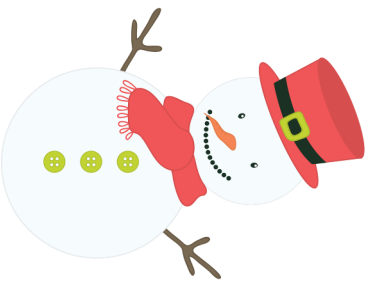


The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled 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 December 2016

Willow Barr	K	Berger/Beach
Noah Miller	K	Berger/Beach
Ethan Raymond	K	Berger/Beach
Aaliyah Coyle	K	Ripley
Destiny Mathews	K	Ripley
Andrew McKibbin	K	Ripley
Emily Navone	K	Ripley
Bradley Baker	K	Standish
Brayden Barnes	K	Standish
Leocadia Clark	K	Standish
Ian Ferraro	K	Standish
Travis Keough	K	Standish
Julianna Burrell	1	Ham
Triton Conklin	1	Ham
Kenadie Gaylord	1	Ham
Ethan Hicks	1	Ham
Leah Brown	1	Robinson
Annika Fuksman	1	Robinson
Julie Hughson	1	Robinson
Bella Shoemaker	1	Robinson
Abigail Tillinghast	1	Robinson
Jack Bradley	1	Williams
Connor McAllister	1	Williams
Jaxon Streeter	1	Williams
Adam Elliott	2	Aquilio
Danica Spencer	2	Aquilio
Lucy Austin	2	Lese
Vito Savino	2	Lese
Jonah Benjamin	2	Potter
Lily Sheilds	2	Potter

Reminders



Center Street has a Facebook page. Please "like" us to stay up to date on activities, events, and other important information about our school.

JANUARY 2017 - "FAIRNESS"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	NO SCHOOL HAPPY NEW YEAR	DAY 6 FIRST DAY BACK SQA MTG 8:00	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3 3 - BIG SCREEN ASSEMBLY	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 1 PTO MTG 6:30 BOX TOP CONTEST BEGINS	DAY 2 PTO MTG 6:30 BOX TOP CONTEST BEGINS	DAY 3	DAY 4
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL MLK JR	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 1 4TH GRADE JACKALS GAME SINGING	DAY 2
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	
RECYCLING WEEK	BOOK EXCHANGE	BOOK EXCHANGE	BOOK EXCHANGE	BOOK EXCHANGE	REPORT CARDS HOME RUNNING RECORDS	
	SPECIAL GRADES DUE			Writing Committee Mtg. BOE MTG 6:00 @ BF		
29	30	31				
DAY 6	DAY 1	DAY 2				
SBT MTG 2:45 USTILITERACY MTG GRADE K 11:30 - 2:30	USTILITERACY MTG GRADE K 11:30 - 2:30	USTILITERACY MTG GRADE 1 11:30 - 2:30 BOX TOP CONTEST ENDS				

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!

