

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life



Center Street Elementary School's Annual Board of Education
Presentation

“PARTNERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS”



On Thursday, February 23rd, our students and staff proudly shared some of the wonderful partnerships we have created around the world. Please see inside pages 6 & 7 for the full details of the BOE Presentation!



Friday, March 17th from 5:00 - 8:00pm - Center Street Elementary - see inside for more details!

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),

Spring is just around the corner, and I am sure most of us are anxious to say goodbye to winter! While it still may be cold outside - things continue to heat up at Center Street. February was indeed, a busy month



involving so many wonderful activities, our Valentine's Red, White and Pink School Spirit Day, the Box Top Contest, our 100th Day celebration and our Jackals special visit.

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



Character

Always value ourselves and others!

This month's Character Education word is **RESPECT**.

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy.

Corner

Spring Carnival and Basket Raffle is Coming Soon!

Come for the
Bouncing,
Games,
Prizes,
Basket
Raffles, Food
and Fun.

Join us **Friday, March 17th**
from **5-8 pm** at
**Center Street
Elementary School**

2 Wrist Bands options available!
\$7 for unlimited inflatable bouncing
or \$10 for unlimited inflatables AND games

Tickets also available for
Inflatables and games!

**Remember to bring paper
goods to recycle!** Each student
who brings in paper goods will
receive a sweet treat and earn
money for our school!



MARCH PROJECT FAIR

THURS., MARCH 2nd 5:00 - 6:30 PM

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/ZOO ANIMALS”

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 or zoo.

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!

CS BOE PRESENTERS



STUDENT COUNCIL/PINT SIZE HEROES

Howdy, Partner...

Center Street pre-kindergartners opened their school presentation in style...marching into the cafeteria with their horses and cowboy hats saying "Howdy, Partner!" The presentation was titled "Partners for Student Success," and focused on how the school is expanding students' experiences through global partnerships and school supports. The school's Student Council officers welcomed the board to their school, and staff members shared how they're expanding students' experiences:

School Secretary Kathy Wigsten described the annual Veterans Tribute.

Teachers Lorraine Packard, Kelli French, Stacey Finnerty, Tonia Prutsman, and Elisabeth Blasic reported that they are corresponding and connecting to students in Madrid, Mexico City, France, and Nevada. Anna Fuksman described the Newspaper Club's new connection with students in Ukraine.

Kim Balliet reported that pre-kindergartners have visited residents at Appleridge and Bethany, where beloved volunteer Lesley Barfoot now resides.

Parent and Student Council Advisor Michelle Gryska described how the group is serving our community through partnering with the American Red Cross' Pint-Sized Hero Program. She also announced that on March 10, the Red Cross will honor the young group with the Good Samaritan Youth Award.

PTO Co-President Melissa Yearick also described how the parent group is supporting their school, teachers and staff, and students.

Reading specialists Cara Wijkowski and Patty Howe described how they're supporting students and helping them be successful through the Response to Intervention program for English Language Arts and Math.

Principal Patricia Sotero summed up the presentation by thanking staff for the unity they've created throughout the school.

Board members shared their appreciation for the work students and staff are doing at Center Street. President Pam Strollo zeroed in on a term the principal used, saying it's a perfect description: a caring community of learners.



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. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!

The summer dates for self-guided tours will be August 24 from 10-11:30am and August 28 6:00—7:00 [pm from 6-7pm.

Pennies To Prevent Polio



March 1st - March 17th

The CS Student Council is once again leading their global outreach to collect pennies to prevent polio. We are committed to raising money each year until we know that every child across our world will never battle with this disease again! Join us by collecting your pennies and bring them in to school each day. For every dollar we raise, the Horseheads Rotary Club will match it, therefore doubling our outreach to help many more children.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

Over the past years, our students and staff together with the Horseheads Rotary Club raised over \$1,500.00.



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THANK YOU TO THE HORSEHEADS ELK CLUB FOR DONATING DICIONARIES TO ALL OF OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS.



Right after the first marking period, we began, once again, to highlight our I MET MY GOAL Program celebrating with students who met their academic goals. Our students work hard each week and persevere. We announce their names on our WCSN News Team Friday Focus, take their picture, put their names on a poster, and a chart which is placed in the hallway for everyone to see. They also receive a wrist band and a special card. In addition, students are able to call home on a special phone and brag about their accomplishment. We love to celebrate our STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT CS!



RED, PINK & WHITE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!



IMPORTANT DISTRICT NEWS

2017-18 Budget Development Calendar

March 9, 2017 - 6pm, Erin Town Hall – Budget Workshop

March 23, 2017 - 6pm, Multi-Media Center - Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2017 (Wednesday) - 6pm, Ridge Road – Board of Education Meeting

The board will adopt the budget to be offered to voters at this meeting.

May 4, 2017 - 6pm, Multi-Media Center – Public Hearing on the 2017-18 Proposed Budget

May 8, 2017 - 7pm, Multi-Media Center – Candidates' Forum

May 16, 2017 - 7am - 9pm, Big Flats/Ridge Road/High School - School Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

Horseheads 2030

Infrastructure Discussions

All district residents are welcome to attend meetings related to the physical infrastructure of the Horseheads district as part of Horseheads 2030, a comprehensive capital project to improve the education and infrastructure of the district. These meetings will focus on the district's buildings and grounds.

All meetings are open to the public and will be held at 7pm in the Horseheads High School Auditorium. Here is the schedule:

March 16	7pm	Auditorium
March 27	7pm	Auditorium
April 26	7pm	Auditorium
May 11	7pm	Auditorium
May 30	7pm	Auditorium



Questions about Horseheads 2030? Visit www.horseheadsdistrict.com, call (607) 739-5601, x4295, or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Recycling Week + Spring Carnival Night

Center Street Spring Carnival

MARCH 13 - 17th



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



That's right - start saving your **phone books, catalogs, magazines, office paper, and newspapers**. Bring them to our Carnival night on Friday, March 17th. **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! If you cannot make it to our Carnival event, you will be able to drop your items off throughout the school day too!

Thank you the CS Student Council



CENTER STREET PTO



Find out more about CS PTO
At our new website www.cspto.org

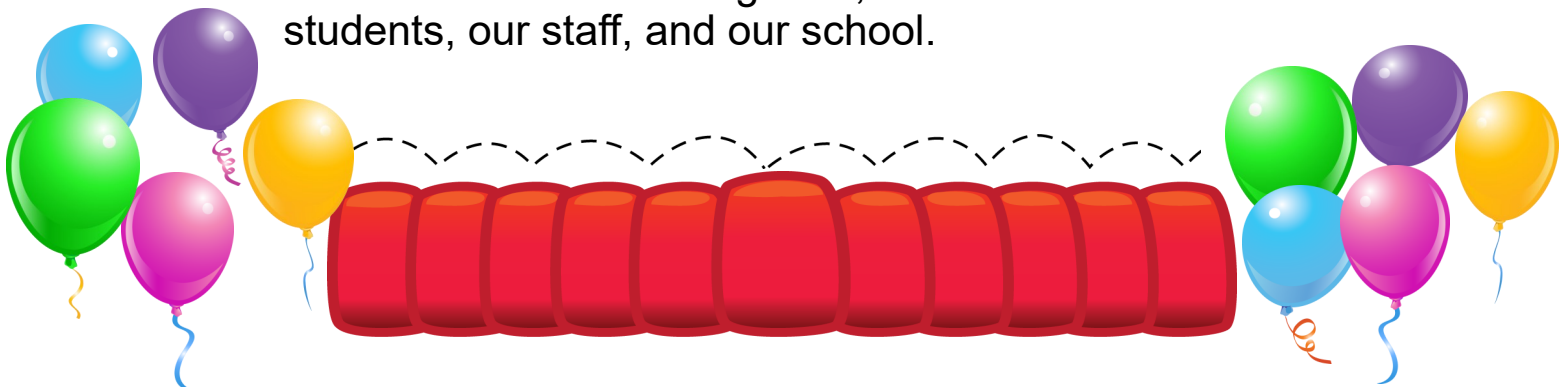
A screenshot of the Center Street Elementary School PTO website. The header features a schoolhouse, a yellow school bus, and three children. Below the header is a section titled "CS PTO PROJECTS" with a list of activities: Scholastic Book Fair, School-wide Food Drives, Help with School Pictures, Center Street Spelling Bee, Center Street Fall Festival, Veteran's Day Celebration, CS Talent Show, Santa's Visit, Holiday Baskets, Annual Book Exchange, CS Spring Carnival, Kindergarten Screening, Staff Appreciation Week, Staff Luncheon, and Fourth Grade Picnic. A Facebook icon is visible on the right side of the screenshot.

Like us on Facebook: **Center Street Elementary PTO**

We want to thank all of the parents and staff who support PTO fundraisers, clip box tops and participate in our events and are quick to send in items whenever we ask. With your help we can pay for staff training and resources that school budgets can't cover. We can provide fun events for our students and assist in paying for field trips and assemblies. We can purchase playground equipment, books, school supplies, and host an ice cream truck special event. We can host the 4th grade picnic, staff appreciation events, a visit from Santa Claus, school-wide fun nights along with various other school events. Volunteers work hard to make it all happen. Please consider giving some of your time to help us accomplish all of our projects. Visit our web page www.cspto.org to find our volunteer survey and let us know how you'd like to help.



The more we all work together, the more we can do for our students, our staff, and our school.





Saint Patrick's Day Parade – Saturday, March 11th

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

The Horseheads Fire Department and The Friends of the St. Patrick's Day Parade are sponsoring the 14th Annual Horseheads **St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 11th, at 2:00 pm.** Our school has been invited to participate this year. This is a fun activity for the Center Street students, a great way to show community spirit and also a fun way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day!

If you are interested in having members of your family participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with other members of our Center Street School Community, please return the form by **Wednesday, March 1st**. The only requirements from the parade committee are that we wear green, incorporate a Saint Patrick's Day theme and have fun!

Parade: We will meet at the **High School Parking lot at 1:30**. **The parade starts at 2:00**. We will go on Sayre Street to Main Street. The parade goes to the Square and turns on Franklin Street near Pudgies. The parade ends right at the Square as it turns onto Franklin Street near Pudgies. Our students will be carrying different banners throughout the parade.

Candy: We are asking our PTO to purchase some candy for the kids that are walking to hand out. Parents are also welcome to send in a bag of candy for the students to share and pass out on the parade route.

Flatbed and Truck: We are asking if anyone has a flatbed our Pre K and K students can ride on, please call the office at 795-2580.



Electronic Recycling Events

Dates: Sat. February 11th, Sat. March 11th & Sat. March 25th

Location: Chemung County Fairgrounds Gate 2

Time: 8:00 to Noon

Pre-registration NOT required

Free of Charge

For Chemung County Residents ONLY

Businesses: For more info please call 607-796-2216

List of Accepted Electronics

Computers (desktop, laptop), Televisions, Computer Monitors, Electronic Keyboards, Mice or similar pointing devices, Fax machines, Scanners & Printers (less than 100 pounds), Portable Music Players, Video Cassette Players, DVD Players, DVR's, Digital converter boxes, Cable or Satellite Receivers, Electronic or Video consoles

****Devices listed above must be INTACT, they CANNOT be broken and the plastic back MUST be in place**

****Items not listed above will be sent home with proper disposal information**

For More information please contact Toni Gardner

@ CCE 607-734-4453 ext. 203



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Cooperative Extension
Chemung County

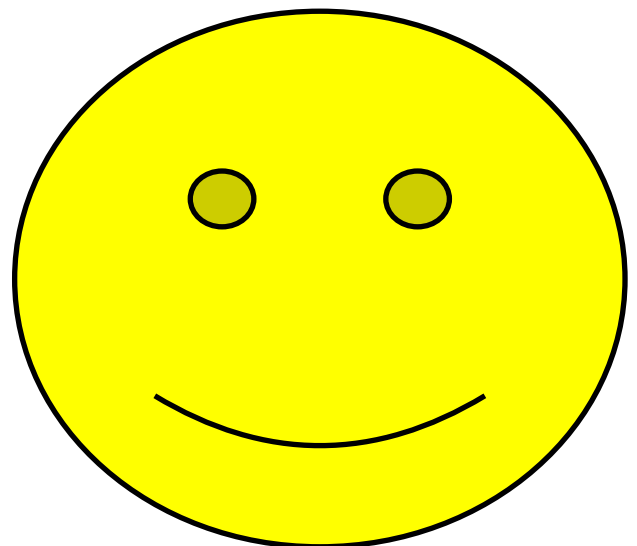
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Recycling Electronics And
Computer Technologies, Inc.
Safe - Secure - Convenient

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, 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 February

Graham	Michael	K	Beach	Baker	Isabella	3	Blasic
Gush	Delilah	K	Beach	Brown	Jack	3	Blasic
Mcllwain	Samantha	K	Beach	Cranmer	Alexander	3	Blasic
Miller	Katelyn	K	Beach	Custred	Isabella	3	Finnerty
Shutts II	Steven	K	Beach	Johnson	Abigail	3	Finnerty
Benjamin	Logan	K	Ripley	Bachert	Elly	3	French
Ferguson	Quinn	K	Ripley	Wood	Kamryn	3	French
Hourihan	Gabriel	K	Ripley	Dunn	Pat	4	Karastury
Padgett	Daegan	K	Ripley	LaVigne	Hunter	4	Karastury
Rosen	Gabriella	K	Ripley	Harvey	Maddox	4	Packard
Shoemaker	Brycen	K	Ripley	Lyon	Nathan	4	Packard
Capener	Ryker	K	Standish	Poulsen	Landon	4	Packard
Barnes	Connor	1	Ham	Calbi	Adrianna	4	Prutsman
Mallow	Sarah	1	Ham	Ellis-Gray	Haley	4	Prutsman
McCracken	Wyatt	1	Robinson	Fuksman	Arianna	4	Prutsman
Monthie	Carson	1	Robinson	Overly	Emily	4	Prutsman
Zurenda	Keegan	1	Robinson				
Swartout	Serenity	1	Williams				
Wilburn	Maura	1	Williams				
Fish	Makessa	2	Aquilio				
LaGier	Julian	2	Aquilio				
Flint	Mylynn	2	Lese				
Mackey	Lydia	2	Lese				
Cicciarelli	Ryan	2	Potter				
Mclnerney	Shiloh	2	Potter				
Mohamed	Yasmien	2	Potter				
Osiecki	Owen	2	Potter				
Thomas	Bryce	2	Potter				





Join us for our PTO Meeting
on Tuesday, March 7th at
6:30 PM.

We will be planning the rest
of the details for our
upcoming Spring Carnival !

Hip Hip Hooray! It's the  th Day!

At Center Street, we celebrate coming to school each and every day. However, on Thursday, Feb. 16th, the entire day was filled with creative ways to learn from instruments, to math, to cooking, to prizes, to enjoying delicious treats. We love coming to Center Street!



Reminders

DON'T FORGET - PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY BY RECYCLING YOUR:

- CATALOGS
- PHONE BOOKS
- MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPERS
- OFFICE PAPER (NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

BRING IT TO THE SPRING CARNIVAL AND WE WILL RECEIVE 3 CENTS PER POUND!!!

Center Elementary and Center Street PTO each have a Facebook page.



Please "like" us to read about activities, events, and other important information about our school.

MARCH

'RESPECT'



MARCH 2017 - "RESPECT"

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			DAY 1 1 Square One Art Begins PENNIES TO PREVENT POLIO ALL DISTRICT MUSIC CONCERT	DAY 2 2 PROJECT FAIR 5:00 - 6:30 CSE MEETINGS	DAY 3 3 CANDY SALE ENDS SPRING PICTURES	4
	5	DAY 4 6	DAY 5 7	DAY 6 8	DAY 1 9 NO HWC	10 11 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY
NATIONAL BREAKFAST WK			PTO MTG 6:30			
	12	DAY 2 13	DAY 3 14	DAY 4 15	DAY 5 16	DAY 6 17 18 GREEN DAY SPRING CARNIVAL 5:00 - 8 RECYCLING PENNIES OUTREACH ENDS
RECYCLING WEEK			504 MTGS 8:00 CSE MEETINGS	SQUARE ONE ART ENDS		
	19	DAY 1 20	DAY 2 21	DAY 3 22	DAY 4 23	DAY 5 24 25
		MATH FACT DAY IT MTG 4:00	CIM K - 2	CIM 3 - 4	BOE MTG 6:00 @MMC	
	26	DAY 6 27	DAY 1 28	DAY 2 29	DAY 3 30	DAY 4 31 SWIM NIGHT POOL MARKING PERIOD ENDS #3 BOX TOP CONTEST ENDS
		SBT MTG 2:45 2:45 - 3:30 NO HWC & CLUBS	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE			

Best wishes to Jocelyn Capener, 4th grade and Kailey McCormick, 3rd grade the **Center Street Spelling Bee Champions** who will participate in