

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,

and learning for life



May
2017

Poem in your Pocket Day!

Poem in your Pocket Day – is a great time to share our favorite poems, limericks, acrostics, free verse, humorous, etc. that children have learned throughout the school year. Staff members and volunteers ask other students to share their poems. Some students even wrote their own! Then each student receives a stamp on their hands. Thank you to those who volunteered to be a part of this event -**Supintendent Dr. Douglas, Mr. Capener, Mrs. Peden, Mrs. Ferraro, Mrs. Doan and Mrs. Sotero** for helping to provide the students with another great fun way of learning.



**POETRY
FUN!**



**OUR
VOLUNTEERS
ROCK!**

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 8:00 - 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 NOT expected 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, cup cakes, 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 FOOD SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED AFTER IT'S 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.

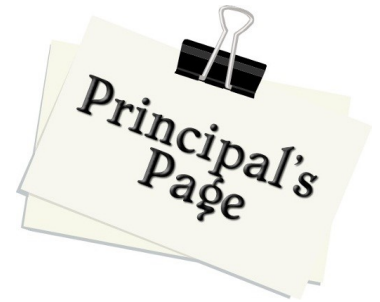
**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984.
Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

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),

The count down begins as we quickly approach the end of the year. At the end of the month, the fourth graders will be taking the performance portion of the NYS Science assessment. I am confident the students will do a fine job, as the staff has been consistently preparing the students in the areas that will be assessed.



Together, we will continue to help prepare your child to be successful in all areas of academics. Our goal is to do our very best!

The students have grown in many ways. Some children have added inches to their height. We have certainly witnessed a tremendous growth in their maturity and wonderful leaps in their academic progress.



Please take a few moments to review the students' dress code with your child. I know you want your child to come to school every day ready to learn. Following the dress code is an important step, especially as the warmer weather quickly approaches.

Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

Zeek, our Character Ed, mascot visits CS!

Special Note: If your family plans to move over the summer, please notify the office as soon as possible with your new address/school.

Center Street Elementary Contact Information

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Horseheads, NY 14845
607-795-2580
Patricia Sotero, Principal
Kathy Wigsten, Secretary
Trishia Alexander, Attendance Clerk
Vickie White, Nurse

www.horseheadsdistrict.com
Melissa Yearick, PTO President
Wanda Kailbourne, PTO Co-President
Michelle Gryska, PTO Secretary
Denise Tronsen, PTO Treasurer

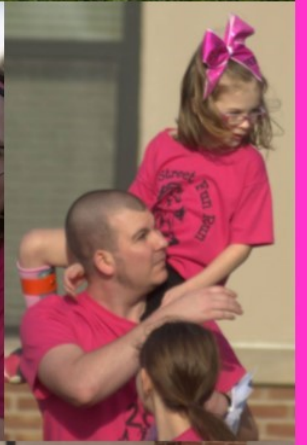
Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



Character **Corner** Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment





PINT SIZE HEROES - OUR GROUP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS - COLLECTED 28 UNITS OF BLOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED. THANK YOU TO MRS. GRYSKA, STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OTHERS!!!!!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED BLOOD!

WE PASSED OUR GOAL AGAIN!



Thank you to everyone who helped us this year! We could not have done it without YOU!!!! Thank you for your labors of love in partnering with the CS Family!



Chorus



Band



Orchestra



Concert

OUTSTANDING

CS END OF THE YEAR DATES

MON., MAY 29th - NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY

TUES., MAY 30TH - NO SCHOOL

FRI., JUNE 16th - NO SCHOOL

MON., JUNE 19th - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

TUES., JUNE 20th – FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
(Pre K 10:30)

WED., JUNE 21st – Early dismissal 11:00 am
(Pre-K 10:30 am)

THURS., JUNE 22nd - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - REPORT CARDS OUT
Early dismissal 11:00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES!

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

Tuesday, May 16

7am-9pm

Big Flats, Ridge Road, High School

Who is eligible to vote?

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote on May 17
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 16



Special Military Care Packages

Let's send a great big Center Street School thank you to our special soldiers who are serving our country! We want to thank **them** for protecting and preserving our freedom.

Drop off an item in our **CARE FOR OUR SPECIAL SOLDIERS** container located in the lobby. We will be packaging the items and shipping them abroad. The last day to bring in these items will be on **Fri., May 12th** If you would like to send a note of thanks or a greeting card of your own, that would be wonderful!! Thank you for joining Center Street in honoring our brave soldiers so far from home.

Here are some suggestions:

**** NOTHING WITH PEANUTS DUE TO PEANUT ALLERGIES!**

- * Flavored powder drink for bottled water
- * Cookies
- * Beef Jerky
- * Trail Mix
- * Hard Candies (no chocolate please due to heat)
- * Pretzels
- * Gum
- * Crossword puzzle books
- * Stationary or tablets
- * Hand sanitizer
- * Foot powder
- * Chap-stick



