

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life



CS Students and Staff Say Thank You to Those Who Protect Our Freedoms

On Friday, Nov. 3rd, the CS students and staff took time to honor almost 100 Veterans and Active Service Individuals who walked our hallways. It was an honor to thank them for everything that is done to secure our freedoms. (See pages 4-7.)



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. You will need to be buzzed in for you to enter the office. Please push the door once you hear the buzz noise.

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** beginning at 7:45 AM.

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 their 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

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

****TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TREATS ARE PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

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 by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. White with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

APPR of Teacher and Principals - The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

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

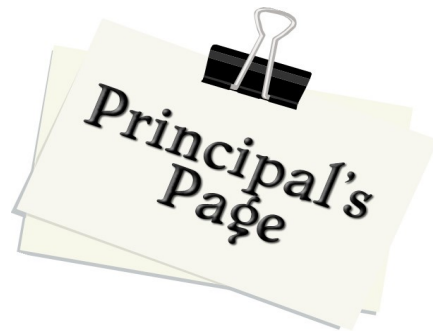
Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX and DASA 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),

Hello Everyone! The 2017 - 2018 school year is off to a fantastic start! There is a high level of excitement at Center Street! Throughout the month of October the students learned what becoming a "Person of Character" looks like, sounds like, and feels like. Responsibility is a key characteristic trait that helps to shape good citizenship in our building, in our



home and in our world. Each day in October, students were "caught" by both the principal and staff exhibiting responsibility, such as finding lost items - even money, and turning them into the office, helping to pick up someone else's cafeteria tray, leaving the classroom floors clean of pencils, pens, and large papers, and helping other students in need. The students' names were announced during the morning announcements for the entire school to hear. As principal, I shared with the student body how proud I am of each of the students for making the right choices. What we now have is Reverse Peer Pressure - it is cool to make the right decision, to listen, to help others, to be honest, and to care!

Our emphasis throughout the year will always be -Communication, Communication, Communication; we can never have too much communication. Our newsletters, flyers, website, office visits, phone calls, and notes are all ways we can continue to work together on behalf of your son/daughter's success. I drive to work every morning with a smile on my face knowing that I am serving such a committed and caring community!



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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



Character **CITIZENSHIP** Corner

Always make good choices and do what is right! BE ON TIME!

This month's Character Education word is Citizenship. The Center Street students participated in a wonderful citizen event by honoring Veterans and those serving in Active Duty. Students made cards, created patriotic pictures and performed songs.

Veterans Day Celebration



PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!



Highlights!



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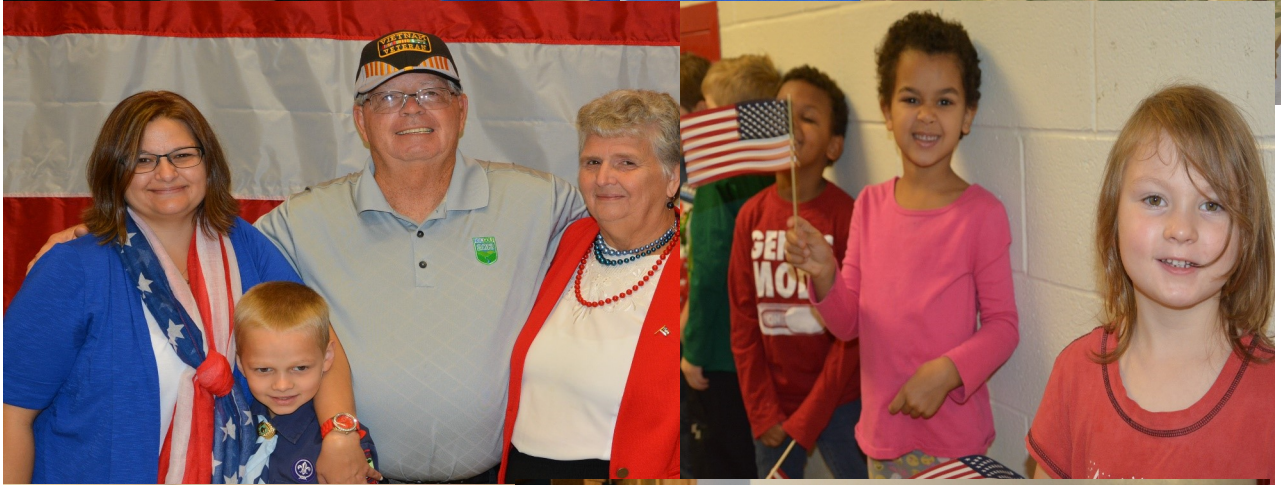
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Clip Box Tops - earn cash for our school!

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!

Will the First graders win? Second graders?

Let's see!



CS PTO would like to thank **everyone** involved in making our fall festival a night to remember. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, organized and inspired to make our event a success!



Thank you to all of our friends who helped set up and clean up the event, thank you to everyone who baked tasty treats for our cake wheel. A special thank you to **Melissa Yearick, Co-President** for her leadership, Wanda Kailbourne, co-president, and Melanie Peden, our secretary and Denise Trondsen for all of her support with our activities and as our PTO Treasurer. Thank you all for you amazing work!!! The parents of CS did an **OUTSTANDING** job making this one of the very best Fall Festivals we have ever enjoyed. And we especially want to thank Mrs. Sotero for her assistance, guidance, and investment our CS students.

Visit our webpage
to find ways
you can help
www.cspto.org



Center Street Spelling Bee

Super job to our students for doing an outstanding job at our CS Spelling Bee 2017.

Our 3rd grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. Blasic class is Liam McInerney and our 4th grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. Karastury's class Jeffrey Orbin.



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October was National Physical Therapy Month. Follow **MoveForwardPT** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#) and explore the resources below to celebrate National Physical Therapy Month in October! Backpack safety is important for our students and children. When wearing a backpack, wear both straps, wear the backpack evenly in the middle of the back, and keep your backpack load as light as possible. For more information, please see: <http://www.moveforwardpt.com/resources/detail.aspx?cid=ec576128-8e7e-4afc-87a0-e6ace64bcf0a#.VhVPEk3lu1s> Physical activity is extremely important for the health and wellness of our children. Children should be physically active for at least one hour a day. Some ideas of physical activities for families are: hiking, swimming, bicycling, mini-golf, tennis, bowling, skating, softball, Wii Fit, Dance Dance Revolution, taking a walk, playing on a playground, lacrosse, soccer, basketball, baseball, four square, and many others! For more information, please see: <http://www.moveforwardpt.com/Resources/Detail.aspx?cid=b8a3f648-c23d-40ca-ac7a-c81f7d74c7f8#.VhVQE03lu1s> Have a great physically active month!

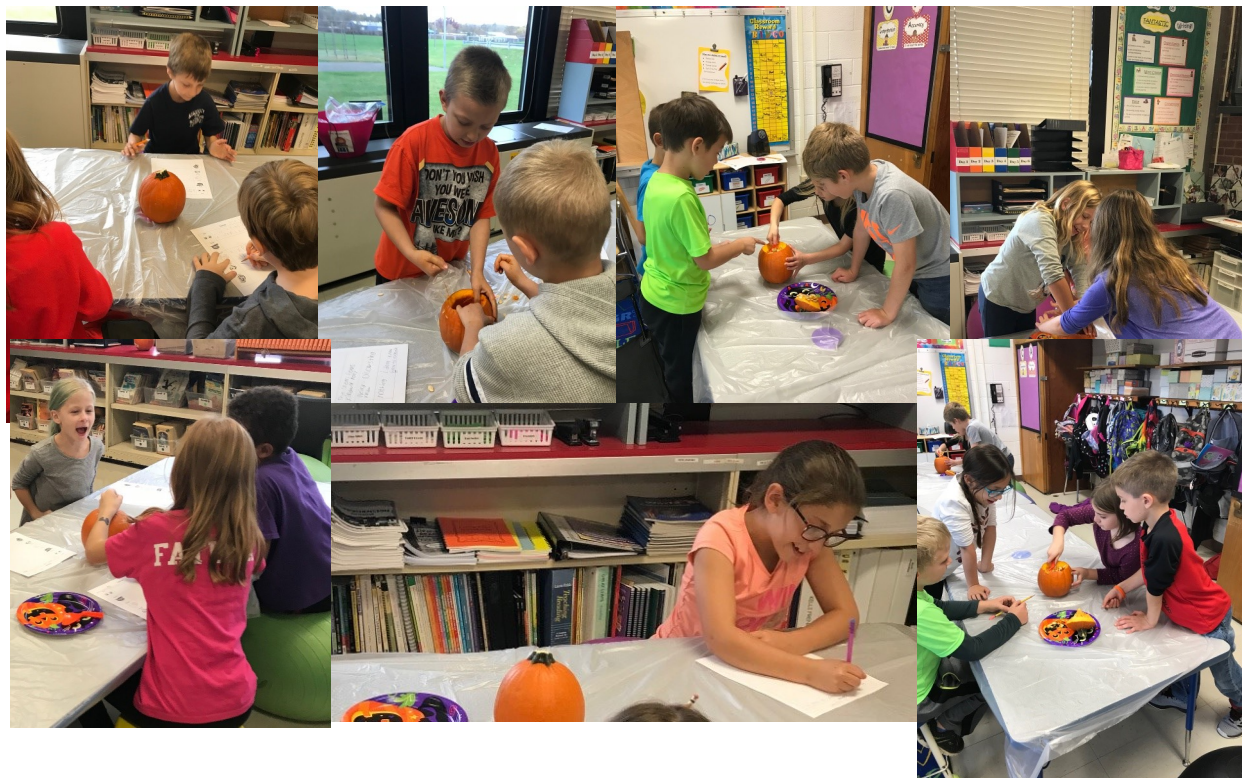
Alisha Marie Owen

Tenbus, PT



STUDENTS IN MRS. FRENCH & MRS. FINNERTY'S WRITING CLASSES

Using pumpkins to help students understand how to use their senses when writing descriptive stories.



**Thank you to the
Horseheads Police Dept.
for your donations
& helping to keep
us safe!**



Fall Festival



Pink Day

Breast Cancer Awareness

Thank you to Mrs. Butler along with the CS Student Council for helping create this special day!





UNITY DAY

OCTOBER 25, 2017

UNITE AGAINST BULLYING

A special thank you to **Mrs. Bennett** for putting together a very incredible day at Center Street!



Students throughout the building created a puzzle piece of something that means a great deal to them. We connected them and it will be proudly displayed on the wall outside of our cafeteria. We ALL fit together with our uniqueness. A Unity banner was placed in two locations for students to sign and then received a wristband. Thank you to Kelly Bennett for leading this wonderful event!



Good Apple Awards

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The following students received *Good Apple Award Certificates* for **September**

Last Name	First Name	Grade
Beach	Brysen	K
Briggs	Rosalie	K
Cleary	Jayden	K
Farrell	Noah	K
Culshaw	Braelynn	K
Dahl	Owen	K
Jaynes	Ellie	K
Miller	Stryker	K
Barnes	George	K
III Evans	Brian	K
Ogden	Jahmaei	K
Shutts	Lillian	K
Baker	Bradley	1st
Orbin	Rylee	1st
Warner	Vivien	1st
Warner	Vivien	1st
Hughson	Brady	1st
McKibbin	Andrew	1st
Peden	Teagan	1st
Finnerty	Colden	1st
Hulslander	Kelci	1st
Rourke	Emily	1st
Vo	Kiet	2nd
Weigand	Ryan	2nd

Last Name	First Name	Grade
Wisneski	Arianna	2nd
Bradley	Jack	2nd
Smith	Ella	2nd
Mallow	Sarah	2nd
Streeter	Jaxon	2nd
Wixson	Lillian	2nd
Baker	Gabriella	3rd
Bradley	Evanna	3rd
White	Corrigan	3rd
Hulslander	Kyli	3rd
Newton	Cameron	3rd
Sheehan	Andrew	3rd
Tomlinson	Trynadi	3rd
Watts	Autumn	3rd
Smith	Luke	4th





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Finnerty	Deklen	Pre-K
JR Price	Jason	Pre-K
Rosno	Avery	Pre-K
Smith	Mia	Pre-K
Stephens	Penelope	Pre-K
Barber	AnnaLynn	K
Sena	Lake	K
Wood	Sophia	K
Brooks	Owen	K
Hancock	Haylee	K
Liddle	Gabriella	K
Watson	Erin	K
Frisk	Ashton	K
Howe	Evalynn	K
Tiffany	Owen	K
Warrick	Amelia	K
Gabrish	Sam	1
Graham	Michael	1
Barnes	Brayden	1
Colussy	Graycee	1

Last Name	First Name	Grade
Miller	Noah	1
Williams	Mariah	1
Mathews	Destiny	1
Benson	Jake	1
Fatula	Gregory	2
Hicks	Ethan	2
Carson	Brandy	2
Wheeler	Zackery	2
Filer	Isabella	2
Rourke	Michael	2
Freeman	Natalie	2
Knapp	Boedi	2
Vesek	Lillian	2
Johnson	Tyler	3
Mohamed	Yasmien	3
Savino	Vito	3
Benjamin	Jonah	3
Flint	Mylynn	3
Freeman	Charles	3
Ostrander	Tyler	3

Last Name	First Name	Grade
Rozell	Ny'Asiah	3
Barr	Ivy	3
Finnerty	Blake	3
Grow	Kai	3
Jaynes	Tyler	3
Hart	McKenzie	4
Knapp	Joshua	4
VanPatten	Carter	4
Williams	Max	4
Harrigan	Shawn	4
Seeley	Peytin	4
Warrick	Madeline	4
Bates	Kameron	4



Reminders



NOVEMBER - CITIZENSHIP

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!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 DAY 3 1st & 3rd trip Clemens "Eager"	2 DAY 4 Picture Day Make ups	3 DAY 5 VETERANS Day- CELEBRATION 1st marking peri-	4
5	6 DAY 6	7 DAY 1 PTO 6:30	8 DAY 2 "Entertain"	9 DAY 3 EARLY DISMISSAL 11:00 PRE K 10:30 - Report cds out PARENT /TEACHER CONFERNCES	10 DAY 11 VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL	11
12 National Education Week	13 DAY 4	14 DAY 5	15 DAY 6 "Extraordinary"	16 DAY 1	17 DAY 2 PARENT TEACHER CONFERNCES NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 DAY 3 NO HWC	21 DAY 4 NO HWC	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	23	24	25
26	27 DAY 5	28 DAY 6	29 DAY 1 "Fragile"	30 DAY 2 TALENT SHOW 6:00 — 8:00		



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DECEMBER - CARING

Sun	Mon	Tue s	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 DAY 3	2
3	4 DAY 4 STUDENT COUNCIL OUTREACH	5 DAY 5 PTO 6:30	6 DAY 6 "Furious"	7 DAY 1	8 DAY 2	9
10	11 DAY 3	12 DAY 4	13 DAY 5 "Humble"	14 DAY 6 CSE Mtgs	15 DAY 1 RED & GREEN DAY	16
17 NO HWC ALL WEEK	18 DAY 2 - Winter Concert— 7:00 pm Student Council outreach ends	19 DAY 3	20 DAY 4 "Inspire"	21 DAY 5 BOE Mtg MS	22 DAY 6 SANTA'S VISIT SING A LONG PJ DAY	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	26	27	28	29	30



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