

2
0
1
7

CENTER STAGE

September 2017

Center Street Elementary Horseheads, New York

Sharing, Caring, and Learning for Life.

**Experience the sights and sounds of
Center Street Elementary**



**We're happy to see
you at CS!**



Welcome to an exciting new school year at Center Street Elementary School!

All the teachers have been busy preparing the classrooms to make them look spectacular! The custodians - Ms. Case, Mr. Connor, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Whalen and Bailey Butler, Arianna Elder and Sara Delano worked hard all summer to make sure everything is sparkling clean! The school staff has been busy preparing to meet the needs of the new and returning students. Many new and exciting things are planned just for YOU! We look forward to sharing your successes together!

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.

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 identify 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 Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back Center Street! What an exciting year we have in store for all of you. We have many new staff members who are looking forward to getting to know you and many new students eager to get acquainted with everyone.

Principal's
Page

Once again, our PTO has prepared a great year full of fun events and our building is sparkling clean and ready to go because of the tireless efforts of our CS summer custodial staff, Janell Case, Jim Connor, Theresa Butler, Eric Pratt, Bill Whalen, Bailey Butler, Arianna Elder and Sara Delano.

At Center Street Elementary, our **students** are our **number one** priority! All the programs and activities offered at Center Street are built around one central purpose, to help every student reach his/her academic potential and understand the value of becoming a positive influence in our community and world. After you read the material located in our September newsletter, please call the office with questions or concerns you may have. It looks like it's shaping up to be another FANTASTIC year at Center Street!

Sincerely,

Patricia Sotero, Principal

Explore. Empower. Excel.

Center Street Elementary Contact Information

812 Center Street

Horseheads, NY 14845

Patricia Sotero, Principal

Kathy Wigsten, Secretary

Trishia Alexander, Attendance Clerk

Vickie White, Nurse

www.horseheadsdistrict.com

(607) - 795 - 2580

Melissa Yearick, PTO Co -President

Wanda Kailbourne,, PTO Co- President

Melanie Peden, PTO Secretary

Denise Trondsen, PTO Treasurer

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

RESPECT



Respect:– Think "the Golden Rule"

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults & disagreements

Center Street Information

Mrs. Sotero will be visiting each classroom during the first week of school to discuss the Center Street expectations. Parents are asked to read over the “HH Code of Conduct” packet with their children. The code book serves as a guide for student expectations and displaying good citizenship in school and in the community. Please be aware that our Board of Education has adopted this code for ALL of our schools, and expects that it will be fully enforced as written. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sotero.



Thank you Moose Club!



We want to extend a very special thank you to the Horseheads Moose Club for their donation of 24 brand new backpacks filled with school supplies. They will be very helpful to some students this school year.

Jack Brooks and Bill Campbell delivered the beautiful gifts to Center Street.

Our Community Partnerships!

**T
H
A
N
K**

**Y
O
U
!**

Business/Organization
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Applebees
Appleridge/Bethany Village
Arctic League
Arnot Art Museum
Arnot Mall
Arnot Odgen Medical Center
Big Flats Lions Club
Boy Scouts
Central Recycling Co-Op Inc.
Chemung ARC – Kids on the Block
Chemung Canal Trust Co
Chemung County Mental Health
Chemung County SPCA
Chemung County YWCA/Kids World
Chemung Valley Historical Society
Child and Family Plus
Children’s Miracle Network
Children's Integrated Services
Chili's
Clemens Center
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Corning Community College
Corning Inc.
Corning Museum of Glass
Division of Veterans’ Affairs
Dollar General
Dominos
Dr. Lawas DDS
Elmira College
Enjoy the City
Fairgrounds - Chemung County
Farmland Animal Park
First Arena
GI Go Fund/Jeans for Troops
Girl Scouts
Girls on the Run
Giuseppe's Pizzeria
Horseheads American Legion

Horseheads Animal Shelter
Horseheads Elks
Horseheads Fire Department
Horseheads Free Library
Horseheads Police Department
Horseheads Rotary
Horseheads - Village
Horseheads Women's Club
Horseheads Youth Bureau
Horseheads/Nakagawa Sister City Assoc
Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm
JoAnn Fabrics
Junior Achievement
Kohls
Let’s Dance
Liberty Balloon
McDonald's
Minier Brothers
NY Sports and Fitness
Old McDonald's Farm
Outback Steak House
Party Central
Party Time
Picnic Pizza
Pizza Hut
Polly-O
Quarry Farm
Reisinger's Apple Farm
RSVP of Chemung County
Ruby Tuesdays
Smithhome Farms
Southern Tier Food Bank
Southern Tier Pediatrics
Star Gazette
Subway
Sullivan's Train
Sweet Frog
Tanglewood Nature Center
Target
Texas Roadhouse
TGI Fridays
Tops
United Way
US Armed Forces
Veterans Hospital
Vietnam Museum
Wegmans
WETM



Pets in School

Through the school year we may have presentations and activities that involve pets. This is often a very exciting and enjoyable experience for the students. However, we do realize that some students have allergies or fears of pets. **If your**

child has a specific pet allergy, if you should have any concerns about pets that you would like to discuss, or if you wish your child not to participate in any activity involving pets, please notify the school office in writing or at 795-2580 by Fri., Sept. 8th.* We are fortunate to have a certified therapy dog visit our school. Students love to read with him too. Finley greets our students every day and everyone LOVES him!

Do you or your children need health insurance? Fidelis Care can help!

Fidelis Care offers free or low-cost health insurance through New York State's Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid Managed Care programs. Fidelis Care members are covered for regular checkups, preventive care, routine screenings, hospital and emergency care, eye exams, dental care, and more. Members can choose their own doctor so they can receive care from someone they know and trust, close to home.

Our representatives are available to meet with you in your home, office, or other convenient location in the community.

For more information call **1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547)** or visit **fidelis-care.org**.

SMILE... PICTURE DAY!

School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 21st. Please be sure to return your order form on Thursday, September 21st.



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!!

Our monthly **PTO meeting will be on Monday, September 11th**. Looking forward to seeing you there!!! You don't want to miss it. Please note our usual meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. This is a unique meeting time due to other conflicts on the district's calendar.



The Center Street Elementary School playground is available to all community members AFTER 4:00 PM each school day. NO dogs or other non school personnel should be on the property. We want to maintain the safety and protection of our students at ALL times. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. **As we work together, we provide the best safety and protection of each and every student.**



PLEASE DO NOT FORGET—THE LATE BELL RINGS AT 8:15AM YOUR CHILD WILL BE MARKED LATE IF HE/SHE IS NOT IN THE CLASSROOM AT 8:15.

AWESOME CLUBS!



BRAND NEW!!! COOKING CLUB - WEDNESDAYS - This club will be offering students an opportunity to make some delicious treats together. If you are in 3rd grade, then this club is just for you. Ms. Michelucci will be the advisor.

BRAND NEW!!! PEN PALS ACROSS THE GLOBE CLUB - THURSDAYS - This club will be offered to students in grades 3 & 4. Students will be communicating with other classrooms across the globe. We began this in our classrooms last year and will be continuing it this year. We will also be reading a book here at CS and the school across the globe. We will be chatting about the book together too! Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Scibek will be the advisors.

SCIENCE CLUB - MONDAYS - This club will be offering students additional opportunities outside of their classrooms to do experiments. If you are in **3rd or 4th grade**, then this club is just for you! Ms. Wijkowski will be the advisor.

NEWSPAPER CLUB - MONDAYS - Are you interested in writing and publishing? Again, this year, our students will have the wonderful opportunity to conduct interviews, write interesting stories and publish their work for all to read. If you are a student who is interested in being part of the Newspaper Club, then this club is just for you. This club will be lead by Mrs. Holmes. Please be sure to get your forms in ASAP - more details to follow! This club is for **grades 3 & 4**.

YEARBOOK CLUB - TUESDAYS - Are you interested in photography? This year, we want our **4th grade** students to help us with our CS Yearbook! Students will learn how to take pictures and help design the yearbook. We will supply all the equipment needed for this club and meet afterschool. Please be sure to get your forms in ASAP - more details to follow! Mrs. Scibek will be the advisor.

HOMEWORK CLUB - MONDAY - THURSDAYS - This is a club designed to assist students with their homework for **grades 2 - 4**. Be sure to sign up early as we were full last year!

STUDENT COUNCIL / RED CROSS PINT SIZE HEROES - WEDNESDAYS - 4th grade students elected by their class will meet each Wednesday with Mrs. Capener.



New Horseheads Staff members join our family at Center Street

Mrs. Barnes will be joining our family at CS this fall. Mrs. Barnes subbed throughout the school year last year and is excited to be with us each day. She will be our new Contract Substitute Teaching Assistant.

Mrs. Bartenstein will be joining the CS Family this fall as a new Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Bartenstein has been a Pre K teacher and brings with her a great deal of creativity.

Mrs. Beach - We welcome back Mrs. Beach full time this year as one of our new Kindergarten teachers. Mrs. Beach was our contract substitute teacher and also served as a long term substitute teacher. Mrs. Beach loves CS and is delighted to be back!

Mrs. Cranmer is no stranger to CS, both of her children attend our great school. Previously working at Big Flats, she looks forward to being part of our family full time as a Teaching Assistant.

Ms. Hill, a new teaching assistant at CS will be working in a classroom closely with students in the primary grades. She previously worked at Big Flats and is eager to begin at her new home at Center Street.

Mrs. Holmes, a reading teacher, will be one of our Contract Substitute teachers. Mrs. Holmes subbed in our building last spring and received wonderful reviews. We look forward to her being a part of our team.

Mrs. Kathan, a 1:1 Teaching Assistant, who is no stranger to our building, will be returning to CS. Ellen supported Mrs. Finnerty's class years ago when our enrollment required additional assistance. We excited about Ellen returning to CS.

Mr. McQuaid will be our new Rtl Teaching Assistant. We are delighted to have him join our team and share his excitement for learning with our students. Mr. McQuaid's academic background includes elementary and special education.

Mrs. Scibek, no stranger to CS, will be one of our Contract Substitute teachers. Mrs. Scibek subbed throughout the school year last year and has had the chance to get to know so many students and staff. We are thrilled she will be with us each day.

Mrs. Shutts, our new Kitchen/Cafeteria Manager, worked at the Intermediate School and comes to CS with a great deal of experience. We welcome her to CS!

Ms. Sutryk, a BOCES support staff member will be joining us this year. We welcome her to Center Street.

Mr. Walburn, a custodian that worked at CS before is returning. We are delighted to have him return to our wonderful school.

Ms. Whitford, a BOCES Speech Teacher, will be coming to CS this fall. We welcome her to our team.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH SCREENINGS AVAILABLE FOR ALL CHEMUNG COUNTY YOUTH AGES 4-21

It is important to regularly check on your child's emotional health. A child who does not feel well emotionally can become physically sick and physical illness can affect emotional health. In any event, it is more difficult for a child, who does not feel well, to be interested in going to school or succeeding in school. When emotional health concerns are dealt with early we can help young people get the most out of their education and lead happy, productive lives.

Good emotional health leads to:

Good Relationships
Good Decisions
Ability to deal with life's challenges
Interest in school
Improved physical health

Emotional Health Issue can affect:

School Performance
Physical Health
Personal Relationships
Actions toward others

Completing an emotional health screening is a simple effective way to look at a child's emotional development. To participate in the screening, complete a consent form and the emotional health screening for your child. **Forms are available on the school district website; www.horseheadsdistrict.com, then click on Center Street school. Completed forms can be sent to Family Services of Chemung County, 1019 East Water St., Elmira, NY, 14901, ATTN: Marilyn Cristofaro**

For additional information contact: Marilyn Cristofaro, Community Mental Health Program Coordinator, at Family Services of Chemung County, 607-733-5696.

ONE CALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Career Development Council

Volunteers Needed for School Career Events

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. **We are always looking for volunteers** for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field. If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, **please contact Deb Lynch**, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, at **(607)795-5320** or **dlynch@gstboces.org**.

CS in ACTION Student Council News!

The Student Council members will open up the school year with activities to join in at Center Street. During the month of September, each classroom in grade 4 will select three Student Council representatives who will comprise the Student Council members for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Then, during the month of October, all elected Student Council members may want to think about running for a particular office such as; President, Vice Pres., Secretary and Treasurer. **Mrs. Capener is the Student Council Advisor and she looks forward to working with our wonderful students again this year! Student Council will meet each Wednesday 2:30 - 3:30.**

CS CONTINUES TO PARTNER WITH THE RED CROSS !

Last year's CS Student Council helped to create a wonderful community outreach by working with the American Red Cross. The CS Students are the youngest group to join the Pint Size Heroes in Chemung County. We look forward to extending the outreach to include other ways to positively impact our community and world. Be looking for these upcoming opportunities after school.



Principal Sotero is so proud of everything our students have accomplished by partnering with the Red Cross. Last year, our students were the only elementary students recognized for the American Youth Award in the Finger Lakes Region. Wow!!!

Horseheads Central School District

Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The Horseheads Central School 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.

The Center Street students are dismissed at 2:25 p.m. In order to ensure the safety of our children the following procedures must be followed:

Dismissal Plans: Parents must supply the school office with written notification of their child's regular dismissal plans by the first day of school. If you have more than one child, please write a note for each child's teacher.

Walkers: Children who walk home must have a note to inform the teacher. If your child is to walk home on a daily basis, please send one note at the beginning of the year indicating this plan stating "until further notice". If your child will walk home only on special occasions, you will need to send a note each time.

Parent Pick-ups: Children who will be picked up on a daily basis must have a note from parents at the beginning of the school year indicating this plan stating "until further notice". Any student that will be picked up from school, on special occasions or early for an appointment, must have a note for each time.

Dismissal Changes: Parents must call the office by 10:00am, due to the Transportation Department notifications, with any dismissal changes for student pick-up. ***For any dismissal changes after 10:00 am, only emergency changes will be honored.***

After School Kids World: Children, who have registered for the programs in advance, attending the Kids World Program at Center Street must have a note on file in the school office from parents by the start of school. **Also, any parent or guardian picking up a child from school must come into the cafeteria to sign-out the child.** Students will not be sent outside to meet a parent nor will they be released directly from the classroom, teacher or lobby area. Thanks for your

Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

If it is necessary to close or delay schools, the information will be posted on the District's website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, the District's Facebook pages and Twitter, and the following local television and radio stations and their affiliates:

Radio: WNKI 106.1, WPGI 100.9, Magic FM 92.7/97.7, WGMM 98.7, WLVE 94.3,
WELM 1410

TV: WENY, WETM, Time Warner Cable News

These television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

Each of our schools and the district have Facebook pages. To see school closings/delays and other information on your news feed, "like" the page(s). On Twitter, follow us at @HhdsSchools.

Additionally, WETM TV has an automated system to e-mail and/or text closings and delays to those who have signed up for the service. Parents may sign up at the following link: <http://www.mytwintiers.com/sms>. Scroll down to "School and Business Closing Alerts."

Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Please note that if schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs.

Please also note that when school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally, on school delays, there is no breakfast served.

As we start a new year, our focus continues to be to provide richer and more interactive classrooms at Center Street. When you stop by the school, you will once again find posters hanging throughout the hallways. These posters build our continuous theme

“Learning is an Active Sport; Let’s Play!”

Center Street - Interactive Classrooms



BUILD EXPLORE DISCOVER

Center Street - Interactive Classrooms



BUILDING-EXPLORING & DISCOVERING



Reminders

VOTE

October 17

7am to 9pm
Horseheads High School
South Gym

Questions?
hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com
(607) 739-5601, x4295
www.horseheadsdistrict.com

Our Board of Education has approved a capital referendum on October 17. This is the **Horseheads 2030 project** that began last year with several community meetings, meetings with staff, an educational committee made up of representatives from the district and community, work with architects and financial planners, and more. The project is the first of what could be several capital votes in the next 10 years to upgrade the entire district.



September 2017 - "RESPECT"

SEPTEMBER - RESPECT

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 Labor Day				1	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 Superintendent's Day Coupon sales starts /Book Sale SNEAK PEEK /OPEN HOUSE 4:30 - 5:30	6 DAY 1 FIRST DAY Parent's Title 1 Mtg 4:00 pm	7 DAY 2 Cooperative project Bus Drills	8 DAY 3 Bus Drills	
10	11 DAY 4 PTO 6:30 Mtg. Gr 4 Bk fair	12 DAY 5 Gr 3 Bk fair	13 DAY 6 Gr 2 Bk Fair	14 DAY 1 Gr 1 Bk fair	15 DAY 2 Gr Prek/K Bk fair	16
17	18 DAY 3 CONSTITUTION DAY (17) HWC BEGINS Bk Fair for all	19 DAY 4 504 Mtgs	20 DAY 5	21 DAY 6 Picture Day CSE Mtgs	22 DAY 1	23
24 Building our future now	25 DAY 2 SBT MTG 3:45	26 DAY 3	27 DAY 4	28 DAY 5 BOE MTG IS	29 DAY 6 Coupon Bk sale ends	30