



Horseheads Central School District

Golden Star Gazette

January 2018

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families-

We had a lot of fun during the month of December. We celebrated our character trait of caring throughout the month and many students earned caring awards. We collected \$343.00 to donate to the Arctic League. We also honored two past students at Gardner Road, Connor and Ren. In memory of these students, we had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the brand new rock climbing wall in the gym and for the class set of ukuleles for the music room. The students are very excited to use these items within our school.

Our PTO hosted yet another great Holiday Shoppe fundraiser – thanks to all of the volunteers. We also had many parents in the school volunteering to read, and help with some of the December traditions in our school. It is always wonderful to see such a great community of parents supporting the school.

Mr. Hamilton conducted our 4th graders in a wonderful winter concert. You can watch the entire show as it was recorded live on Facebook. Thank you to Mr. Hamilton for also engaging some of our students in singing at Holly Days.

With January upon us, the 2nd marking period is about to come to a close, so report cards will be coming home for all students. If you have any questions about the report card, please communicate with your child's teacher.

We also are looking forward to our Scripps Spelling Bee qualifiers competing for a spot to regionals this month. Our annual PTO roller-skating party is on the 19th at 5:30 at Joycrest. 3rd graders will be learning about China with the help of docents from the Johnson Art Museum at Cornell University. 4th graders continue their study of the Chemung River with a visiting artist teaching us about landscapes. K and 1st grade students will experience a wonderful play at Clemens Center this month as well.

February 1st will be kindergarten registration (for those not already enrolled in pre-k). If you know of someone kindergarten age for next fall, please have them contact the office if they have not heard anything from us.

We are looking forward to another great month at Gardner Road Elementary. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, thoughts or concerns.

Your Partner in Learning,

Patrick Patterson
Principal



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Gardner Road School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Tardy Bell – 8:15 AM

Gardner Road Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elementary Lunches (K-6)

Breakfast: \$ 1.25

Lunch \$ 2.10



3rd & 4th graders counting
donations for the Arctic League!

Moishe's Quote of the Month:

**"Creativity is contagious. Pass it on."
Albert Einstein**

Main Office Updates:

School Delays and Closings:

The cold, slippery, white flakes are just around the corner. When the ice and snow arrive, it is often necessary to delay or close schools. The announcements can be found on our District website www.horseheadsdistrict.com and the local media stations. In the event of a 1 or 2-hour delay, students can be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance beginning at the adjusted time. Please be aware that **NO** breakfast is served when there is a 2-hour delay. Pre-kindergarten start time for a 2 hour delay is 10:30. I will also post our current status on the Gardner Road Twitter feed. To sign up for the tweets, go to our school website and follow the link.

Recess:

Students will be going outside for recess as the weather becomes colder (20 degrees wind-chill and warmer) Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, a hat and gloves/mittens so they can stay warm as they play. Thank you!

Spring New York Assessment Dates (Grades 3 & 4):

English Language Arts: April 11th & 12th

Math: May 2nd & 3rd

Grade 4 Science Performance: May 23rd

Grade 4 Science Written: June 4th

GR Talent Show - Details Coming Soon:



CHANGE OF DATE:

February 27, 2018

GR Cafeteria 6:00 PM



Be Your Own Hero!



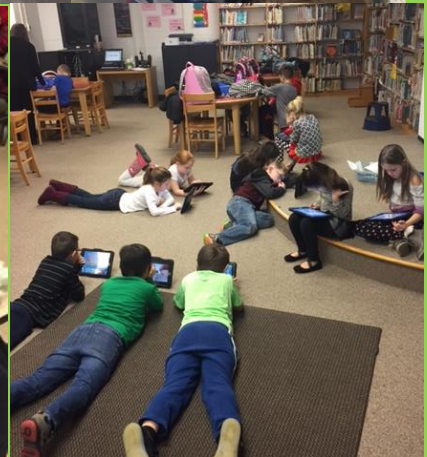
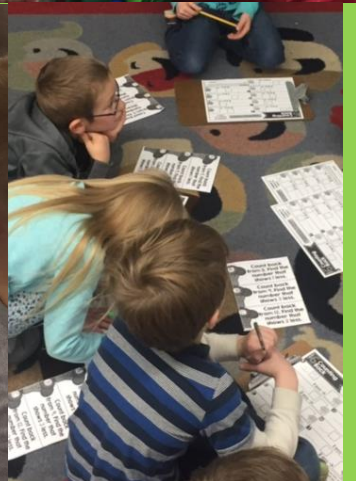
Substitutes Needed:

The Horseheads Central School District is seeking applications for substitute teachers, bus drivers and substitute teaching assistants. For information, please visit: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/subteach.html>

Human Resources Office: 739-5601, x4211

e-mail: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

December Snapshots:



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"



December Character Challenge:

Thank you to all of our caring students and families as we raised \$343.00 for the Arctic League as our annual December penny drive. I would also like to say thanks to our 3rd and 4th graders who volunteered their time during lunch to help count the money.

January's Character Trait is:

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



Horseheads Central School District's Mission & Vision:

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

EXPLORE

EMPOWER

EXCEL



Horseheads Central School District

To report child abuse or neglect
call toll free 1-800-342-3720 or
go to ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps



Thank you to the Science and Discovery Center for their annual science show visit. Mr. McClaren taught us what happens when we heat and cool air with various experiments.







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 Megan Collins, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Gardner Road Elementary is Patrick Patterson. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patrick Patterson at (607) 739-6347. 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.



Gardner Road Elementary School - REVISED



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2 <i>Day 1</i> <i>Fairness Month</i> 	3 <i>Day 2</i>	4 <i>Day 3</i>	5 <i>Weather Day</i> <i>No School</i>
8 <i>Day 4</i>	9 <i>Day 5</i> <i>Johnson Art Museum Visit—3rd Grade China Project</i>	10 <i>Day 6</i> <i>String Showcase 7:00 HS Aud</i> 	11 <i>Day 1</i> <i>Chemung River Valley Project Artist Visit—4th Grade</i>	12 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Chemung River Valley Project Artist Visit—4th Grade</i>
15 <i>No School</i> 	16 <i>Day 3</i>	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 <i>Day 5</i> <i>Kindergarten & 1st Grade to Clemens Center</i> 	19 <i>Day 6</i> <i>End of MP 2</i>  <i>GRPTO Roller-skating at 5:30 Joycrest</i>
22 <i>Day 1</i>	23 <i>Day 2</i>	24 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Springer to Johnson Art Museum—Cornell</i>	25 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Watson to Johnson Art Museum—Cornell</i> <i>BOE at BF 6:00</i>	26 <i>Day 5</i> <i>2nd/4th Peter Pan at HHDS HS Muehl to Johnson Art Museum Report Cards Home Scripps Spelling Bee—Gr 2-4 Qualifiers Only 4:45, starts @</i>
29 <i>Day 6</i>	30 <i>Day 1</i>	31 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Swartwood to Johnson Art Museum—Cornell</i>	<u>Character Education Tips for Home: Fairness</u> -Share treats at home..."I cut- you pick" -Act out skits -Talk as a family about why games have rules -Discuss with your child what they think fairness is	