



Horseheads Central School District

# Golden Star Gazette

June 2017

**Gardner Road Elementary School**

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Dear Gardner Road Families-

As we close up the year, it is always a great time to reflect on where each student has grown over the last ten months. When you are in the hallways, check out our students' "now, I can" statements. In our last town hall meeting, we celebrated what we have changed from "not yet" to "now, I can." We are so proud of each and every student and their learning journey. Thank you to every teacher, staff member, parent, family member, neighbor, classmate, etc. that helped each Golden Star on their journey. We look forward to a great June and a relaxing summer!

As we close out the year, we are also about to say goodbye to our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We know our Golden Stars will do well as they move onto 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the Intermediate School. We also have a few staff members that will be retiring.

Thank you to Mr. Monks for the 33 years of service to our school as our physical education teacher. He has been an institution at Gardner Road leading our students to lifelong fitness while also teaching character. We also need to say thank you to Mrs. Norton, social work assistant, who has impacted so many students' lives in such a positive way while coaching students on building their social/emotional skills and strategies. Both of our speech teachers, Mrs. Mryglot and Mrs. Close, will also be leaving us. Thank you for helping our students learn language and articulation skills. Mrs. Kathan will also be moving to a new building as a teaching assistant.

In the fall, we welcome new staff members to our school. Mrs. Donlin will join our school as one of our new speech teachers. She most recently has been at Big Flats Elementary. Mrs. Rodabaugh will come to Gardner Road from the Middle School as our Social Work Assistant. Both have been in the building getting to know our students this spring. Updates on other new staff will be posted on social media throughout the summer.

Thank you to Mr. Lamar on a great art show at Arnot Mall and to Mrs. Matthews/Mr. Hamilton on a great 4<sup>th</sup> grade spring concert.

If you are starting to make plans for your summer, please see the details about the regional Summer of Innovation Series for students (page 2). Enjoy your June at Gardner Road! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have need anything!

Your Partner in Education,

  
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

**Proud Supporter of  
School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

Just try new things. Don't be afraid. Step out of your comfort zones and soar!

Michelle Obama

# Main Office Updates:

## End of Year Schedule:

- Friday, June 9th: Kindergarten Celebration 9:00
- Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: GRPTO Mud Run
- Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> : 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Instrument Recruitment – All Day
- Friday, June 16th: No School for Students
- Monday, June 19th: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – All Day
- Tuesday, June 20th: PK-4<sup>th</sup> Field Day & Picnic
- Wednesday, June 21st: Pre-Kindergarten Celebration
- Wednesday, June 21st: Early Dismissal 11:00
- Thursday, June 22nd: Last Day for students → Early Dismissal 11:00



## Are you Moving?

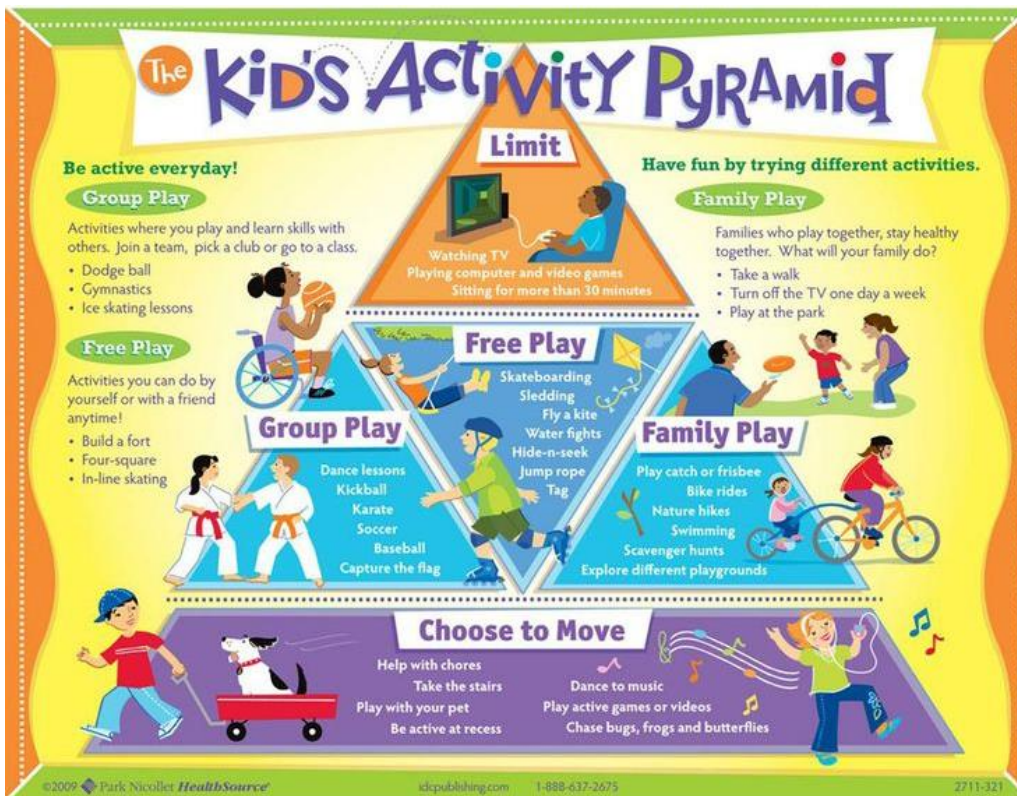
If you are moving to a new school next year, please notify the office as soon as possible and talk to our attendance clerk, Mrs. Wright. Please contact your child's new school as soon as possible so that they can request records from us. Additionally, this will help us make accurate class lists for next school year. Thank you!

## Update from Mrs. Hinman:

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! New York State regulations require all medication left at school at the end of the school year be discarded. This includes inhalers and Epi-pens. Unless your child has current permission to self-carry their medication, the school is not able to allow your child to bring the medication home themselves. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up medication, please call to make arrangements. **Medications not picked up, will be disposed of Wednesday, June 21st @ 11:30 am.**

## Special Education Services:

Chapter 434 of the New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents or persons in parental relation of their rights regarding the referral and evaluation of their child for the purposes of special education services or programs. This information can be found on our district website ([www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com)) or on the New York State Education Department website ([www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov)) in "A Parent's Guide to Special Education." If you have further questions, please contact Kim Williams, Director of Student Services, at 607-739-5601, x4300.



**To report child abuse or neglect call toll free  
1-800-342-3720 or  
[ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps)**

**Memorial Day**

**Haiku:**

By Nonye (2<sup>nd</sup> Grader)

Memorial Day  
People celebrate soldiers  
Breaks to honor them

# #LearningatGR Home Connection – Edition 5:

<http://blog.fabkids.com/2015/07/keep-learning-all-summer-long/>

<http://summerlearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Tip-Sheet-for-Parents.pdf>

<https://blog.allaboutlearningpress.com/summer-slide/>

Summer has long been regarded as a time for kids to relax and have fun. While it's great to take a break, research shows that most students lose about 2 months of mathematical computation skills over the summer while others lose more than two months in reading achievement. School may be out for summer but there's plenty of time to still learn. Check out our tips that will help your child keep learning all summer long.

## Keep Children Reading

- Combine activities with books
  - Visit the local library
  - Read aloud with kids
  - Use books to break boredom
- reading for fun

## Maintain Science Skills

- Visit a planetarium or your local science museum
- Create an insect collection or raise butterflies
- Complete family science projects
- Plant a garden (vegetables or flowers)

## Build Math Momentum

- Play board games
- Allow kids to count money that will be used for purchases
- Allow kids to measure when cooking
- Save change, add it up at the end of summer and then plan to – Model spend it on something special

## Revisit History

- Visit historical landmarks/monuments while on family vacation
- Find out about local history and visit places nearby
- Create a family tree
- Plan a trip to a history museum

# TOP 10 “EASY SUMMER LEARNING TIPS” FOR PARENTS

## 1 Read. Read. Read.

Summer reading should be FUN reading! Help your child read ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING that interests him or her. A great way to get started is by celebrating the end of the school year with a special trip to the library or a bookstore. Help your child set-up a comfortable and quiet space with good lighting for summer reading. Encourage your child to create a schedule for daily reading and set an example by letting your child see you read every day.

## 2 Have Fun with Numbers.

Find creative ways to practice math: ask your child to help you tally the bill at the grocery store, calculate time, or follow a recipe. Some children enjoy math workbooks or online worksheets – there are lots of free ones.

## 3 Turn off the TV! Turn off the screens!

A little bit of screen time is ok – but too much screen time is not healthy. Monitor (and limit) screen time in the summertime just as you would during the school year.

## 4 Make Art!

Kids love art projects of every kind – but they rarely have enough time during the school year to draw and paint and construct as much as they'd like. Picasso said, “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain one once we grow up.” Let the summer months be the time when your child discovers that he or she has the amazing ability to create through art.

## 5 Experiment! Do Science!

Watch an ice cube melt. Grow grass. Play with magnets. Collect rocks. Collect leaves. Summer is a great time to experiment with science.

## 6 Eat smart. Eat healthy.

It's ok to eat ice cream on a hot summer day – but don't eat only ice cream. Kids need help eating healthy. Without the structure of the school day, some kids tend to eat tons of junk food during the summer. Keep plenty of fresh fruits and veggies at the ready, like carrot and celery sticks with hummus, ranch dressing or peanut butter for “skinny dipping”. Process watermelon in your blender and freeze it in popsicle forms for an icy, refreshing treat.

## 7 Get outside. Take a hike. Play in the sun. Go for a bike ride or a run. Visit a park.

Some children experience unhealthy levels of weight gain during the summer months because they get less exercise when schools are closed. It's important to help your child stay physically active all summer long.

## 8 Go to a museum – again and again.

For every child with an interest, there is a museum with a special collection. Insects? Space travel? The ocean? Art? History? Find a museum and visit it – whether in person or online.

## 9 Read a poem.

Here's the start of a silly, ridiculous, funny, poem by Shel Silverstein:

*Millie McDeevit screamed a scream  
So loud it make her eyebrows steam.  
She screamed so loud her jawbone broke,  
Her tongue caught fire, her nostrils smoked...*

This is just one of a thousand wonderful poems for children. Google “funny poems for children” and see which ones your child enjoys. Read them aloud. Memorize a line or two. Substitute words to make your own rhymes. Ask your child to describe the poem in their own words means and what it means.

## 10 Finally... go to sleep!

Keep a bedtime routine. It's ok for your child to stay up a bit later in the summer but it's still very important to maintain a regular bedtime and routine. For example, if you read a bedtime story to your child during the school year, then read a bedtime story during the summer.



# Character Education through the Summer of 2017!

Character education learning is a year round learning event for our students in Horseheads. Below are tips for home for the summer months. Be on the lookout for our character education connections at community events.



## Fairness-July

- Discuss why games have rules
- Talk about taking turns choosing things to do while on vacation
- Discuss with your child why fair is not always equal
- Show good sportsmanship

## Trustworthiness -August

- Have a family game night
- Model honesty in your everyday life
- Point out characters in books, movies, TV shows who display trustworthiness and why
- Focus on the "fun" of something instead of winning
- Honesty starts at home

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

	Read under a tree.		Read a book you're unsure of.
	Read a non-fiction book.		Read for an hour straight.
	Read an old favorite.		Read in the bathtub.
	Read a book from the library.		Read before breakfast.
	Read at the park.		Read to a stuffed animal.
	Read out loud.		Read a mystery.
	Read late at night.		Read in your closet.



"GOLDEN STARS SHINING BRIGHTER!"



BROUGHT TO YOU TODAY BY:  
THE LETTERS G, R & THE NUMBER '17!

Check out our video that highlights the new learning opportunities that were launched in the 2016-2017 school year by the Gardner Road Team. It can be found on the Gardner Road website!

<http://www.gstboces.org/summerofinnovation/SummerofInnovation2017-CourseCatalog.pdf>

## SUMMER OF INNOVATION 2017

DOWNLOAD THE 2017 COURSE CATALOG (PDF)



### WHAT IS THE SUMMER OF INNOVATION?

Several organizations from across the Southern Tier have united to offer unique learning opportunities for children and young adults during the summer months. These organizations have a common goal of extending the traditional school year into a third summer semester. Our offerings have another purpose as well - to provide students with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills that are essential to their success in the future.

### HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THESE COURSES?

To register your child for any of the courses listed in this brochure, click on the registration link for the agency offering the course your child is interested in. From there, you will be able to access the registration information you need.

Enrollment is limited; please register early!

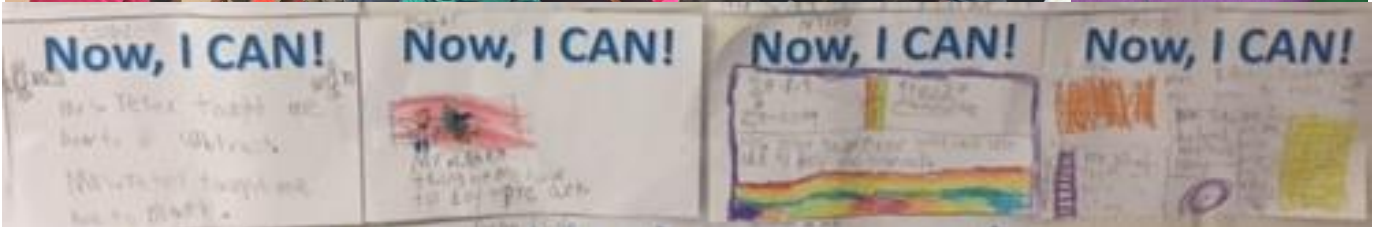
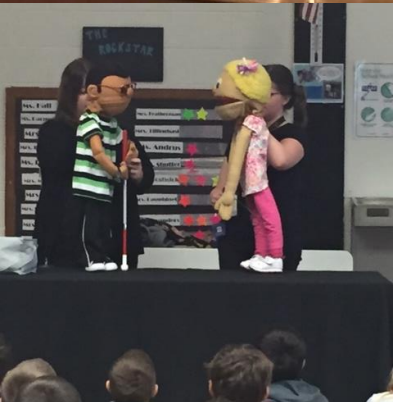
When registering for courses, please use the grade your child will enter in the fall unless otherwise indicated.

Register for GST BOCES classes!

### PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- Alfred University - [www.alfred.edu](http://www.alfred.edu)
- The First Tee Corning - [www.thefirstteeccorning.org](http://www.thefirstteeccorning.org)
- GST BOCES - [www.gstboces.org](http://www.gstboces.org)
- MST Connect
- Notre Dame High School - [www.notredamehighschool.com](http://www.notredamehighschool.com)
- The Science & Discovery Center - [www.sciencediscoverycenter.org](http://www.sciencediscoverycenter.org)
- Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum - [www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com)
- Wings of Eagles Discovery Center - [www.wingsofeagles.com](http://www.wingsofeagles.com)

# #LearningatGR in May!



# "We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

## CHARACTER

**O** In May, 364 students (89%) earned a character award for demonstrating citizenship in our school. Thanks to all of those students that show pride and commitment to our school and local community as Golden Star citizens!

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### June's Trait is:

Character Education

## Caring

- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Be sensitive to people's feelings
- Help people in need  
Treat people with kindness and generosity
- Do not be mean or hurtful



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## Horseheads Central School District

### Our Mission

#### "Quality Education for All"

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment, which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

### Our Vision

*We, the Horseheads School Community, want a district that:*

- is nurturing and responsive.
- strives for balance in a supportive, safe, encouraging environment.
- recognizes the need for continual improvement in an ever-changing world.
- has a clearly defined focus on learning outcomes, collaboration, and support systems.
- creates an environment within which everyone can thrive and achieve his/her highest potential.

### Our Beliefs

*We believe:*

- everyone can achieve his/her highest potential.
- trust is essential for growth.
- learning is cooperative.
- programs are inclusive.
- success will be nurtured and expected.
- learning is performance-based.
- decisions are data-based.
- responsibility, respect, and results guide our every effort.



### Exit Outcomes

*The Horseheads Central School graduate will be ...*

- a life-long learner
- a caring, productive citizen
- an effective communicator
- a creative problem-solver
- a quality decision-maker
- a healthy, well-rounded person

## 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](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)



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.

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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><u><a href="#">Character Education Connection—Caring:</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Discuss how characters in a book show caring.</li> <li>--Help a neighbor</li> <li>--Discuss with your kids what/who they care about and why</li> <li>--Consider donating your time or items to your favorite charity</li> <li>--Help your child make a card/letter of caring to a friend or relative</li> <li>--Model random acts of kindness</li> </ul>			1 Day 2	2 Day 3 <i>Heritage Village (Andrus/Shutter) K to Tanglewood 3rd Grade to Old McDonald Farm</i>
5 Day 4 <i>NYS Science Written Exam 4th Grade</i>  <i>Chemung River Project Art Gallery—Arnot Art Museum</i>	6 Day 5	7 Day 6  <i>3rd Grade Science Mobile Lab</i>	8 Day 1	9 Day 2  <i>9:00 - Cafeteria</i>
12 Day 3 <i>3rd -Instrument Recruitment Kindergarten Screening</i>  <i>6:00 Behind School</i>	13 Day 4 <i>Kindergarten Screening</i>  <i>Principal Chat 5:30 Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 Library</i>	14 Day 5 <i>Jared Campbell Concert</i>	15 Day 6	16 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
19 Day 1 <i>4th Grade Celebration</i>	20 Day 2 	21 Day 3 <i>PK Celebration 9:30 Cafeteria PK Dismiss @ 10:40</i>  <i>Dismiss at 11:00</i>	22 Day 4 <i>Report Cards Home</i>  <i>PK Dismiss @ 10:40 Dismiss at 11:00</i> 	

# Horseheads Central Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

BOE Approved 3/23/17

\* Early Dismissal Drill

SEPTEMBER						
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**School Not in Session:**

Labor Day	9/4
Columbus Day	10/9
Veterans Day	11/10
Thanksgiving Break	11/22 - 11/24
Winter Recess	12/25 - 1/1
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	1/15
President's Day	2/19 - 2/20
Good Friday	3/30 - 4/2*
Spring Recess	4/23 - 4/27*
Memorial Day Recess	5/25 - 5/28*




**\* Pending the use of Snow Days**

<b>½ Days (A.M.)</b>	
6/19/18	(7 - 8 Only),
6/20/18	(PreK - 8 Only)
6/21/18	(PreK - 6 Only)
<b>Full Days Off</b>	
1/26/18	(7 - 12 Only)
6/15/18	(PreK - 6 Only)
6/21/18	(7 - 8 Only)

**Parent/Teacher Conference**

½ Day A.M. (PreK - 6 Only)	Nov. 9, 2017
Full Day (PreK - 6 Only)	Nov. 17, 2017

**LEGEND**

	<b>Conference Days</b> (9/5, 10/20, and 3/9)
	<b>Schools Closed*</b>
	<b>Regents Exams</b> (Tentative)

**Priority of Make-up Days\***

If 1 snow days	No Change
If 2 snow days	No Change
If 3 snow days	No Change
If 4 snow days	April 2, 2018
If 5 snow days	May 25, 2018
If 6 snow days	April 27, 2018
If 7 snow days	April 26, 2018
If 8 snow days	April 25, 2018
If 9 snow days	April 24, 2018
If 10 snow days	April 23, 2018

Last Day: 7-8: **6/20/18**  
Last Day: PreK-6: **6/21/18**

**First Day of School PreK - 9:**

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

**First Day of School 10 - 12:**

Thursday, September 7, 2017