

The School Connection



Principal's Post



Horseheads Intermediate School

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We are now in the second month of 2017, and we are still enjoying a fairly mild winter! I hope the new year has been treating you well so far. At the IS, January was an exciting month filled with many great experiences for the students.

There were three wonderful musical performances this past month. The Strings Showcase highlighted and showed the progression of talent from beginner fourth grade students to high school seniors. We also had our fifth and sixth grade winter concerts. Band, orchestra, and chorus students had the opportunity to display their abilities in front of packed audiences. All of the shows were entertaining and once again showed the strength of our very talented music department.

Sixth grade students participated in Egypt Day as a culmination of studying the Ancient Egyptian culture in social studies. Many students dressed as Egyptians and had the opportunity to play cultural games, enjoy a feast, visit the gift shop, the catacombs, and much more. Thank you to all the staff organizers as well as the PTO for an active day of Egyptian learning.

Our Intermediate School PTO has been very active providing the students with a great deal of incredible experiences thus far. We have had many successful events such as the Ice Cream Social, Make a Difference Day, local Scripps Spelling Bee, Book Fairs, and several club opportunities. We look forward to future events such as the Variety Show, MST Night, Grade 6 Celebration and more. If you are interested in helping at an event, the IS PTO welcomes you at the next meeting on February 14th at 6:30 PM in the Library. Or you could contact a PTO Officer using the information on page 3. Your support is valued and appreciated!

Email is a very efficient, effective, and cost-savings way of staying informed. If you do not have your email address registered to receive school information, please contact the main office to be added to the list or email (cmaine@horseheadsdistrict.com). Many school reminders and information is sent home via email unless you specifically request a paper copy.

Other great ways of staying informed are by following me on Twitter and Facebook. Join the digital connection! If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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School Hashtag: [#ISinnovators](#)
Like us on facebook: Search Horseheads Intermediate School
Website: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

Parent Article

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." - Author Unknown.

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ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Thursday, February 2nd:</u>	IS Variety Show, High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<u>Thursday, February 9th:</u>	Board of Education Budget Workshop, BF Comm. Center, 6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, February 14th:</u>	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
<u>Mon. February 20th :</u>	No School – Presidents’ Day Recess
<u>Thursday, February 23rd:</u>	Board of Education Meeting, Center Street Elem. School, 6:00 PM
<u>Friday, March 3rd:</u>	IS Math/Science/Technology Night, 6:30 PM

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Congratulations to 6th Grade student Genevieve Marino for winning the IS local Scripps Spelling Bee. Linus Law took second place, and they will both be representing the Intermediate School at the regional competition on March 4th at the Corning Rotary, Corning, NY. Winner of the regional Spelling Bee will head to Washington DC for the national competition. Good luck! (See page 5)
2. Please be aware that when you are attending any after school events, you cannot park in the fire lanes, block hydrants or block exits at any of our school buildings. This includes the lanes in the front of the IS/MS complex. This is a State Education Department law in which our local enforcement officers may ticket vehicles who are in violation of it. Please adhere to the stop sign when you are exiting the rear parking lot.
3. **Ferocious Readers:** Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis. This will certainly build their reading skills, increase ability, and help them reach the 25 book goal. As students reach the goal, they are recognized on the morning announcements as a Ferocious Reader.
4. Please continue to save aluminum can pull tabs and Box Tops for Education.
5. Join us for a workshop on **“Positive Parent/Teen Communication”** provided by CIDS Family Life Development Center. This workshop will inform you of the suggested dos and don’ts when communicating with your teens, how to build your teens’ self-esteem and words of wisdom from Dr. Thomas Phelan, Ph.D. “Surviving Your Adolescents.” This will be held in the MS cafeteria on March 16 from 6-7:30pm.
6. Intermediate School Parent Information Night and Self-guided tour (for 4th grade students going into 5th grade) will be held on March 20th at 6pm in the Intermediate School Cafeteria.
7. **Middle School Parent Orientation:** Middle School Orientation (for 6th grade students going into 7th grade) will be held on March 21st at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.
8. To report child abuse or neglect: Call Toll Free 1-800-342-3720 or ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps.



Office of Children and Family Services

Intermediate School PTO Officers (2016-2017)

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PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SIXTH GRADE

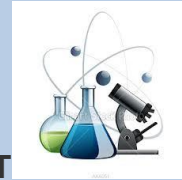
The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2017-2018 classroom placements for students. We create class selections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School by Friday, April 7th. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!



MATH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



Join us in the fun of exploring math, science, and technology with demonstrations and hands-on experiments!

Launch a rocket, play the giant chess game, see live reptiles, learn about animals, explore scientific concepts, visit the Wings of Eagles Display, and much more!

Try to save your egg from its big fall in the Egg Drop Contest!

Remember to bring your recyclable material that night to help support our green cause and provide a little extra funding for the school! (Page 2)



School Spirit Day!

Check out some pictures from our School Spirit Day. Homerooms were challenged to see who could get 100% participation in dressing in Raider Blue or with our #ISinnovators shirts. Many classrooms made the goal, and one was chosen at random. Congratulations to Mrs. Fravel's class who holds the trophy for this month. Two students, Allison Keach and Matthew Spicer, were chosen to receive a bag as prize for the winning homeroom.



NEW INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year all 6th grade students will need to receive 2 doses of the Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination along with the Tdap vaccine. The laws are very strict, and we cannot allow students to come to school after the first 10 days of school without these immunizations.

Your child may get the required immunization through your health care provider, Five Star Urgent or Walk-In Clinics or through the Chemung County Health Department, at (607)737-2028, appointment, only if qualified.

You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization in order for your child to attend school in the fall. Your health care provider or health department will provide you with this written proof once your child receives the immunization. Please bring this proof to our Health Office or fax it to us at 795-2495. Information must be received by Wednesday, September 20, 2017. **No appointment cards accepted.**

Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time and will not be excluded from school, but will be tracked and must be immunized upon turning 11 years old.

If you have further questions, please contact the health office at 739-6366 (Option 2). Thank you for your cooperation.



HEALTH CORNER



It is that time of the year again to remember good health practices. Please keep your child home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting or diarrhea in the past two hours. Because there is no known cure for the common cold, prevention is the key to keeping colds away. Most of the time you acquire a cold virus by touching your eyes, nose or mouth with an object that has the cold virus on it.

Therefore, to help avoid catching a cold:

- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently with warm soapy water.
- Sneeze into a tissue, rather than your hands, then discard the tissue(*Remember to please send in tissue boxes)
- Don't touch your face—your hands may have come in contact with a cold virus!
- Drink 8 glasses of water daily.
- Get plenty of rest—up to 12 hours a night!!!

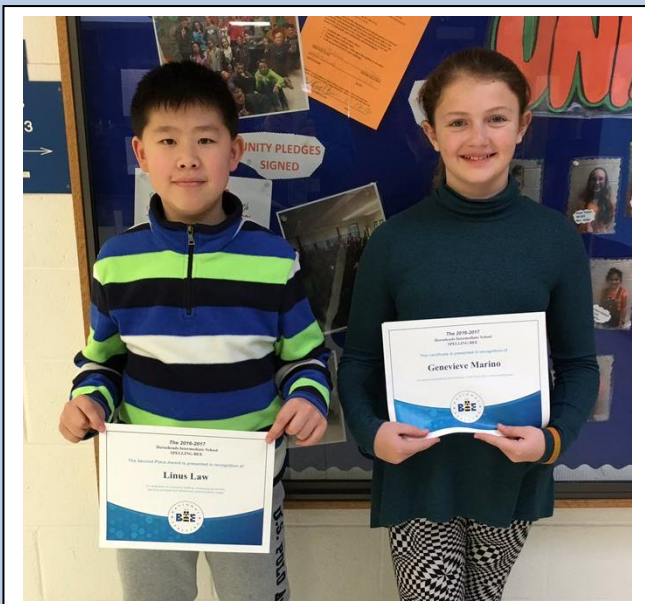
Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first

District Website

Check out the school district's website. It's more interactive, appealing, and provides an easier way to access a variety of information. There are many resources including:

- Calendar of events
- Upcoming events
- Closing advisories
- Newsletters
- Data Center
- School links
- District information
- BOE Education resources
- ...and much more!

Intermediate School Scripps Spelling Bee Champions



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CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Substitute RNs and Bus Drivers needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching Substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Sub Bus Drivers – Training will be included

Apply in person at Human Resources

or email: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com for more information.

NEW RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools. Certified substitutes receive a rate of \$95 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at 739-5601 x 4211.

ATTENTION

PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 11th, January 10th,
and April 4th

9:00 AM in the Cafeteria
6:00 – 6:30PM in the
Library

Don't forget to clip your Box Tops and send them in to the Office. The more you clip, the more we earn for the school. Thank you!



CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: **Trustworthiness** comes from personal character.

Trustworthiness involves four major qualities: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty.



The Habit of Mind: **Questioning and Posing Problems.**

It means:

- Ask myself, "How do I know?"
- Develop a questioning Attitude
- Consider what information is needed
- Choose strategies to get that information and
- Consider the obstacles needed to resolve.



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Keep hoarding pull tabs! So far we have collected far less than usual. **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

Michael Bostwick is the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator at the Intermediate School. Judith Christiansen is the DASA Coordinator for the district. All concerns regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying should be directed accordingly.

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