

# The School Connection



## Horseheads Intermediate School

### Principal's Post

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.

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, STEM 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 our school on 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](https://twitter.com/ISinnovators)  
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### [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!

<b><u>Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	IS Variety Show, High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<b><u>Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Board of Education Budget Workshop, High School (MMC), 6:00 PM
<b><u>Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
<b><u>Mon., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> :</u></b>	No School – Presidents’ Day Recess
<b><u>Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:</u></b>	Board of Education Meeting, Transportation Dept., 6:00 PM
<b><u>Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:</u></b>	IS Math/Science/Technology Night, 6:30 PM

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student Kris Patel for winning the IS local Scripps Spelling Bee. Nathan Zhou took second place, and they will both be representing the Intermediate School at the regional competition on March 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Intermediate School Parent Information Night and Self-guided tour (for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Intermediate School Cafeteria.
6. **Middle School Parent Orientation:** Middle School Orientation (for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade) will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.
7. 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).



Office of Children and Family Services

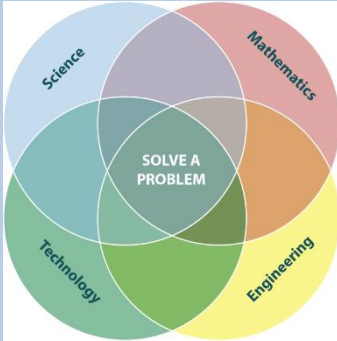
### Intermediate School PTO Officers (2017-2018)

President:	Lisa Bingaman	<a href="mailto:magnolia3666@yahoo.com">magnolia3666@yahoo.com</a>	767-5121
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Secretary:	Jaime Cunningham	<a href="mailto:cunningham.jaime@yahoo.com">cunningham.jaime@yahoo.com</a>	857-0197

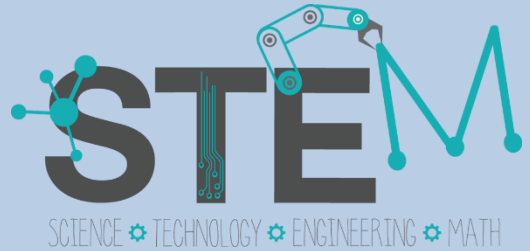


## PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SIXTH GRADE

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2018-2019 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 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!



**STEM NIGHT**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>  
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 the pictures from our last School Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Raider Blue once or our #ISinnovators shirts once a month. Many classrooms showed awesome school spirit. Congratulations to Chloe Nichols and Jared Turner who were chosen to receive an #ISinnovators water bottle.



## INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!

### NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

#### PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

**All 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2018. **No appointment cards accepted.**

**Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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 several days that symptoms appear.



## 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!

**HORSEHEADS**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Capital Project passes**  
Voters in the Horseheads Central School District approved a district-wide capital improvement project October 17: 1350 yes, 589 no. The project now moves from concept to design phase, with submissions to the State Education Department.

**Building Our Future Now 2030**

**Thank you, Veterans**

**News**  
A letter from the superintendent  
Thank you, Senator O'Mara  
Parent Portal URL  
High School Greenroom Players seek patrons  
Senator O'Mara secures state funds for Sing Sing Road project  
Our New Mission: Explore Empower Excel  
New accounts needed for Payschools  
New Drop-off/Pick-Up Procedures at Middle/Intermediate Schools  
2017-18 School Calendar  
Seeking school bus drivers  
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram  
Students entering grades 7 and 12 must have meningococcal vaccine  
Thank you, Veterans  
*Older news is available in the [archive](#).*

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<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/stshweb>

**FEBRUARY 2018**

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Mouse over bold dates to see events  
Please visit our **Google** Calendar  
Printable(PDF) 2017-18 Calendar

**February 2, 2018**  
Middle School Musical, 7pm, High School Auditorium  
High School Report Cards  
Middle School Group Photos  
Ridge Rd Grade 1 Concert, 6:30pm

**February 6, 2018**  
Ridge Rd Kindergarten Registration, 10am-6pm  
Big Flats PTO, 6:30pm  
Center St PTO, 6:30pm

Tweets by @HdsSchools

## Intermediate School Scripps Spelling Bee Champions



Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student Kris Patel (right) for winning the IS local Scripps Spelling Bee. Nathan Zhou (left) took second place, and they will both be representing the Intermediate School at the regional competition on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Corning Rotary, Corning, NY. Winner of the regional Spelling Bee will head to Washington DC for the national competition. Good luck!

# 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](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) for more information.

## 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.

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!



## Attention!

### PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 10<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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, Meagan Collins 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 Megan Collins, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601