

The School Connection



Principal's Post



Horseheads Intermediate School

I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to seeing all of the students again after the winter recess. I imagine everyone is rested, rejuvenated, and ready for the long haul through a refreshing NY winter!

It's hard to believe we have ended 2016. December seemed to have flown by while we had some exciting events at the Intermediate School. Mrs. Doubrava and I participated in the 5th annual 'Principal Read Your Heart Out Challenge' that required us to read all day long from the beginning to the end of school. Just before break we turned the challenge back to the students to 'read their heart out.' The challenge was for all students to read at least 45 minutes each day, and to finish at least one book (cover to cover) on their reading level. We always like to extend the challenge to include exercise each day as well. Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home throughout the year!

On another note 🎵, we will be featuring musical concerts this month. Please see page two for more information about the dates for the chorus, band, and orchestra concerts. We invite everyone to attend even if your child does not play an instrument or sing in the chorus. Our very talented music teachers have been working diligently to prepare our students for a sure-to-be wonderful show.

I'd like to end by wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Please continue to be active in your child's education. The investment of your time inquiring about their day, reading, or studying important skills, will pay enormous dividends for them in the future.

If you get a minute, check out the parent article to the right called, *How to Teach Your Kids it's Okay to Have Less Than Their Friends*. Most parents want their kids to fit in and feel socially accepted. Unfortunately today's world is full of "the next best thing" and kids are feeling the pressure of 'needing' (not 'wanting') what they think everyone else has.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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Need for substitute teachers and teaching assistants!

Parent Article

ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

"Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home!"

"Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult."

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Tuesday, January 10th:</u>	PTO Meeting, 6:30PM, IS Library
<u>Tuesday, January 10th:</u>	Parent/Principal Chat, 9:00AM IS Café, 6:00PM IS Library
<u>Wednesday, January 11th:</u>	String Showcase, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<u>Monday, January 16th:</u>	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<u>Wednesday, January 18th:</u>	Grade 6 Concert, High School, 7:00 PM
<u>Monday, January 23rd:</u>	Grade 5 Concert, High School, 7:00 PM
<u>Thursday, January 26th:</u>	Board of Education Meeting, Big Flats Elem. School, 6:00 PM
<u>Friday, January 27th:</u>	Report Cards sent home

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Winter has arrived! Please be sure that your child wears an appropriate coat, hat, gloves, and clothes. Recess and Kids In Action (KIA) will be outside when weather permits.
2. **Spirit Day**: Every month we have a spirit day as recognition for our new character trait of the month (Fairness). Friday will be team choice day. Each team will decide the theme of the day!
3. Please be sure to pick up your child promptly from school dismissal and after-school activities including clubs/intramurals. We appreciate our volunteers who give their time for these. We cannot guarantee supervision of students after 2:30 PM on full days of school or after 11:00 AM on half days of school.
4. It is important that Intermediate School students not arrive until 7:45 AM. Our supervision begins at that time.
5. The folks at the Bus Garage would like to remind students that **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR OBJECTS** of any kind should be on the bus.
6. **Reminder**: In an effort to cut costs and increase efficiency, the District consolidated some of our bus runs. As a result, due to limited space on the buses, we are no longer able to allow friends of students to ride their bus to and from school with them.
7. **Reminder**: On days when there is a Two-Hour Delay, breakfast will not be served.

FAMILY VACATIONS

Absences due to vacation trips are not excused absences. Before making vacation plans, please consult the school calendar if possible. Parents are strongly discouraged from taking their children out of school for family vacations because valuable classroom instructional time can never be replaced by make-up assignments. If parents decide to take their child out of school for vacations, please notify your child's teacher and the office. Because such extended absences are not excused, students are expected to request their work upon return. An appropriate time frame will be given to return the assignments. Students should be encouraged by parents to read and write in a journal during their absence from school.





Just A Reminder



Dear Parents,

Winter weather brings the possibility of school closings. Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or buses would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed only when inclement weather conditions are expected to improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures.

If schools are closed in the morning, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs.

If schools are on a two-hour delay, they will begin two hours later than usual. For example, students who arrive after 10:25 AM will be marked tardy. **There will be no breakfast served on those days.**

Let's hope the weather cooperates with us so that we have a safe winter!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Now that we are back from winter recess and are approaching the mid-year point here at school, we kindly ask that parents and students check the supply lists given out over the summer and replenish any pencils, pens, paper, etc. that you may be running low on!



PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

A reminder that Presidential Service Award volunteer forms for the second marking period are due on Friday, February 3, 2017. Students may give the forms to their teacher or drop them off in the Office. As a reminder, this is an optional activity.



Last year we launched a Makerspace in the Intermediate School. A Makerspace is a place for students to tap their creativity and innovation by investigating/making things they are passionate about. We are starting small with things such as making challenges, electrical circuits, tech devices such as Makey Makey/Little Bits/Ozobots, and we even have a take apart station where students can deconstruct electrical devices to see how they work. From time to time we will be asking for general household item donations. Thank you in advance if you can help out. Be sure to follow our school hashtag on Twitter to see all of the great happenings at the IS! [#ISinnovators](#)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

ELKS HOOP SHOOT "CLASS CHAMPIONS" 2016

Coinciding with our Basketball Unit, students in the building took part in the Elks National Hoop Shoot program. Listed below are the age group high scorers from each class.

Building Champions are designated by the #'s after their names. Congratulations to all!

Miss Carroll

B10/11 M Kevin Comfort 9
G10/11 F Olivia Hatch 7

B12/13

G12/13

Extra

Mrs. Dotts

M Logan Moore 8

Mrs. May

M Colton Cox 12

Mrs. Van Zile

M Teghan Brown 8
F Jenna Baker 4

Mrs. Mucci

M Charles Hartman 8
F Emily Churchill 2

Mrs. Gilbert

M Camden Crossland 9
F Abigail Youngham 10

Mrs. Koble

M Blake Tremaine 6
F Alexis Knox 5

Mr. Delgrosso

B10/11 M Miles Barnes 6
G10/-11 F Mallory White 4

B12/13

G12/13

Extra

Ms. Hays

M Matt Mucci 7
F Alexis Krohmalney 2

Mrs. Lewis

M Henry Jackson 6
F Catherine Grover 5

Mrs. Rial

M Jeremy Truax 11
F Sidney Donaldson 5

Mrs. Marks

M Dominick Russ 13
F Sophia Bonnell 8

Mrs. Marcellus

M Nathan Crooker 8
F Isabella Wilson 1

Mrs. Remchuk

B10/11 M Andy Quach 10
G10/11 F Vanessa Stevens 6
B12/13 M Jakob Ciarlo 6
G12/13 F Natalie Fullmer 5

Miss Miller

M Nathan Levey 9
F Isabella Drake 4
M Jackson Cook 19

Mrs. Ike

M Colin Stevens 9
F Elise Cleary 5
M Alexander Johanson 16
F Kendra Miller 1

Mrs. Bennett

M Seth Wilsoncroft 7
F Kailee West 5
M Garrett Elston 9

Mrs. Malone

M Aidan Schooley 5
F Aubryonna Kirkendall 3
M Amauri Truax 17
F Ashley Friend 6
M Axi Andrus(12) 12

Mrs. Smith

M Nathan Gillette 4
F Shelby Gush 2
M Ian Ruhmel 5
F Molly Wolf 9

Mrs. Telech

M Austin Fairbanks 6
F Ciana Crout 2
M Jaiden Serru 4
F Sydney Ham 6

Mrs. Wandell

B10/11 M Aidan Merrick 7
G10/11 F Brooke Hart 5
B12/13 M Connor Miley 7
G12/13 F Kaylee Welty 5

Mrs. Hollar

M Gavin Wert 12
F Kendell Saglibene 11
M Cody LaVigne 10
F Morgan Jones 3

Mr. Herman

M Brody Liddy 5
F Hailey Turner 3
M Kent Schneider 5

Mrs. Fravel

M Mario Ruggiero 4
F Riley Fesetch 5
M Owen Nielson 8
F Allison Keach 4

Mrs. Privetts

M Jackson Holloway 10
F Kristen Cole 10
M Julian Timmerman 8
F Emalyn McKibbin 5

Mr. Durr

M Charles Tebo 6
M Brent Smith 11
F Grace Whitson 5

Mrs. Hogue

M Anthony Insogna 9
F Mia Foster 8
M Garrett Lucas 8
F Gabriella Plaskie 6

Congratulations to Dominick Russ and Amauri Truax who placed at the District level and will be competing in the Regional shoot this month. Good Luck!

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:

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. **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 24 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 three days that cold symptoms appear.

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 1

The following students were teacher-selected based on the September and October character traits as well as the habits of mind.

5th Grade

- OWLS:** Lukas Klee, Abby Youngman
- OSPREYS:** Ryan Bo, Alexis Khromalney, Hayden Lenhardt
- KITES:** Ali Beheshti, Logan Moore, Kara Pearson, Jaebreonna Smith
- FALCONS:** Cody Dale, Nora Ingham, Madisyn Matkoksy, Michael Yu
- EAGLES:** Nathan DeWeese, Jiwoo Kim, Jubin Kim, James Nishimoto
- CONDORS:** Isabella Enright, Olivia Giammichele, Sophia Lorenz, Joey Veres, Anna Waters, Matthew Young
- PEGASUS:** Nevaeh Bennett, Cole Cooper



6th Grade

- PALOMINOS:** Jenn Kruckow, Brody Liddy, Tamara Mendez, Aiden Osiecki
- THOROUGHBREDS:** Caitlyn Gehl, Jayden Mattison, Riley Stedge, Colin Stevens
- CLYDESDALES:** Max Berman, Riley Fesetch, Sophia McMaster, Marianna Reidy
- UNICORNS:** Sarah Hunt, Gunnar Tebo
- WARLANDERS:** Jessica Campbell, Cullin Cole, Aidan Schooley, Molly Wolf
- ARABIANS:** Ariana Chatlani, Nate Levey, Ryan Massengale, Vanessa Stevens,
- MUSTANGS:** Evan Mauter, Aidan Merrick, Hannah Miller, Kaitlin Wheeler
- PEAGASUS:** Connor Halm



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READING CORNER

Reading is an integral part of learning. The more you read, the better you read. You have heard the saying, "Practice makes perfect," and studies support the idea that the best way to improve your reading skills is to read.

Reading is also a form of entertainment. Many genres or categories of books lend themselves to reading for fun: mysteries, historical fiction, science fiction, folklore, etc.

As parents, it is important to be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading and encourage them to read on a daily basis.

Each Intermediate School child is to read three grade level books each month for a total of twenty-five books for the year. Help your child to accomplish this by going to the Library, reading together, and discovering books your child will enjoy. "Just do it!"



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
--Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"*



Reading Tips...The key to maintaining focus while reading is to stop often and ask yourself questions such as: How does this relate to what I already know? Why would the character do that?

1. While reading, make a light checkmark with a pencil after each paragraph. If you start to get lost reading, you can start from the last checkmark.
2. Don't forget to jot down words and concepts. If you read, write and recite, you have a better chance of remembering important information.
3. Every night, read something meaningful that you enjoy for at least 15-20 minutes.
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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.

Apply in person at the address below:

Human Resources Office
Horseheads Central School District
One Raider Lane (south end of the High School)

CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: Fairness is defined as just and reasonable treatment in accordance with accepted rules or principles. Parents please encourage your child to *play by the rules, take turns and share, be open-minded while listening to others, treat all people equally, and consider all opinions.*

The Habit of Mind: Taking Responsible Risks. It means to be adventuresome. Stretch your thinking....I think I can!

Ex. Students who step outside their comfort zone and try new strategies to solve problems, stand up for a friend, or attempt to answer a question in class when they're not exactly sure, are all examples of taking responsible risks.

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 13th, **January 10th**, and May 10th
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria
6:00 – 6:30 PM in the Library



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Keep hoarding pull tabs! So far we have collected far less tabs 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