

The School Connection



Principal's Post



Horseheads Intermediate School

Here we are again wrapping up another school year that has appeared to fly by. It doesn't seem that long ago that I was addressing you all in my summer letter, and now we are almost upon summer 2017. Let me take this opportunity to fill you in on our May activities and brief you on upcoming June events before they're done. Don't blink!

We started the month of May with a buy-one, get-one free PTO book fair sale. That great deal was taken advantage of by many, which helped stock up the summer reading material for students. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible!

The students are continuing to be very active in their learning at the Intermediate School. Not only are we maintaining the academic expectations, but all 5th and 6th grade students are also going on valuable field trips in May and June. The fifth graders are attending the Corning Museum of Glass to learn about the history and science of glass making, as well as Corning Community College to get the feel of a college campus. The sixth graders are showing off their problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills during their Challenger Mission and now with their trip to the BOCES ropes course. Ask them to explain the challenges they worked hard to overcome.

We look forward to a couple of amazing spring music concerts. All band, orchestra, chorus, and show choir students are looking forward to showcasing their talents to you. The musical performances are always a major highlight of the spring.

Summer is a great time to relax and become refreshed, but it's also a time in which most students regress (or slide back) on their academic skills. Although students need a mental break from school, they should never stop learning over the summer. Please see page 4 for suggested ways to keep their brains active throughout the months of July and August. Research shows that students who do not engage in activities lose up to three months of learning over the summer. That means that they are three months behind when they return in September compared to those who have kept academically active. At the very least, encourage your child to read something they enjoy on a daily basis. Any reading during the summer can count toward the 25 book goal for the following year. Check out the article to the right for the importance of summer learning. Scroll to the bottom of the article for the summer learning tips.

Thank you for being a strong support system over the course of the school year. Your continued support is also appreciated throughout the summer. Lastly, there is a very important notice from our school nurse on page 6. **All sixth grade students who have not received the vaccination by September 20, will not be able to attend school.**

Enjoy the warm summer months, and the time with your family! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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School Hashtag: [#ISinnovators](#)

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Website: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience."

-Archibald MacLeish

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Parent Article

ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Thursday, June 1st:</u>	Grade 6 Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<u>Monday, June 5th:</u>	String Awards, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, June 13th:</u>	IS PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, IS Library
<u>Thursday, June 15th:</u>	Reading Celebration Day
<u>Thursday, June 15th:</u>	Gr. 6 Awards Ceremony, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<u>Friday, June 16th:</u>	NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
<u>Monday, June 19th:</u>	5 th Grade Field Day
<u>Tuesday, June 20th:</u>	6 th Grade Field Day
<u>Tuesday, June 20th:</u>	5 ^h Grade Activities Day
<u>Wednesday, June 21st:</u>	Half-Day of School/Dismissal at 11:00 AM
<u>Wednesday, June 21st:</u>	6 th Grade Celebration (8:40 AM – 10:40 AM)
<u>Thursday, June 22nd:</u>	Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:00 AM (report cards sent home)
<u>Thursday, June 22nd:</u>	Board of Education Meeting, HS Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **Wednesday, June 21st. Dismissal will be at 11:00 AM.** Students will only be in school for the morning. Breakfast will be served.
2. **Report Cards:** Report Cards will be distributed to students at school on **Thursday, June 22nd**. Report Cards will not be mailed home. This half-day will be a time to reflect on achievements of the school year.
3. **Field Day** is scheduled for the following dates: Grade 5, Monday, June 19th and Grade 6, Tuesday, June 20th. **This is an event planned for students at the Intermediate School.** Our Physical Education Teachers have worked hard to plan exciting activities for the classes. Students need to be prepared for Field Day by remembering the following: tied sneakers, sun screen, a hat, a water bottle, a towel, and clothes that can become wet without becoming inappropriate. Students should bring an extra set of clothes to change into after finishing the water games. These events are for staff and students only.
4. Current fifth grade students will receive a letter by the second week of August with your **teacher assignment** and the team specific school supply list for your team. The school will be open for a self-guided tour on August 24th from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM and on August 28th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The principals will be available to answer your questions.
5. We are proud to recognize the students who reached the goal of **Reading 25 Books** this year. These students will have a recognition day for reaching this goal. They will be attending a movie at the Elmira Heights Theater on Thursday, June 15th. **Summer reading counts toward next year's 25 book goal!** Keep a log of book title, author, and number of pages.
6. **Important Information from the Horseheads Transportation Department:** This is a reminder that for the 2017-2018 School Year we are going to send out our **Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off Information for students by E-mail**. Parents, if you have an e-mail address, please make sure your schools all have correct e-mail information. We are trying this for efficiency purposes and will mail out bus information to any family that we have no e-mail address for.
7. Invitations will be sent to the 6th grade students who will be recognized at our Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 15^h, at 7:00 PM, at the High School in the Auditorium. Students will sit with their family members and be called up to the stage to receive their award. Extended family members are welcomed too! Information about criteria can be [found here](#).

8. The 6th Grade Celebration will be on Wednesday, June 21st, from 8:40 AM – 10:40 AM in the Field House. The Class of 2023 will be having a neon themed celebration. Students can wear clothing that goes along with the theme as long as it follows IS dress code. The students will be collecting donations for the **SPCA and Youth Hunter Education Club**. Students can bring in their donation anytime during the week before the celebration. Anything is appreciated, but we ask for at least \$5 if you are able.
9. There are fliers available from the Physical Education teachers for a variety of summer camps offered by the Horseheads Varsity “H”. The sixth graders have signed up in Physical Education classes for next year’s interscholastic sports program. Please be sure your child returns the Health History form.
10. Reminder to parents...If you move within the district, we require two proofs of residency when you submit the address change for your child(ren). Accepted forms of proof are:
 - Bank contract or mortgage agreement showing purchase of home with name and address
 - Signed rent or lease agreement with landlord’s name, address, and telephone number, or DSS processed landlord statement
 - Most recent utility bill (phone, gas, electric)
 - Deposit receipt for gas, electric, phone service start-up
 - Driver’s license or State ID card with picture showing current district address.
 - Currently active bank account/checkbook statement with name and address imprinted (bank may be contacted to verify existence of account)
 - Payroll stub with address
11. **End of Year Medication Pick-Up Information:** Medications not picked up, will be disposed on **June 23rd by 11:30AM**, per New York State Law.
12. We are now using Family ID for sports registration. Family ID uses a secure platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs and helps us to be more efficient and environmentally responsible. **This program is replacing the current paper process. You will no longer need to submit paper work to the nurse or athletic office. Everything will be completed online.** In addition, once you register, the system keeps track of your information so you need only enter it once for multiple programs and student-athletes.
13. **Have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer.** The Office will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM starting June 30th. If you plan to stop in the Office during the summer, you might want to call first (739-6366). Those of us in the Office will be taking vacation time and there will be times the Office is closed.

THANK YOU!

A tremendous thank you to all of our PTO Volunteers. In the past three months, your support has made field trips, assemblies, our Buy One Get One Free Book Fair, the 25 Book Goal Celebration, Staff Appreciation, the Sixth Grade Celebration and more possible.

Thank you again to all who have volunteered and supported the many activities for our school this year.



Stay Active in Mind and Body

We believe that the 2016-17 school year was a great success due to the students' hard work as well as your commitment and support. In order to stop student regression (loss of academic skills) over the long summer vacation, there are other things you could do to help keep the momentum of your child's learning throughout the months of July and August. The following are great locations for learning and enrichment:

- Local libraries (Horseheads, Big Flats, Elmira)
- Tanglewood Nature Center (Elmira)
- Wings of Eagles Discovery Center (Big Flats)
- Arnot Art Museum (Elmira)
- Rockwell Museum (Corning)
- Corning Museum of Glass (Corning)
- Horseheads Youth Bureau (offers some programs for kids)
- Science Center (Ithaca)



“I am still learning.”

-Michelangelo, age 87

Also, there are an overwhelming amount of interactive educational websites that provide practice in the core subject areas of school. Here are some to try:

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.billnye.com/>

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

<http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com/BrainTeasers/>

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/>

<http://www.factmonster.com/>

Reading to/with your child each day will improve their skills and foster a love of literature. If you are interested, I included a website below of a fantastic article that explains 10 simple ways to improve reading skills. Although we will miss working with the students each day, the new school year will be upon us before we know it. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Article: *Top Ten Ways to Improve Reading Skills*

<http://school.familyeducation.com/top-10-ways/improve-reading-skills/38329.html>

Keep your body active as well! Some suggestions are walking, running, biking, exercises, sports games, or any other physical activity. Get your heart rate up for 20-30 minutes per day.



“None of us is as smart as all of us.” ~Ken Blanchard **“Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can.”**

~ Lowell Thomas

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD FOR Third Marking Period

The following students were teacher selected as the Students of the Marking Period for January and February based on the February, March, and April character traits as well as the Habits of Mind.

Month	Character Trait	Habit of Mind
February	Trustworthiness	Questioning and Posing Problems
March	Respect	Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
April	Responsibility	Striving For Accuracy

5th Grade:

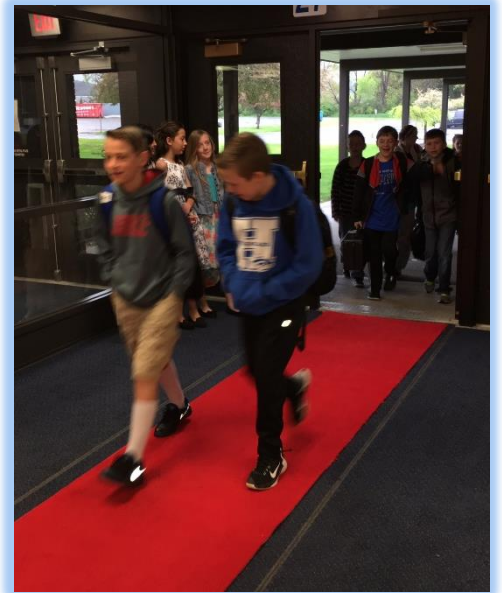
<u>OWLS:</u>	Savannah Liddy, Elizabeth Reed
<u>OSPREYS:</u>	Amelia Christmas, Matthew Mucci, Christopher Russell
<u>KITES:</u>	Katherine Beecken, Ava Fairbrother, Madison Kittle, Quentin Lewis
<u>FALCONS:</u>	Camron Benedict, James Fedele, Katie Fenton, Olivia Rightmire
<u>EAGLES:</u>	Sophia Bonnell, Jayla Davis, Lila Fell, Ryan Hoffman
<u>CONDORS:</u>	Sarah Asbridge, JJ Beckwith, Alek Davis, Iylan Fowler, Heidi Jewell, Nathan Zhou
<u>PEAGUSUS:</u>	Grace Richards

6th Grade:

<u>PALOMINOS:</u>	Morgan Jones, Makenna Ostrander, Ryan Wheeler
<u>UNICORNS:</u>	Patrick Karabaich, Samantha Oakes, Kallie Seeley
<u>CLYDESDALES:</u>	Gabriella Beschler, Julianna Day, Ryan Janeski, Emalyn McKibbin
<u>ARABIANS:</u>	Isabelle Drake, Billy Lowe, Mackenzie Wida
<u>MUSTANGS:</u>	James Heverly, Martha Lemack, Connor Miley, Tagen Mack,
<u>WARLANDERS:</u>	Mary Benjamin, Nida Saif
<u>THOROUGHBREDS:</u>	Jane DeGuire, Ethan Lipscomb, Lydia Preston, Makayla Rosettie
<u>PEAGUSUS:</u>	Subha Alsworth

RECENT EVENTS

Check out some pictures from a couple recent events at the IS! Pictures include MST Night, red carpet character kickoff day, and 'Ball in the House' (A Cappella group).



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

We are always looking for interested parents who would like to help out with school events. That could be as simple as chaperoning an event or working at the Book Fair. Everyone is also welcome to join our PTO meetings listed on the District calendar. We appreciate your support and value the partnership!

Intermediate School PTO Officers (2016-2017)

<i>President:</i>	Lisa Bingaman	magnolia3666@yahoo.com	607-767-5121
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Deborah French	frenchsd526@aol.com	607-742-7941
<i>Secretary:</i>	Carol Campbell	jcz@stny.rr.com	607 739-0526

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. 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 code, 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 3 days after symptoms appear.

If you have questions, please call the health department at 737-2028.



Notes from the IS Library

SUMMER READING

What do campfires, beach trips, sitting around the pool or just beating the heat inside all have in common? They are all great places to read during the summer! There are lots of great resources and places to get books in the summer even though the Horseheads Intermediate Library will be closed. Check out the link below for information on public library events and resources. In addition there are book recommendations for when your student does not know what to read! Enjoy the summer and encourage your child to continue reading each day!

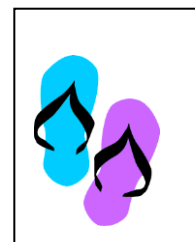
<http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/summerreading26>

Sports & Physicals—ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Sports Physical sign-ups are May 8th - July 12th at noon. The registration process will be through the Family ID Program on-line via the Athletic website. The dates for Sports Physicals are July 19th & July 27th from 8 AM -12 PM. Students will enter through the HS Auditorium Doors and proceed to the Cafeteria area at their appointment time. A physical date is acceptable on or after August 1, 2016 for a Fall 2017 sport. Varsity and JV Fall sports sign ups begin July 15th through Family ID. Varsity and JV Practice/Try Outs begin August 14th.

JUNE CHARACTER KICK-OFF DAY

The theme for the June Character Kick-Off Day is “Beach Day.” Students will be allowed to wear flip flops, but will need to have sneakers to wear for Physical Education Day and Recess.



CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

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

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



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Thanks to all who donated pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We have collected over **53 pounds** of pull tabs.

Please continue collected the tabs as we have already started our drive for next school year. You can drop them off in the office anytime!

CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: Caring

- Helping a neighbor
- Model random acts of kindness
- Discuss with kids who they care about and why
- Donate some items or time for charity
- Discuss how characters in movie or book show character trait

The Habit of Mind: Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision

- Be Clear! Striving for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding overgeneralizations, distortions, and deletions.
- Students who are skilled at thinking and communicating with clarity and precision have developed a habit of using correct names for objects, ideas and processes. They avoid fuzzy language such as: "...that thingy over there." "...it was really good."

Quality is not an act, it is a habit.

Aristotle

meatville.com



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) or on the New York State Education Department website (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.

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

Horseheads Central Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

BOE Approved 3/23/17

* Early Dismissal Drill

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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**

½ Days (A.M.)	
6/19/18	(7 - 8 Only),
6/20/18	(PreK - 8 Only)
6/21/18	(PreK - 6 Only)
Full Days Off	
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

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