

# The School Connection



## Horseheads Intermediate School

### Principal's Post

Here we are again wrapping up another school year! It doesn't seem that long ago that I was addressing you all in my summer letter, and now we are almost upon summer 2018. Let me take this opportunity to fill you in on our May activities and brief you on upcoming June events before they're done.

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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are also going on valuable field trips in May and June. The fifth graders attended Tanglewood Nature Center where they explored their indoor displays as well as outdoor experiences. 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 are very proud of all band, orchestra, chorus, and show choir students for the incredible musical performances at the end of May.

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 stayed 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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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*"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!

<b><u>Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	String Awards, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<b><u>Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Epic Event
<b><u>Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	IS PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, IS Library
<b><u>Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Reading Celebration Day (25 Book Goal participants only)
<b><u>Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Gr. 6 Awards Ceremony, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<b><u>Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
<b><u>Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
<b><u>Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
<b><u>Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Half-Day of School/Dismissal at 11:00 AM
<b><u>Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration (8:40 AM – 10:40 AM)
<b><u>Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>:</u></b>	Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:00 AM (report cards sent home)

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Grade 6, Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. **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 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM and on August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. **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 2018-2019 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be recognized at our Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration will be on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:40 AM – 10:40 AM at the Intermediate School. The Class of 2024 will be having a Neon and Sports/Trampoline- 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 **Cancer Research Foundation**. Fliers were sent home for parent volunteers to help at the celebration as well as donations toward the celebration and/or the Cancer Research Foundation.
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 21<sup>st</sup> by 11:30 AM**, 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 July 2<sup>nd</sup> . 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 2017-18 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 at least 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

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

<b><u>GO GETTERS:</u></b>	Noelle Harpster, Ian Suh
<b><u>EXPLORERS:</u></b>	Joel Scibek, Brady Utter, Maeve Wheeler, Paislie White
<b><u>GAME CHANGERS:</u></b>	Haley Comfort, Maggie Houp, Maxwell Mickley, Santi Moreira, Coleton Owen, Ava Rumsey
<b><u>INVESTIGATORS:</u></b>	Jack Clate, Gianna Ferraro, Tristin Quanz, Serenity Welch
<b><u>THINKERS:</u></b>	Connor Carpenter, Marney Durr, Lainey Knapp
<b><u>TREND SETTERS:</u></b>	Elijah Friend, Arianna Fuksman, Andrew Hollenbeck, Sibby Lowe

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

<b><u>COLLABORATORS:</u></b>	DJ Bolt, Joseph Born, Heidi Jewell, Alexis Knox
<b><u>CREATORS:</u></b>	Lindsey Hess, Sarah Lenhardt, Keira Miller, Dominick Russ
<b><u>GROUND BREAKERS:</u></b>	Amelia Christmas, Nolan Cruise, Brandon Dildine, Shaelyn Thomas
<b><u>PATHFINDERS:</u></b>	Ryan Anderson, Nathan Deweese, Jubin Kim, Shoonfon Li
<b><u>PROBLEM SOLVERS:</u></b>	Abi Bennett, Matthew Mucci, Wyatt Satterlee
<b><u>TRIAL BLAZERS:</u></b>	JJ Beckwith, Quentin Lewis
<b><u>TRANSFORMERS:</u></b>	Jacob Schanbacher

## 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 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 **Tuesday, September 18, 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 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 first link below for information on public library events and resources. The second link is provided by the NY Libraries, it allows your student to download and read unlimited books for free with our school login through September! Enjoy the summer and encourage your child to continue reading each day!

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

<https://www.myon.com/index.html>

### Sports & Physicals—ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – Noon and July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM – 11:00 AM. Students will enter through the HS Auditorium Doors and proceed to the Cafeteria area at their appointment time. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Cobb, Middle School Health Office, 739-6357 ext. 3653.

### JUNE CHARACTER KICK-OFF DAY

The theme for the June Character Kick-Off Day is “Decade Day.”



*SCHOOL NURSES(RN's)  
NEEDED  
(2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)  
CONTACT:  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
739-5601  
EXT. 4212*



# 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](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.



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Keep hoarding pull tabs! **Get others involved** - ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

## 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

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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.

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