

The School Connection



Horseheads Intermediate School

Principal's Post

In a few more weeks, spring will be upon us. I think the students are ready for the nicer weather to stay so they can get outside more to burn off the winter cabin fever! Hopefully March will cooperate with those wishes.

We had some great events throughout the month of February at the Intermediate School. The Variety Show was a huge hit amongst IS students. There were many talents displayed that evening including singing, dancing, instrument performances, gymnastics, and more. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who made this possible. Don't miss Math Science Technology Night this Friday that will have many exciting activities (see page 2 for more information).

Attention fifth grade parents! Please be sure to read page 6 regarding the NYS school immunization regulations. 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 10th day of school without these immunizations.

As many of you know, the 2017-2018 school budget talks are in full swing. Horseheads School District is always focused on building a fiscally responsible budget while trying to provide the best learning opportunities for students. I encourage you all to be involved in the process and stay informed by checking out the HCSD website. There will also be a Community Budget Workshop next Thursday at 6pm at the Erin Town Hall.

The NYS ELA and Math Tests are quickly approaching (see page 4). Please visit the Intermediate School Webpage link called Parent Resources to see how you can help support your child with the common core curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support of your child and our school. I encourage you to stay in close communication with the teachers and School Tool for academic information. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Every once in a while I will include a parent article. Check out the link on the right hand side of this page about bringing out the genius in every child!

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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School Hashtag: [#Sinnovators](#)

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

The research is overwhelmingly clear: *When parents play a positive role in their child's education, students do better in school.*

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ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Wednesday, March 1st:** Music In Our Schools Concert, MS Gym, 7:00 PM
- Friday, March 3rd:** IS Math/Science/Technology Night, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday, March 9th:** Board of Education Budget Workshop, Erin Town Hall, 6:00 PM
- Friday, March 10th:** NO SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY
- Tuesday, March 14^h:** IS PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, IS Library
- Monday, March 20th:** IS Gr. 4 Presentation/Open House, MS Café, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 21st:** Gr. 6 Parent Orientation for MS, MS Café, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, March 23rd:** Board of Education Meeting, Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. It is that time of the year again to replenish your child’s school supplies such as pencils and paper. Students can purchase a variety of items at our school store in the morning and during most lunch periods. Some items available include pencils, pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters, glue sticks and notebook paper.
2. 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, Rubik’s cube competition, 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! March 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm
3. Other upcoming events:
 - April ~ Grade 6 Teams will visit the Middle School for an Orientation Program during the school day.
 - April - May ~ Mr. Bostwick and Mrs. Doubrava will visit fourth graders at each elementary school for an Orientation Program during the school day.
4. The 6th Grade Celebration will be on Wednesday, June 21st. More information will be coming out in the months to come about how you can help out.
5. Letters will be sent home on Friday, March 3rd, regarding the Maturation Unit. If you have any questions or did not receive the letter, please contact the Main Office. The form should be returned only if you do not want your child to participate in this health unit.
6. Afternoon Pick-Up: Afternoon recess ends at 2:20 PM for many classes. Our upper parking lot is used during recess for basketball and other games. This is especially important with snow and mud. Parents should not arrive before 2:20 PM to pick up students for dismissal. If you arrive early, please park in the row farthest away from the basketball hoops facing the main parking lot.
7. We encourage students to bring sneakers to school every day. Sneakers are required for Physical Education class. Boots and dress shoes are not appropriate for Physical Education classes. Additionally, appropriate clothing should be worn for recess and KIA outdoors.



This 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. Be sure to follow our school hashtag to see all of the great happenings at the IS!

#ISinnovators

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. **Next year we are looking for a new Treasurer and Secretary. Please contact the school or one of the officers if interested.** 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

Target and Tops Bonus Cards!

Have you linked your Target and Tops Bonus Cards to our school? We receive a portion back of all that you buy at Tops and Target. Here is the information to get signed up:

Tops - 1) Go to TopsMarkets.com/education 2) Click on the "School Administrators" Link 3) Click on the "Group Registration"

Target (follow the link) -

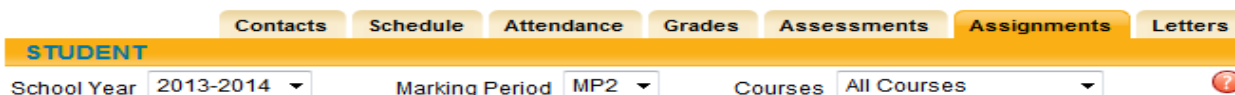
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Parent Portal

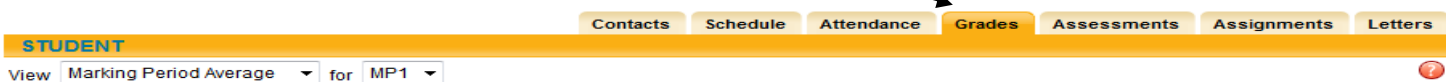
Web address: <https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com>

Parent Portal allows instant access to your child's grades and progress. Try to make it part of your homework routine at least once a week to allow them to look at their grades with you. Below are a couple of helpful tabs to help you navigate through your child's grades & assignments.

The Assignment tab allows you to see your child's assignments in all subject areas. Use the Courses drop down box to sort the assignments by subject.



Once on the Grades tab select marking period average from the drop down box to see what your child's averages are in each subject area.



If you are having trouble logging in to your parent portal account or have forgotten your login/password information, please contact <mailto:hcsdportalinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com>

NYS ELA and Math Tests

The ELA State Test will be given on March 28th – 30th. The Math State Test will be given on May 2nd – 4th. These tests help us determine how each student is performing with specific skills in both ELA and Math toward the standards' expectations. They also help us to know who needs extra help (Academic Intervention Services or AIS) for the following school year in each of these areas. Please note that a refusal of the State Tests does not mean students will be exempt from AIS if they qualify.

**We explain to students that the tests are important and to try their best. However, we don't want to burden our students with stress and anxiety. Thanks for your help with this!*

Test Taking Tips For Parents

1. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test and has a nutritious breakfast in the morning.
2. Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one.
3. Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
4. Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests with their class, rather than at a make-up time).
5. Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
6. Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that you believe in him/her.
7. Remind your child the test is important, but don't put too much emphasis on them that would create stress or anxiety.
8. Encourage him/her to do their best.
9. Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher, and to read the directions and each question carefully.
10. Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely. If your child gets stuck on a question, encourage him or her to make the best guess and move on.
11. Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions and not to leave any blank.
12. Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.

2017-2018 Budget Development Calendar:

March 9, 2017 – 6:00 PM, Erin Town Hall – Budget Workshop

March 23, 2017 – 6:00 PM, Multi-Media Center - Board of Education Meeting

April 6, 2017 – 6:00 PM, Multi-Media Center – Budget Workshop

April 19, 2017 (Wednesday) – 6:00 PM, Ridge Road – Board of Education Meeting

- The Board will adopt the Budget to be offered to voters at this meeting.

May 4, 2017 – 6:00 PM, Multi-Media Center – Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

May 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM, Multi-Media Center – Candidates' Forum

May 16, 2017 – 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Big Flats/Ridge Road/High School – School Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

*Horseheads 2030
Infrastructure Discussions*

*7:00 PM,
Horseheads High School Auditorium*

- March 16th
- March 27th
- April 26th
- May 11th
- May 30th

All meetings are open to the public.



STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD FOR Second Marking Period

The following students were teacher selected as the "Students of the Marking Period" for 2nd Marking Period based on the November, December, and January character traits as well as the Habits of Mind.

Month	Character Trait	Habit of Mind
November	Citizenship	Managing Impulsivity
December	Caring	Thinking Flexibly
January	Fairness	Taking Responsible Risks

5th Grade:

PEGASUS:

Jessica Schultz

OWLS:

Ashley Chow, Madilyn Jerzak

OSPREYS:

Alexis Strout, Juan Valdes, Alicia Williams

KITES:

Hunter Drew, Olivia Hatch, Brayden Kelly, Anneliese Little

FALCONS:

John Cain, Dylan Hulslander, Samantha Webb, Ava Zahuranec

EAGLES:

Brandon Dildine, Madeline Fieno, Dominick Russ, Anna Sheahan

CONDORS:

Ryan Anderson, D.J. Bolt, Braeden Butts, Neha Louisnathan, Brooke McPike, Isabella Myers

6th Grade:

PALOMINOS:

Caden Gabrish, Anu Kudva, Kent Schneider

THOROUGHBREDS:

Elise Cleary, Liam Eberlin, Brielle May, Domanik West

CLYDESDALES:

Meadow Barr, Owen Carpenter, Isabelle Giammichele, Connor Jackson

ARABIANS:

Wyatt Cartwright, Grace Garrow, Sarah Grella, Nytik Jaiswal

MUSTANGS:

Austin Fairbanks, Donovan Harley, Emma Schmachtenberger, Regan Thompson

WARLANDERS:

Megan Eberhardt, Nate Gillette, Rebecca Peng, Ian Ruhmel

UNICORNS:

Brody Jacobs, Mackenzie Minor

PEGASUS:

Jacob Carrigan, Landon Pike



NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH



Student artwork has been selected from Mr. Bell's 6th Grade Art classes to be displayed at the Corning Credit Union. This March, artwork from more than 75 students will be on display for the public to see. Students will be bringing home postcards with more information on the event if their work was chosen. National Youth Art Month is a program hosted by The Arts Council of the Finger Lakes that celebrates awareness and advocacy for art in our schools and excellent art education for our youth. This is the 6th year students from Mr. Bell's art classes have participated. Please stop by The Corning Credit Union at 101 John Roemmelt Dr. in Horseheads, March 1st-31st to see the student work on display. Corning Credit Union has been an amazing partner in hosting student artwork from the Intermediate School. For more information about National Youth Art Month, visit <http://www.earts.org/nyam>.

Connect The Hawkes Building 79 West Market Street Corning, NY 14830. Hours: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday. For special event hours, follow us on Facebook! infoARTS@eARTS.org

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!!

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.

NEED 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.



PRINCIPAL CHATS



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

9:00 AM in the Cafeteria;
6:00 PM in the Library



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.

CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: Respect

- Having Respect for someone means you think good things about who a person is or how he/she acts. You can have respect for others, and you can have respect for yourself.
- Showing Respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.
- Showing Respect for others include things like not calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don't do things you know can hurt you.

The Habit of Mind:

Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations

These are some situations you would use Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations:

- When I learned about swimming and life-saving, I used my knowledge to save someone who was choking.
- After I finished studying about the environment, and how harmful a single piece of litter can be, I began cleaning up garbage whenever I saw some, and I always put garbage in a bin.
- Learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide helped me when I was shopping or saving up for a special item.



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