

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post



## Horseheads Intermediate School

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The spring temperatures we have been craving are finally here! April was a busy month at the Intermediate School due to a variety of activities.

We administered the ELA state exams, and Math will be administered this week. As many of you know, we are in the fifth year of implementing the Common Core Learning Standards. The intention of the standards was to increase the level of learning and challenge so more students are college and career ready when they leave high school. We have seen a huge growth in students over the last several years as they are now better at deeper thinking and solving problems in a variety of ways.

Students are no longer expected to just memorize information and concepts; they must now take their knowledge and apply, synthesize, or evaluate the correct approach to solving a problem. Your support at home all year long will help as students are challenged with higher level learning. Please see the many resources for parents found or [EngageNY](#) or check out our parent resources page on our website (link to the right).

The month of May and June will bring several exciting events for our students. Fifth grade students will be visiting the Corning Museum of Glass and Corning Community College as well as taking on their end of the year Adventure Based Learning (ABL) activities. More information will be sent home from your child's teacher. Grade 6 students will be continuing with Challenger Missions. They will also be participating in the culminating activity for ABL, which is a trip to the BOCES Ropes Course. There they will put all of their problem solving skills to the test.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your child. It truly is a team effort! Now that the sun and warmth are here to stay, students are spending their time in sporting and other outdoor activities. Please help by keeping a regular routine and an emphasis on completing homework as well as studying for quizzes and tests. When you get a chance, check out the article to the right about the importance of Dads in their child's education. We appreciate your support!

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick  
Principal

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### [Parent Article](#)

### ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)  
on IS website.

*"Your support at home all year long will help as students are challenged with higher level learning."*

*"Treat a child as though he already is the person he is capable of becoming." - Haim Ginott*

## Mark Your Calendars!

<b><u>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	BOE Candidate Meet and Greet, MMC, 5:30pm
<b><u>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Public Hearing on Proposed 2017-2018 Budget, MMC, 6:00 PM
<b><u>Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 5/16<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	District Art Show, Arnot Mall
<b><u>Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
<b><u>Fri., 5/12– Tues, 5/16:</u></b>	Spring Book Fair (Buy One, Get One Free!)
<b><u>Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Budget Vote/BOE Elections, HS/BF/RR, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
<b><u>Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	Board of Education Meeting, Gardner Road Elementary School, 6:00PM
<b><u>Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:</u></b>	<b>SCHOOL IN SESSION</b> due to additional snow day
<b><u>Monday, 5/29 – 5/30:</u></b>	No School – Memorial Day Weekend
<b><u>Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:</u></b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. The **Spring Book Fair** will be held from Friday, May 12<sup>h</sup> through Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be many great deals and discounted books. Buy one get one free!
2. **Presidential Service Awards:** As the end of the school year is approaching, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the criteria for the 50, 75 or 100 hours awards and wish to receive their award at the Grade 6 Awards Ceremony will need to have their final log for the school year turned into the IS office by Friday, May 12, 2017, in order to ensure the arrival of awards. Grade 5 students who meet the criteria will have their awards presented to them here at school. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to continue working toward the award may do so through June 30, 2017. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS office by July 5, 2017. Awards will be available for students in September of 2017. Please contact the IS office should you have any questions. Click here for more information and service logs.
3. **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** is on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We would like to invite our many volunteers to attend a **Thank You Breakfast Reception** in our Cafeteria from 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM. If you volunteered in any way or helped out at any event this year, please join us on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Your continued support allows us to provide our students with outstanding programs and activities. Thank you from the staff and students!
4. **Sixth Grade End-of-the-Year Activities**  
Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (High School Auditorium) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.  
Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – **Sixth Grade Celebration** will be held during the school day this year from 8:40am to 10:40am.
5. For many years the sixth grade teachers have integrated **Adventure Based Learning and Community Building** activities into their curriculum. Fifth grade teachers have implemented these activities this year as well. Teachers have focused on skill building that promotes the students' abilities to: solve problems, think critically, and work together in a collaborative learning community. These are all important life-long skills in line with the District's/Intermediate School's vision for its students. This full day event will take place at GST BOCES Adventure Based Learning Course and will be facilitated in partnership with GST BOCES and Horseheads Intermediate Staff. Thank you to the PTO for helping to fund this project for our students.
6. **HOP – Horseheads Orientation Program** is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and is held at different times during the summer to help with the transition from the Intermediate School to Middle School. More information and dates will be posted in the June newsletter. Stay tuned!

## **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	<a href="mailto:magnolia3666@yahoo.com">magnolia3666@yahoo.com</a>	607-767-5121
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Deborah French	<a href="mailto:frenchsd526@aol.com">frenchsd526@aol.com</a>	607-742-7941
<i>Secretary:</i>	Carol Campbell	<a href="mailto:jcz@stny.rr.com">jcz@stny.rr.com</a>	607 739-0526



### **ART SHOW**

The Horseheads Schools' Annual Student Art Show will be on exhibit, May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup> throughout the Arnot Mall. Mrs. Crans' and Mr. Bell's Art classes have been busy creating dynamic art projects this year, and many of our Intermediate School students will have their artwork displayed.



### **ART SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Mrs. Crans's art classes are in need of some special materials for Art projects. If you can donate any of the following, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

- \*All Colors of Yarn
- \*All Colors & Sizes of Plastic Bottle Caps
- \*A few all metal coat hangers and clean (no runs) tan, beige or white pantyhose



STOPit allows kids who are being cyberbullied to quickly and easily tell trusted adults and authorities that they are being cyberbullied and to seek help. The app comes with four features to support kids. More information [here!](#) Our **SAFE SCHOOLS HOTLINE** is always available to report a concern, rumor, bullying incident, or any safety issue anonymously and confidentially, **24 hours a day. 795-2044**

## 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 (cancelled)**

**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*

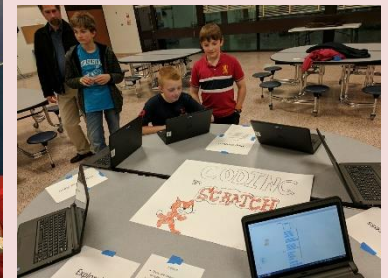
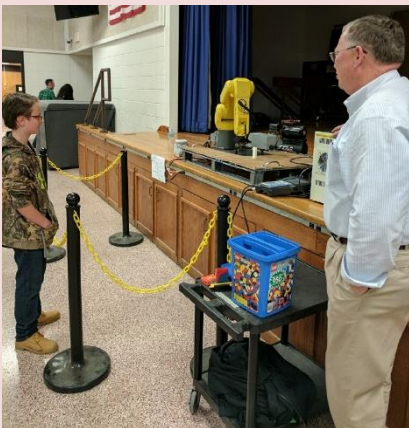
- *March 16<sup>th</sup>*
- *March 27<sup>th</sup>*
- *April 26<sup>th</sup>*
- **May 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 30<sup>th</sup>**

*All meetings are open to the public.*



## **Math Science Technology Night**

Thanks to all of our volunteers, students, staff, and parents for making another fun-filled, interactive MST Night! There were so many great activities and demonstrations!



## 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 Wednesday, September 20, 2017. **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.

## SUMMER OF INNOVATION SUMMER COURSES

There are many exciting opportunities this summer through GST BOCES and the Wings of Eagles for enrichment and to keep students actively learning. Check out Summer of Innovation summer programs. There is everything from engineering to outdoors. Please visit [BOCES website](#) or [Wings of Eagles](#) to view brochures and registration information.



WINGS of EAGLES  
DISCOVERY CENTER



## BUDGET VOTE

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7am to 9pm at Big Flats, Ridge Road, and the High School. Voters will vote on the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget, Bus Purchases, an increase in the Capital Reserves and will elect three to the Board of Education. Registered voters and District residents who are US citizens, at least 18 years of age, have lived in the District for at least one year prior to the vote, and who are not restricted from voting in general elections are eligible to vote. Questions? Call 739-5601, x4260.



Labels for Education & Box Tops Raised  
\$414.00 this year!

This is amazing!

Thank you for participating in this on-going fundraiser!



The Spring Book Fair sponsored by the **PTO** will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. This is our popular **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** Book Fair.



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.



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Twitter**

Learn about up-to-date information about our District on Facebook and Twitter: On Facebook, the District and each of our seven schools have pages. Please “like” them to get the information on your news feed. Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets. 

## **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 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.

# 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.



## CHARACTER TRAIT AND

## HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

### Character Trait: *Citizenship*

• **Involvement in the community:** Citizenship also means your relationship with the community in which you are a member. In other words, your behavior and actions. It's not just following the rights and behaviors laid down by the law; it also means adhering to the social and moral behavior expected of a citizen.

### *A good citizen is someone who:*

- cares about the feelings and rights of others
- shows concern for the safety and well-being of others
- stays informed about issues and voices their opinion
- votes
- conserves resources and follows the 3 Rs-- reduce, reuse and recycle
- uses their skills to make a better community

### The Habit of Mind:

#### *Metacognition: Thinking About Thinking*

**Metacognition is the understanding and awareness of one's own mental or cognitive processes.**

There are many possible examples of metacognition. These examples may help to gain a better understanding of the concept. Below are some examples of metacognition:

1. A person learns about his or her own style of learning.
2. A person learns about what things help him or her to remember facts, names and events.
3. A person becomes aware of his or her own biases in judging others.
4. A person learns about what strategies are the most effective in solving certain problems.

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