

The School Connection



Principal's Post

Horseheads Intermediate School

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The spring temperatures we have been craving are finally here! It's hard to believe that the month of May is already upon us.

We administered the ELA state exams, and Math will be administered this week. As some of you may have heard, NYS is moving away from the Common Core Learning Standards toward a new framework called *Next Generation Learning Standards*. The new standards have been the result of over two years of collaborative work to ensure New York State has the best learning standards for our students. Over 130 educators and parents worked together to make recommendations and revise the standards, resulting in a new set of English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards.

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 on [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 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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ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

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

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Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Tuesday, May 1st – 5/14th:</u>	District Art Show, Arnot Mall
<u>Thursday, May 3rd:</u>	Public Hearing on Proposed 2018-2019 Budget, MMC, 6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, May 8th:</u>	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
<u>Fri., 5/11– Tues, 5/15:</u>	Spring Book Fair (Buy One, Get One Free!)
<u>Tuesday, May 15th:</u>	Budget Vote/BOE Elections, High School South Gym, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
<u>Thursday, May 23rd:</u>	Board of Education Meeting, Center Street Elementary School, 6:00PM
<u>Friday, May 25th:</u>	No School – Pending Use of Snow Days
<u>Monday, May 28th:</u>	No School – Memorial Day
<u>Wednesday, May 30th:</u>	5 th Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<u>Thursday, May 31st:</u>	6 th 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 11^h through Tuesday, May 15th. 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, 6th 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 4, 2018, 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 5th and 6th grade students who wish to continue working toward the award may do so through June 30, 2018. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS office by July 6, 2018. Awards will be available for students in September of 2018. 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 16th. 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 16th. 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 14th – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (High School Auditorium) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.
Wednesday, June 20th – **Sixth Grade Celebration** will be held during the school day this year from 8:40am to 10:40am.
5. For many years fifth and sixth grade teachers have integrated **Adventure Based Learning and Community Building** activities into their curriculum. 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. 6th grade students will take a trip to the GST BOCES Adventure Based Learning Course, and it will be facilitated in partnership with GST BOCES and Horseheads Intermediate Staff.
6. **HOP – Horseheads Orientation Program** is for 6th 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 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

President:	Lisa Bingaman	magnolia3666@yahoo.com	767-5121
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Intermediate PE students have been very busy these last couple of months. They participated in and completed an intense session of Jump Roping and Juggling. They achieved levels they did not think were possible in both areas. We introduced iPad technology into the Jump Rope unit where students used the QR scanner to learn the different types of jumps. They really enjoyed using the technology and Mr. Hollar and I are looking into having students become the video examples and making our own QR scans or something similar.

Recently our students have completed the Track and Field and Badminton units. Several events were introduced including High Jump, Discus, and Relays. Students very much enjoyed getting to test their jumping and running skills! As for Badminton, classes participated in one-on-one Round-Robin games—even challenging Mr. Hollar and me! If the weather ever turns, we know there will be some eager students wanting to continue their Badminton play!

This spring our culminating fitness activity for our classes will be the “PACER,” or “beep” test as the students call it. They participated in the fall in this test to achieve a baseline fitness score. Throughout the school year we have designed lessons to encourage students to apply necessary knowledge to better this score and their overall physical and mental health. The time frame for the “beep” test will be the middle to the end of May, giving our students the chance to hopefully enjoy better weather and increased activity!

We also have incredible news in regards to the Elks Hoop Shoot contest. Beginning back in November every PE class participated in the School-wide free throw contest. From there, the top twelve scores—three girls in the 10-11 age group, three boys in same age group and three each in the 12-13 age group—moved on to the Local contest at Horseheads High School. The top four shooters, one from each age group, then moved on to the Districts free throw finals in Penn Yan, NY; top finalists to the Regionals in Elmira and finally the State competition right here at the Horseheads Middle Intermediate Complex. Quite a journey to complete! One that our very own Intermediate Student, Emma Kamas, dominated placing second in the State Final! We are so proud of Emma and of the work she put into her free throw shooting skills!

Physical Education Teachers: Ms. Cuer and Mr. Hollar



Our PTO fundraiser “ORIGINAL WORKS” will officially begin the first week of May. ORIGINAL WORKS is the company that turns your child’s very own art into professionally reproduced full color products. In art class, every IS student created a special “Original Works” drawing, using the regular art curriculum as the basis for their work of art.

On May 1st, your child will be bringing home a Personalized Letter from Original Works showing their artwork with program, pricing, and product information. You will then have the opportunity to purchase a variety of items featuring your child’s artwork, through the online Art Gallery. These products include: magnets, note cards, pillow cases, t-shirts, tote bags, ceramic mugs/plates, key chains, mouse pads, tile/trivets, journals, sketchbooks, matted prints, quilt blocks, pot holders, night lights, coasters, water bottles, ornaments and garden flags. We believe you will be thrilled with the quality of these products. They make delightful keepsakes and unique gifts!

We are excited to be participating in this unique and innovative program. Make sure to place your online orders by MAY 18TH. If you have any questions, please contact our Original Works Program Coordinator, Sherri Crans by email at scrans@horseheadsdistrict.com.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education and District administration are currently developing the 2018-2019 Proposed School Budget. To date three Board Budget Workshops were held: February 8th, March 8th and April 5th. Both the presentation and a video of the presentation, as well as budget and vote information, are available on our District website.

A Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:00 PM in the High School Multi-Media Center.

The Budget Vote/Board Election is Tuesday, May 15th, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. in the High School South Gym.

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

Voters will elect three members to the Board of Education on May 15th. If you're interested in running for the Board, petitions and other information will be available in the Business Office beginning March 1st. Interested residents must submit petitions with the appropriate number of signatures of qualified district residents to the Business Office by April 16th. Petitions will be available for pick-up March 1st.

Questions? Email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or call (607) 739-5601, x4260

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

May 15, 2018

7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

High School South Gym

Who is eligible to vote?

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote on May 15
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 15th.

Learn more about the budget and its development here: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/budget18-19.cfm>

STEM Night

Thanks to Bergmann Associates and all of our volunteers, students, staff, and parents for making another fun-filled, interactive STEM 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 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 Tuesday, September 18, 2018. **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!!!

Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first 3 days after symptoms appear.

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 2

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



5th Grade

- EXPLORERS:** Jenna Blitz, Calvin Cragle, Madelyn Crossley, Zachary Giammichele
- GAME CHANGERS:** Adrian Bacon, Mickenzie Gryska, Michelle Koester, Niko Narsiff, Drew Parsons, Natalee Turpin
- GO GETTERS:** Gavin Gilbert, Gabrielle Janeski, Anna Ruhmel, Chloe Perritt
- INVESTIGATORS:** Cecilia Cowen, Carter Jones, Goran Krajnik, Lauren Tournour
- THINKERS:** Patrick Gallagher, Morgan McCooey, Danika Morehouse, Natalie Williams
- TRANSFORMERS:** Olivia DeSarno
- TREND SETTERS:** Morris Babcock, Aubrie Burke, Hayden Chatlani, Leah Scott

6th Grade

- COLLABORATORS:** Ryan Bo, Camron Benedict, Jasmine Mallow, Brooke Sumner
- CREATORS:** Isabella Enright, Nora Ingham, Maddie Jerzak, Samantha Webb
- GROUND BREAKERS:** Jayla Davis, Sam Shutter, Kyra Ungvasky, Matthew Young
- PATHFINDERS:** Mallory Patchen, Anthony Quaglia, Nick Webb, Abby Youngman
- PROBLEM SOLVERS:** Nathan German, Addelyn Hester, Katie Hinman
- TRAIL BLAZERS:** Elise Godwin, Alicia Williams
- TRANSFORMERS:** Jessica Schultz



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.



The Spring Book Fair sponsored by the **PTO** will be held on May 11th, 14th, and 15th. This is our popular **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** Book Fair.



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@HhdsSchools to read our tweets.



Box Tops Raised \$414.00 this year!
This is amazing!
Thank you for participating in this on-going fundraiser!



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**



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.



ART SHOW

The Horseheads Schools' Annual Student Art Show will be on exhibit, May 1st - May 14th 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.

Sports & Physicals—ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Sports Physical sign-ups are May 1st - June 20th 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 27th & July 2nd 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, 2017 for a Fall 2018 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 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. Megan 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