The School Connection

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Principal's Post

I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to seeing all of the students again after the winter recess. I imagine everyone is rested, rejuvenated, and ready for the long haul through the NY winter!

It's hard to believe we have ended 2018. December seemed to have flown by while we had some exciting events at the Intermediate School. Mrs. Doubrava and I participated in the 7th annual 'Principal Read Your Heart Out Challenge' that required us to read all day long from the beginning to the end of school. Just before break we turned the challenge back to the students to 'read their heart out.' The challenge was for all students to finish at least one book (cover to cover) on their reading level. We always like to extend the challenge to include exercise each day as well. Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home throughout the year!

On another note ♪, we will be featuring musical concerts this month. Please see page two for more information about the dates for the chorus, band, and orchestra concerts. We invite everyone to attend even if your child does not play an instrument or sing in the chorus. Our very talented music teachers have been working diligently to prepare our students for a sure-to-be wonderful show.

I'd like to end by wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Please continue to be active in your child's education. The investment of your time inquiring about their day, reading, or studying important skills, will pay enormous dividends for them in the future.

If you get a minute, check out the parent article to the right called, *How to Teach Your Kids it's Okay to Have Less Than Their Friends*. Most parents want their kids to fit in and feel socially accepted. Unfortunately today's world is full of "the next best thing" and kids are feeling the pressure of 'needing' (not 'wanting') what they think everyone else has.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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"Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult."
-- Nadia Boulanger

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Parent Article

ATTENTION!
Parent Resources on IS website.

"Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home!"

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, January 1st - 4th:	No School – Winter Recess
Tuesday, January 8th:	PTO Meeting, 6:30PM, IS Library
Tuesday, January 8th:	Parent/Principal Chat, 9:00AM IS Café, 6:00PM IS Library
Thursday, January 10th:	Strings Showcase, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Thursday, January 17th:	Board of Education Meeting, Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM
Monday, January 21st:	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 23rd:	Grade 6 Concert, High School, 7:00 PM
Thursday, January 24th:	Grade 5 Concert, High School, 7:00 PM
Monday, January 28th:	½ Day of School, Dismissal at 11:15 AM
Wednesday, January 30th:	Scripps Spelling Bee, 2:45 PM, MS Cafeteria

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Winter has arrived! Please be sure that your child wears an appropriate coat, hat, gloves, and clothes. Recess and Kids In Action (KIA) will be outside when weather permits.
2. Please be sure to pick up your child promptly from school dismissal and after-school activities including clubs/intramurals. We appreciate our volunteers who give their time for these. We cannot guarantee supervision of students after 2:30 PM on full days of school or after 11:00 AM on half days of school.
3. It is important that Intermediate School students not arrive until 7:40 AM. Our supervision begins at that time.
4. The folks at the Bus Garage would like to remind students that **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR OBJECTS** of any kind should be on the bus.
5. **Reminder:** In an effort to cut costs and increase efficiency, the District consolidated some of our bus runs. As a result, due to limited space on the buses, we are no longer able to allow friends of students to ride their bus to and from school with them.
6. **Reminder:** On days when there is a Two-Hour Delay, breakfast will not be served.

FAMILY VACATIONS

Absences due to vacation trips are not excused absences. Before making vacation plans, please consult the school calendar if possible. Parents are strongly discouraged from taking their children out of school for family vacations because valuable classroom instructional time can never be replaced by make-up assignments. If parents decide to take their child out of school for vacations, please notify your child's teacher and the office. You may request work ahead of time, but since plans change day-to-day students are expected to also check-in with their teacher about missed work upon return. An appropriate time frame will be given to return the assignments. Students should be encouraged by parents to read and write in a journal during their absence from school.

Just A Reminder

Dear Parents,

Winter weather brings the possibility of school closings. Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or buses would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed only when inclement weather conditions are expected to improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures.

If schools are closed in the morning, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs.

If schools are on a two-hour delay, they will begin two hours later than usual. For example, students who arrive after 10:25 AM will be marked tardy. **There will be no breakfast served on those days.**

Let's hope the weather cooperates with us so that we have a safe winter!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Now that we are back from winter recess and are approaching the mid-year point here at school, we kindly ask that parents and students check the supply lists given out over the summer and replenish any pencils, pens, paper, etc. that you may be running low on!

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

A reminder that Presidential Service Award volunteer forms for the second marking period are due on Friday, February 1, 2019. Students may give the forms to their teacher or drop them off in the Office. As a reminder, this is an optional activity.

MAKERSPACE

DREAM IT. MAKE IT.

We are in the fourth year of our Makerspace at the Intermediate School. A Makerspace is a place for students to tap their creativity and innovation by investigating/making things they are passionate about. Students get the opportunity to explore 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. This past month, students were able to design and create their own bookmark that was 3D printed! Be sure to follow our school hashtag on Twitter to see all of the great happenings at the IS! #ISinnovators

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Horseheads schools will soon use the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending "**Y**" or "**Yes**" by text to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!

Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

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EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

ELKS HOOP SHOOT "CLASS CHAMPIONS" 2018

Coinciding with our Basketball Unit, students in the building took part in the Elks National Hoop Shoot program. Listed below are the age group high scorers from each class. Congratulations to all!

Mrs. Bennett
Hunter Matkosky
Lily Felix

Mrs. Ike
Jeffery Orbin
CarLynn Sindlinger

Mrs. Remchuk
10-11 Ben Church
Emma Kamas
12-13 Matt Taylor
Hannah DeWert

Mrs. Walton
Braden Woodworth
Allison Ruhmel
Griffin Stevens
Mia Ruggerio

Mrs. Dotts
Brodi Carling
Nyasiah Connell

Mrs. Henry
Tanner Knapp
Trisade Alston

Mrs. Smith
10-11 Jalen Fulwood
Braelyn Switala
12-13 Maddox Harvey
Morgan McCooey

Ms. Malone
Adam Nielsen
Aubrie Burke
Trevor Reidy
Elise Levantovich

Mr. Delgrosso
Jacob Loomis
Madden Foster

Ms. Hays
Seamus Lynch
Emelia Clark

Mrs. Telech
10-11 Desmond Moore
Karleigh Hays
12-13 Kegan Kent
Marney Durr

Mrs. Wandell
Johnny Durr
Jordan Gross
Avi Patel
Claire Tiberia

Ms. Lewis
Logan Kemmer
Sarah Gabrish

Mrs. Rial
Liam Morrissey
Grace Cronin

Mrs. Hollar
10-11 Lainey Knapp
12-13 Logan Bates
Kirsten Davis

Mr. Herman
Luke L'Amoreaux
Danica Moorehouse
Calvin Cragle
Ava Wing

Mrs. May
Caden Skinner
Emma Guzylak

Mrs. Mucci
Breckin Sullivan
Paige Stevens

Ms. Schoonover
10-11 Owen Wood
Lily Snowburg
12-13 Bryan Bernard
Madelyn Crossley

Mr. Durr
Josh Stout
Amanda McLaughlin
Landon Poulson
Maggie Houp

Ms. Van Zile
Connor Phillips
Olivia Hornsby

Mrs. Fuller
10-11 Zach Giammichele
12-13 Nial Gardner
Isabelle Clark

Mr. Liquori
Micah Hays
Britney Wheeler
Aiden Gardner
Julia Busch

Mrs. Fravel
10-11 Noah Edson
Karis Adams
12-13 Donnie Hatch
Maycie Bennett

Mrs. Privetts
Dominic Hugg
Gabriele Janeski
Raleigh Carling
Leah Scott

Congratulations to these students for being the top Free Throw Shooters of their age groups in each class.

We sent twelve students to the District Hoop Shoot Contest that took place on December 4th at the High School:

Boys:		Girls:	
10-11	Micah Hays	10-11	Emma Kamas
			Karleigh Hays
			Amanda McLaughlin
12-13	Trevor Reidy	12-13	Leah Scott
	Donnie Hatch		Ava Wing
	Matt Taylor		Julia Busch

Our students placed in the tops spots in all four categories thus going on to represent our school in the Regional Finals in January: Boys: 10-11 – Micah Hays, 12-13 – Donnie Hatch and Girls: 10-11 – Emma Kamas, 12-13 – Leah Scott.
All of our students gave their best effort and we could not be happier about it! Good luck to our students moving on!

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. **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 24 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 three days that cold symptoms appear.

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 1

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

5th Grade

EXPLORERS: Owen Amey, Maddie Ellis, Laela Inthanongsak, Breanna Van Gorden

GAME CHANGERS: McKenzie Hart, Chase Luangsuwan, Amelia Pronti, Breckin Sullivan

GO GETTERS: Karlyn Capener, Hunter Matkosky, James McKee, Olivia Schwab

INVESTIGATORS: Brayden Andrews, Katie Miley, Hannah Smetanka

THINKERS: Nevaeh Austin, Brodi Carling, Shawn Harrigan, Ava Klesh

TRANSFORMERS: Dallas Harris, Skyler Maynard

TREND SETTERS: Dmitri Charlanow, Lucie McKenzie, Carver Robbins, Maggie Sullivan

6th Grade

COLLABORATORS: Alexandra Drake, Marloe Laughlin, Avi Patel

CREATORS: Seth Loucks, Anna Ruhmel

GROUND BREAKERS: Maycie Bennett, Gavin Gilbert, Sibby Lowe, Casey Pietrzak

MAKERS: Liam Kane, Emily Reyes-Melo, Drew Parsons

PATHFINDERS: Aubrie Burke, Ellia Diezhandino

PROBLEM SOLVERS: Calvin Cragle, Chloe Perritt, Brady Utter

TRAIL BLAZERS: Elijah Friend, Josh Stout

TRANSFORMERS: Sienna Gibson

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READING CORNER

Reading is an integral part of learning. The more you read, the better you read. You have heard the saying, "Practice makes perfect," and studies support the idea that the best way to improve your reading skills is to read.

Reading is also a form of entertainment. Many genres or categories of books lend themselves to reading for fun: mysteries, historical fiction, science fiction, folklore, etc.

As parents, it is important to be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading and encourage them to read on a daily basis.

Each Intermediate School child is to read three grade level books each month for a total of twenty-five books for the year. Help your child to accomplish this by going to the Library, reading together, and discovering books your child will enjoy. "Just do it!"

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

--Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

Dive In... To a Great Book!

Reading Tips...The key to maintaining focus while reading is to stop often and think about what you're reading. Here are some tips to make you a better reader!

1. Ask yourself questions such as: *How does this relate to what I already know? Why would the character do that? What connections can I make to my own life?*
2. While reading, make a light checkmark with a pencil after each paragraph. If you start to get lost reading, you can start from the last checkmark. Don't forget to jot down words and concepts. If you read, write and recite, you have a better chance of remembering important information.
3. Every night, read something meaningful that you enjoy for at least 15-20 minutes.

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

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

Teaching Substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Sub Bus Drivers – Training will be included

Apply in person at Human Resources

or email: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com for more information.

Apply in person at the address below:
Human Resources Office
Horseheads Central School District
One Raider Lane (south end of the High School)

CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: **Fairness** is defined as just and reasonable treatment in accordance with accepted rules or principles. Parents please encourage your child to *play by the rules, take turns and share, be open-minded while listening to others, treat all people equally, and consider all opinions.*

The Habit of Mind: **Taking Responsible Risks.** It means to be adventuresome. Stretch your thinking….I think I can!

Ex. Students who step outside their comfort zone and try new strategies to solve problems, stand up for a friend, or attempt to answer a question in class when they're not exactly sure, are all examples of taking responsible risks.

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 $105 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at 739-5601 x 4211.

Attention!

PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 9th, **January 8th**, and April 9th
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria
6:00 – 6:30 PM in the Library

Keep hoarding pull tabs! So far we have collected far less tabs than usual. **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, Director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601, x4211, or cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

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