The School Connection



Principal's Post

Horseheads Intermediate School

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 is being 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 <u>EngageNY</u> 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. Some 6th grade students will be continuing with Challenger Missions. They will also be participating in the culminating activity for ABL, which are problem-solving activities much like the fall. There they will put all of their communication and creativity 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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"Treat a child as though he already is the person he is capable of becoming." - Haim Ginott

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Parent Article

ATTENTION!

Parent Resources on IS website.

"I'd like to thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your child. It truly is a team effort!"

Mark Your Calendars!

NYS Gr. 3-8 Math Assessment Wednesday, May 1st 2nd: Tuesday, May 6th – 20th: District Art Show, Arnot Mall Thursday, May 9th: Public Hearing on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget, MMC, 6:00 PM Fri., 5/10– Tues, 5/14: Spring Book Fair (Buy One, Get One Free!) Tuesday, May 14th: PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM Thursday, May 16th: Board of Education Meeting, Multi-Media Center, 6:00PM Tuesday, May 21st: Budget Vote/BOE Elections, High School South Gym, 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Friday, May 24th: No School (Give back day) Monday, May 27th: No School – Memorial Day 5th Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 29th: 6th Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM Thursday, May 30th:

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

- 1. The **Spring Book Fair** will be held from Friday, May 10th through Tuesday, May 14th. 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 3, 2019, 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 28, 2019. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS office by July 5, 2019. Awards will be available for students in September of 2019. Please contact the IS office should you have any questions. Click here for more information and service logs.
- 3. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is on Thursday, 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 13^{th} – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (High School Auditorium) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.

Monday, June 24^{th} – **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.
- 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!

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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 (2018-2019)

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Intermediate PE students have been very busy these last couple of months. This year we combined Jump Roping and Juggling together and added Floor Tennis. For half of their Phys. Ed. time students had the option to participate in Jump Rope Skills Challenges and/or Juggling and the other half participating in Floor Tennis. The students worked really hard perfecting their rope skills while others tried to get as far as they could juggling. Everyone participated in the Floor Tennis Tournament where they tried to play as many people from their class as possible. On the last day of the unit, students were able to challenge someone from the other class.

Recently our students completed the Wrestling/Fitness and Badminton units. This was a unique opportunity as both boys and girls participated in Wrestling. Students and parents had the ability to choose which unit they would do. This was the first year Wrestling was opened to our female student population and also the first year a Fitness unit has been implemented. Both units were a hit amongst all those that participated. As for Badminton, classes participated in one-on-one games—even challenging Mr. Hollar and me! We also introduced doubles play and by the end of the unit students had the choice to play doubles or singles.

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 regard 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. Quite a journey to complete! One that our very own Intermediate Student, Emma Kamas, dominated placing second in the Regionals! 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

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education and District administration are currently developing the 2019-2020 Proposed School Budget. To date three Board Budget Workshops were held: February 7th, March 7th and April 4th. The presentations and videos of the presentations, as well as budget and vote information, are available on our District website.

A Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be Thursday, May 9th, at 6:00 PM in the High School Multi-Media Center.

The Budget Vote/Board Election is Tuesday, May 21st, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. in the High School South Gym.

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

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election May 21, 2019 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!

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NEW INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Nurse 🛲

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 17, 2019. **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.



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**: Ella Brady, Andrew Brechner, Auggie Ector, Abby Sumner
- **GAME CHANGERS**: Zachary Bennett, Peyton Butts, Lauren Kozemko, Caitlin Yearick
- **GO GETTERS**: Ojas Bhushan, Kaitlyn Carpenter, Cheryl Peng, Justin Posten

INVESTIGATORS: Paityn McAllister, Katie Miley, Jack Starbuck

- THINKERS: Nyashia Connell, Claire Giaconia, Justin Mauter, Kate Winderl
- TRANSFORMERS: Victoria Burden
- **TREND SETTERS**: Zachary Balland, Megan Hawley, Joshua Lewis, Isabella LoVecchio

6th Grade

- **COLLABORATORS:** Mikiera Breedlove, Kegan Kent
- **CREATORS**: Amelia Ellison, Noelle Harpster, Aiden Loucks, Brady Woodworth

GROUND BREAKERS: Nick Darr, Noah Edson, Gabby Janeski, Anna Lowe

MAKERS: Zhi Chen, Mia Richardson, Ian Suh, Britney Wheeler

- PROBLEM SOLVERS: Jack Benton, Nathan Johnson, Natalie Williams, Megan Wolf
- PATHFINDERS: Morgan McCooey
- **TRAIL BLAZERS:** Madelyn Crossley, Amanda McLaughlin

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.





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



Pull tabs are being picked up next week! **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.



The Spring Book Fair sponsored by the **PTO** will be held on May 10th and 14th. This is our popular **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** Book Fair.



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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.





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**

ART



ART SHOW

The Horseheads Schools' Annual Student Art Show will be on exhibit, May 6th - May 20th throughout the Arnot Mall. Mrs. Niforatos' 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

<u>Help Wanted</u>

The Horseheads Central School District is looking for interested individuals for several job positions: Cleaner, Bus Driver, Food Service Worker, as well as Substitute Clerical, Nurse, Cleaner and Food Service Worker. We seek candidates who are 18 or older, including retired community members. To apply, complete our District Application and submit it to Human Resources, South Wing of the High School.

The District Application may be found here: <u>http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploade</u> <u>ddocs/application.pdf</u> or picked up at our Human Resources Office. Questions? Email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 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.

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, Caitlin DeFilippo 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 race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable groups under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kelly Squires Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 12 WINNERS!

- "Digital Citizenship" by Jackie, Grade 5, Horseheads Intermediate School
- "The Truth Behind the Screen" by Heidi, Grade 9, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "You Don't Always Know Who You Are Talking To" by Hailey, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High
- "Think Before You Speak" by Lydia, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "The Fire of Cyberbullying" by Ezraela, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Is He Your Friend?" by Paige, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Maybe They Are Right" by Mark, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Problems of the Web" by Avery, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Unplug the Hate" by Lindsey, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Toxicity Online" by Gabrielle, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Digital Citizenship" by Abbigail, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Protect Yourself" by Kat, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School

<u>And Honorable Mentions to:</u> Andrew Grade 9 SVEHS, Darren Grade 9 SVEHS, Harley Grade 9 SVEHS, Konnor Grade 9 SVEHS, Lauren Grade 9 SVEHS, Miguel Grade 9 SVEHS, Vivida Grade 9 SVEHS, Matthew Grade 10 SVEHS, Nate Grade 11 SVEHS, Trista Grade 11 SVEHS, Briann Grade 12,



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Scan this QR code with your phone, or go to <u>http://go.gstboces.org/dcnews-signup</u> in your browser. Diarmind Grade 12 SVEHS, Dominic Grade 12 SVEHS, James Grade 12 SVEHS, and Mikey Grade 12 SVEHS

Send comments, suggestions, and questions to <u>dc@gstboces.org</u> Visit <u>http://dc.gstboces.org</u> May 2019 - page 1 of 3



Waverly Central Schools HIGHLIGHT High School eSports Team

If you would like to see an example of Digital Citizenship in action, look no further than Waverly's eSports team. This group of approximately 30 students was formed after district technology director, Kyle Ackland, presented a white paper to the Board of Education that outlined the opportunities and outcomes of eSports with a plan for their implementation. Ackland explains, "We started the club in an effort to help include students who may not be interested in traditional sports." The club is affiliated with HSEL (the High School Esports League).

GAMES THAT WAVERLY ESPORTS ATHLETES ARE PLAYING





FROM UBISOFT ENTERTAINMENT



Keeping Competitions Friendly & Non-Toxic © common sense education

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Don't Be a Toxic Teammate

- Although the Esports team is about competition, remember that you are not competing against each other.
- Positive interactions are key--win or lose! Support your teammates rather than tear them down...especially after a loss. Teach each other and learn from losses.
- Keep any communication with your competitors positive....remember you are representing Waverly.

Heather Ellis, an instructional support teacher for the district, researched and downloaded materials from Common Sense Media about keeping games fun and friendly and modified them to present the information to the team (see slides above). The students had the following comments after the presentation.

"Being toxic in a competitive gaming match is almost a guaranteed loss. Your words can have a strong effect on your teammates. It's best to always stay positive."

- Matt Atanasoff, Overwatch Team

"Rainbow Six is all about communication and strategy, so having a positive relationship with your teammates is a must. It's also important to be able to discuss what went wrong after a loss, so not flaming your teammates is the only way to win". - Max Pan, Rainbow Six Team

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT (continued from Page 2) - WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL eSPORTS TEAM



The white paper that was presented to the Board of Education outlined some of the positive outcomes of an eSports Program like increased attendance and participation in school as well as increased academic performance, and enhanced teamwork and digital citizenship skills. Tech director Ackland has given us permission to share the white paper (see link below).

"Gaming is a great opportunity to reach kids in a space where they are comfortable and teach them practical applications for digital citizenship"

- Frank Brown, Coach

Links to More Information

Waverly's eSports Whitepaper - <u>http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-paper</u> High School eSports League website - <u>http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-HSEL</u> Common Sense Media article - Keeping Games Fun and Friendly - <u>http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-fun</u>

EDTECH article - Esports Programs Start to Pop Up in K–12 Schools - http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-edtech

ViewSonic article - How to Start A High School Esports Team

- http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-start

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What's The Fuss About Cookies?

I have noticed a lot of websites with messages about using cookies? What is a cookie? And why have they become so popular lately?

A "cookie" is a small piece of information that is saved to your browser by a website. It lets the website identify you so that it can customize its content for you. Cookies are nothing new it is just with the development of privacy laws that they have come into sharper focus. The European Union recently passed a law called the **GDPR** (General Data Protection Regulation) which mandates that a company must let you know whenever they collect personal data about you. Companies that use cookies must let you know what they collect and how the data is used because they can be used to identify you, your computer, and your location.

The GDPR is only enforceable in Europe but the US may adopt similar laws in the future.



