

Horseheads Middle School

April 2018

Explore Empower Excel



Friday, 4/6

Marking Period 3 Ends

Tuesday, 4/10

Report Cards

Wednesday, 4/11 -

Thursday, 4/12

ELA Assessment

Monday, 4/23 -

Friday, 4/27

Spring Recess

No School

(pending use of
snow days)

Wednesday, 5/2 -

Thursday, 5/3

Math Assessment



IS, MS and HS Students Perform for Residents of Bethany Courtyards

Harmony Bridge is in full swing at the middle school. Horseheads has been fortunate to be one of the few districts in the country that participates in this program, which connects student musicians with assisted living and nursing home residents through music.

Students prepare selections in small groups on their own, making all musical and performance decisions without a director. They perform for the residents and then spend 15-20 minutes interacting with the residents.

So far this year, students have performed at Elcor, Bethany Manor, Woodbrook and Appleridge. They are preparing for performances at Retirement Estates, Bethany Courtyards and Brookdale.

The books we have been using, provided by the Harmony Bridge program, are original prototypes and we are excited to receive the first edition hot off the presses!

NYS ASSESSMENT DATES

Our 7th and 8th grade students will take:

English Language Arts: 4/11, 4/12

Math: 5/2, 5/3

Our 8th grade students will take:

Science Performance Test: 5/23

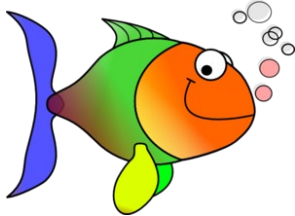
Science Written Test: 6/4

Our 8th grade Algebra I students will take the Algebra I Regents Exam on June 12th. All 8th grade Algebra I students will be exempt from the 8th grade math assessment.



HOMEWORK

If your child is absent from school, it is possible for you to request their assignments. Contact the Main Office prior to 10:00am on the day you wish to have the assignments. The assignments may be picked up between 3:15pm and 4:00pm.



Character Trait of the Month

Responsibility

Think before you act. Be reliable. Be accountable. Accept responsibility for the consequences of your choices. Don't make excuses. Don't blame others for your mistakes or take credit for other's achievements. Set a good example for those who look up to you.

THE THINK

Before you interact with peers and teachers

The Raider Way

Is your written and spoken communication:

T - TRUE

H - HELPFUL

I - INSPIRING

N - NECESSARY

K - KIND



π MS Celebrates Pi Day!



Bus Drivers Wanted

The district is seeking school bus drivers. We offer paid training, benefits package, no weekends / holidays or summers. Applicants must be 21 years old. Fingerprint/background check and drug testing are required. Apply at the Transportation Department, 601 Sayre Street (off Thorne St.), Horseheads; call 607-739-5601, x4505; or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



Final School Budget Workshop on April 5

The Board of Education and district administration are currently developing the 2018-19 proposed school budget. The first and second of three board budget workshops were held February 8 and March 8. Both the presentation and a video of the presentation, as well as budget and vote information, are available on our district website:

<http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/budget18-19.cfm>.

The remaining workshop is **April 5**, at 6pm in the High School Multi-Media Center located in the South Wing. The workshop is open to the public.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 6pm in the Multi-Media Center.

Still Time to Run for Board of Education

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

Have any questions? Please email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or call (607) 739-5601, x4260.

Important Contact Information

Safe Schools Hotline - 607-795-2044

Middle School Phone Number - 607-739-6357

Middle School Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>

Horseheads District Phone Number - 607-739-5601

Horseheads District Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/index.cfm>

Athletic Office Phone Number - 607-739-5601 x4254

Athletic Office Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm>

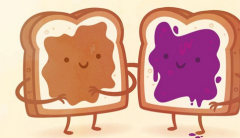
SPRING

Happenings!



National Cherry Blossom Festival
Washington, D.C.
Through April 15

National PBJ Day
April 2



Deep Dish
Pizza Day
April 5



School Librarian Day, April 4



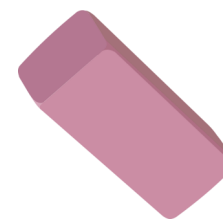
Scrabble Day, April 13



Farm Animals Day, April 10



Talk like Shakespeare
Day, April 23
"Friends, Romans,
Countrymen. Lend me
your ears!"



Rubber Eraser Day, April 15



Hoppy National Frog Month!



Adopt a Shelter Pet Day
April 30

Featuring

Student Contributions !

Thank you to Mrs. Horton for helping students develop and revise their work, showcased on the next few pages.



A REVIEW OF HATCHET

BY Joshua Holden and Jayden Cota

A 13- year-old boy is in the co-pilot seat of a plane, next to a dead pilot, getting ready to crash. This is what happens to Brian in the beginning of the book Hatchet.

Brian has to fight for survival in the Canadian wilderness, while he has to find shelter and food after he recovers from the plane crash. One bad thing after another happens, until both Brian and the reader of the book wonder if the Universe is out to kill him. At the start of his survival struggle, he finds chokeberries to eat, and finds a shallow cave for shelter. He gets sick in the night from gorging himself with the berries. The following night, a porcupine comes in his shelter, and he ends up like a pin cushion, stuck with painful quills. Then, things really take a turn for the worse. When Brian throws the hatchet at the porcupine it misses, and hits the cave wall, it makes sparks and the next day it reminds him that he can use that to make a fire.

He sees a plane pass over him and tries to get its attention; he fails and gives up. The next day, when he wakes up, he sees dried up blood, and he feels like a new person, someone stronger than the old Brian. One morning he kills a bird and was washing his hands and BAM!, a female moose grinds him into the ground; he barely escapes. He hears a sound he can't recognize in time. By the time he does, it was too late. A tornado goes over his shelter and destroys a lot that he has worked for, but he still has his hatchet. What he does next is in the book.

Brian is a kid that had to survive in the woods with no one around. He had to so many obstacles in the woods. Brian is very brave, strong, and most of all, he never gives up. We all can learn from Brian by being strong mentally, physically, and emotionally when the hard things happens in life. Also we need to learn to never give up no matter what gets in our way.

Citation:

Gary Paulson. "Review of Hatchet." Jessica Pierce, 1987, <https://www.common sense media.org/book-reviews/hatchetmon> Sense Media. Accessed 3/12/18.

This Month in History...

Columbia!



First space shuttle
launched April 12, 1981



DaVinci's birthday,
April 15, 1452



Noah Webster's
Dictionary
published,
April 14, 1828



Lee surrendered to Grant,
April 9, 1865

San Francisco Earthquake, April 18, 1906



Butterfly Nebula as seen from Hubble Space Telescope, which was launched April 25, 1990.



DISTRICT DIGNITY ACT COORDINATOR

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Megan Collins, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mrs. Collins, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845. Her telephone number is 607-739-5601 x 4211.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 739-6357 x 3640 or at rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com.

NOTICE

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

