



Horseheads Middle School

February 2018



Explore Empower Excel

Thursday, 2/15

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5:30PM

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Open House

6:30PM

Monday and Tuesday

2/19 and 2/20

Presidents Day

No School

Wednesday, 2/28

MS Variety Show

HS Auditorium

7:00PM



Peter Pan

Middle School Musical



Our school musical this year was *Peter Pan*. The show, with a cast of 30 students, featured singing and dancing. The students worked hard to create an entertaining presentation. We hope you enjoyed it!



2nd Annual HMS Spelling Bee Champ Crowned

Our sanguine spellers gave it their best shot at the recent 2nd Annual HMS Spelling Bee on January 9. Bhavi Patel and Meadow Barr finished first and second, respectively, and will represent HMS at the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning on March 17.

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.

YEARBOOK SALE



To order your 2017-2018 Middle School yearbook go to the following website: ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Enter the Yearbook ID code 11056518 and then follow the easy on-screen ordering instructions. The cost is \$ 19.00 and all major credit cards are accepted. The Middle School will not be handling any yearbook payments. If you need further information or details, please call 1-800-453-9764. All yearbooks must be ordered online. The deadline for ordering is March 31st. School Yearbooks will be distributed in June.

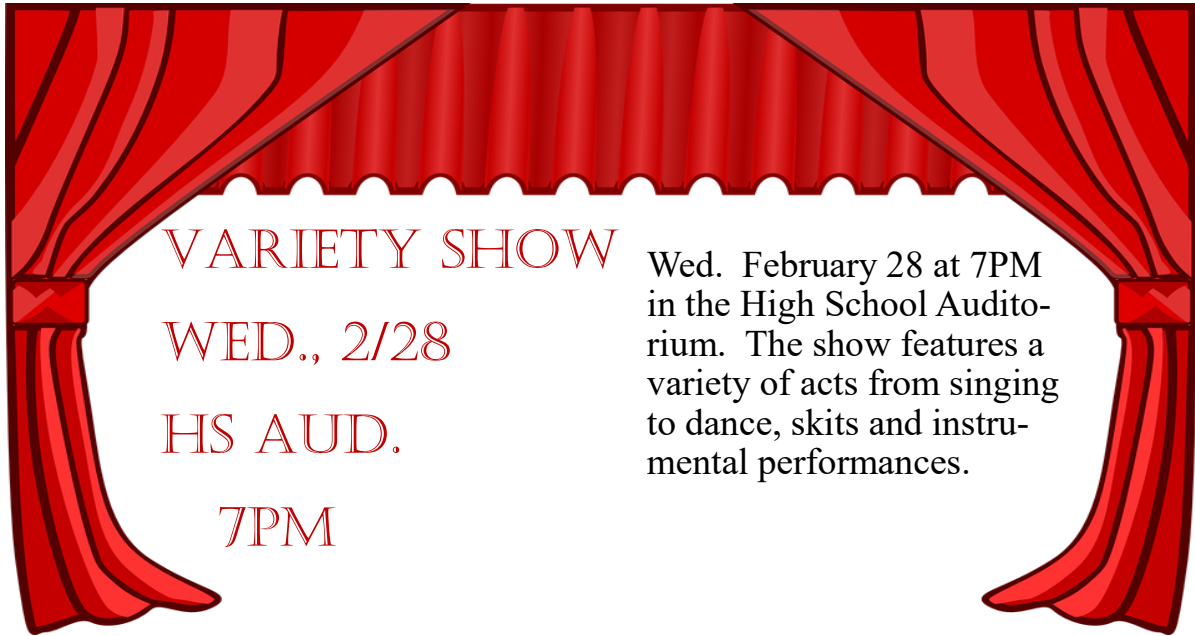
Character Trait of the Month

Trustworthiness

Honesty: Tell the truth. Be sincere. Don't deceive, mislead, be devious or tricky. Don't betray a trust. Don't withhold important information in relationships of trust. Don't steal. Don't cheat.

Integrity: Stand up for your beliefs about right and wrong. Be your best self. Resist social pressures to do things you think are wrong. Show commitment, courage and self-discipline.

Promise-Keeping: Keep your word.



VARIETY SHOW

WED., 2/28

HS AUD.

7PM

Wed. February 28 at 7PM in the High School Auditorium. The show features a variety of acts from singing to dance, skits and instrumental performances.

Horseheads Middle School Leadership Team Participates in BOCES Leadership Training



Mrs. Clark and Mr. Holloway would like to thank the Middle School Leadership Team for coming to school on their day off. When other students were home sleeping, the members of the Leadership Team were working with BOCES trainers in the Middle School LGI. Using an Adventure Based Learning approach, the BOCES trainers worked with students to develop their leadership skills. Students had fun working together to solve multiple challenges and problems throughout the day. Students will continue to work with the BOCES trainers during upcoming 10th periods in February, March, April and May.

Boy Scouts Founded on February 8, 1910

The Boy Scouts were founded on February 8, 1910 by Chicago publisher William Boyce. While visiting England in 1909, Boyce was helped through the London fog by a young man, who told him he was only doing a good deed as a boy scout. Impressed by the boy's deportment, Boyce organized the Boy Scouts when he returned to the United States the following year.



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Robert Baden Powell had organized the British version of the boy scouts in 1908, when he wrote "*Scouting for Boys*". As a former military hero, Powell had also written "*Aids to Scouting*", a military manual which later became popular with boys. He then decided to teach young men the same skills he had taught his troops. Based on the success of this program, Powell organized a central office and designed a uniform. At the first national meeting, 60,000 boys showed up.

Here in Horseheads, there are several troops boys can join. And it's not just about camping. There are more than 100 merit badges to choose from, including electronics, aviation and archeology. The Boy Scouts also teach leadership, citizenship and life skills. *If you are interested in joining the scouts, you can pick up a flyer in the Main Office.*



National Foreign Language Week 2018 March 4- March 10

During the beginning of March, students enrolled in Spanish or French classes will have the ultimate international experience here at Horseheads Middle School! While we celebrate National Foreign Language Week, students will be able to learn about and participate in cultural activities. Guest students from Spanish and French classes on HMS Live will read the announcements, which will include the date, weather and menu in both languages (and in English too!). With the help of Food Services, we will provide an international dish as a lunch option in the cafeteria each day, recognizing the different foods from around the world! There will be “dress up days” to promote different aspects of world language and culture. All students and faculty alike are encouraged to partici-



Horseheads Sister City Association Exchange Students Set to Visit Our School

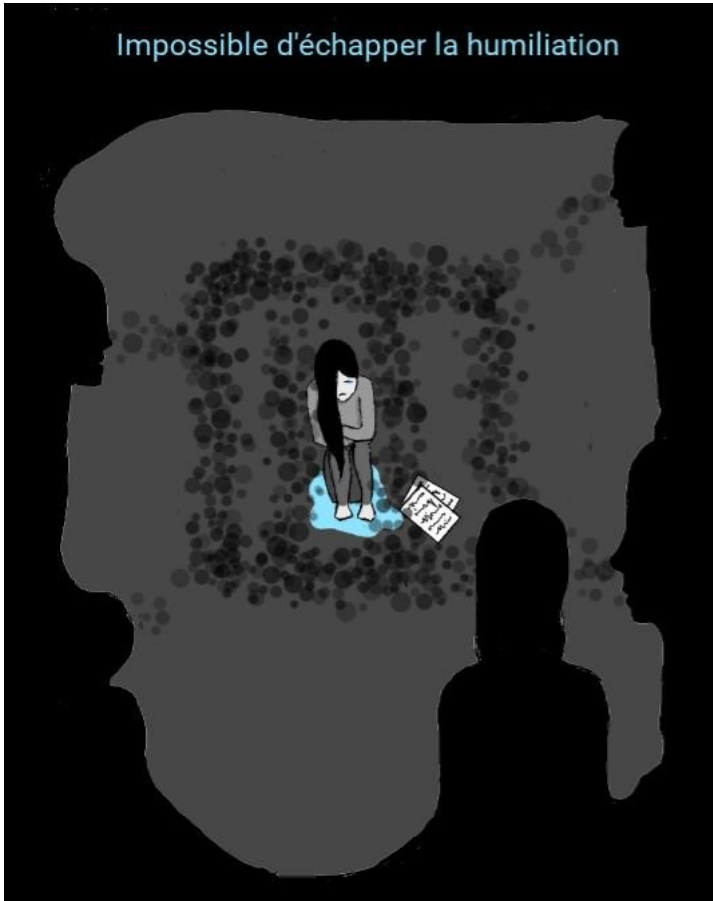
Students from our Sister City, Nakagawa, will be arriving in Horseheads on Saturday, March 10th, and departing Sunday, March 18th. While in Horseheads, the students will attend classes at the Middle School on Monday and Friday, and will be going on fieldtrips during the rest of the week.

The exchange students will also meet with Superintendent Dr. Douglas. They will visit with Mr. Holloway and tour the Middle School on Monday, March 12th.

Horseheads students will be visiting Nakagawa in July this summer.



Impossible d'échapper la humiliation



MS Student Wins Poster Contest

Congratulations to 8th-grader Arianna Miller on winning the Middle School division of a poster contest sponsored by 'Le Petit Journal,' a French publication for beginning French students. The theme was "Harassment in school is a prison." Arianna's poster is in this week's newspaper. Check out the poster in the glass case outside the guidance office.



Happy Chinese New Year!

February 16 marks the Year of the Dog. . .

...and Mater, an English Bulldog, is ready to celebrate with a reunion dinner (with his new family, the Beaches), hang red decorations, especially red envelopes, and set off firecrackers (which he probably won't like)!



Cartoon by Jorge Valdes.
For more student artwork, see
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Scholastic Art Awards

The Arnot Art Museum is pleased to announce the winners in 2018 New York/Pennsylvania Scholastic Art Awards program. This is the 75th year of the Museum's association with the program. More than 900 works were entered in the show, with 157 receiving awards.

Congratulations to the following students who will have their artwork on display at the Arnot Art Museum this February:

Honorable Mentions:

William Aepelbacher, Drawing, Mad About Plaid
Emma Karpowich, Sculpture, Surfs Up
Grace Kuhnel, Drawing, Mr. Man
Paige Licursi, Drawing, Fireworks
Sophia Lotocky, Sculpture, Kinky Clocks
Lydia Schooley, Painting, Your Smile Has Forever Changed My World

Silver Keys:

Bethany Balster, Sculpture, Blooming
Palmer Benesh, Drawing, Bliss



Bethany Balster
"Blooming"



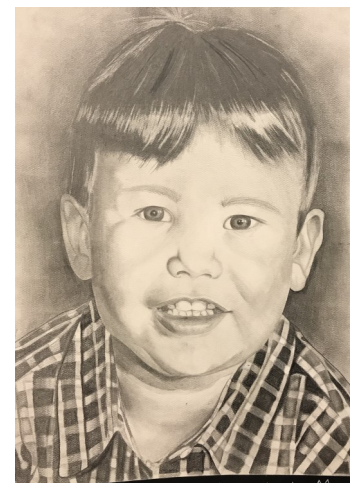
Paige Licursi
"Fireworks"



Palmer Benesh
"Bliss"



Grace Kuhnel
"Little Man"



William Aepelbacher
"Mad About Plaid"

A Few Good Authors...were born this month...

1st - Langston Hughes

7th - Charles Dickens

Laura Ingalls Wilder

8th - Jules Verne

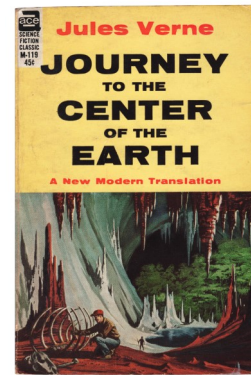
11th - Jane Yolen

12th - Judy Blume

15th - Norman Bridwell

27th - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

John Steinbeck

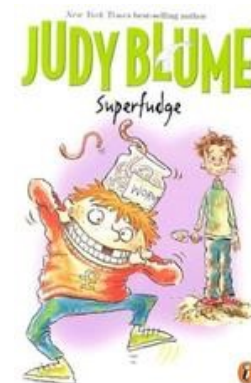
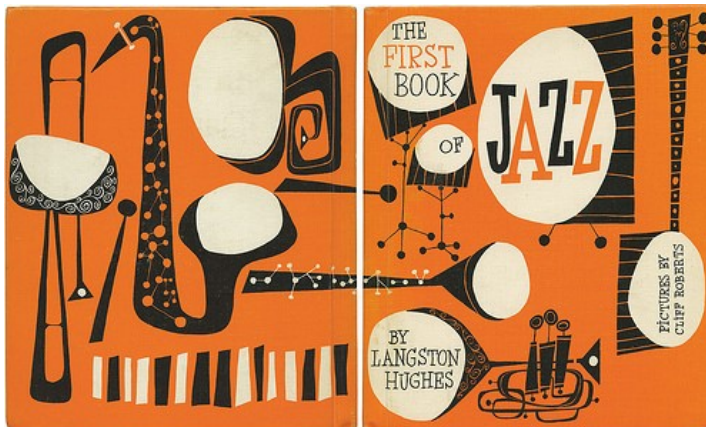


*Give what you
have.
To someone, it
may be better
than you dare to
think.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



**...Have you read any books, plays,
or poems of theirs?**





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.

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