



Horseheads Middle School

January 2017

In the fall, students participated in **“Raider Way”** presentations during their lunch study time. Students learned how living the **“Raider Way”** leads to successful social, emotional and academic experiences at the Middle School.

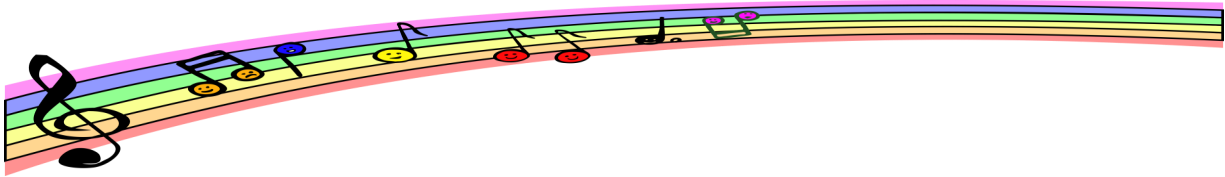
This winter, students will again participate in **“Raider Way”** presentations. In keeping with the common theme of a new year, we will focus on setting and achieving our goals.

Students will learn how setting SMART (specific, measurable, agreed upon, realistic and time sensitive) goals can lead to personal improvements. In addition, students will learn how grit, perseverance and having a Growth Mindset is essential to achieving our goals.



Tuesday, January 3, 2017	School Reopens
Wednesday, January 4	MS Winter Art Show—MS Café 6:00
Wednesday, January 11	Strings Showcase—HS Auditorium 7:00
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Day— No School
Thursday, January 19	Periods 6+8 Bands —HS Auditorium 7:30
Thursday & Friday, January 26 & 27	MS Musical-HS Auditorium 7:00
Friday, January 27	Second Marking Period Ends
Monday, January 30	MS Conference Day— No School
Tuesday, January 31	Report Cards Issued





Middle School Musical

Our school musical this year is Singin' In The Rain. The presentation of the show will be on Thursday, January 26th and Friday, January 27th in the HS Auditorium. The show begins at 7:00 PM and is free of charge. The show, with a cast of 30 students, features singing and dancing. The students have worked hard to bring you an entertaining presentation. Don't miss it!



SEMESTER TWO

MS second semester begins on 1/31/17. Prior to first period, students will report to homeroom to pick-up their second semester schedule. First semester schedules should be discarded.

Please join us on March 16th at 6:00 PM in the Middle School LGI for “Positive Parent and Teen Communication.”

This parent workshop is sponsored by C.I.D.S. Family Life Development Center and presented by Alise Mahr and Maria Militello.

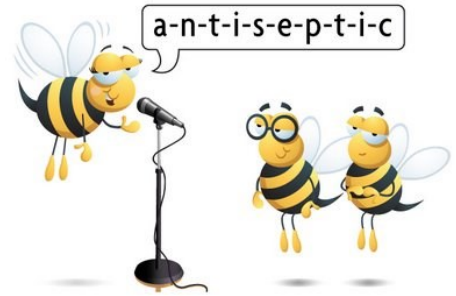
The workshop will present suggested do's and don'ts when communicating with your teens, how to build your teens' self-esteem and words of wisdom from Dr. Thomas Phelan, Ph.D “Surviving Your Adolescents.”

Don't miss this valuable opportunity!



Horseheads Middle School's Spelling Bee

By Rudy Jacobs and David Morrell



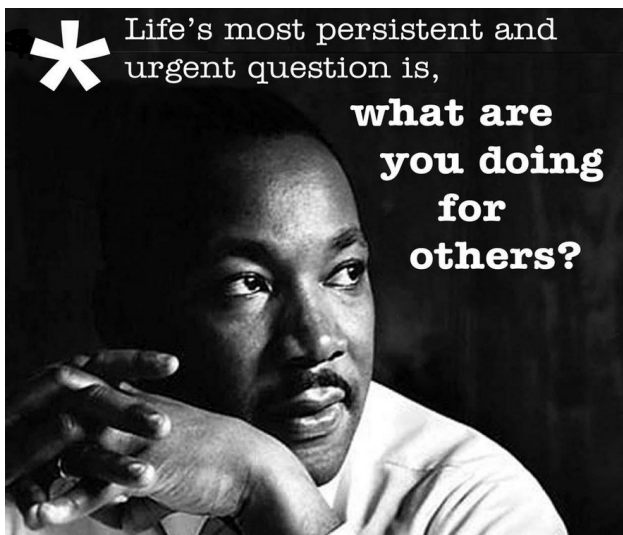
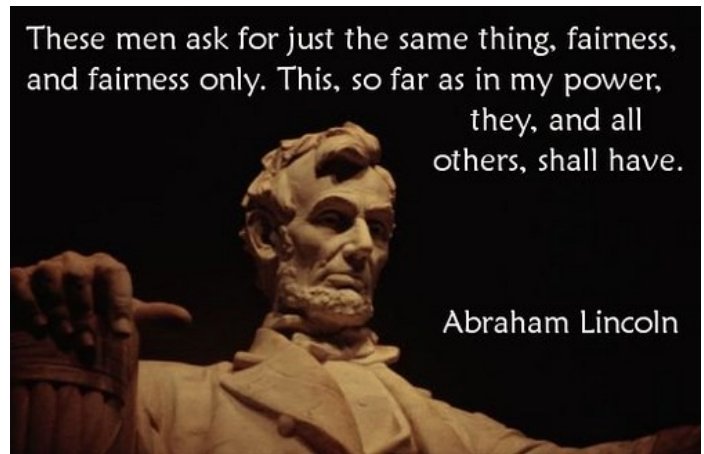
Thaumaturge. Noun. A person who supposedly works miracles. Who can spell that word? Who has even heard of that word? We can tell you who. The participants of the Horseheads Middle School's Spelling Bee; that is who!

On Friday, December 16, 2016, Horseheads Middle School held its first annual spelling bee. The Participants were Adrianna Reeves, Mackenzi Wakely, Luke Zisk, Heather Park, Rudin Jacobs, Bhavi Patel, Morgan Willis, and Julian Bostwick. The hours and effort the students put into preparing for the competition were clear. They studied a long list of very difficult words and vocabulary definitions. Round after round proceeded with students correctly spelling very hard words, and knowing the definitions of words they seldom see in print.

The first place winner was Mackenzi Wakely, and Bhavi Patel took second place. Both of these students will progress to the Regional Competition. All of the parents, teachers, and the principal are proud of every participant. They all displayed the Raider Way in their sportsmanship and achievement. Congratulations. We can't wait until next year!



The district character trait for January is fairness. Just as Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. did in their time, we too need to ensure that we treat each other fairly today. This is another way we can *Make Their Day*, as the *Fish Philosophy* teaches and ensure we are living the *Raider Way* at Horseheads Middle School.



*At Horseheads Middle School we ask our students to **THINK** Before speaking or writing, ask your self if what you are about to communicate is *True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind?**

DIGNITY ACT COORDINATOR

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