

Tuesday, 3/6

Progress Reports

Friday, 3/9

Superintendent's
Conference Day

No School

Sunday, 3/11

Daylight Saving Time
Begins - Set Clocks
Ahead One Hour!

Friday, 3/23

MS Dance/Open Gym
7:00-9:00PM

Friday, 3/30

Easter Recess

No School

And Monday, 4/2

(pending use of
snow days)

Horseheads Middle School

March 2018

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School Budget Workshops for 2018-19 in the Works

The Board of Education and district administration are currently developing the 2018-19 proposed school budget. The first of three board budget workshops was held February 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 workshops are March 8 and April 5, both at 6pm in the High School Multi-Media Center located in the South Wing. The workshops are 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.

**The Budget Vote/Board Election is
Tuesday, May 15, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
in the High School South Gym.**

Board of Education Seeks New Members

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.

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

Respect

Be courteous and polite. Judge all people on their merits and abilities. Be tolerant, appreciative and accepting of individual differences. Don't abuse, demean or mistreat anyone. Don't use, manipulate, exploit or take advantage of others.

Congratulations!



The Horseheads Science Olympiad team had a strong showing at the Regional Competition February 10 at Maine-Endwell, finishing 3rd out of 7 teams. The team has worked hard over the past 4 months studying difficult material and on a wide range of science topics and building impressive structures and vehicles in the technology events.

The following students won medals at the competition:

Catherine Koester brought home bronze medals in Anatomy and Physiology, Crime Busters, Microbe Mission, and Towers.

Bhavi Patel won Bronze in Anatomy & Physiology and Potions & Poisons.

Brenna O'Brien took bronze in Crime Busters.

Ariana Miller won bronze in Fast Facts, Rocks & Minerals, and a silver medal in Thermodynamics.

Bella Antes won bronze in Fast Facts and silver in Thermodynamics.

Stella Clinton and **Max Keller** brought home the bronze in Herpetology.

Grace Kuhnel won bronze in Microbe Mission and Towers.

Megan Heffner won bronze in Potions & Poisons.

Will Lotocky won bronze in Rocks & Minerals and a gold medal in Wright Stuff.

Derek vonAhn won gold in Wright Stuff.

Dan Finnerty and **Derek vonAhn** finished just out of the medal count with a 4th place finish in Meteorology.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Steele are proud of the work the team put in throughout the year. If you see any of these students, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done!



**Don't forget to turn
your clocks forward
one hour on March 11!**



Spring Dance / Open Gym Friday, March 23



Walk the *Hollywood Red Carpet* at the MS Spring Dance and Open Gym on March 23. The dance will start at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 9:00 p.m. Students should make certain their transportation is waiting in the front of the school at 9:00 p.m.



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 participate! Let us help spread cultural awareness and promote language learning!

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 this July.



To The Thawing Wind

Come with rain. O loud Southwester!
Bring the singer, bring the nester;
Give the buried flower a dream;
Make the settled snowbank steam;
Find the brown beneath the white;
But whate'er you do tonight,
Bath my window, make it flow,
Melt it as the ice will go;

Melt the glass and leave the sticks
Like a hermit's crucifix;
Burst into my narrow stall;
Swing the picture on the wall;
Run the rattling pages o'er;
Scatter poems on the floor;
Turn the poet out of door.

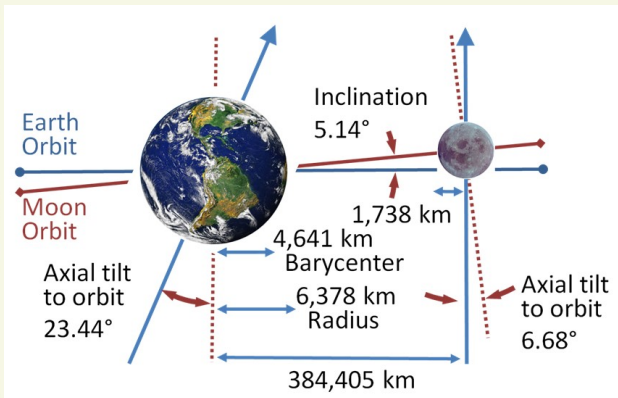


Robert Frost

Robert Frost's birthday is March 26.

THINK SPRING!

Think Latin is a “dead” language? Think again! We use Latin-derived words every day. For example, *Vernal equinox* is from the Latin for *spring* and *equal night*, respectively. *Autumnal equinox* marks the first day of *fall*. The word *season* is from the Latin *sationem*, meaning sowing, or seed time. Summer and winter *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still).



If Earth's axis was perpendicular to its orbit, there would be no change of seasons.



Horseheads Middle School Students Work With Local Engineers

A group of 7th- and 8th-grade students have been working with local engineers from DePuy Synthes Companies on an engineering challenge. In conjunction with our technology and science teachers, the engineers from Synthes challenged students to design a container that would protect a cherry tomato from the crushing blow of a large hammer. Students met in February to learn about the challenge and are currently developing their designs. The engineers will return this month to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement. Students will meet for their culminating test in April. We would like to thank DePuy Synthes Companies for providing this exciting opportunity for our students.

Don't forget!



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



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>

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.

