



HORSEHEADS MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 2017

EXPLORE EMPOWER EXCEL

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

On the **eleventh** hour of the **eleventh** day of the **eleventh** month, an armistice was signed by the Allies and the Germans, ending the fighting in what would become known as WWI. We pause to reflect on the heroic men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country, so that we may enjoy our freedom. It is a day to remember and honor our brave fellow Americans.

Capital Project Passes!

The Capital funding project has passed with flying colors! Voters in the Horseheads Central School District approved a district-wide capital improvement project October 17: 1350 yes, 589 no. The project now moves from concept to design phase, with submissions to the State Education Department.

November Calendar

Fri., Nov. 3

Make-Up Picture Day

Sun., Nov. 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Thurs., Nov. 9

Marking Period 1 Ends

Fri., Nov. 10

Veterans Day

No School

Tues., Nov. 14

Report Cards Issued

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24

Thanksgiving Recess

No School

Progress Reports / Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the ten-week marking period. We encourage parents to sign-up for Parent Portal to help keep track of your student's progress between the reporting periods.

Honor Roll 85.0 cumulative average

Failing Grade 64.0 or lower in any course



Parent /Student Portal

School Tool now offers a mobile app for iPhone and Android users for Parent Portal and Student Portal. If you currently have a Parent Portal account, download the free app through the AppStore or Playstore. The sign-in URL is <https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>. Use your same username and password to access the app version. If you don't have a Portal account, visit the Guidance Office. If you have any questions, email hcsdportalinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



Hey, Where's My...

Have you lost a shoe, a jacket or your retainer? If you have searched the depth and breadth of your locker and have not found your lost items, check the lost and found.

The lost and found, is located in the main office. You can stop in between periods to search for your lost treasure.

Oh, and parents, please remind your little pirates to empty their lunch boxes and look under their bunks. You never know what buried treasure you will find there.



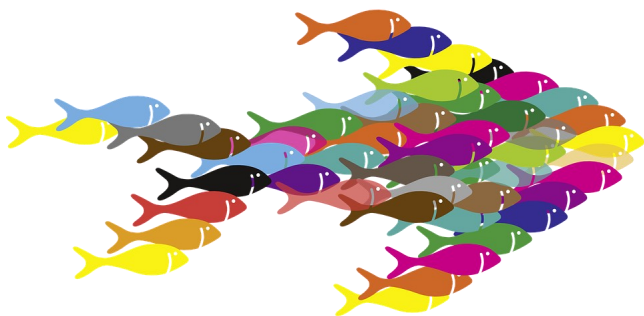
Information about Emergency School Closings and Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

If it is necessary to close or delay schools, the information will be posted on the district's website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, the district's Facebook pages, Twitter and the local television and radio stations.

Let it snow

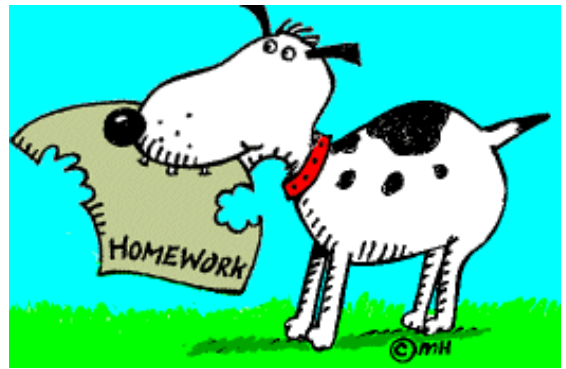
Don't Forget! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour. Don't be early!



*Make
Their
Day!*

HOMEWORK REQUEST

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 am on the day you wish to have the assignments. The assignments may be picked up between 3:15 and 4:00 pm.



**“But the dog
ate it!!”**

Character Trait of the Month

Citizenship

Play by the rules.

Obey laws.

Do your share.

Respect authority.

Stay informed.

Help your school by volunteering.

*“One person
can make a
difference, and
everyone
should try.”*

— JFK —

Make A Difference Day

Thank you to all of our students, staff and parents who partook in the Make A Difference Day! Participation in this event demonstrates how our school and community live the Raider Way and follow the FISH philosophy.



Horseheads Helps Houston

Congratulations to the Student Council for spearheading the campaign to help students at Houston High School after the devastating hurricane Harvey. Thanks to all Middle School students for their contributions to the cause. More than \$1,000 was sent to the students at Houston High to help them get back on track. *That's the Raider Way!*

Horseheads Sister City Seeks Hosts

The Horseheads Sister City Association is delighted to announce the 2018 exchange trip to Nakagawa, Japan. The trip will take place in early July and is open to all students in grades 8-11. Application materials can be picked up in the guidance office.

The Sister Cities exchange is seeking energetic and caring families with students in grades 7, 8 and 9 to host two Japanese students during their March 9-17, 2018 visit to Horseheads.

There will be an informational meeting at the Middle School library on Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm for all those interested in March hosting or July travel to Japan. Please email kmurray@horseheadsdistrict.com with any questions.

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.



Featuring

Student Contributions !

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



A Best Seller Book!

by Tyler Dixon and Gerald Farnham

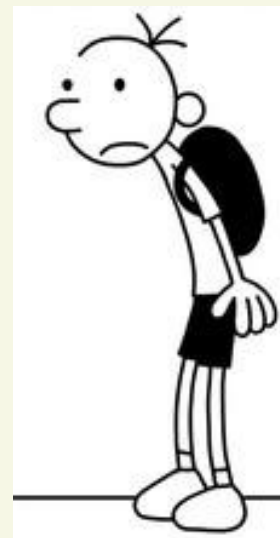
“Diary of a Wimpy Kid” is the first book in a series of 12, and in many people’s opinions, the best. Jeff Kinney wrote it in about nine months, and it came out on April 1, 2007. So far, it has sold over 150 Million copies. It has won five awards, and been nominated for nine.

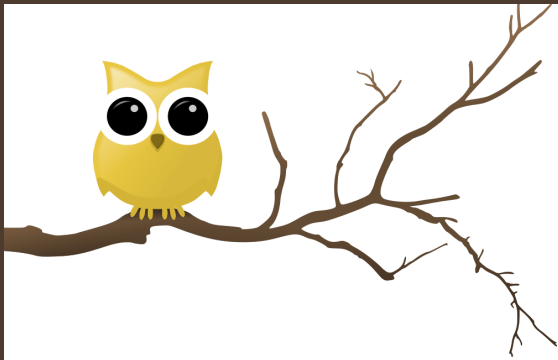
In “Diary of a Wimpy Kid”, the main character, Greg Heffley, tells the story of his first year of middle school, where all he wants is to be popular. He and his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, go through a lot during the first year, get in a fight or two, and all that culminates at the end of the story. During the school year, Greg tries to write comics in the school newspaper to become popular, but it ends up backfiring, as do many things against him.

The author, Jeff Kinney, comes up with many twists and turns throughout the story, and is a great writer because he makes the characters seem real to the reader. Many people recommend this book, specifically, people ages eight to fourteen. The main character will really connect to any readers that have gone to school and felt what it is like to be “unpopular” or “popular” or somewhere in between.

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A Review of the Movie Ratatouille

By *Laura Satterlee and Jayce Skinner*

What if you had a chance to be a famous chef, but you weren't the one cooking or chopping the food. Would you take do it? Well, a rat named Remy, the main character in Ratatouille, had the chance, but he had to control a human named Linguini to do it. Linguini worked at a famous restaurant, Gusteau's.

Linguini was the janitor of the restaurant. He wanted to be a chef in the restaurant. Remy also wanted to be a chef, but his dad kept telling him he could never be a cook because he was a rat that eats garbage. Remy never wanted to eat garbage, so Remy found food that was fresh in a home of a human. Remy is inspired by a famous cook who said that anyone can cook. Linguini and Remy meet, somehow establish trust and communication.

The movie is family-friendly, and it shows viewers that we can achieve great things even if we are as small as a rat. Remy and Linguini are a funny duo as they work together to achieve their dreams. We come to love Remy, and love a happy ending. Ratatouille is a great movie in our opinion, well worth the time and money it takes to enjoy it.



JOKES!

by *Hayden Denkenberger and Daquahn Mathews*

Q. Why did they let the turkey join the band?
A. Because he had the drumsticks.

Q. What do you call a fake noodle?
A. An impasta.

Q. Why did the banana go to the doctor?
A. It wasn't peeling well.

Q. How do you put an alien baby to sleep?
A. You rocket.

Q. What do you call a magic owl?
A. Hoodini.

Q. What kind of bee can't make up its mind?
A. A maybe.

Q. What kind of music are balloons scared of?
A. Pop music.

Q. What do you call a belt made of watches?
A. A waist of time.

Q. Have you ever tried eating a clock?
A. It's very time consuming.



Growth Mindset

by *Summer Furman & Emma Gibson*

“If at first you don’t succeed... YOU ARE NORMAL!” – Kid President. What does that mean? It means that all people in this world fail sometimes in their lives. The difference is, people with growth mindsets learn from their mistakes and never give up on themselves.

Do you think positively about yourself? Do you always do your best in everything you do? When you think you failed at something, get back up and think of another strategy to try. If you think you did enough to get by on something, go above and beyond on it. Growth mindset is the understanding that abilities and intelligence can be developed, or in other words, struggling is part of a process that leads to success, if you never give up.

To develop a growth mindset, try to get in the habit of asking yourself these questions:

- What did you do today that made you think hard?
- What happened today that made you keep on going?
- What can you learn from this?
- What mistake did you make that taught you something?
- What strategy are you going to try now?
- What will you do to challenge yourself today?
- What will you do to improve your work?
- What will you do to improve your talent?
- What will you do to solve this problem?



To sum it up, most people who have a growth mindset find different strategies to complete their goals. Ask yourself questions to figure out if you have a growth mindset. Do you learn from your mistakes or do you just let it go? Do you use teamwork to get other ideas from your classmates, or do you work independently? We hope this article helps be the success you were meant to be.

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The World Would Be a Better Place If...

By Nathan Preston and Tom Li



50 years ago, no one could imagine what the world would be like today, with our daily lives surrounded by computer technology. Let's imagine a few things that haven't been invented yet, but would make the world a better place.

The world would be a better place if cars and people in cars could be invisible. This would be good for celebrities who want to avoid reporters who follow them everywhere hoping to get pictures of their private lives. However, defensive driving would take on a completely new meaning because other cars couldn't see them. Maybe the invisible cars should be self-driving, too, to avoid accidents.

Another awesome invention would be a self-control setting for a cell phone or Android device. The point of the self-control phone is to keep us off things like Facebook, Instagram and other social media apps at set times each day. This would mean we could do something else in life other than just sit around using social media all day, doing nothing productive. It can also help us get outside to do other physically healthy things like hiking or biking, and it would give us more time for hanging out with friends and family.

Another invention that would be a lot of help is for traveling; it is a teleportation device. We could use it to get from one place to another in a matter of seconds. What a time saver! It would also be much safer than driving a car or taking a plane. Beam me up Scotty!

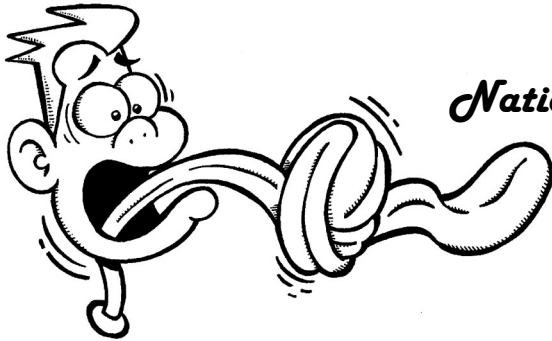
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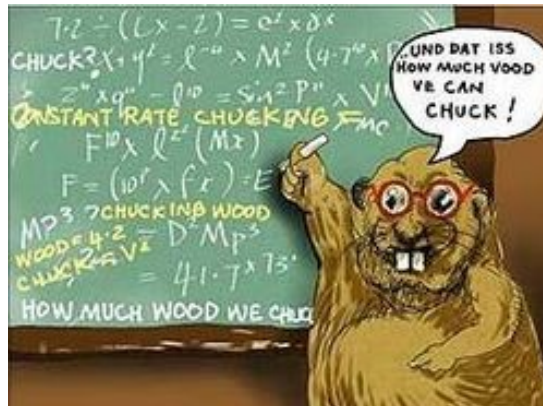


November 7 is
National Tongue Twister Day!



I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch.

How much wood
could a wood-
chuck chuck, if a
woodchuck could
chuck wood?



Tie twine to
three tree twigs.