

Horseheads Middle School

November, 2018



The Fall Issue

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What's Happening at HMS

11/2/18

Make-up Picture Day

11/9/18

1st Marking Period Ends

11/12/18

Veterans Day

No School

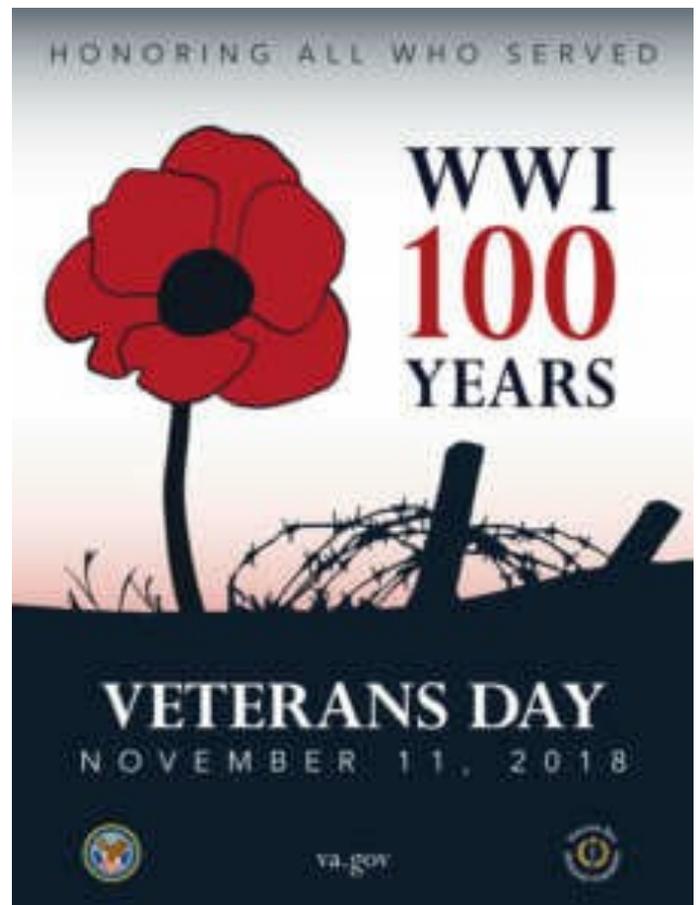
11/13/18

**Report Cards &
Aimsweb Reports Issued**

11/21-11/23/18

Thanksgiving Recess

No School



Armistice Day to Celebrate Veterans of the “War to End All Wars”

This year, Veterans Day falls on the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War (although it didn't officially end until the following June, when the Treaty of Versailles was signed).

The red Poppy grew on the battlefields where soldiers died. It has been the symbol of remembrance for the fallen since WWI.



In Flanders Fields

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**

John McCrae

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



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

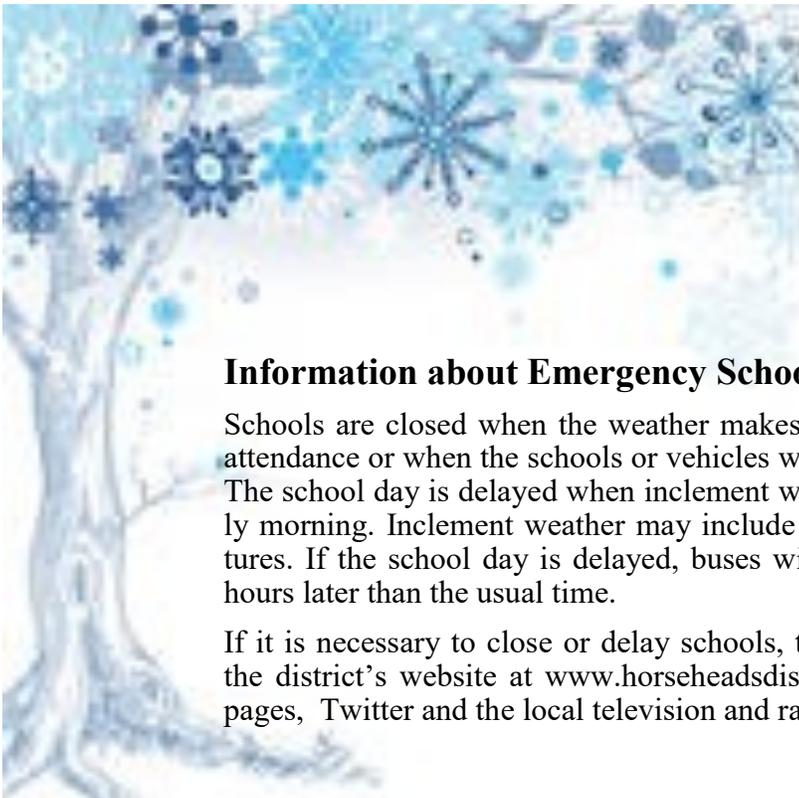
PARENT PORTAL

If you have not already signed up, please visit our Guidance Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification. If you have questions, please call Karen McLain at 739-5601, x4251 or email kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com.



PARENT PORTAL APP

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.



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.

SAFE SCHOOLS LINE

795-2044 or
1-800-305-4984

Report a concern, rumor, bullying incident, or any safety issues anonymously and confidentially,
24 hours a day.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



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.

Character Trait of the Month

Citizenship

- Play by the rules.
- Obey laws.
- Do your share.
- Respect authority.
- Stay informed.
- Help your school by volunteering.



Don't Forget! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4. Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour. Sleep in!

**THINK...
THE RAIDER WAY**

“**W**e encourage all students to develop a *Growth Mindset*. By having a *Growth Mindset*, students can develop the grit necessary to persevere through challenging tasks and view failure as an opportunity for learning.”

- Ron Holloway
Middle School Principal

WHAT KIND OF MINDSET DO I HAVE?



FIXED MINDSET

- I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
- If I fail, I'm no good.
- I don't like to be challenged.
- I feel like feedback is personal.
- If you succeed, I feel threatened.
- I give up if I find something difficult.
- My abilities determine everything.



GROWTH MINDSET

- I can learn anything I want to.
- I learn from my failures.
- I want to challenge myself.
- I feel like feedback is constructive.
- I am inspired by the success of others.
- I always persevere, even when I'm frustrated.
- My effort and attitude determine everything.

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Grit is...

Perseverance
and passion
for long-term
goals.

- Angela Duckworth
Prof. of Psychology,
University of Pennsylvania

NEVER EVER
EVER
GIVE UP!



NEWS OF NOTE



CHECK IT OUT

Digital and Audio Books Available at the Library

The Middle School is pleased to announce a **NEW Overdrive digital collection of E-books and Audio-books** at the Horseheads Middle School library! Get a good book anytime, anywhere, **on your own device**. **Download the Sora app** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

There are two collections you can access as a Horseheads Middle student. **Add both the Horseheads Central School District and the Greater Southern Tier BOCES Shared Collection** to find hundreds of titles. Login with your regular district credentials (lastname-firstname and your password). It's easy! Contact Mrs. Heidrich for more information, or if you have title recommendations.

Make a Difference Day . . . The Raider Way!

Many thanks to all of the Horseheads community for helping make a difference in others' lives. Although outdoor events were cancelled due to inclement weather, many volunteers worked at the Intermediate School, Minier's, Jubilee, local senior residences, PetCo and PetSmart. ***Thank You!***

“Do your little bit of good
where you are; it's those little
bits of good put together that
overwhelm the world.”

- Desmond Tutu

Get a Job!

NEWS OF NOTE

Community Comes Together to Hold Mock Interviews For HMS Students

Several community members donated their time to conduct job interviews for our 8th-grade FACS students. Students practiced essential interviewing skills they will need in the future with Ms. Oliver and Ms. Mashanic, such as resume writing, public speaking and presentation. *Thank you interviewers!*

All photos courtesy of Ms. Kelly Kamas, teaching assistant.



Promote yourself! Left: Kiera Mantey with Mr. Ziegenfus. Bottom left: Ms. Alisha Tenbus with Nick Cowan. Below: Mr. Tom Casey with Aiden Schooley.



Students eagerly awaiting their turn! Left to right:

Jared Halbrook, Genevieve Marino, Lillie Rumsey, Seth McKee and Ms. Mashanic, FACS teacher.





Sister City Exchange Trip to Japan



The Horseheads Sister City Association is delighted to announce the 2019 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 Horseheads Sister City is seeking energetic and caring families with students in grades 7th, 8th or 9th to host two Japanese students during their March 8-16, 2019 visit to Horseheads.

If you missed the November 1st informational meeting, please email kmurray@horseheadsdistrict.com with any questions.



National Day of Listening - November 23

Sponsored by StoryCorps, the National Day of Listening is always the Friday after Thanksgiving. What better time to connect with people, when we are giving thanks among family and friends?

Sit down with someone and have a conversation. Take the time to talk to your family, friends or neighbors, and ask them something you've always wondered about. What an exciting adventure this could be!

Everyone wants to be heard. Everyone has a story to tell. Be a good listener and give someone a chance to shine, while you learn about life.

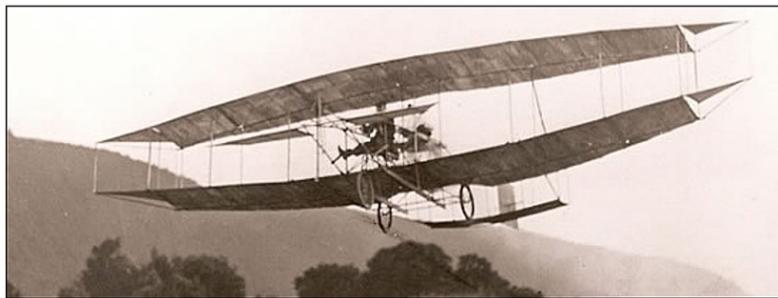
StoryCorps was founded by Dave Isay in 2003. StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world.



To participate in *The Great Thanksgiving Listen*, download the free StoryCorps app (visit storycorps.org). You can also submit your story to the Library of Congress' archives. Or, start your own family archive!

November 28 is Red Planet Day

Commemorates the day in 1964 when NASA launched Mariner 4, a robotic interplanetary probe. Mariner 4 became the first device to take a picture of another planet (Mars) from space on July 15, 1965.



November is National Aviation History Month

Learn about local aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss, founder of the U.S. aircraft industry and father of Naval aviation. Glenn Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, NY (above).

The Soaring Capital of America is located at Harris Hill in Elmira, NY. It has hosted soaring contests since the 1930s. During WWII, Schweizer Aircraft Corporation developed a glider operation at Harris Hill to train pilots for the war effort. Visit the Soaring Museum, Elmira, NY (bottom left).

Wings of Eagles Discovery Center, located near the Elmira-Corning Airport, displays aircraft from WWII to the present. Offers hands-on STEM educational programs. Visit the museum on Daniel Zenker Drive in Horseheads, NY.



WINGS of EAGLES
DISCOVERY CENTER

**STUDENT
CHALLENGE**

November-born Authors.....Who Said That?

1. Robert Louis Stevenson - 11/13/1850 *Treasure Island*
2. Shelby Foote - 11/17/1916 *The Civil War: A Narrative*
3. Jean Fritz - 11/16/1915 *Homesick: My Own Story*
4. Neil Gaiman - 11/10/1960 *The Graveyard Book*
5. Frances Hodgson Burnett—11/24/1849 *The Secret Garden*
6. Stephen Crane - 11/1/1871 *The Red Badge of Courage*
7. Louisa May Alcott - 11/29/1832 *Little Women*
8. C.S. Lewis - 11/29/1898 - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*
9. Madeleine L'Engle - 11/29/1918 *A Wrinkle in Time*
10. Mark Twain - 11/30/1835 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

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KEY

- A. "Where you tend a rose my lad, a thistle cannot grow."
- B. "North was only a direction indicated by a compass—if a man had one, that is, for otherwise there was no north or south or east or west; there was only the brooding desolation."
- C. "He's wild, you know. Not like a tame lion."
- D. "It is neither fair nor unfair, Nobody Owens. H simply is."
- E. "The waves most washed me off the raft sometimes."
- F. "You are the gull, Jo, strong and wild, fond of the storm and the wind, flying far out to sea, and happy all alone."
- G. "Fifteen men on the Dead Man's Chest Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum! ..."
- H. "I loved the Yangtse River but, of course, I belonged on the other side of the world. In America with my grandmother."
- I. "The youth of this tale felt gratitude for these words of his comrade...He was now in a measure reassured."
- J. "People are more than just the way they look."

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



Thanksgiving

by Olivia Rose

Have you ever wondered about the first Thanksgiving? The first Thanksgiving was celebrated with the Pilgrims and a Native American tribe called Wampanoag. The first Thanksgiving was on November 22, 1621. This year, Thanksgiving will be 397 years old! Now that is old!

In 1621, men from the Wampanoag tribe heard gunshots and were alarmed so they went straight to their leader, known as Massasoit. Massasoit thought the English were preparing for war, so Massasoit sent men to see what was going on. When they got there, they realized the English were just hunting, so the Wampanoag started to hunt with them. Later, they all had a great feast with geese, venison (deer meat), duck, veggies, berries, and much more. This feast was celebrated with about 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe and 53 Pilgrims.

Abraham Lincoln started the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving as an annual American holiday in 1863. The Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade started in 1924. In 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November, that is also when the Congress confirmed it as an official holiday.

This Thanksgiving when you sit down at the dinner table, you can tell your family the origins of Thanksgiving!

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Many thanks to Ms. Rathbun for sharing her students' work!

Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes

by Brooklyn Cherepko

If you like pumpkin, then here is a sweet treat for you! These cupcakes are also a great treat for Thanksgiving!

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tablespoon of butter
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Preheat an oven to 375 degrees F. Cook the cupcakes for 1 hour and 35 minutes. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes. While the cupcakes are cooling, make the frosting by beating cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer in a bowl until smooth. Top cupcakes with whipped cream and dust with cinnamon or pumpkin spice.

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"Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes." *Allrecipes*.<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/153245/pumpkin-spice-cupcakes/>. Accessed 9 Oct. 2018.



The Elmira Enforcers

by Shirley Sidle and Izzy Wilson

Did you hear there is a new hockey team in town? The Elmira Jackals are out, and the Elmira Enforcers are in. The new Elmira Enforcers team was revealed on August 2, 2018. Elmira has redesigned the First Arena for the Elmira Enforcers by taking off the Jackals' logo and putting their new logo of a police officer on the ice.

The owners of the Elmira Enforcers are Robbie and Nellie Nichols. The general manager is Marc Witt. The Elmira Enforcers are coached by Brent Clarke, who had previously played in the ECHL with the Elmira Jackals. Their first game is on Oct 26, 2018 at 8:05 p.m. against the Danville Dashers in David S Palmer Arena. Their first home game in the First Arena is on Nov 16, 2018 against the Carolina Thunderbirds at 7:05pm.

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Jamaican Bobsled Team

by Nadia Ali

In 1988, Jamaica shocked the world by joining the winter Olympics. The world was surprised that an island nation could do a sport like bobsledding. The Jamaican Bobsled Team practiced very hard. They had



been involved in huge crashes, but their passion for bobsledding was strong.

Even though the team did not earn a medal in the 1988 Olympics, they were a good example of perseverance. Their journey may have been short, but they caught the hearts of millions. This year, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of this story of hard work and determination.

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Sour Skittles

by Wyatt Satterlee & Adrian Solometo

Did you know that it would take 16 million bags of Sour Skittles to wrap around the Earth? Isn't that amazing!?! Original Skittles were invented in 1974 by the Wrigley Candy Company. Sour Skittles were introduced many years later, in 2001. Sour Skittles are a good looking and great tasting treat. In a bag of Sour Skittles, you will see Sour Green Apple, Sour Orange, Sour Grape, Sour Lime, Sour Lemon, and Sour Strawberry.

You may have seen Sour Skittles advertised through their comical commercials and clever slogans such as, "Taste the Rainbow" or "Haunt the Rainbow." Skittles are also the 20th most common candy that is given out on Halloween!

But, before you go out and eat Skittles for every meal, be careful! Sour Skittles are not a healthy treat. Each individual Skittle is more than 75% sugar. Sour Skittles have virtually no nutritional value and, although they taste amazing, they should be eaten sparingly.

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HMS Staff Fun Facts

By Sidney Donaldson & Andrew Bauman

**STUDENT
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Have you ever wondered what fun facts your teachers have? Well look no further! We have compiled a list of teacher fun facts:

- Mr. Holloway (Principal)- has scuba dived with sharks.
- Mr. Sechrist (Vice Principal)- does not like to swim with sharks.
- Ms. Smith (Secretary) – loves cats.
- Ms. O’ Donnell (Secretary) - has worked at her job for 25 years.
- Mrs. Whitmarsh (Secretary) - has lived in many states.
- Mrs. Burrell (Secretary) - used to be a nanny.
- Mr. Micknich (Guidance Counselor) - was a baseball player before becoming a Guidance Counselor.
- Mrs. Cobb (Nurse) – sings and plays bells at church.
- Mr. Gush (Gym) – is a world record holder.
- Mr. Spencer (Gym)- once shot a basketball from center court in a chair and made it.
- Mr. Palmer (Music) – has lived in Horseheads his whole life.
- Mr. Cunningham (Art)- is a third-generation maple syrup maker.
- Mrs. Barden (Health) - is half Irish/Italian.
- Mrs. Heidrich (Librarian)- likes to visit family in Tennessee.
- Ms. Sutryk (Math Skills)- has two pigmy goats named Bella and Basil.
- Miss Rathbun (Reading)- sat in the front row during an episode of *The Price is Right*.
- Sra. Grund (Spanish) – has ran 8 full marathons and 22 half marathons.
- Sra. Nicolae (Spanish) – has a husband from Romania.
- Mr. Steele (Technology) – was football coach before he started to teach.
- Mr. Brightman (Technology)- likes to fish.
- Ms. Oliver (FACS) – has swam with sting rays.
- Ms. Mashanic (FACS)- has worked at a four-star restaurant.
- Mr. Harkness (Science) – enjoys hunting.
- Mr. Williams (Science)- loves to eat mashed potatoes.
- Mr. Hartman (Science)- is in a band.
- Mr. Schrage (Social Studies) – likes MMA.
- Ms. Artemow (Social Studies) – has taught at HMS for 50 years!
- Mr. Donovan (English)- has lived in 6 states.
- Ms. Shultz (English)- likes to go to concerts.
- Ms. Amey (Math)- likes to drink Coca-Cola and eat black olives and pink animal crackers.
- Mrs. Rutherford (Math)- was a computer programmer analyst before becoming a teacher.

I hope you enjoyed learning more about some of the teachers at our school!

Flip or Flop Review

By Juan Valdes Jr

Do you enjoy watching shows about flipping houses? If you do, *Flip or Flop* is a great option. *Flip or Flop* premiered on HGTV on April 16, 2013, and it is currently on its 8th Season. It is hosted by Tarek and Christina El Moussa. In this fun-filled show, Tarek and Christina buy houses that need improvements and make them better. By the end of each episode, they have designed a beautiful house with a beautiful lawn. *Flip or Flop* has inspired me to fix houses when I am older, and I hope it will inspire you too!



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Ocean Facts

by Jeremy Truax

The ocean is very interesting! Here are 10 interesting facts about the ocean that I bet you never knew:

1. Most of the Earth is covered in water. The ocean covers over 70% of the Earth!
2. The largest animal in the ocean, and in the world, is the blue whale.
3. The ocean is very polluted. The most commonly polluted element is plastic.
4. Ocean salt water is made up of chloride and sodium.
5. Twenty million years ago, there was no Atlantic Ocean.
6. The largest ocean in the world is the Pacific Ocean.
7. The Pacific Ocean's name means peaceful sea.
8. The deepest area in the ocean is the Mariana Trench.
9. The ocean always moves, it has a cycle which is called Ocean Conveyor Belt.
10. Lastly there are 1 million species that we know that are in the ocean and approximately 9 million more that we do not know yet!

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NOTICE

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; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at mcollins@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Middle School Dignity Act 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 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Notice

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable groups under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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Home of the Raider Way