Ridge Road Reporter



April 2017



Dear Parents,

During the Month of May, I will be meeting with the staff members from each grade level, K-3, to begin making classroom placements for the 2017-2018 school year. Our goal is to provide the best possible educational environment for all students. To reach this goal, each grade level team works to create balanced classroom sections with a mix of students by ability, gender, personality and individual special needs.

We are unable to honor specific requests for individual teachers but we do value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information, about your child that you would like us to take into consideration when creating the class lists, please put this information in writing and send it to me at the Ridge Road School Office by Monday, April 24th. Information about your child's learning style, strengths, growth areas and personality would be most valuable to us during the placement process.

Please note that all parent input received by the deadline of **April 24th**, will be reviewed during the classroom placement process. However, we cannot guarantee that special requests will be honored. **Once class lists have been distributed, no requests to change classroom placement will be accepted.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey Ridge Road Elementary Principal

**Don't forget to follow Ridge Road on Facebook for great pictures of our students in action as well as updated information on school news and PTO events!

2nd Grade Concert 6:30 pm Friday, April 21st

Come one, Come all!! Please join us for the 2nd grade concert on Friday, April 21st at 6:30 in the Ridge Road Café. The students have been working closely with Mrs. Proulx to prepare for this concert and it is sure to be a wonderful experience for all who attend!

Character Education Community Service Project

A big thank you to our Second Grade students and teachers for organizing the Community Service Drive for the Elmira Animal Shelter this past month. On April 6th, our second grade students will be loading the school busses and delivering a wonderful supply of food, blankets, leashes and many other items to the shelter. **Thanks so much to everyone that donated!**

Our Focus for the Month of April will be on **Responsibility**. We will focus on being responsible by taking care of our school and school grounds.

Budget Vote

The School District's Budget Vote will be Tuesday May 16, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts: 7-11 a.m.; 11 a.m. -4:00 p.m. and 4:00-9:00 p.m. If interested please contact the Business Office at 739-5601 ext. 4260.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation for all students starting Kindergarten at Ridge Road in the fall will be held May 10th from 9:00-11:00.

Also, if you know of families with young children that may have just moved to the area, please have them contact us at the Ridge Road Office at 739-6351.

Morning Drop-Off

If you are just dropping your child off in the morning, please drive up the right lane next to the school and let your child out from the passenger side of the vehicle next to the back entrance steps. Please note that we have only one lane for drop-off. Please only drop your child off from the right lane next to the back entrance door. We do not want to have any children walking through traffic.

Birthday Invitations

We respectfully request that birthday invitations **not be handed out in school**. When only some of the students in the classroom are invited to a birthday party, we often end up with hurt feelings and tears. The teacher ends up spending class time comforting upset students instead of instructing. Therefore, unless your child is inviting the entire class to his/her birthday party, please do not give the invitations out in the school setting. Thanks so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Spring Break

School will not be in session on Monday, April 10th –Monday, April 17th. We will see everyone back on Tuesday, April 18th. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

GIVE BACK DAY

Because the district has used four snow days this year, **Friday, May 26, will be a regular day in session for all students**. Last April, the Board of Education approved the one-page calendar that indicated our school schedule in the event we use more than three snow days. This calendar was sent home in our summer newsletters and is posted on our website.

Please note: The multi-page calendar mailed to residents last summer has an error on May 26, and we apologize for that error. (The box for May 26 on that calendar should say "no school unless the district has used four snow days.")

Again, Friday, May 26 will be a regular school day for all students. Highlighted in our updated calendar are the snow days we've used this year, and the schedule for snow days in the bottom right corner. Should there be additional snow days this year, we will follow that schedule. Thank you!

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any Ridge Road student should be referred to Mrs. Bailey at 607-739-6351.

The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

RIDGE ROAD "ROCK STARS"

Congratulations to the students that have been selected as the Ridge Road "Rock Stars" for the month of March. These students exhibit all of our Character Education Traits on a regular basis.

Mrs. Fazzary

Jaxson Curkendall Bryson Snyder

Mrs. Stoltzfus

Jonathan Bower Anthony Jones

Mrs. Nelson

Kellan Berry Logan Earl

Mason Earl

Sam Hartman

Mari Palmer

Rylen French McKayla Waters

Mrs. Beeman

Chase Drew Eli Hansen

Amelia Osteen

Mrs. Inthanongsak

Ananya Chauhan Kayla Glenn

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Mrs. Conklin Elsa Ott

Kaitlyn Procopio

Sophie Zembek

Mrs. Pronti

Dakota Martin

Michael Rourke

Mrs. Romanski

Jacob Long Leah White

Mrs. Alexander

Gianna Greene

Zachary Sands

Mrs. Bower

Aijent Stuck

Blake Watach

Mrs. Cady

Lincoln Choe Joshua Mattucci

Mrs. Benton

Mrs. Murray

Madelyn Ellis

Bryce Ensign Justin Posten

Amelia Pronti

Ms Stickler

Boe Briggs

Ava Sempler

Mrs. Wolf

Collin Ruhmel

Grace Stratton

Jacob Swarthout

Mrs. Ford

Samuel Furney

Isabelle Lucas

Mrs. Fullmer

Peytin Marshall

Lucas Teets

Maeve Wheeler

Mrs. Janeski

Jack Benton

Brady Utter

Ms. Wood

Cayden Mosher Amanda Rumsey

James Waters

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

Anthony Austin

Aidyn Bahantka

Izayah Beam

Naturelle Beam

Makenzie Blauvelt

Tyra Blue

Ali Carrier

Lincoln Choe

Calvin Cragle

Gary Decker

Amila Denicola

Madelyn Ellis

Gabriella Evans

Payton Evans

Emerson Fowler

Megan Hawley

Aubrey Howe

Gabe King

Dyllan Kondikoff

Josh Cooper

Juliana Labuski-Logan

Brianna LaFever

Nathan Matthews

Skyler Maynard

Jackie Mayotte

Danika Morehouse

Alexander Mosher

Trent Oldfield

Allison Peck

Kaitlyn Procopio

Brent Quenzer

Makenna Rounds

Ceryl Rubin

Lauren Rumsey

Savannah Ryan

Elissandra Scibek

Tyler Sherry

Marco Simon

Phoenix Skinner

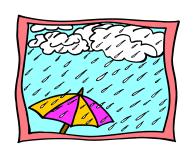
Jackson Sonsire

Michael Strong

Noah Thompson

Toby Tremba

Brady Utter



Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar 2017



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Day 3 504's in 122 2:35 Site Team K- P/T Conferences Special Area Grades Due | 4 Day 4 K -P/T Conferences PTO Carnival Planning Mtg. 6:00 PTO General 6:30 Library | 5 Day 5 Spring Pictures PTO – Fundraiser Pick-up 2:00-6:00 Café | 6 Day 6 K –P/T Conferences 9:00– 2nd Grade to Animal Shelter | 7 Day 1 CSE's Fashion Fun- Dress like your favorite Decade Day! Report Card Day! | 8 |
| 9 | NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS | 11 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS | NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS | NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Happy Easter | NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS | 18 Day 2 2:35 -Site Team | 19 Day 3 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 at RR 2:35- Faculty Mtg. | 20 Day 4 12:00– CIM | 21 Day 5 9:15– Assembly for students Second Grade Concert 6:30—RR Café | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Day 6 Parent Input Due for Classroom Place- ments for 2017-18 | 25 Day 1 CSE's | 26 Day 2 | 27 Day 3 | 28 Day 4 | 29 |