

Ridge Road Reporter

March 2017



Happy March Everyone!

A huge **Thank you** to all of our staff, PTO and parents for your help and support with our One School, One Book Program. The book, The World According to Humphrey, was enjoyed by all! Also, our teachers and students created an amazing collection of stories from each classroom about the adventures of our own pet, Humphrey! What a fun learning experience focused on reading and writing.

In addition to our daily focus on curriculum and instruction, we have many events planned for our students during this next month. Our 4th grade students will be presenting the 4th grade musical, **Pirates**, on Thursday, March 2nd and Friday, March 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Ridge Road Cafeteria. On Saturday, March 11th, our students and families have the opportunity to represent Ridge Road School by decorating a float and participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will meet in the Ridge Road parking lot at 10:00 on the 11th to decorate the float and the parade will start from the High School at 2:00 pm. On Tuesday, March 14th, Ridge Road School will host visitors from Nakagawa, Japan. Our visitors will be participating in a cultural exchange with our third grade students.

Also, our very fun Family Science Night is scheduled for Friday, March 24th, at 6:30 pm. Please send back the form if your child is going to share an experiment at our family night. Even if your child does not want to create his/her own science experiment, please join us to enjoy the different science experiments, presentations from Corning Inc. Scientists and the exhibit from the Science and Discovery Center.

We hope all of our Ridge Road Families can join us at school for some or all of these wonderful events!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

**** Parent Reminder! - School will not be in session for students on Friday, March 10th. All staff will be participating in a Superintendent's Conference Day.**

Character Education

The Character Education virtue for the month of March is **RESPECT**. The students will be involved in classroom projects and activities geared around being respectful. Please support our theme by asking your child to share with you about the Character Education focus in school this month.

Also, to support our theme of respecting all living things, **Our Second Grade Students will be facilitating a school-wide drive to support one of our local Animal Shelters.** Please look for their flyer coming home soon and consider donating a couple of items to support this very important community service project.

Living Wax Museum

All of our third grade students will be participating in the Living Wax Museum the week of March 6th – 9th. The wax museum will be open from 1:30-2:00 each day in our cafeteria. Each day a different third grade class will present. Please join us!

Kindergarten to Horseheads Library

Our Kindergarten classes will be taking a field trip to the Horseheads library. On March 7th, Mrs. Nelson’s and Mrs. Inthanongsak’s classes will be visiting. On March 21st, Mrs. Beeman’s and Mrs. Palmer’s classes will be visiting the library.

Attention Parents of 4th Grade Students

The Intermediate School will be working on class placements for the 2017-2018 school year over the next few weeks.

They are unable to honor specific requests for individual teachers but do value your input from a parent’s perspective. If you have specific information about your child that you would like the fifth grade team to take into consideration when creating the class lists, please put this information in writing and send it to Mr. Bostwick at the Intermediate School prior to April 1st. While we do not take specific requests for teachers we will accept learning styles or type of environment that your student best responds to.

The Intermediate School is hosting an Open House for current fourth grade students. **The event will be on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School Cafeteria.**

The summer dates for self-guided tours will be August 24th from 10-11:30 am and August 28th from 6-7pm.

Fashion Fun Days!

Attention Ridge Road Students, don't forget to dress-up for our Fashion Fun Days!

Friday, March 3rd – Tie Dye Day

Thursday, March 9th – Wacky Sock Day

Friday, March 17th – Everything Green Day!

Friday, March 24th – Future Day – Dress up for the career you want to be in the future!

Friday, March 31st – Grade Level Color War Day

(Pre K- red), (K-blue), (1st - white), (2nd-green), (3rd-purple), (4th-black)

Friday, April 7th – Decade Days (50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's)

Important Budget Dates

2017 - 2018 Budget Development Calendar

All meetings are open to the public. Information on the 2017-18 budget is available on the district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

March 9 - 6 pm, Erin Town Hall - Budget Workshop

March 23 - 6pm, Multi-Media Center - BOE Meeting

April 6 - 6pm, Multi-Media Center - Budget Workshop

April 19 - 6pm, Ridge Road - BOE Meeting

May 4 - 6pm, Multi Media Center - Public Hearing on the 2017 - 2018 Proposed Budget

May 8 - 7pm, Multi Media Center - Candidates' Forum

May 16 - 7am - 9pm, Big Flats/Ridge Road/HS - School Budget Vote/BOE Election

Horseheads 2030 Infrastructure Discussions

Please mark your calendars to attend one or more of the infrastructure discussions for the Horseheads 2030 comprehensive project to improve by the educational program and infrastructure of the district now, in 2030, and beyond. More information on the project is available at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

All meetings begin at 7pm in the Horseheads High School Auditorium, and are open to the public.

March 16, March 27, April 26, May 11, May 30

Questions? E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

RIDGE ROAD “ROCK STARS”

Congratulations to the students that have been selected as the Ridge Road “Rock Stars” from the month of February. These students exhibit all of our Character Education Traits on a regular basis and are Responsible, **O**ptimistic, **C**ompassionate, **K**ind, **S**uccessful, **T**rustworthy, **A**dmirable and **R**espectful Students.

Mrs. Fazzary

Anthony Sullivan
Logan Lewis
Connor Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Stoltfus

Khloie Card
Elijah Strykowski

Mrs. Nelson

Mari Palmer

Mrs. Beeman

Ali Carrier
Matthew Derry

Mrs. Inthanongsak

Alex Brechner
Riley Abernathy

Mrs. Conklin

Mrs. Pronti

Ellie Padgett
Sophia Polise

Mrs. Romanski

Crystina Patrick
Makenzie Blauvelt
Saphira Penn

Mrs. Alexander

Sharaela Breedlove
Gabriel King

Mrs. Bower

Jackson Danna
Mackenzie Connell

Mrs. Cady

Gary Decker
Chloe Weed

Mrs. Benton

Sayde Marcoccia
Keagen Thrall

Mrs. Murray

Madelyn Ellis
Bryce Ensign
Jackie Mayotte
Keanan Stevens

Miss Stickler

Mrs. Wolf

Amy Lugo-Ballester
Andrew Brechner
Logan Furney

Mrs. Ford

Gabrielle Janeski
Devin Sullivan

Mrs. Fullmer

Kameron Gibson
James Waters

Mrs. Janeski

Aidan Gardner
Gwen Doner

Miss Wood

Joel Scibek
Ceryl Rubin

Special Area Teachers

Lilyana Amaberg-Matzke
Erica Bancroft
Tyra Blue
Samantha Bonnell
Emma Bowes
Mikiera Breedlove
Haley Comfort
Mackenzie Connell
Jackson Danna
Key'Morea Dennis
Haley Earl
Amelia Ellison
Sahana Gajendran
James German
Kate Howard
Alana Jones
Owen Jones
Mattisen Johnston
Ava Klesh
Alex LaFever
Baylee Lohrke
Natalie Lockette

Sayde Marcoccia
Peytin Marshall
Dakota Mastrantonio
Morgan Mustico
John-Warren Oshetski
Amelia Osteen
Hayli Paradis
Amelia Reed
William Roe
Michael Rourke
Ava Sempler
Marcus Shephard
Kaitlyn Soper
Grace Stratton
Aijent Stuck
Miles Sweet
Cordelia Tice
Keagan Thrall
Sophia Verna
Christian Warren
Sophia Weatherbee

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 Elementary Fashion Fun Days 2017

Starting on Friday, February 24th, and continuing for the next few weeks, Ridge Road students and staff will have the opportunity to chase the wintry blues away by participating in some weekly fashion fun activities. We will be holding some fashion fun theme days for all to enjoy. Students are encouraged to come up with creative “fashions” to match the weekly themes. Students may wear their “Fashion Fun” clothes all day but they will need their sneakers for Physical Education and recess. They also need to make sure that their “Fashion Fun” clothes do not interfere with instruction, as all regular classroom learning will continue.

Friday, February 24th –



Favorite Hat Day

Students may wear their favorite hats and/or hair accessories to school.

Friday, March 3rd -

Tie Dye Day

Students may wear their tie dye clothing. Be creative with your outfit and have fun!

Thursday, March 9th -

Wacky Sock Day

Students may wear their wackiest socks.



Friday, March 17th –

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! Students may wear as much green as possible or they may dress in Shamrock designs or Saint Patrick's Day items.



Everything Green Day

Friday, March 24th -

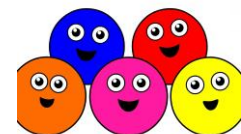
Future Day

Students may dress up as a future occupation that they would like to do. This Friday will also be our Family Science Night!



Friday, March 31st -

Grade Level Color War Day



Each Grade level will choose a color and wear that color for the day.

Friday, April 7th -

Decade Days (50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's)

Students may dress up in their favorite style from a different decade!!



Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Dear Parents,

The Horseheads Fire Department and The Friends of the St. Patrick's Day Parade are sponsoring the Annual Horseheads **St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11th, at 2:00 pm.** Our school has been invited to participate again this year. We have participated the last few years and had a wonderful time! This is a fun activity for the Ridge Road students, a great way to show community spirit and also a fun way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day!

If you are interested in having members of your family participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with other members of our Ridge Road School Community, please review the following information and hand in the permission form by **Tuesday, March 7th.** The only requirements from the parade committee members are that we wear green, incorporate a Saint Patrick's Day theme and have fun!

Decorating the Float: Any parent and student wishing to help decorate our float, can meet us in the **Ridge Road Parking Lot from 10:00 am-11:30 am on Saturday morning.** Bring any green decorations you have that would look good on our float. We will have the arch balloons on the back of the float as we have done in the past. (If you are creative or artistic, we really need your help for this decorating!) We are using a pick-up truck and small trailer and we can decorate the trailer as our float. The kids can take turns riding on the trailer and walking in the parade to hand out candy. We will stop two or three times during the parade for the students to change spots.

Parade: We will meet at the High School Parking lot at 1:15. **The parade starts at 2:00.** We will go on Sayre Street to Main Street. The parade goes to Hanover Square and turns on Franklin Street. The parade ends right at the square as it turns onto Franklin Street.

Candy: Our PTO will purchase some candy for the kids to hand out in the parade. We would also appreciate any candy donations from parents for the parade. You can drop it off at school the week of March 6th or bring it to our decorating session on Saturday morning.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade
(All Ridge Road Students and Families are invited)
Saturday, March 11th

Please fill out the information and send this part of the notice back to school with your child so we have a count for participation. Please return this form to school by Tuesday, March 7th.

Child's Name: _____

_____ My child will participate in the parade and the decorating on Saturday, March 11th.

_____ My child will participate in the parade only on Saturday, March 11th.

_____ My child will also have family members walking in the parade with Ridge Road. Please note how many _____

_____ I will walk in the parade to help chaperone the students and help decorate. **(Parents needed!)**

_____ I will donate a bag of candy for the students to hand out during the parade.

_____ I will meet back at Ridge Road following the parade to help take the float apart and clean-up. ** If we have a few helpers this will only take about 20-30 minutes. **(Parents needed!)**

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's cell # (If not walking in parade with child) _____

Please return to school by Tuesday, March 7th.

Questions about the parade- Please contact PTO Co President, Angela Sullivan, at 518-708-4288 or Mrs. Bailey in the Ridge Road main office at 607-739-6351.



Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	1 Day 1	2 Day 2 9:30– 4th Grade Play Assembly 4th Gr. Play 7 PM RR Café	3 Day 3 4th Gr. Play 7 PM– RR Café <u>Tie Dye Day</u>	4
5 Swimming Starts for 4th Grade—Days 2 & 5 Ford/Wood Days 3 & 6 — Fullmer/Janeski	6 Day 4 CSE’s Mrs. Wolf’s 3rd Gr. Wax Museum 1:30- 2:00 in the Café 2:30– Site Team	7 Day 5 Ms. Stickler’s 3rd Gr. Wax Museum 1:30—2:00 in Café	8 Day 6 Faculty Mtg. 2:35 Mrs. Benton’s 3rd Gr. Wax Museum 1:30—2:00	9 Day 1 CIM—12:00 <u>Wacky Sock Day</u> Mrs. Murray’s 3rd Gr. Wax Museum 1:30—2:00 in Café	10 NO SCHOOL Superintendent’s Conference Day	11 Decorating for St. Patrick’s Day Parade at RR 10:00-11:30 Line Up at HS at 1:20 <u>St. Patrick’s Day Pa- rade at 2:00</u>
12	13 Day 2 CSE’s	14 Day 3 Visitor’s from Japan Working with 3rd Grade 6:00– PTO Carnival 6:30– PTO General Mtg. Library	15 Day 4	16 Day 5 Bus Drills	17 Day 6 PTO Clothing Sale 17-28th <u>Everything Green Day</u> Bus Drills 	18
19	20 Day 1 Site Team 2:30	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Faculty Mtg. 2:35	23 Day 4 MMC Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24 Day 5 6:30 RR Family Science <u>Night</u> <u>Future Day</u>	25
26 PTO Clothing Sale 17-28th	27 Day 6 CSE’s	28 Day 1 3rd & 4th NYS ELA Testing	29 Day 2 3rd & 4th NYS ELA Testing	30 Day 3 3rd & 4th NYS ELA Testing	31 Day 4 <u>Grade Level Color War Day</u> CIM 12:00 End of Marking Period	<u>Grade Level Colors</u> Pre K –red, K-blue 1st - White, 2nd -Green 3rd - Purple , 4th Black