

Ridge Road Reporter



December 2016



Season's Greetings Everyone!

December is upon us and I am sure many of you are frantically getting everything organized for the holidays. As you make your decisions about gifts for the children, don't forget that books, flash cards, writing journals and technology-based learning games make great stocking stuffers.

Our Character Education focus for the month of December will be on the virtue of **Caring**. As part of the Character Education focus, the students will be involved in many learning activities that focus on caring and helping others. We had two perfect examples of **Caring** from our students the past two months. Ridge Road had an amazing turnout of volunteers for our District's Make a Difference Day in October and sailors from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower have already sent messages of thanks and praise for all of the candy and letters they received from the Ridge Road Students. They could not believe how many of our students were willing to donate their Halloween candy to them. Our Ridge Road Students, Rock!

On behalf of the Ridge Road staff, I would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season filled with special time for family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Manikowski-Bailey

Principal

WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 23rd – JANUARY 2nd

School will be back in session on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Horseheads 2030



Initial Community-Wide Discussion

Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30pm Horseheads High School Auditorium

Fourth Grade Concert

Our Fourth Grade chorus students will be sharing their musical talent with us on **Friday, December 9th**. Please join the fourth grade chorus students in the **Ridge Road Cafeteria at 7:00 pm for the performance.**

PTO NEWS

The PTO Family Night is scheduled for **Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm**. This is always a fun night for our families. This Family Night will be a movie/craft night! Students and family members will be able to enjoy a showing of Disney’s Prep and Landing and Prep and Landing Naughty vs. Nice. The students will have the opportunity to take their own photos at the selfie station and they will be able to make a holiday craft. A complimentary popcorn and beverage will be provided. If you plan to attend, please fill out the Family Night participation flyer and return it to school by Thursday.

Doors open at 6:20 and the movie starts at 6:30. Don’t forget to bring something comfortable to sit on during the movie.

Outside Activity Time

The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. As long as the temperature is above 20 and it is not raining, we try to get the students outside for a short time each day. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. Gloves, hats, snow pants and boots should be sent in with your child on a daily basis.

Morning Drop Off-Student Dismissal

When visiting the school, please park in the **designated area in the back parking lot**. Parents who are walking their children into school, should park in the middle of the back lot and escort their children into the building. No child should ever be allowed to walk through the parking lot alone. **The lane next to the school is for a quick student drop-off only.** 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 do not use this lane if you are parking and getting out of your car. Please also 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.

The front circle is for busses only. **For safety reasons, no one should be parking in or near the front circle.** All students being dropped off for school or picked-up from school need to enter and exit the door to the school lobby from the back parking lot. **Because of safety, we respectfully request that no parents park in the fire lanes next to the building at any time.**

Parking for Large Events

United Environment and Energy, (The business across the street from our front circle on Ridge Road) has requested that we not use their parking lot. Please do not use this area as a parking spot during any of our Ridge Road events. Thanks so much for your support with this issue.

Classroom Instruction Time

Once the tardy bell has sounded and we have finished morning announcements at 8:15, instruction will be in session. Please try to have your children arrive at school by 8:00 each morning so they are in their classrooms and ready for class by 8:15. **Unless already scheduled with the teacher, we respectfully request that parents not walk their children down the hallway once instruction has started.** To not interrupt instruction, we ask that all visitors/parents come to the office to drop off any items that need to be delivered to the students or teachers.

Also, when picking up a child early for an appointment, please come directly to the office. We will notify the child's teacher and your child will meet you in the office.

Classroom School Supplies

Please touch base with your child during the Holiday Break and see if they need to replenish their school supplies for the upcoming second half of our school year.

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, x4214.

RIDGE ROAD “ROCK STARS”

Congratulations to the following students for the month of November that have been selected as the Ridge Road “Rock Stars” for being **Responsible, Optimistic, Compassionate, Kind, Successful, Trustworthy, Admirable and Respectful Students.**

Mrs. Fazzary

Audrey Earl
Aedan Manzer

Mrs. Stoltzfus

Corilee Aiken
Jacob Wahl
Ryan Williams

Mrs. Beeman

Addison Cook
Miles Inthanongsak

Mrs. Inthanongsak

Alex Brechner
John Warren Oshetski

Mrs. Nelson

Amila Denicola
Aliyah Teets

Mari Palmer

Zander Bates
Samantha Bonnell

Mrs. Conklin

Amelia Reed
Olivia Stratton

Mrs. Pronti

Isaac Klesh
Sophia Polise

Mrs. Romanski

Justin Blakemore
Avalin Gardner-Brown

Mrs. Alexander

Owen Ivansheck
Brianna LaFever

Mrs. Bower

Isabella Eddy
Emily Green

Mrs. Cady

Jeromey Eddy
Hayli Paradis

Mrs. Benton

Mrs. Murray

Maggie Hartman
Keanan Stevens
Maggie Sullivan
Jansen Weber

Ms Stickler

Mrs. Wolf

Mrs. Ford

Adam Bailey
Megan Wolf

Mrs. Fullmer

Olivia Haberstroh
Sydney Smith

Mrs. Janeski

Ms Wood

Danika Morehouse
Brayden Weed

RIDGE ROAD “ROCK STARS”

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

Anthony Austin
Morris Babcock
Tristan Bates
Callum Bednarek
Mark Blake
Mikiera Breedlove
Sharaela Breedlove
Boe Briggs
Genevieve Carro
Mark Carro
Mia Carro
Madelyn Crossley
Peighton Ellison
Gabriella Evans
Annabelle Fitzpatrick
Zachary Giammichele
Gianna Greene
Xxzavier Hogan
Maggie Hartman
Megan Hawley
Lilyanna Horton
Katherine Howard
Laela Inthanongsak
Alex King
Nathan Matthews
Morgan Mustico
Crystina Patrick
Mia Ruggiero
Ava Wing

November, 2016

Dear Community Members:

For the last few months, we've been talking about Horseheads 2030, a comprehensive project to improve both our educational program and physical infrastructure. We have now reached a time for action with our entire school district community, and we welcome all to become involved in order to help shape the future of our school district.

Our neighboring districts have undergone many major capital improvement projects in recent years, committing hundreds of millions of dollars towards their facilities. Horseheads, unfortunately, has only completed relatively small projects during the last decade. Our facilities are an important aspect of our educational programming if we are to continue being the district of choice for families moving into the area, and to keep our property values at the level they have been in past years.

Last December, you told us – by an overwhelming margin (84% voted NO) – that you want our district to stay the Horseheads Central School District. Last spring, the district determined the internal consolidation of schools would not yield major financial gains for the community and, therefore, finalized the green plan of no school closures at this time. Now we must consider moving forward in order to discuss what we want the Horseheads Central School District to look like, both educationally and physically, in the future. Therefore, we are developing a district initiative entitled:

HORSEHEADS 2030

Please mark your calendar:

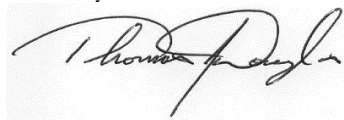
Date:	December 6, 2016
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Where:	High School Auditorium
Why:	Initial community-wide discussion about Horseheads 2030

We named the project Horseheads 2030 because this year's pre-kindergartners will graduate in the year 2030. Our efforts will not only benefit those students, but all students in our schools as we work to improve our district and educational programs. Horseheads has long been considered an excellent district for the quality of education we offer our students, but our facilities are aging. Our children and our community deserve facilities that keep up with the changing times and enhance the education we offer. Our athletic teams and community programs use our facilities, and they are in and out of the buildings extensively. Like in our schools, these facilities are showing significant wear and are not up-to-date. Many of the critical operating systems in our schools are original to the buildings and starting to fail. Many of our current classrooms are undersized and cannot seat all the students in a class. Our science rooms are small and not equipped for the latest in lab experiments. Additionally, today's technology landscape is entirely different, and our schools must keep up in order to allow our students to have the best education we can give them in today's global connectedness.

Our next step is to open the process up to our community. We need you to join the discussion in order to help us sort through district needs and wants for both our educational program and our facilities. There will be additional meetings in the coming months, but we hope you will come out and join us at the start as we work together to enhance our great district.

Thank you for your support of our students and their education. Thank you for giving your time to help us build on the excellence that is the Horseheads Central School District—for our students now, and our students of Horseheads 2030 and beyond!

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools


“Quality Education for All”

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.



Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar December 2016



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Day 2	2 Day 3 Family Night 6:30 Pajama and Slipper Day	3	
4	5 Day 4	6 Day 5	7 Day 6 What Will It Be Wednesday?	8 Day 1 CIM PM Bus Drills	9 Day 2 1:30- School Assembly for 4th Grade Concert 4th Grade Concert for Parents 7 PM RR Cafe Bus Drills	10
11	12 Day 3 SITE TEAM CSE's	13 Day 4 PTO Mtg. 6:30	14 Day 5 Faculty Meeting 2:35 Bell Ringing at Arnot Mall for Salvation Army	15 Day 6 Bell Ringing at Arnot Mall for Salvation Army	16 Day 1	17
18	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 1st Grade- Cookie Dough roll out	21 Day 4 Santa's visit with Pre K 2nd Grade- Ginger- bread Extravaganza 3rd - Mexican Fiesta	22 Day 5 Think about it Thursday- Holiday Hats and Holiday clothing Day!	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess 12/23-1/2 School Starts back on 1/3/17	24
25 	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 