



Happy New Year Everyone!

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful break filled with fun activities and many family gatherings and a very Happy New Year!

All of our K-4th grade students will be participating in the second set of Universal Screenings sometime between January 11th and 25th. As shared with you in September, the screenings are conducted three times a year and help us to identify students that might be at risk in the area of English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as provide valuable information for classroom teachers regarding the individual needs of students and instructional planning.

The Ridge Road Talent Show will be held on January 20th this year at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. The Talent Show is always a fun night for our students to showcase their dancing, singing, instrument playing, karate moves, magic acts and comedic talents! Don't forget that auditions will be after school on January 9th. Parents are welcome to perform with their children at this very fun event!

Wishing you the best in 2017,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Elementary Principal

Character Education Trait for January

Our Character Education Trait for the month of January is Fairness. Students will be focusing on activities that teach about fairness for everyone and will also be learning about people that represent this trait in history. Please also discuss about fairness with your child at home.

Ideas for Discussing Fairness:

- Sharing treats at home... "I cut- you pick"
- Acting out skits about fairness
- Talking as a family about why games have rules
- Discussing with your child what they think fairness is

Outside Activity Time

The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. We try to go out if the **temperature is at 20 or above**. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. Please don't forget to send **boots, hats, gloves and snowpants with your child to school daily**.

Toys in School

Please take a minute to remind your child that toys, trading cards, CD's, MP3 players, DS systems and other electronic devices are not allowed at school. We had to stop the practice of allowing students to bring these items in for lunch and recess because so many games and game systems were being lost and the toys and games were distracting the instruction within the classroom. Thanks for your support with this issue.

School Handbook

The start of school in January after the long winter break is a good time to review expectations and goals. Please take a few minutes to review the Ridge Road School Handbook and District Code of Conduct with your child.

In order to keep Ridge Road a safe and inviting environment for learning, we expect that all members of our school community treat each other in a kind and respectful manner and be responsible at all times.

Bullying, threats and hands-on behaviors of any kind are not acceptable in the school setting. Thank you in advance for reviewing the Ridge Road Handbook with your child and for helping to keep our school a very safe and caring environment for learning.

PTO Notes

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 in the Ridge Road Library**. Babysitting services are available for your children during the meeting. Please join us at 6:30 on the 10th!

Friday, January 13th is our PTO Family Swim Night at 6:30 at the High School Pool. This is also our Family Night for Charity. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank when you attend swim night. Don't forget your swimsuit!

Parent Pick-ups at the End of the School Day

When picking-up your child at the end of the school day, please report to the cafeteria to meet him/her. A Ridge Road staff member will be on duty in the cafeteria. Please sign your child out with this staff member prior to leaving the school. For the safety of our students, we will not dismiss any child from the classroom, lobby area or playground.

Also, whenever picking-up children, please pull into a designated parking spot in the back lot. For the safety of our students, the fire lanes next to the school should remain clear at all times.

Dismissal Procedures

To help ensure that children are released to the appropriate place at dismissal, all changes should be put in writing and sent to school with your child. The teachers ask for all notes in the morning. However, if you know your child tends to forget to hand things in, please don't hesitate to also call the office that morning to confirm that we have received the changes. We would rather over communicate with any changes from what was set-up at the start of the year.

If it is an emergency change in procedure, please try to call the office no later than 12:30 pm. Changes being called in around 1:30 pm or after make it very difficult for office staff to reach teachers and students before dismissal. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter and assisting us in keeping all of our little ones safe.

Instructional 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 before 8:10 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.

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 following students from the month of December that have been selected as the Ridge Road “Rock Stars” for being **Responsible, Optimistic, Compassionate, Kind, Successful, Trustworthy, Admirable and Respectful Student**

Mrs. Fazzary

Manny Penn
Piper Thurston
John Cooper

Mrs. Stoltzfus

Cullen Clayton
Owen Frost

Mrs. Nelson

Ella Hapeman
Noah Thompson

Mari Palmer

Makayla Waters
Alexander King

Mrs. Beeman

Jaxon Halbbrook
Emily Rourke

Mrs. Conklin

Amelia Reed
Olivia Stratton

Mrs. Pronti

Nolan Baker
Gabriella Evans

Mrs. Romanski

Izayah Beam
Julia Manzer

Mrs. Alexander

Mason Cornell
Emily Theetge

Mrs. Inthanongsak

Jeff Cain
Lucas Kemp

Mrs. Benton

Erica Bancroft
Haley Blake
Joshua Lewis
Tobias Tremba

Mrs. Bower

Natalie Williams
Ari Lowmaster

Mrs. Cady

Kaitlyn Soper
Kash Thomas

Mrs. Ford

Calvin Cragle
Rebecca Fullmer
Alivia Lunger

Mrs. Murray

Peyton Butts
Madelyn Ellis
Alexis Guzylak
Diego Hammond
Ava Klesh
Jackie Mayotte

Miss Stickler

Boe Briggs
Genevieve Carro
Amellia Pryor
William Roe

Mrs. Wolf

Sally Brown
Kara Curione
Hunter Earl
Laela Inthanongsak

Mrs. Wood

Gavin Bartlett
Allison Peck

Mrs. Fullmer

Anthony Austin
Key'Morea Dennis

Mrs. Janeski

Natalie Lockette
Zac Giammichele
Lilly Walton

Mrs. Wood

Gavin Bartlett
Allison Peck

SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

Madison Bancroft
Justin Blakemore

Michael Blue
Jack Bower
Sally Brown
Anthony Caporiccio
Brooke Conklin
Amlia Denicola
Josh Farrell
Isabelle Lucas
Eli Hansen
Julia Manzer
Hunter Matkosky
Anna Powell
Amelia Pronti
Makenna Rounds
Joel Scibek
Phoenix Skinner
Kaitlyn Soper
Michael Strong
Maggie Sullivan
Kash Thomas
Noah Thompson
Lilly Walton
Maeve Wheeler



Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Day 6 Welcome Back!	4 Day 1 Talent Show Permis- sion Forms Due	5 Day 2 Ridge Road 504's	6 Day 3	7
8	9 Day 4 Talent Show Auditions after school	10 Day 5 6:30- PTO Mtg. —Ridge Road Library	11 Day 6 2:35- Faculty Mtg. CIM Mtg. 12-2:30 Aimsweb— Benchmark Screening 11th– 25th	12 Day 1 Ridge Road CSE's Aimsweb— Benchmark Screening 11th– 25th	13 Day 2 PTO- Family Swim Night-at the HS Pool– 6:30	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King 's Birthday!	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 What Will It Be Wednesday!	19 Day 5	20 Day 6 End of Marking Period 6:00- Ridge Road Talent Show-High School Audi- torium	21
22	23 Day 1 2:30-Site Team Mtg.	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 2:35- Faculty Mtg.	26 Day 4	27 Day 5 1:30- The World According to Humphrey—Kick Off Assembly Report Cards Go Home	28
29	30 Day 6	31 Day 1	Feb 1 Day 2 What Will It Be Wednesday!	Feb 2 Day 3	Feb 3 Day 4 First Grade—Concert– School Assembly– 1:30 Concert for Parents– 6:30 Ridge Road Café.	Feb 4