



# **Ridge Road Reporter**

## **October 2017**



Happy October Everyone!

We are off to a fantastic start for the 2017-2018 school year! The students have adjusted very quickly back to the structure and routine of school. We once again have our hallways and classrooms buzzing with excitement and students eager to learn and share newly acquired knowledge with each other.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students, parents and family members at Open House, the Ridge Road Fall Festival and the Rockin' Fun Run! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of you for joining us at these family events and for being such a positive supporter of your child's school experience. A big thank you to all of our PTO members, parents and Ridge Road staff volunteers that donate so many hours planning and organizing behind the scenes to make these terrific events happen for our students.

Our Character Education virtue for the month of October is **Responsibility**. We will be focusing on the following in school:

- Do what you are expected to do
- Persevere: keep on trying
- Always try to do your best
- Use self-control: be self-disciplined
- Think before you act: consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices/actions

Please help support our focus on Responsibility by also discussing this trait with your child at home.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Bailey*

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey  
Ridge Road Principal

**SMILE**

**Please mark your calendars! The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017.**

## **No School for Students - October 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

On **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>**, the school will be closed to observe Columbus Day.  
On **Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>** school will be closed for a Staff Conference Day.

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### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

#### **Calling All Horseheads Raiders in grades Pre K-12**

Bring your family and friends to volunteer and help out in our community on Saturday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Horseheads **Make a Difference Day**. Let's show how much Raider Nation cares!

There are many different activities and locations to choose from that day for volunteering at and supporting our community. All of these events take place between 10:00 and 12:00 that morning and we ask each participant to volunteer at least one hour of their time on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Working together we'll make a positive impact in the community, create memories, and have fun! Please look for the sign-up coming home soon. **Let's have Ridge Road be the school with the highest number of participants helping out in our community!**

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### **Fire Prevention**

During the second week of October, the Ridge Road students will be participating in a fire prevention assembly. As part of this assembly, members from the Horseheads Fire Department will review fire safety and demonstrate how to exit their home should an emergency situation ever happen. Please help support our fire safety focus by reviewing your individual safety plans with your child at home. Also, please remember to change your batteries in the smoke alarms at your homes.

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<b>Dignity Act Coordinator</b>
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The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Anne-Marie Bailey at 607-739-6351 x 7600.

The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Megan Collins. Mrs. Collins may be reached at One Raider Lane, horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.

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## **PTO Family Dance Night** **(Halloween Theme)**

Pick out that Halloween costume and put on your dancing shoes! On **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, Ridge Road PTO will be hosting a Family Dance Night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This event always proves to be a huge success! This year's dance should continue our awesome tradition of fun for the kids and all family members! We will have the dance in the gym and a food/resting area in the cafeteria.

Please join us in your favorite costume to celebrate Halloween and dance to the Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, Thriller and Calling All the Monsters.

There will be no admission for the dance. Popcorn, nachos and drinks will be available for purchase. Students must have a parent/guardian attend the event with them. As always, parents are invited to dress up also!

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## **Ridge Road Halloween Parade**

The Halloween Parade will be on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00.** All parents are invited to join us for the parade. If the weather is cooperating, we will have the students walk through the rooms and around the outside of the school. We ask that all spectators stand in front of the school near the flag pole area. The students will walk from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade area along the front of the building to the primary entrance.

**Please make sure that your child's costume is appropriate for our very young students to see and that it does not have any type of toy weapons as a prop.** Also, we plan to run a normal morning schedule that is focused on academics. Please do not allow your child to come to school dressed in costume or with make-up on. All students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes prior to the parade. For safety reasons, we ask that adults not go to the rooms prior to the parade. **If you need to help dress your child, please make sure you have arranged this with your child's teacher prior to the day of the parade.**

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The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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## **PTO Fall Clothing Sale**

The PTO Fall Clothing Sale will run from October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. If you want your clothing item to be a gift, please let the office know so we hold them for your pick-up.

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## **Appropriate Clothing for Fall Weather**

As the cooler weather starts approaching, please remember to send in clothing for your child to participate in recess. Be sure they have a warm sweater/jacket to wear outside each day. Please remind your child that they need to bring sneakers for gym and recess daily.

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## **Horseheads Capital Project Information**

\***Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Community Meeting at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.

\***Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**- Capital Project Vote from 7:00 am- 9:00 pm in the High School South Gym

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## **HORSEHEADS MISSION STATEMENT**

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

**EXPLORE**

**EMPOWER**

**EXCEL**

## RIDGE ROAD “ROCK STARS”

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

### Mrs. Fazzary

Emmalyn Kemp  
Alyena LaGier

### Mrs. Stoltzfus

Kaylee Benjamin  
Owen Crout

### Mrs. Beeman

Alexia Marmor  
Easton McDonald

### Mrs. Nelson

Jake Lambert  
Cooper Lambert  
Presley McInnis

### Mrs. Palmer

Audrey Earl  
Kamdyn Gilbert

### Mrs. Conklin

Mason Earl  
Parker Sempler

### Mrs. Pronti

Owen Jones  
Logan Swarthout

### Mrs. Romanski

Riley Abernathy  
Ella Scibek

### Miss Stickler

Lilyanna Horton  
Alex King

### Mrs. Alexander

Hailey Earl  
Lacey Titsworth

### Mrs. Bower

Noah Cady  
Morgan Mustico

### Mrs. Cady

Jemma Randall  
Annabelle Fitzpatrick

### Mrs. Benton

Peighton Ellison  
Callum Bednarek

### Ms DiPetta

Julian LaGier

### Mrs. Ford

### Mrs. Murray

Sharaela Breedlove  
McKenzie Eddy  
Kate Howard  
Owen Ivansheck

### Mrs. Wolf

Jeromey Eddy Jr.  
Emily Theetge

### Mrs. Ford

Mia Carro  
Chase Luangsuwan

### Mrs. Fullmer

Peyton Butts  
Bryce Ensign

### Mrs. Janeski

Haley Blake  
Joshua Lewis

### Miss Wood

Aubrey Howe  
Toby Tremba

### Mrs. Cavanagh-Wheeler

Ethan Frost

### Specials

Jacob Abul-Ela  
Riley Abernathy  
Stella Aikman  
Lilyana Amberg-Matzke  
Tristan Bates  
Ginny Blake  
Justin Blakemore  
Erica Bancroft  
Averie Bauman  
Brandilyn Beach  
Zach Bennett  
Tyra Blue  
Noah Cady  
Jackson Danna  
Willow Deragon  
Emma Drake  
Haley Earl  
Devyn Gilbert  
Kira Greene  
Mattisen Johnston  
Isaac Klesh  
Connor LaGier

Julian LaGier  
Hunter Matkosky  
Skyler Maynard  
Easton McDonald  
Presley McInnis  
Daniel Miller  
Kegan Monahan  
Morgan Mustico

Josiah Nicolae  
Amelia Osteen  
Amelia Reed  
Carver Robbins  
Elissandra Scibek  
Marco Simon  
Kaitlyn Soper  
Claire Stevens  
Angelina Stone

Kash Thomas  
Anna Tobbe  
Evangeline Westerfer  
Sophia Wetherbee  
Natalie Williams

# *Horseheads Schools...Building Our Future Now*

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### FACT SHEET



On October 17, 2017, Horseheads Central School District residents will vote on a \$94.5 million comprehensive project to improve both our educational program and physical infrastructure. This is another stepping-stone in the District's proud history of providing the best education and facilities for our children and community. The project directly reflects the District's long-range planning and ongoing efforts to ensure we protect our investment in our community's schools.

By staying current with the latest curriculum, programmatic, and facilities trends, our District can give our students a *global education*. At the same time, we remain vigilant in taking advantage of the availability of key state funding and favorable economic conditions to update and maintain our infrastructure. Consequently, major components of the project focus directly on education, such as upgrades to classrooms, security, and technology. Additionally, the project also includes the replacement of items that succumb to normal wear and tear, such as roofs, parking lots, and mechanical systems that are no longer warranted or are at the end of their useful life.

During the last several months, teachers, support staff, the Board of Education, parents, business people, local officials, students, administrators, and community members have worked together to help develop the project components. Through much thoughtful preparation, there is a plan in place to pay for this project with a minimal local impact. **The result:** a project that will improve both the District and the entire community.

Shaping the project, the team used the findings of the most recent state-required Building Condition Survey to identify facility needs, focusing on large scale maintenance and energy efficiency. Every school building, our transportation department, and our grounds would see improvements.

We encourage all District residents to vote on October 17, 2017, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Horseheads High School South Gymnasium. More information can be found at [horseheadsdistrict.com/hh2030.cfm](http://horseheadsdistrict.com/hh2030.cfm).



**Building Our Future Now**

## PROJECT AT A GLANCE



*New Main  
Entrance & Security  
at High School*



*New High School Library  
Interior (above) and  
Exterior (below)*



*21st Century  
Classroom Upgrades*



*Continued on back...*



# SCOPE HIGHLIGHTS

## All Elementary Schools

- Roof Replacements
- Mechanical System Upgrades
- Voice Over Internet Protocol & Technology Upgrades
- Corridor Ceilings and Lights
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Playground Improvements
- Traffic Flow/Parking Lot Improvements

## Big Flats Elementary School

- Flooring Replacements
- Electrical Upgrades
- Exterior Building Improvements
- Exterior Door Replacements

## Center Street Elementary School

- Boiler Replacement

## Gardner Road Elementary School

- Main Entrance Security Improvements
- Exterior Door Replacements

## Ridge Road Elementary School

- Electrical Upgrades
- Exterior Building Improvements
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Exterior Security Improvements

## Middle School/Intermediate School

- Roof Replacements
- Mechanical System Upgrades
- Voice Over Internet Protocol & Technology Upgrades
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrades
- Exterior Building Improvements
- Exterior Security Improvements
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Playground Improvements
- Traffic Flow/Parking Lot Improvements
- Cafeteria Expansion
- Kitchen Upgrades
- Physical Education Space Improvements
- MS Art Room Upgrades
- MS Technology Room Upgrades
- MS Science Room Upgrades

## High School

- Roof Replacements
- Mechanical System Upgrades
- Voice Over Internet Protocol & Technology Upgrades
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrades
- Main Entrance Relocation and Security Improvements

## High School (continued)

- New Main Office/Guidance Office/Nurse's Suite
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Traffic Flow/Parking Lots
- Kitchen and Cafeteria Renovation and Expansion
- Classroom Addition/Renovations
- Library Addition
- New Multi Purpose Stadium

## Bus Maintenance Facility

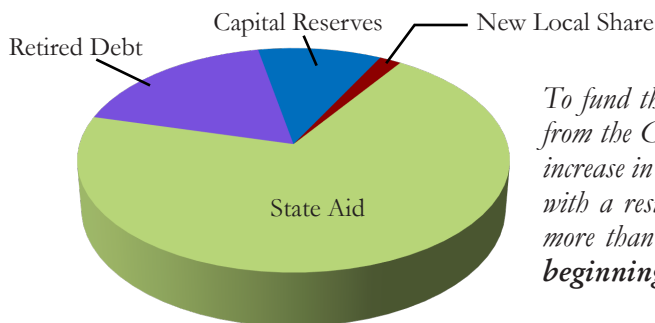
- Mechanical System Upgrades
- Voice Over Internet Protocol & Technology Upgrades
- Lighting Upgrades
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrades
- Exterior Building Improvements
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Overhead Door Improvements
- Traffic Flow/Parking Lot Improvements



New Multi-Purpose Stadium

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed Capital Project will cost an estimated \$94.5 million. The pie chart below depicts the different funding sources.



To fund the project, the District will use State Building Aid, retired debt, and money from the Capital Reserve Fund to minimize the local impact. We anticipate a minimal increase in the annual tax levy of no more than 1.87%. For a homeowner in the District with a residence valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax increase is expected to be no more than \$2.73 per month. This increase will be phased in over a four-year period beginning in 2019.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2017  
7 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

The community meeting will include a detailed presentation of the proposed project and financing followed by a question and answer session.

## VOTE INFORMATION

Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Horseheads High School  
South Gymnasium

For questions related to the Capital Project please contact the Horseheads Central School District Office at 607-739-5601 ext. 4295.





# OCTOBER 2017

## Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 1 <b>7:00 pm Community Meeting about the Capital Project in the HS Aud,</b>	3 Day 2 1st Grade to Apple Orchard	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 UST Share back Sessions 2:45– Staff Conversation with Dr. Douglas	6 Day 5 504 Meetings	7
8 <b>Fire Safety Assembly the week of Oct 9th.</b>	9 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	10 Day 6 6:30– Ridge Road PTO	11 Day 1 <b>PICTURE DAY</b> Faculty Meeting 2:35	12 Day 2 CSE's	13 Day 3 CIDS Screening for some Pre K Students <b>CLOTHING SALE 13th—23rd</b>	14
15	16 Day 4 Site Team 2:30	17 Day 5 <b>CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE!</b>	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!</b>  <b>Staff Conference Day</b>	21
22	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4 Faculty Meeting 2:35	26 Day 5 CIM—12-3:30	27 Day 6 <b>Halloween Dance 6:30 p.m.</b>	28 <b>Make a Difference Day! District-Wide 10:00-12:00</b>
29	30 Day 1 Site Team 2:30	31 Day 2 <b>Halloween Parade 1 PM</b>  <b>Happy Halloween</b>				