



Ridge Road Reporter

October 2018



Happy October Everyone!

Despite all the construction, we are off to a fantastic start for the 2018-2019 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 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

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Please mark your calendars! The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 5th.

No School for Students - October 8th and 19th

On **Monday, October 8th**, the school will be closed to observe Columbus Day.
On **Friday, October 19th**, school will be closed for a Staff Conference Day.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2018!

Calling All Horseheads Raiders in grades PreK-12

Bring your family and friends to volunteer and help out in our community on Saturday, **October 27th** for our 3rd **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 27th

Working together we'll make a positive impact in the community, create memories, and have fun! Please look for the information coming home soon. New this year, you will be able to sign-up for the event online.

Let's have Ridge Road be the school with the highest number of participants helping out in our community!

Fire Prevention

On Friday, October 12th, 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.

Dignity Act Coordinator

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.

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

Pick out that Halloween costume and put on your dancing shoes! On **Friday, October 26th**, Ridge Road PTO will be hosting a Family Dance Night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **at the Middle School Field House**. 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!

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 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!

**** Please note that other events are going on at the middle school that night.**

Please park in the parking lot next to the field house and enter through those doors.

Ridge Road Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will be on **Wednesday, October 31st 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 4th 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.**

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.

PTO Fall Clothing Sale

The PTO Fall Clothing Sale will run from October 12th through October 24th. If you want your clothing item to be a gift, please let the office know and we will hold them for your pick-up. Please know that the PTO does not make a profit on this clothing sale. It is provided so the students may have school spirit wear.

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.

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.

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Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 1 CSE's 504's	2 Day 2 3:30- Make A Difference Day mtg	3 Day 3 1st Grade to Apple Orchard 3rd Grade to tour Horseheads Village Hall	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 PICTURE DAY	6
7	8 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	9 Day 6 PTO Mtg-MS Library 6:30	10 Day 1 2:35- Faculty Meeting	11 Day 2 CIM—12:00-3:30	12 Day 3 Ridge Road PTO Clothing Sale-12-24th Fire Safety Assembly 9:15- 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th 10:00- Pre K, K & 1 st Ridge Road School Spirit Day!	13
14 PTO CLOTHING SALE 12th-24th	15 Day 4	16 Day 5 3:30- Make A Difference Day mtg.	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19 NO SCHOOL STAFF CONFERENCE DAY	20
21 PTO CLOTHING SALE 12th-24th	22 Day 2 2:30 Site Team Mtg.	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 2:35- Faculty Meeting	25 Day 5 CIM 12:00-3:30	26 Day 6 Ridge Road Halloween Dance 6:30-8:00—MS Field House	27 HORSEHEADS-MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY !
28	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Day 3 Halloween Parade 1:00 Happy Halloween	November 1 Day 4	November 2 Day 5	