

Ridge Road Reporter



December 2018



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.

You can turn your holiday preparations into terrific learning experiences for the children. For example, if you have younger children, have them read the directions and measure the ingredients for making all of your holiday goodies. Let your children write all of the notes on the cards you are sending to family and friends. Also, designing a plan for using set materials, measuring specific areas and decorating the house can be a great problem solving activity for all children.

Most importantly, take time this holiday season for having fun, relaxing and spending special time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Mrs. Manikowski-Bailey
Principal

WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 24th – JANUARY 4th

School will be back in session on Monday, January 7th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fourth Grade Concert

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

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 only drop your child off from the right lane next near the sidewalk. The first three to four cars in line can all drop off at the same time to keep the line moving quickly.

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.**

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 TBA, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer, 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 TBA, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4214.