

Ridge Road Reporter



December 2017



Season's Greetings Everyone!

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 teach about caring and helping others. The last couple of months, the Ridge Road School Community has been filled with terrific examples of caring for others.

Ridge Road had an amazing turnout of volunteers for our District's Make a Difference Day in October. Our students were able to thank our local Veterans in early November and many of our students donated Halloween Candy as well as wrote letters of thanks that went in the care packages that our PTO sent to active service members. This past Friday night, we hosted our first Pint-Size Hero Blood Drive. Many adults donated blood as our students made cards and holiday crafts for the Bath VA. On Tuesday and Wednesday evening, our students will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Arnot Mall.

Thank you for helping us share the importance of caring and helping others! **Our Ridge Road Students and Families 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 25th – JANUARY 1st

School will be back in session on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fourth Grade Concert

Our Fourth Grade chorus students will be sharing their musical talent with us on **Friday, December 15th**. Please join the fourth grade chorus students in the **Ridge Road Cafeteria 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 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.**

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 Megan Collins, 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 Megan Collins. Mrs. Collins may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4214.



Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar December 2017



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| | | | | 1 Day 3 —PTO Sponsored Blood Drive from 3:00-7:00 | 2 | |
| 3 | 4 Day 4 | 5 Day 5 Ridge Road Bell Ringing—Arnot Mall 4:00—6:00 | 6 Day 6 Ridge Road Bell Ringing-Arnot Mall 4:00—6:00 | 7 Day 1 | 8 Day 2 Ridge Road School Spirit Day! Wear Ridge Road Clothing or the Color Red | 9. |
| 10 | 11 Day 3 1st Gr. Field Trip to Bethany—Mrs. Conklin's Class 10:15—11:15 | 12 Day 4 PTO Mtg. 6:30 PM Library 1st Gr. Field Trip to Bethany Mrs. Pronti's Class 10:15—11:15 | 13 Day 5 2:35 Faculty Meeting | 14 Day 6 CIM 12:00-3:30 | 15 Day 1 Gr. 4 Concert 7 PM—RR Café 9:15 School Assembly | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Day 2 K- Cookies & Cocoa with Santa 8:45 | 19 Day 3 1st Gr. Field Trip to Bethany— Mrs. Romanski's Class 10:15—11:15 | 20 Day 4 Cookie Dough Rollout 8-10 in Café | 21 Day 5 2nd Gr. Gingerbread Extravaganza in Café 8:45 1st Gr. —Bethany-Sticker 10:15— 11:15 3rd Gr. to Rockwell Museum & Fiesta Brava | 22 Day 6 Student & Staff Sing-a-long 1:15 Café Boxtop Popcorn Party 1:50 Holiday Themed Clothing Day! | 23 |
| 24 | 25  | 26 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL | 27 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL | 28 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL | 29 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL | 30 |
| 31 | 1 JANUARY Winter Recess No School | 2 Day 1 | 3 Day 2 | 4 Day 3 | 5 Day 4  | |