



# Big Flats News

June 2024

*At Big Flats Elementary, we will SOAR together as we explore our “wonders” in a fun and engaging community, where we will inspire each other to achieve anything!*

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

As we approach our final weeks of school, I hope all our students, teachers, staff, and families have had a great school year! Each year brings new challenges and each year we continue to persevere and embrace those challenges. As I reflect on this school year, I am incredibly proud of our students, faculty, and staff, and all that we have accomplished. Our students continue to make academic progress in the areas of English Language Arts, as well as Math, Science, and Social Studies.

I want to thank everyone for your patience, flexibility and understanding during the past school year with our construction project. It has been a very exciting school year watching the growth and development of our construction project. We are hopeful that much of the work that was in the first phase of our two-year construction project will be completed just prior to the fall when we return to school. The progress and completion of the summer construction work will determine what areas of the school will be accessible and utilized, in the fall.

It is projected that we will not be using our current cafeteria next school year, as that will be under construction for our new library, sensory room, and speech therapy. Our current gym will also go under construction for our new cafeteria. I am very excited about seeing the continued growth and opportunities that our construction project will provide to our students, faculty, families, and our greater community.

As we bring closure to this school year, I would like to thank everyone for another successful school year. I would like to wish our outgoing fourth grade students and families well as they transition to the Intermediate School in the fall. Please know that we will miss you all; however, we know that you will continue to SOAR in all that you do! For all our returning and new families, I look forward to continuing our partnership in education during the 2024-2025 school year. Until then, have a fun and safe summer vacation, and don't forget to have your children read every day for 20 minutes and practice their math facts at least two or three times a week!

Have a GREAT and safe summer, and SOAR!

*Sincerely,*

*Elizabeth M. Scaptura*

**Elizabeth Scaptura**

**Big Flats Elementary Principal**

## **Elementary Lunches (K-6)**

School Food Services prices for the 2023-2024 school year will be:

Breakfast: Free

Lunch: Free

## **School Hours**

Hours for the Elementary Schools are:  
8:15 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

## **Office Hours**

Our school office hours during regular school days are:

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **Office Phone Numbers**

(607) 739-6373

(607) 795-2550

Fax: (607) 795-2555



**THANK  
YOU  
VOTERS!**

**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*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

### • Drop Off/Pick Up

Please remember K-4 students may be dropped off as early as 7:40am, following the drop off procedures. Also, K-4 parents may line up **no earlier** than 2:10pm following the pick up procedures. Please remember our PK students are picked up from 1:50pm –2:05pm. The safety of our students and staff is our main priority, so please adhere to these procedures. If you need to change your child's dismissal plans, please send in a blue note. Also, please note: *It is District policy that students cannot ride a different bus home with another student for a playdate.* Thank you for your understanding. For more information regarding your child's pick up procedure, please contact the main office.

### • Moving?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on moving over the summer. It is very important for us to know this type of information, so please keep us informed!

### • Changes in Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Numbers

If a parent/guardian gets a new cell phone number, and had opted in to text messaging notifications with their old number, they'll need to opt in again with the new number! Please let the Main Office know of the change and we will give you the information to opt in again.



## Automated Attendance Update

Big Flats Elementary wishes to keep parents/guardians informed of students' attendance at school and assist students in meeting attendance requirements. To this end, we have been mailing letters to parents/guardians when their student is absent from school eight, sixteen, or more times in a school year. Beginning Tuesday, April 30, this process will move to an automated email rather than a mailed letter. Emails will be sent to parents/guardians of students who are absent from school eight, sixteen, or more times. This change will allow for quicker and more efficient delivery of important information regarding your student's attendance.

As a reminder, regular school attendance is crucial for your students' academic success and overall well-being. Consistent attendance ensures that students do not miss out on valuable instruction, opportunities, and important classroom activities. Our attendance policy is designed to promote a positive and engaging learning environment for all students. It is essential that your student attends school regularly and arrives on time. In the event of an absence, please notify the school as soon as possible, please remember that an excused absence still counts towards the student's absence count. Please [click here](#) to see the district's attendance policy.



## Nurses Note:



If you have vaccination paperwork or updated physical forms for your child(ren), please send the nurse a copy.



### Construction Corner

Updates:



- Brick work in the new wing is completed.
- Roofing is complete and detailing is ongoing.
- Drywall is completed and painting is ongoing. Casework is nearing completion.
- The mechanical, plumbing and electrical work is nearing completion.
- Ceramic wall tiling in corridors and bathrooms is nearing completion.
- The new basketball backboards and new scoreboard have been installed.
- Stage work continues.
- Glazing on multiple windows throughout new wing to begin.
- Will be moving forward soon with closing off the current cafeteria, current kitchen and gymnasium for summer demolition.
- New A Wing swing set has been installed and is currently being utilized.



## PTO Officers

President- Jane Tanner

Vice President—Brandon Spirawk

Secretary- Suzette Baldwin

Co-Treasurers- Tara Spirawk & Leanne Hull

## PTO Opening



For anyone interested in running for PTO Secretary in the 2024-2025 school year, please outreach the current PTO president Jane Tanner at [bigflatsny.pto@gmail.com](mailto:bigflatsny.pto@gmail.com)!

## Looking for Field Day Volunteers!



Our PTO is still looking for parent/guardian volunteers to help Mr. Olver with the field day games and centers. If you are able to volunteer between 8:15-10:00am to support our field day, please contact Tara Spirawk at [bigflatsny.pto@gmail.com](mailto:bigflatsny.pto@gmail.com) no later than Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please note that **ONLY PRE-APPROVED OR PTO VOLUNTEERS CAN ATTEND.**

No younger siblings, spectators, nor pets allowed.



## Last Call for Lost and Found

The Lost and Found has many items in it. Please have your child check the bin sometime during the school day for any items they may have lost at school.



## Spirit Day/Field Day Colors

Thursday, June 20th, is our Field Day!

Show your School Spirit by wearing your grade level color!

**Pre-K wears purple shirts**

**Kindergarten wears blue shirts**

**1<sup>st</sup> grade wears orange shirts**

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade wears yellow shirts**

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade wears green shirts**

**4th grade wears white/tie dye**

## Mark Your Calendars

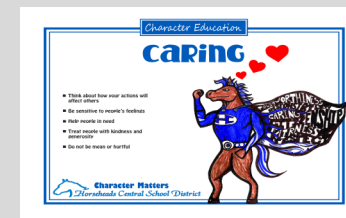
<b>June 4</b>	<b>June 21-26</b>
PTO Mtg, 6pm	HALF-DAYS
<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 24</b>
4th Grade Unity Day!	Pre-K Celebration 8:30 AM
<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 25</b>
3rd Grade Recorder Concert	Pre-K Orientation 12:45-1:30
<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 26</b>
Senior Walk	<i>LAST DAY</i> of School—Move Up Day/Hawaiian Day/Report Cards Go Home
<b>June 19</b>	
Juneteenth, No School!	
<b>June 20</b>	
Field Day 8:30-10:00 AM	
BOE Mtg, 6PM @ HSMCC	



## June —The month of:

### Caring

- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Be sensitive to people's feelings
- Help people in need
- Treat people with kindness and generosity
- Do not be mean or hurtful



### Learn Up-To-Date Information About Our Schools and the District

**Facebook:** The district and each of our seven schools have pages. “Like” them to see our information in your news feed.

**Twitter:** Follow us on Twitter at [@HhdsSchools](https://twitter.com/HhdsSchools) to read our tweets. Follow Mrs. Scaptura on Twitter at [@escaptural](https://twitter.com/escaptural)



**Instagram:** The district's page—[hhdsschools](https://www.instagram.com/hhdsschools)



Visit our district website at: [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com).

Questions about our website or social media? E-mail [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)

### Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Big Flats Elementary is Elizabeth Scaptura. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Mrs. Scaptura at (607)-739-6373. The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x4211, or [cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### Non-Discrimination Notification

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable groups under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX/DASA Coordinator, and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601. This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination.



# June 2024

Big Flats  
Elementary School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 CSE/504 Mtgs Bridge 8:30-11:30	4 PTO Mtg 5:30 PM	5	6 IS Transition Presentation Mtg 9:30-10:20	7 Raider/Falcon Pride Day	8
9	10	11 4th Grade Unity Day!	12 4th Grade Tower of Books Celebration	13 4th Grade Unity Day Rain Date CSE Mtgs Bridge	14 3rd Grade Recorder Concert 9:00-9:30 4th Grade Bowling Crystal Lanes 10:30-12:30	15
16	17	18 Senior Walk 1:15-1:45	19 <i>No School</i> <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 Field Day 8:30-10:00 Jared Campbell 1:15- 2:00 BOE 6:00PM @HSMMC	21 Field Day Tug of War 9:45-10:30 1/2 Day AM 4th Marking Period Ends	22
23 30	24 PK Celebration 8:30AM Café 1/2 Day AM	25 Talent Show 8:30- 10:30 Pre-K Orientation 12:45-1:30 Café 1/2 Day AM	26 Last Day of School Wear Hawaiian Clothes/ Sunglasses 1/2 Day AM Move up day 9:00AM EOY Slideshow 9:45-	27	28	29

Character Trait of the Month  
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