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**We're happy to see
you at CS!**



Welcome to an exciting new school year at Center Street Elementary School!

If you drive past Center Street most of the year you will find the sign pictured above. To the staff here at CS it is much more than a sign or slogan. It is our core value, highest priority, and what drives us to work as hard as we can during these challenging times for our students. We love our students - every one of them and we are working tirelessly to make sure all of our students have everything they need to be as successful as possible this school year. With that in mind, our teachers have been busy preparing the classrooms to make them look spectacular! The summer custodial team worked hard all summer to make sure everything is sparkling clean! The school staff has been busy preparing to meet the needs of the new and returning students. Many new and exciting things are planned just for YOU! We look forward to sharing your successes together!



HELLO CS COLTS COMMUNITY!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! After a long 17- month ordeal with COVID we are ready to REUNITE at

We learned so much about ourselves as educators and we ALL have the opportunity to, in a sense, open a new school this year! Our focus will remain the same as it has in the past, Explore, Empower and Excel.

Personally, I cannot wait to see CS in full bloom, and I cannot wait to see everyone face to face and see the smiles and hear the laughter of our students. Please take a moment and review all the sections of this newsletter. We welcome many new staff members as a result of our brand- new Pre- K classroom programs. I cannot wait to see you all soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sotero
Principal



Center Street Elementary Contact Information

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Jamie Dauphinet, PTO Executive Officer

Sarah Bancroft, Secretary
Carrie Reazor, Nurse

Jessica Fiero, Attendance Clerk

RESPECT



Respect:– *Think "the Golden Rule"*

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults & disagreements

Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button and wait for a response. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

- Our doors open for students at 7:45 am.
- **We will not be accepting visitors at the school this year until further notice unless you have been specifically invited to the nurse's office and /or a special event. You will need to wear a mask when coming to the front doors.**

These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support with keeping safety a priority.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Reazor with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

DELIVERING ITEMS TO YOUR STUDENT DURING SCHOOL

We understand that each day brings new challenges that on occasion translate into leaving important things such as homework, lunches, sneakers for gym, etc. at home by accident. If your child needs something during the day, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will meet you to pick up the item and have it delivered to your child's classroom. Please be sure to have your child's name on it along with their teacher's name.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

This year, **all students** in the Horseheads District are eligible to receive **FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH** on a daily basis. This is offered through the USDA National School Lunch program. The only cost for these meals is if you wanted your child to purchase extra snacks or ice cream treats to go with their meals. Please see our district website for additional

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 identify and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue
call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. Line is available 24 hours a day
ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

Center Street Elementary School

CS Colts Handbook of Policies and Procedures

Please see the adjusted details below and thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding as we create a safe learning environment for our students.

Annual Notifications: There are many annual notifications the district shares regarding district policies.

Birthday Treats: We know birthdays are very important days for our students. Treats are only allowed to be brought in the building if they are **store bought and in original unopened packaging**.

Class Snacks: Students are allowed to bring in their own daily snack as in the past.

Code of Conduct: Please be sure to read the **district code of conduct** as there are changes in the document related to COVID-19.

Dismissal Changes: All dismissal changes need to occur before noon (bus to pick-up only). Changes after that time are very difficult to process. Please call our transportation department with any concerns.

Handwashing: Our school will be focusing on healthy habits throughout the school day. This includes handwashing. Students will need to wash hands before and after snack, lunch, recess, sharing of classroom materials. Students are welcome to bring in their own hand sanitizer (not required). Hand sanitizer is also available within the school as needed.

Mask Wearing: All students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day. Please see the HCSD Health and Safety Guide sent out on September 2, 2021. **Please note that if your child wears a gaiter in place of a mask, it must be a multi-layered gaiter. The single layered gaiters do not provide the appropriate level of coverage.**

<https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDhealthsafetyguide2021-22.cfm>

Recess: Students will go to recess at their scheduled time. Students will wash hands before and after recess.

Sickness: Due to the DOH and CDC guidelines all sick/ COVID-19 symptomatic students shall remain home.

Visitors at Lunch: Unfortunately, visitors are **not** allowed into our building -including our cafeteria, unless the visitor is invited in for a special event and/ or the nurse calls for you specifically.

Visitors to CS: Should you need to drop off items for your child, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will meet you at the lobby doors. Please make sure your child's name and his/her teacher's name is on the item(s). If you are picking up your child, we ask that you wait as directed by our office staff. Masks must always be worn while maintaining social distancing. If you are called to enter the building, all visitors will need to sign. Masks must always be worn while maintaining social distancing inside our building.

Water Bottles: All students are encouraged to bring in a water bottle to keep at their desks. Water bottles will need to come back and forth to school each day for proper cleaning. Please be sure to label your child's water bottle with their first and last name. Due to the DOH and CDC guidelines, water fountains will not be available to be used within the classroom or school with the exception of the bottle filler stations.

Work for Absent Students: Please contact your child's teacher for more details. Classwork will not be provided in advance. Students who are placed in quarantine will use itslearning for some assignments while others may be provided in paper format which will need to be picked up in the main office.



Gasoline



Insect Sprays



CFL's



Oil Base

Chemung County's FALL

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT
is scheduled for **Saturday, October 16th, 2021**

This event is **FREE** and for

Chemung County residents only (no businesses)

Pre-registration is required by calling

Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-734-4453, Monday, September 20th - Wednesday, October 13th, weekdays only from 9am-noon and 1-4pm except for Columbus Day. Registration will end on Wednesday, October 13th at 4pm

For more information and a detailed list of acceptable items please visit our website at chemung.cce.cornell.edu or call (607) 734-4453

(funded by Chemung Landfill, LLC, a division of Casella Waste Services)

NO ELECTRONICS!!

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN
DROP OFF / PICK UP
SCHEDULE FOR
CENTER STREET
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**STUDENT DROP
OFF PROCEDURE**

Families may arrive
On campus at 8:55.
Our staff will meet
you at your car. All
students enter
through the lobby
entrance.

ALL ENTER HERE!

**USE THE FAR RIGHT LANE ONLY
LEFT LANE IS FOR STAFF ONLY**

**ALL STOP! WAIT FOR
STAFF DIRECTION**

**LOBBY
DOORS**

**STUDENT PICK UP
PROCEDURE**

Families may arrive
on campus at
1:55pm. Our lobby
door pick up
location will open at
1:55pm. All students
will be delivered to
your car. Please
remain in your car
and be prepared to
show ID.

**EXIT
HERE**

PRE - K ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PLANS

2021 - 2022

Student Drop-Off: 8:55 AM – 9:05 AM

Families may arrive on campus at 8:55 and our staff will meet you at your car. Please follow the same protocols as Kindergarten through fourth grade students with all students using our lobby entrance. Please pull up parallel to our sidewalk nearest the school. Parents cannot park and get out of their car **with the exception of the first 3 days of school, Sept. 8, 9 & 10th. You may park and escort your child to his/her Pre-K classroom using the back Pre-K entranceway.** There will be staff members available to assist you.

Student Pick-Up: 1:55 PM – 2:00 PM

Families may arrive on campus at 1:55. Staff will be bringing out your child to your car. Please remain in your car and keep your mask on. As the staff member brings your child to you, be prepared to sign out your child and show ID. You are welcome to bring a pen to sign out your child. Parents cannot park and get out of their car. **Please be sure to place your provided pick -up colored name sign on the passenger's side of your vehicle. Please place it either on the dashboard or on the window.**

**2nd & 3rd GRADE
PICK UP**

PLEASE DRIVE CLOSE
TO CURB AT NORTH END
OF BUILDING BY THE
HIGH SCHOOL.
Then pull in the 1st lane.

**1ST GRADE
PICK UP**

PLEASE DRIVE
DOWN BUS
LANE #2

**FAMILY GROUP
PICK-UP**

PLEASE DRIVE
DOWN BUS
LANE #3

**4TH GRADE
PICK UP**

PLEASE DRIVE
DOWN BUS
LANE #4

**KINDERGARTEN
PICK UP**

PLEASE DRIVE
DOWN PAST PARKING
LOT TO FRONT
LOBBY DOORS
DRIVE UP LANE #5

YOU MAY BEGIN TO LINE UP
AT 2:15 PM. CARS WILL BE
RELEASED ONCE THE BUSES
DEPART.

**ALL
HERE!**

**ENTER
LOOK**

BUS LANE #1

BUS LANE #2

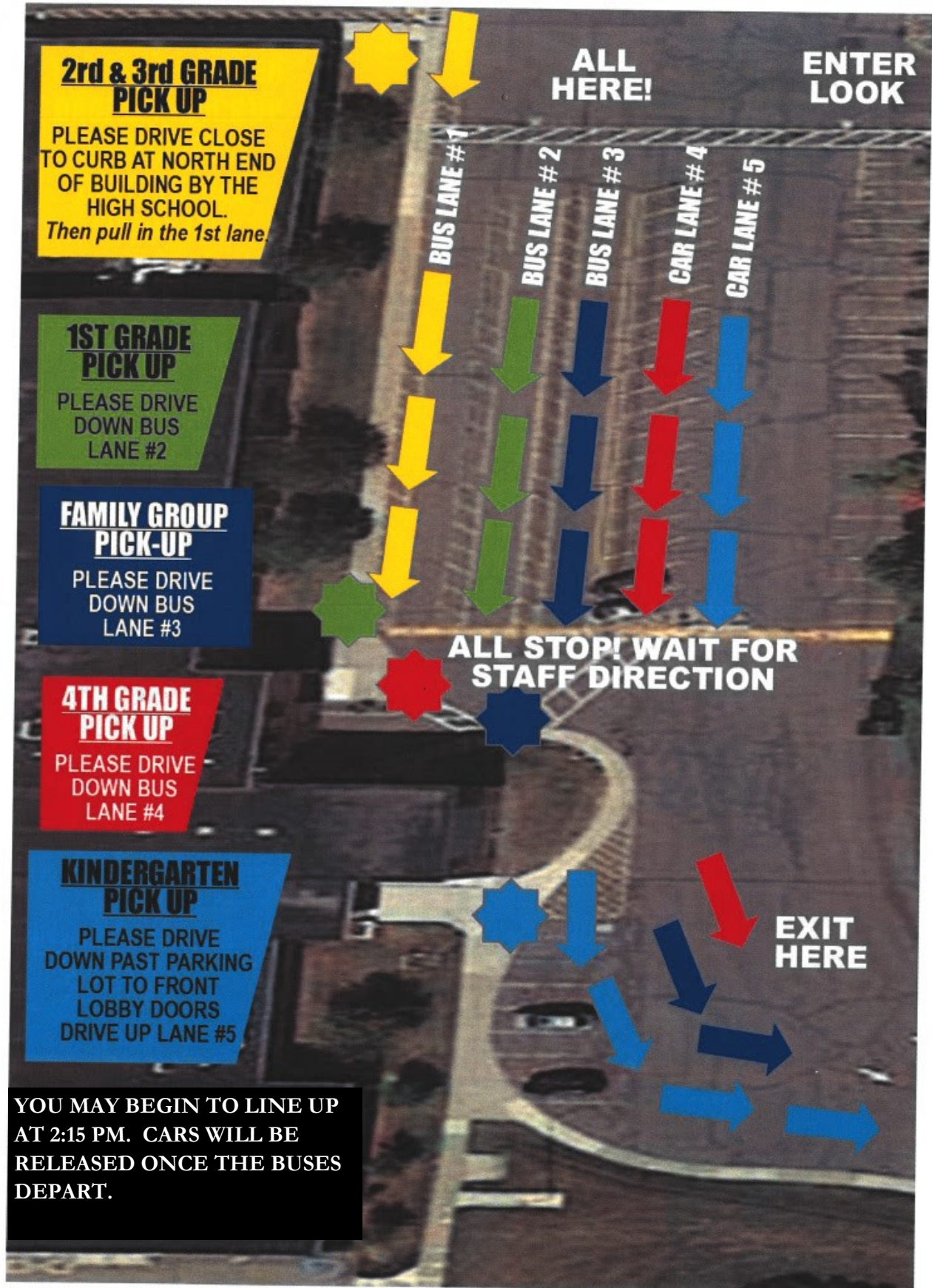
BUS LANE #3

CAR LANE #4

CAR LANE #5

**ALL STOP! WAIT FOR
STAFF DIRECTION**

**EXIT
HERE**



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR K - 4TH

Student Drop-Off: 7:40 AM – 8:15 AM

Follow markings on map attached for direction of travel in the parking lot. ALL vehicles must drop their students off in the drop off-line.

Students may begin to eat breakfast at 7:45. **ALL MEALS ARE FREE THIS YEAR!!!**

This year, unfortunately, again, we are not able to allow families to park and walk their child to the entry door.

Seven vehicles should be prepared to unload at one time.

As the CS Staff member approaches your vehicle, ***the driver must have his/her mask on.*** You will be provided with a document describing requirements that must be followed in order for your child to be able to return to school.

All students enter the LOBBY entrance doors.

Students will then be directed into the cafeteria. If we need extra space, our gym is set up to accommodate our students.

Parents cannot park and get out of their car.

If you arrive later past 8:15, please pull up in front of the building closest to the sidewalk, call the office at 795-2580 and someone will come out to assist you.

Student Pick-Up: 2:25 PM – 2:40 PM – you may line up beginning at 2:15.

Please follow the directions on the map.

On the map, please follow the color representing your child's grade level.

Please place your provided pick-up name sign on the passenger's side of your vehicle either on the dashboard or on the window. This will help to expedite the dismissal process. You will be receiving your sign for your child at our Open House. Every child will receive a sign and the oldest sibling will receive a Family Sign should you have more than one child attending Center Street. *At this time students in K – 4 cannot be dismissed with their sibling who is in Pre- K at 2:00.*

Please wait in your vehicle until:

all busses have departed AND it is **2:30** in order to maintain social distancing.

Staff will be looking for your sign and then will bring your child to you.

As the staff member brings your child to you, ***the driver must have his/her mask on.*** Be prepared to sign out your child and show ID. You are welcome to bring a pen to sign out your child.

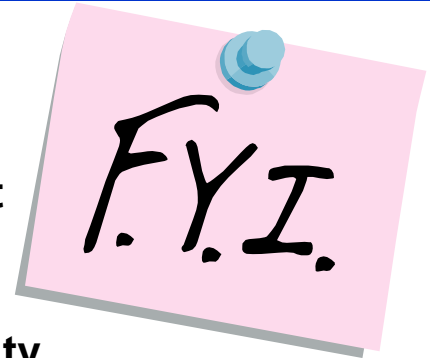
If it is a unique day and you are picking up multiple students outside of your household, you will need to go back around to the appropriate line to pick up the additional students by grade.

If you arrive earlier than 1:50 to pick up your child for an appointment, please pull up in front of the building closest to the sidewalk, call the office at 795-2580 and someone will come out to assist you. Parents cannot park and get out of their car.

All of our BOCES classes, please follow the kindergarten drop off and pick up procedures.

Center Street Information

Mrs. Sotero will be visiting each classroom during the first week of school to discuss the Center Street expectations. Parents are asked to read over the "HH Code of Conduct" packet with their children. The code book serves as a guide for student expectations and displaying good citizenship in school and in the community.



Please be aware that our Board of Education has adopted this code for ALL of our schools, and expects that it will be fully enforced as written. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sotero.

HOMELESS STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING NOTICE

Children and youth in temporary housing have the right to:

- Stay in the same school and get free transportation even if it is across district lines
- Immediately enroll in school without records (school, medical, or vaccination records, proof of residency)
- Get special education services immediately if the student has a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Participate fully in any school activities, including before- or after-school activities
- Get support services and help with things like school supplies through Title I
- Get free school meals without filling out an application
- Get help enrolling in pre-k, Head Start, other preschool programs, and Early Intervention
- Get help applying for financial aid for college if the student is an unaccompanied youth

For assistance, please contact the Horseheads Central School District Director of Student Services at (607) 739-5601, x4300.

APPR OF TEACHER AND PRINCIPALS -The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

Our Community Partnerships!

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Business/Organization
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Applebees
Appleridge/Bethany Village
Arctic League
Arnot Art Museum
Arnot Mall
Arnot Odgen Medical Center
Big Flats Lions Club
Boy Scouts
Central Recycling Co-Op Inc.
Chemung ARC – Kids on the Block
Chemung Canal Trust Co
Chemung County Mental Health
Chemung County SPCA
Chemung County YWCA/Kids World
Chemung Valley Historical Society
Child and Family Plus
Children's Miracle Network
Children's Integrated Services
Chili's
Clemens Center
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Corning Community College
Corning Inc.
Corning Museum of Glass
Division of Veterans' Affairs
Dollar General
Dominos
Dr. Lawas DDS
Elmira College
Enjoy the City
Fairgrounds - Chemung County
Farmland Animal Park
First Arena
GI Go Fund/Jeans for Troops
Girl Scouts
Girls on the Run
Giuseppe's Pizzeria
Horseheads American Legion

Horseheads Animal Shelter
Horseheads Elks
Horseheads Fire Department
Horseheads Free Library
Horseheads Police Department
Horseheads Rotary
Horseheads - Village
Horseheads Women's Club
Horseheads Youth Bureau
Horseheads/Nakagawa Sister City Assoc
Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm
JoAnn Fabrics
Junior Achievement
Kohls
Let's Dance
Liberty Balloon
McDonald's
Minier Brothers
NY Sports and Fitness
Old McDonald's Farm
Outback Steak House
Party Central
Party Time
Picnic Pizza
Pizza Hut
Polly-O
Quarry Farm
Reisinger's Apple Farm
RSVP of Chemung County
Ruby Tuesdays
Smithhome Farms
Southern Tier Food Bank
Southern Tier Pediatrics
Star Gazette
Subway
Sullivan's Train
Sweet Frog
Tanglewood Nature Center
Target
Texas Roadhouse
TGI Fridays
Tops
United Way
US Armed Forces
Veterans Hospital
Vietnam Museum
Wegmans
WETM



Pets in School

Through the school year we may have presentations and activities that involve pets. This is often a very exciting and enjoyable experience for the students. However, we do realize that some students have allergies or fears of pets. **If your child has a specific pet allergy, if you should have any concerns about pets that you would like to discuss, or if you wish your child not to participate in any activity involving pets, please notify the school office in writing or at 795-2580 by Fri., Sept. 10th.* We are fortunate to have a certified therapy dog visit our school. Students love to read with him too. Finley greets our students every day and everyone LOVES him!**

Do you or your children need health insurance?

Fidelis Care can help!

Fidelis Care offers free or low-cost health insurance through New York State's Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid Managed Care programs. Fidelis Care members are covered for regular checkups, preventive care, routine screenings, hospital and emergency care, eye exams, dental care, and more. Members can choose their own doctor so they can receive care from someone they know and trust, close to home.

Our representatives are available to meet with you in your home, office, or other convenient location in the community.

For more information call **1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547)** or visit **fideliscare.org**.

SMILE... PICTURE DAY!

**School Pictures will be taken on Thursday,
September 23rd Please be sure to return
your order form on
Thursday, September 23rd.**



Clip Box Tops - earn cash for our school!

Our school wide goal for collecting Box Tops is even BIGGER this year, which means our contests are going to be even BIGGER this year, which means our prizes will be even BIGGER this year!!

Our monthly **PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14th.** Looking forward to seeing you there!!! You don't want to miss it. Please note our usual meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. This is a unique meeting time due to other conflicts on the district's calendar.



The Center Street Elementary School playground is available to all community members AFTER 4:00 PM each school day. NO dogs or other non school personnel should be on the property. We want to maintain the safety and protection of our students at ALL times. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. **As we work together, we provide the best safety and protection of each and every student.**



PLEASE DO NOT FORGET—THE LATE BELL RINGS AT 8:15AM YOUR CHILD WILL BE MARKED LATE IF HE/SHE IS NOT IN THE CLASSROOM AT 8:15.

New Horseheads Staff members joining our CS family

Mrs. Meagan Aber a BOCES Teacher will be joining us this year. She will be a great addition to our team.

Mrs. Aida Lugo - Ballester - joins our Rtl Team at CS and will be working with students providing extra support in reading, writing and math.

Mrs. Jennifer Cau, is custodian that worked at Ridge Road, will be our new nighttime custodian. We are delighted to have her join our wonderful school.

Mrs. Maria Clark is our new Pre K TA and she will be working in Room 105 with Mrs. Holloway.

Mrs. Desra Clemons will be working with our Rtl team as our new Rtl TA and she looks forward to getting to know all of our students.

Ms. Maya Comfort, a BOCES support staff member will be joining us this year. She looks forward to coming to CS.

Ms. Casey Fieno is another new addition to our Pre-K staff as she will be our new Pre K TA.

Mrs. Maureen Frisbie is our new 1:1 TA - she will be working in Mrs. Beach's room.

Mrs. German is no stranger to CS, will be one of our Contract Substitute teachers. Mrs. German subbed throughout the school years at CS and we are thrilled she will be with us each day.

Mrs. Katie Hamilton - Speech Teacher joins our exciting team this year.

Mrs. Lauren Holloway will be our new Special Education Teacher for our new Pre K Classroom. We are ecstatic to have her join our team and share her excitement for teaching our students.

Mrs. Kim Kelly is our new Kindergarten Teaching Assistant. She is elated to be a part of the CS Team.

Ms. Jessica Maletta is our new 15:1:1 TA shared between CS & BF and is thrilled to be a part of our team at CS!

Mr. Victor Marsh, is custodian that worked at our high school and will be our new nighttime custodian. We are delighted to have him join our wonderful school.

Ms. Sarah O'Hanrahan, our new Pre K Social Worker Assistant, will be joining the CS. She is excited to be a part of our great school .

Mrs. Stephanie Overbeck is our new 15:1:1 Special Education Teacher who will be shared between CS & BF and is elated to be a part of our team at CS!

Mrs. Bonnie Potter will be joining our family at CS this fall. Mrs. Potter is eager to jump right in and get to know everyone. She will be our new Contract Substitute Teaching Assistant.

Mrs. Jesse Potter, a 1:1 LPN . We excited about Jesse joining our CS Family.

Mrs. Emily Richards will be our new Occupational Therapist. Welcome to the team! Mrs. Richards has a great deal of experience in her field.

Mrs. Marcy Teter, is our new additional Reading Teacher at CS. Mrs. Teter will be working both at Center Street and Gardner Road. We are thrilled to have her on our team.

Ms. Emily Wilcox, a BOCES support staff member, is eager to jump right in this year at CS.

Ms. Margaret Woodworth - is joining the CS staff as our new Pre-K Speech T Teacher and brings lots of energy to our team.

Horseheads Central School District

Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The Horseheads Central School District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at www.nysed.gov, or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, 143 Hibbard Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845.



Career Development Council

Volunteers Needed for School Career Events

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. **We are always looking for volunteers** for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field. If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, **please contact Deb Lynch**, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, at **(607)795-5320** or **dlynch@gstboces.org**.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Dear Parent/Guardian or Eligible Student:

This is to advise you of your rights with respect to student records pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of student records. The law gives parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age (referred to in the law as “eligible students”) the following rights:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.

Parents/guardians or eligible students should submit to the Building Principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent/guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents/guardians or eligible students may ask the district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing the Principal, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent/guardian or eligible student, the district will notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent/guardian or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

NOTIFICATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION DESIGNATIONS

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent/guardian or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

In addition to the rights outlined above, FERPA also gives the school district the option of designating certain categories of student information as “directory information”. Directory information includes a student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent school attended, class schedule, photograph, including video recordings, e-mail address, and class roster.

You may object to the release of any or all of this “directory information”; however, you must do so in writing within 10 business days of receiving this notice. If we do not receive a written objection, we will be authorized to release this information without your consent. For your convenience, you may note your objections to the release of directory information on the enclosed form and return it to the Building Principal.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sotero

CS in ACTION Student Council News!

The Student Council members will open up the school year with activities to join in at Center Street. During the month of September, each classroom in grade 4 will select three Student Council representatives who will comprise the Student Council members for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Then, during the month of October, all elected Student Council members may want to think about running for a particular office such as; President, Vice Pres., Secretary and Treasurer. **Ms. Kelly is the Student Council Advisor and she looks forward to working with our wonderful students again this year! Student Council will meet each Tuesday 2:30 - 3:30.**

CS CONTINUES TO PARTNER WITH THE RED CROSS !

The CS Students are the youngest group to join the Pint Size Heroes in Chemung County. We look forward to extending the outreach to include other ways to positively impact our community and world. Be looking for these upcoming opportunities after school.



Principal Sotero is so proud of everything our students have accomplished by partnering with the Red Cross. In the past, our students were the only elementary students recognized for the American Youth Award in the Finger Lakes Region. Wow!!!

EMOTIONAL HEALTH SCREENINGS AVAILABLE FOR ALL CHEMUNG COUNTY YOUTH AGES 4-21

It is important to regularly check on your child's emotional health. A child who does not feel well emotionally can become physically sick and physical illness can affect emotional health. In any event, it is more difficult for a child, who does not feel well, to be interested in going to school or succeeding in school. When emotional health concerns are dealt with early we can help young people get the most out of their education and lead happy, productive lives.

Good emotional health leads to:

Good Relationships
Good Decisions
Ability to deal with life's challenges
Interest in school
Improved physical health

Emotional Health Issue can affect:

School Performance
Physical Health
Personal Relationships
Actions toward others

Completing an emotional health screening is a simple effective way to look at a child's emotional development. To participate in the screening, complete a consent form and the emotional health screening for your child. **Forms are available on the school district website; www.horseheadsdistrict.com, then click on Center Street school. Completed forms can be sent to Family Services of Chemung County, 1019 East Water St., Elmira, NY, 14901, ATTN: Marilyn Cristofaro**

For additional information contact: Marilyn Cristofaro, Community Mental Health Program Coordinator, at Family Services of Chemung County, 607-733-5696.

ONE CALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

If it is necessary to close or delay schools, the information will be posted on the District's website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, the District's Facebook pages and Twitter, and the following local television and radio stations and their affiliates:

Radio: WNKI 106.1, WPGI 100.9, Magic FM 92.7/97.7, WGMM 98.7, WLKY 94.3, WELM 1410

TV: WENY, WETM, Time Warner Cable News

These television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

Each of our schools and the district have Facebook pages. To see school closings/delays and other information on your news feed, "like" the page(s). On Twitter, follow us at @HhdsSchools.

Additionally, WETM TV has an automated system to e-mail and/or text closings and delays to those who have signed up for the service. Parents may sign up at the following link:

<http://www.mytwintiers.com/sms>. Scroll down to "School and Business Closing Alerts."

Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Please note that if schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs.

Please also note that when school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally, on school delays, there is no breakfast served.

If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and confusing than attempting to send students home early.

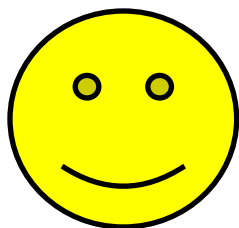
SEPTEMBER - RESPECT


PICTURE
DAY - SEPT.

23rd -

PLEASE
SEND IN
YOUR

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ENVELOPE.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7 Superintendent's Day Title 1 Parent Mtg OPEN HOUSE Pre-K-K 4-4:30 1st-4th 4:30-5:30	8 DAY 1 Coupon Book Fundraiser begins	9 DAY 2 Musical Instrument sign up night at HS Aud 6:00pm	10 DAY 3 All paperwork due Beginning Band night IS Café 5:30 - Raider Day - wear blue	11
12	13 DAY 4 Cpn. Book Fundraiser Grade Pre K/K Book Fair BUS DRILLS	14 DAY 5 Grade 1 Book Fair PTO Mtg. 6:30 BUS DRILLS	15 DAY 6 Grade 2 Book Fair Faculty Mtg.	16 DAY 1 Grade 3 Book Fair BOE Mtg 6 HS Aud	17 DAY 2 Constitution Day! Grade 4 Book Fair	18
19	20 DAY 3 Coupon Book Fundraiser Cont. Book Fair extra HWC BEGINS	21 DAY 4 504 Mtgs- Pre K Evac Drill off site	22 DAY 5 Kid Talk Student Council class elections	23 DAY 6 Picture Day CSE 	24 DAY 1 Classroom Spelling Bee	25
26	27 DAY 2 SBT MTG	28 DAY 3	29 DAY 4	30 DAY 5 Coupon Book Fundraiser Ends		Rev Sept. 3, 2021

