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CENTER STAGE

September 2024

Center Street Elementary Horseheads, New York

Sharing, Caring, and Learning for Life.
Experience the sights and sounds of
Center Street Elementary



WELCOME BACK!



**GETTING READY TO ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET ONCE AGAIN—
WECOLMING OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES BACK!**

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

All the 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!

Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED—CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge. You will need to be buzzed in for you to enter the office. Please push the door once you hear the buzz noise.

Visitors to the Schools – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school:

Access to the elementary building will be through the **main entrance ONLY** beginning at 7:45 AM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area. Children must learn to proceed to their room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection.

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

Following the below practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness. If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guidelines should be used:

Please notify the teacher and get their permission first. Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.). The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:

COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED. GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.

****TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TREATS ARE PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

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. Strong with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

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.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for CENTER STREET is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

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.

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, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



Hello Center St. Colt Families,

Center Street has been dedicated to providing the very best elementary education to our students, Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. Throughout our proud history, Center Street has been a place where students are intellectually ambitious, engaged, and curious about the world in which they live. Our students are compassionate, creative, and filled with desire to meet new challenges and pursue creative paths to solutions.

We are all very excited about the 2023 - 2024 school year, where classrooms once again will be full with activities and ideas that challenge and inspire our students. Our AMAZING teachers work hard to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. One major focus for our fourth graders will be to focus on leadership and that begins win the classrooms when our oldest students take on the responsibility of being the school's student leaders.

Throughout the year, exciting things are happening in our classrooms and throughout our building! We encourage you to get involved by joining our PTO Group, volunteering at school activities, and taking an active role in your child's education. You are the BEST gift you can give your child. YOU are your child's most important teacher. As a parent of three children, I know how quickly the elementary school years fly by, but they are certainly the most important years of your child's (ren) life. It is truly my desire to keep the focus on increasing student achievement and doing whatever it takes to help ALL our students be successful and enjoy coming to school each day. I believe that learning should be fun and that an elementary school should pave the way for a lifetime of learning.

Looking forward to seeing all of our students' smiling faces!

Sincerely,

Center Street Elementary Contact Information

812 Center Street	www.horseheadsdistrict.com
Horseheads, NY 14845	(607) - 795 - 2580
Patricia Sotero, Principal	Katrina Ungvarsky, PTO Executive Officer
Alyssa Marshall, Secretary	Lena Munn, PTO Executive Officer
Rebecca Savino-Parrillo, Attend Clerk	Sue Ungvarsky, PTO Executive Officer
Nicole Strong, Amy Gee, Nurse, RN	
Tammy Klein, Nurse, LPN	
Newsletter in Color: http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm	

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

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/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.

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

Center Street Elementary: Pre-Kindergarten

2024 - 2025

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 pull up parallel to our sidewalk nearest the school. We provide door to door service for your child! Parents, please do not park and get out of your car **with the exception of the first day of school, Sept. 4th. You may park and escort your child to his/her Pre-K classroom using the front lobby doors on Wed., Sept. 4th.** All other days, there will be staff members available to assist your child.

Student Pick-Up: 1:55 PM – 2:00 PM

Families may arrive on campus at 1:55. Again, we provide door to door service for your child! Our staff will be bringing out your child to your car. Please remain in your car. Please put your car sign on the dashboard on the passenger's side and / or on the window of the passenger's side. As the staff member brings your child to you, be prepared to sign out your child and show ID the first week of school.

ALL ENTER HERE! LOOK FOR COLOR CODED SIGN

LANE #4

PRE K RIGHT LANE ONLY - CLOSET TO STOP SIGN .

LEFT LANE IS FOR BUSES AND STAFF ONLY



ALL STOP! WAIT FOR STAFF DIRECTION

Front Lobby Doors

PRE - KINDERGARTEN PICK UP

PLEASE DRIVE DOWN - LANE #4 PAST PARKING LOT, IN FRONT OF THE LOBBY DOORS

EXIT HERE



Center Street Elementary: Kindergarten - 4th Grade 2024 - 2025

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 7:35.

Four to Five vehicles should be prepared to unload at one time.

All students enter the LOBBY entrance doors.

Students will then be directed into the cafeteria.

Students MUST be in their classrooms at 8:15 otherwise, *they will be marked tardy.*

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.

INDIVIDUAL GRADES - 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 on the first day of school. 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 buses have departed and you are notified to leave.

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

As the staff member brings your child to you, please be prepared to show ID when requested.

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.

PLEASE DO NOT BACK UP TO EXIT OUT OF YOUR LINE. THERE IS A ONE WAY TRAFFIC ONLY UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY OUR SRO.

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

FAMILY STUDENT PICK UP: 2:25 PM – 2:40 PM – please do not line up before 2:30.

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 on the first day of school. 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.*

1st GRADE PICK UP

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

2nd GRADE PICK UP

PLEASE DRIVE DOWN LANE #2

3rd GRADE PICK UP

PLEASE DRIVE DOWN LANE #3

4TH GRADE & FAMILY PICK UP

PLEASE DRIVE DOWN LANE #4

KINDERGARTEN PICK UP

PLEASE DRIVE DOWN - LANE #4 PAST PARKING LOT, PAST THE FRONT LOBBY DOORS, PAST THE FLAG POLE.

ALL ENTER HERE! LOOK FOR COLOR CODED SIGN

LANE #1 Grade 1

LANE #2 Grade 2

LANE #3 Grade 3

LANE #4 4th &

K - USE THE FAR RIGHT LANE ONLY - CLOSEST TO STOP SIGN .

FAR LEFT LANE IS FOR BUSES AND STAFF ONLY

ALL STOP! WAIT FOR STAFF DIRECTION

EXIT HERE

K LINES UP HERRE

Front Lobby Doors



You're Invited to Our

OPEN HOUSE

CENTER STREET OPEN HOUSE

MON., Sept. 23rd
6:00 – 7:00 pm

You and your family are invited to come and see your child's classroom and meet his/her teacher. Looking forward to seeing you there!

July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in New York still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New York has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Horseheads School District. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

PLEASE NOTE OPEN HOUSE DATE – MONDAY, SEPT. 23RD, 7:00. Please join me in the CS Library right after our Open House on MONDAY, Sept. 23rd at 7:00 for a brief meeting about our school and the support your child will receive in our new school year.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia R. Sotero

Principal

Good Afternoon Center Street Families,

I want to share an important update regarding the dismissal times that we will be using the first week of school. We will be dismissing students early to accommodate for the **start of the school year** and the transportation needs across our district.

Please see the information below.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Kindergarten - Grade 4: 8:00 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Drop-off begins at 7:40 a.m.

Pick-up: 2:05 p.m.

Parents/Guardians who are picking up their child may start to line-up up at this time.

Kindergarten parent pick-ups line up at 1:40 p.m.

Family car pick-up line at 2:10 p.m.

Pre-K: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Drop-off begins at 8:55 a.m.

Pick-up: 10:55 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Kindergarten - Grade 4: 8:00 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Drop-off begins at 7:40 a.m.

Pick-up: 2:05 p.m.

Parents/Guardians who are picking up their child may start to line-up at this time.

Kindergarten parent pick-ups line up at 1:40 p.m.

Family car pick-up line up at 2:10 p.m.

Pre-K: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Drop-off begins at 8:55 a.m.

Pick-up: 10:55 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 6

Kindergarten - Grade 4: 8:00 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Drop-off begins at 7:40 a.m.

Pick-up: 2:05 p.m.

Parents/Guardians who are picking up their child may start to line-up at this time.

Kindergarten parent pick-ups line up at 1:40 p.m.

Family car pick-up line up line up at 2:10 p.m.

Pre-K: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (please note the change in dismissal time)

Drop-off begins at 8:55 a.m.

Pick-up: 12:25 p.m.

Starting Monday, Sept. 9, we will resume our regular dismissal times (Pre-K at 2:00 p.m. and Kindergarten - Grade 4 at 2:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please reach out to our Main Office at (607) 795-2580.

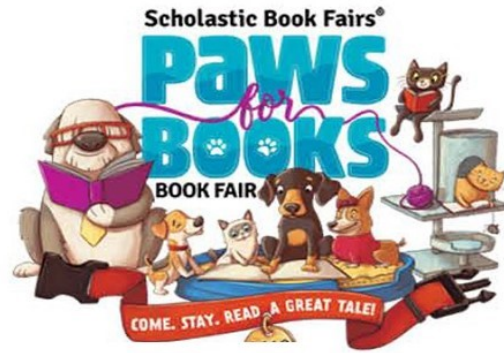
I look forward to welcoming your child to Center Street on Wednesday, Sept. 4!

Sincerely,

Patti Sotero

Principal

Center St. Book Fair



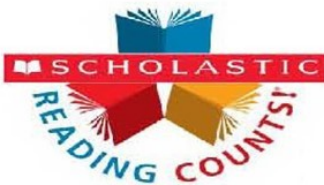
Sept. 30th, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4

Students with money, or scholastic Ewallet will shop the book fair during their lunch period on the following assigned days:

_____ will be shopping on
_____!

Parents: please include a note if your students CAN purchase items other than books OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to do so. This is a school policy.

**Don't forget to look into the eWallet program, where students can shop without cash. View our scholastic webpage for more info:
www.cspto.org/scholastic**



Thank you so much for all your support this year. It makes a difference!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE SEPT. 30 - OCT. 4

DATE	TIME	GR/TCHR	DAY
SEPT. 30.	8:45 - 9:05	KM	1
	9:10 - 9:30	4K	1
	9:35 - 9:55	4PA	1
	10:00 - 10:20	KR	1
	10:25 - 10:45	1H	1
DATE	TIME	GR/TCHR	DAY
Oct. 1	8:45 - 9:05	3B	2
	9:10 - 9:30	3FR	2
	9:35 - 9:55	2A	2
	10:00 - 10:20	4PR	2
	10:25 - 10:45	2L	2
DATE	TIME	GR/TCHR	DAY
Oct. 2	8:45 - 9:05	KBA	3
	9:10 - 9:30	PRE K VanSlyke	3
	9:35 - 9:55	2P	3
	10:00 - 10:20	PARA/ PREK HUCK	3
	10:25 - 10:45	3FI	3
DATE	TIME	GR/TCHR	DAY
Oct. 3	8:45 - 9:05	1R	4
	9:10 - 9:30	1W	4
	9:35 - 9:55	ABER/WALD	4
	9:55-10:25	PREK HOLMES/JARVIS	4
DATE	TIME	GR/TCHR	DAY
Oct. 4	8:45- 9:05	MAKE UPS	5
	9:10 -9:30	MAKE UPS	5
	9:35 - 9:55	MAKE UPS	5
	9:55-10:25	MAKE UPS	5

SMILE... PICTURE DAY!

School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 26th. Please be sure to return your order form on Thursday, September 26th.



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 10th 6:30 –8:00 via zoom.** Looking forward to seeing you there!!! You don't want to miss it. Please note our usual meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. This is a unique meeting time due to other conflicts on the district's



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.

AWESOME 4th GRADE CLUBS!



Center Street is pleased to be able to offer a variety of clubs that students may participate in after school. Below is a listing of the clubs for our students. Please get in your forms as soon as possible! Our clubs fill up quickly.

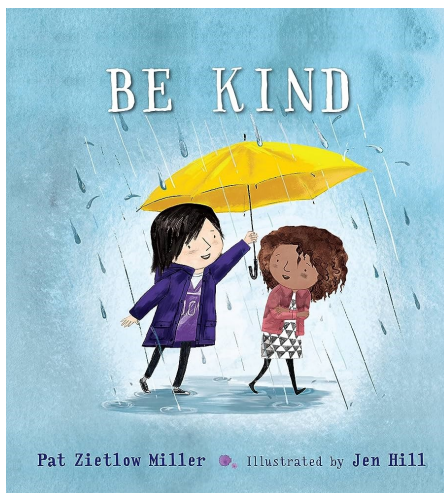
Safety Patrollers – This club helps students develop their leadership as they assist in keeping our students safe each morning. The Safety Patrollers begin each Oct. – June from 8:00 – 8:15 every day. **Advisor – - Sept. – June**

Student Council - This club helps students an opportunity to create school spirit days and outreaches into our community and world. The group meeting times will be determined and a schedule will be shared with all new members. Sept. - June 2:25 - 3:00pm
Advisor - Ms. Taylor

Science Club - Jan. 2025 - May 2025 with our HH High School students. 2:25 - 3:30 .
This club is for students interested in creating new projects and doing some fun experiments together. **Advisor - Mrs. Dildine**

WCSN - October - June. This is an exciting opportunity for students to try out and develop their speaking skills. Each morning students will present our school news over the PA. **Advisor, Ms. Bryant**

**Our new book focus this year is
BE KIND—by Pat Zeitlow Miller**



New Horseheads Staff members join our family at Center Street

Ms. Bradley - a former CS Student will be joining our teachers this year as our new 15:1:1 Special Education Teacher. She is looking forward to returning to CS and engaging the students she will be working with each and every day.

Ms. Cardozo - a new to Horseheads and is eager to get to know our students and staff. Ms. Cardozo will be our new Rtl Reading Teacher at CS.

Ms. Corso - is returning to CS to work as our Contract Sub TA. We are delighted to have Ms. Corso join us once again! She is looking forward to meeting all of our new students this year.

Mrs. Gee - has been subbing at CS throughout the year and will continue to be a part of our Nurse's Office Team when Mrs. Strong is not in the building.

Mrs. Huck - is coming to CS from the Big Flats Elementary School. Mrs. Huck is thrilled to be teaching one of our Pre K classrooms and you will see her each day greeting her students.

Mrs. Marshall – joins the CS Office Teams; she is no stranger to CS as she has worked in one of our Pre K classrooms. Mrs. Marshall will be leading the office team as our secretary and already knows so many students and staff. She is now looking forward to getting to know more of our parents.

Ms. Nicodemus – joins the CS Family. Ms. Nicodemus will be working with our kindergarten students throughout the year. She is elated to be working with our precious little ones.

Mrs. Savino-Parrillo - You will find Mrs. Savino-Parrillo in our office each day as she has accepted the Attendance Clerk position at CS. She has already started her new journey at the end of June and looks forward to getting to know more of our parents at CS.

Mrs. Wiehe - has been will be our new Cafeteria Manager at CS and started at the end of June 2024. She is loving CS so far and looks forward to a terrific year together.

Mrs. Young - joined the CS Team in June and will be assisting the staff in the kitchen each day. We look forward to getting to know Mrs. Young better throughout the school year. She has already met so many of our students.



Center Street

Fall Festival!

Friday, Oct. 4th

5:00 – 8:00 pm

**The INFLATABLES will
be here again!**

Come out for a night of fun sponsored by the
CS PTO! *Games, snacks and so much more!*

*Just \$5.00 a wristband gets you into all the inflatables and
games! Wear Raider Blue and earn a free ticket for a
drawing; bring in a food item for our local animal shelters
and for every item, you will receive a ticket to go into a
special drawing!*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

When to keep your student home

Please keep your child home **IF/** Can return **WHEN:**

- Fever of 100.4 or higher:** Fever free without medication for 24 hours
- 2. **Diarrhea within 24 hours:** Free from diarrhea for 24 hours
- Vomiting within 24 hours:** Free from vomiting for 24 hours
- Rash or open sores on the skin:** Free from rash or with a providers note to return to school
- Severe ear pain or ear drainage:** When evaluated and released by a health care provider
- Tested positive for strep throat:** Until treated with antibiotics for 12 hours
- Tested positive for Covid 19:** Call school nurse for most up to date quarantine requirements
- Severe pain that is not improving such as headache or stomach pains:** When improved or evaluated by a health care provider
- Any illness causing the student to be too sleepy (lethargic) or ill to participate in class:** When they have recovered from illness
- Significant disruptive cough or trouble breathing:** When symptoms have improved
- Hospital stays, ER visit, significant injury, or surgery:** With a note from a medical provider to return to school
- Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others:** Check with your healthcare provider

Please call your school nurse if you have questions on if your child should stay home sick and when to return.

Medication

A provider order is required for the nurse to administer any medications at school. This is necessary for both prescription and nonprescription (over the counter) medications. Over the counter medications include medication such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cough drops, cold medications, essential oils etc. If your child requires medication during the school day we require:

A provider order that is also signed by the parent/guardian.

The parent/guardian is responsible to have the medication delivered directly to the school nurse by an adult. **Medication cannot be sent in with children.**

Medication must be in a properly labeled original pharmacy container. Over the counter medications must be in their original packaging and match the provider order.

*For students to independently carry/administer medication they require healthcare provider order authorizing them to self-carry and self-administer their medications and written parent/guardian consent

Medication orders must be renewed annually. At the end of the year medications at school must be picked up by an adult or they will be disposed of after the last day of school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Immunizations

New York State Public Health Law 2164 requires every student entering or attending school in New York State to be vaccinated in accordance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Public Health Law Section 2164 provides only for medical exemptions to immunization. Acceptable forms of proof of immunization (documentation) include:

An electronic health record from your providers office, an immunization certificate signed or stamped by your health care provider, a record issued by NYSIIS or CIR, an official immunization registry from another state or foreign country if applicable.

You will be notified if your student is missing any immunizations. Your student will not be allowed to attend school per NYS law if proof of immunization is not received.

Physicals

New York State requires that all students must have a physical exam when they enter grades pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11. Physicals are also required for all athletes, working papers, and new students entering the district. Physicals must be done by a New York state provider and documented on the required New York state health examination form.

Physicals completed within the 12-month period preceding the start of the school year are acceptable. The physical must be submitted within 30 days of your student entering school. If we do not receive the physical, they will be scheduled for a school appraisal by the district nurse practitioner.

Please note: An appraisal is not the same as a full physical by your private physician. School appraisals are intended for school attendance only and are not intended to replace the continuity of care provided by your private physician. School appraisals do not provide service orders (OT, PT, speech, etc) or medication orders. The state requires all schools to request dental health certificates from parents at the same time we require a health certificate (grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11). For more information, contact your school nurse.

Screenings

All students are screened according to state mandates. If the results of any screening indicate that the child requires further follow-up, the parent/guardian will receive written notification to follow up with an outside provider:

- Vision in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, and new students
- Hearing in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, and new students
- Scoliosis: Girls - grades 5, 7; Boys - grade 9



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@gstbooces.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.

Veterans Day Parade coming up soon!

Our Center Street Veterans Day Event is coming soon – Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024

Center Street Elementary School would like to show our appreciation to the men and women of the military. We are looking for individuals who would be able to come to Center Street Elementary School on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:30 am. There will be no speaking involved; our students who will be lined up outside waving flags and holding banners - thanking you for the sacrifices you have made on our behalf.

If you participated in the past, you know how special our inside presentation has been .

Please contact Mrs. Sotero, Principal of Center Street Elementary School, if you or someone you know would like to participate in this special event by Monday, November 4th.

Veterans Day Celebration at Center Street - Thurs., NOV. 7, 2024



Do you have a relative or friend who has served in the military or who is currently serving our country in the armed forces? Then this message is for you. We are looking for individuals who would be able to come to Center Street on Thurs., Nov. 7th from 9:30am– 10:30am to help us celebrate Veterans Day. There will be no speaking involved, but rather we would like you to wear part of or all of your service uniform, walk down the hallway, and be greeted by our students and staff. We would like to thank the individuals for the sacrifices they make each day on our behalf. Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and return it to the office by Nov. 4, 2024.*If a uniform is unavailable, you can carry a symbol of any kind from the branch of service you served. (i.e. hat, patch, etc.) We welcome all those who participate in our special event to join us for refreshments immediately following the celebration!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Student/Staff Connection to CS _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Branch of the Military _____

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

Horseheads Central School District
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 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.

The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Caitlin DeFilippo
Director of Human Resources
cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com
143 Hibbard Road
Horseheads Central School District
Horseheads, NY 14845
(607) 739-5601

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Civil Rights
LBJ Department of Education Building
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100
(800) 421-3481

Student Photographs

Throughout the year, our school and district may photograph, videotape, and/or interview students for its publications or broadcasts, which include school and district newsletters, videos, and social media. Additionally, local newspapers and TV stations often attend school events and photograph, videotape, or interview students about events and issues. These stories will also appear on the media's websites and social media platforms.

Please complete and return the form below to the Main Office if you **DO NOT wish your child to be photographed or videotaped for school publications or by the media.**

Note that we will still publish student photographs in school yearbooks.

Student Photos

I DO NOT wish to have my child photographed or videotaped while in school.

Child's Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Annual Title 1 Notice for Center Street Elementary School

In compliance with provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we are informing you that Center Street Elementary School receives Title I federal funding. Therefore, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualification of your child's classroom teacher(s). Specifically included is your right to know the following:

Whether the teacher has met State qualification & licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;

The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher & any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and field of discipline of the certification or degree;

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualification.

Should you wish to exercise your right to make your request to: Caitlin DeFilippo, Director of Human Resources, Horseheads Central School District, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, New York 14845. (607)739-5601, ext. 4214.

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 2024 - 2025 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. **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.



American Red Cross

Principal Sotero is so proud of everything our students have accomplished by partnering with the Red Cross. Last year, our students did an outstanding job assisting to collect units of blood during their spring blood drive. We are so proud of our Pint Size Heroes!

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.

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, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845.

The Center Street students are dismissed at 2:30 p.m. In order to ensure the safety of our children the following procedures must be followed:

Dismissal Plans: Parents must supply the school office with written notification of their child's regular dismissal plans by the first day of school. If you have more than one child, please write a note for each child's teacher.

Walkers: Children who walk home must have a note to inform the teacher. If your child is to walk home on a daily basis, please send one note at the beginning of the year indicating this plan stating "until further notice". If your child will walk home only on special occasions, you will need to send a note each time.

Parent Pick-ups: Children who will be picked up on a daily basis must have a note from parents at the beginning of the school year indicating this plan stating "until further notice". Any student that will be picked up from school, on special occasions or early for an appointment, must have a note for each time.

Dismissal Changes: Parents must call the office by 10:00am, due to the Transportation Department notifications, with any dismissal changes for student pick-up. ***For any dismissal changes after 10:00 am, only emergency changes will be honored.***

After School Kids World: Children, who have registered for the programs in advance, attending the Kids World Program at Center Street must have a note on file in the school office from parents by the start of school. **Also, any parent or guardian picking up a child from school must come into the cafeteria to sign-out the child.** Students will not be sent outside to meet a parent nor will they be released directly from the classroom, teacher or lobby area. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

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, WLVY 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.



Reminders

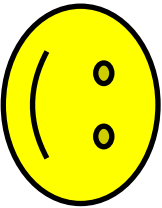
September 2024 - "RESPECT"

PICTURE
DAY - SEPT.

26TH -

PLEASE
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ENVELOPE.



SEPTEMBER - RESPECT

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2024-2025	2 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL (H 2)	3 Conference Day for staff Sneak Peek 1:30—2:00	4 DAY 1 First Day of School	5 DAY 2	6 DAY 3	7
8	9 DAY 4 BUS DRILLS	10 DAY 5 PTO Mtg 6:30—8:00 BUS DRILLS	11 DAY 6 Aimsueb	12 DAY 1	13 DAY 2 Raider Day - wear blue Character Ed Kick Off Assembly	14
15	16 DAY 3 Instrumental Beginner Blastoff - HS Aud 5:30—7:00 AIMSWEB	17 DAY 4	18 DAY 5 Faculty Mtg. 2:30 Instrumental Beginner Blastoff - HS Aud 5:30—7:00	19 DAY 6 Bldg Union mtg BOE Mtg 6 IS CSE Mtgs	20 DAY 1 Classroom Spelling Bee BUDDY DAY—AM	21
22	23 DAY 2 OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 7:00 Title 1 Mtg 7:00 AIMSWEB Kid Talk 504 Mtgs	24 DAY 3 Pre K Off Site Evac Drill - 10:00 - 11:00	25 DAY 4 Student Council class elections - Apples and Moore Trip K TBC	26 DAY 5 Picture Day	27 DAY 6 HC Weekend Raider Day Wear blue	28
29 Book Fair Sept. 30—Oct. 4	30 DAY 1 SBT MTG 2-45 .SC Speeches are due- Clothing Sale begins Yom Kippur Rtl 1st	1 (OCT) DAY 2 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	2 (OCT) DAY 3 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	3 (OCT) DAY 4 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	4 (OCT) DAY 5 FALL FESTIVAL!!!! 5:00 - 8:00 PM SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	