

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life



CS Students and Staff Say Thank You to Those Who Protect Our Freedoms On Wed., Nov. 8th, the CS students and staff took time to honor over 50 Veterans and Active Service Individuals who participated in our indoor Veterans celebration. It was an honor to thank them for everything that is done to secure our freedoms.



Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

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.

Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. 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

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. Raezor 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,

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.



Looking back, on Wed., Nov. 8th, the students and staff lined the Center Street hallways, proudly waving over 400 American flags honoring over 50 Veterans and Active Service Individuals. Even more special was the fact that most of the soldiers were a family member or friend of the CS community.



The inside of our school played the beautiful music *I am Proud to be an American, America the Beautiful* and other wonderful selections. Tears were in many individuals' eyes, acknowledging the great freedoms that we enjoy because of the incredible sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.

The students are learning we can make a difference in the lives of others by showing our respect and appreciation. So, we begin right here in our home town - and while the students demonstrate their appreciation, they begin to understand their place in the world around them. Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady of the U.S. once said, "*Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.*" At Center Street, we believe our children can change our world! The faculty, staff, and students of Center Street wish each of you a very joyous and safe holiday season!



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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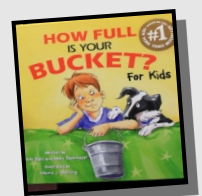
Character Corner

BEING COMPASSIONATE AND HELPING OTHERS!

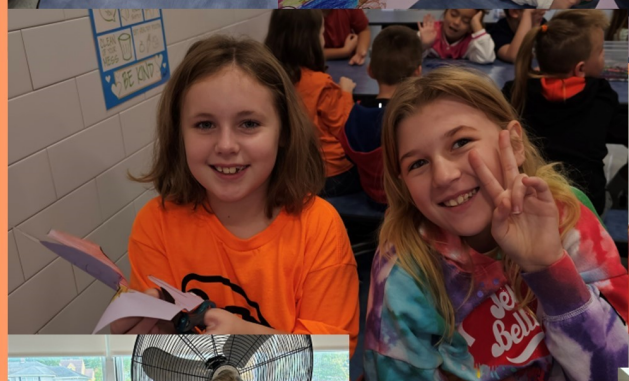
Each day during our announcements we discuss positive changes in our school. It is called being caught being a "PERSON of CHARACTER".

Suggested questions to help your child discuss what is impacting our school:

What does being a person of character mean? Did you get your name announced during the morning announcements? Who did get announced? What was the reason they got announced? How do



UNITY DAY 2023!



COSTUME PARADE FUN!



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Center Street Spelling Bee

Super job to our students for doing an outstanding job at our CS Spelling Bee 2023

Our 3rd grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. Finntery's Class and from our 4th grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. Prutsman's class.



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Veterans Day Celebration 2023



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KINDNESS COUNTS!



During October, we celebrated how we could make a difference in our community. Our families came together to help make fun tie blankets for our local animal shelters. Then on Monday, Nov. 13th, for National Kindness Day, our student wore purple celebrating our theme book this year, “Our World Needs More Purple Schools”; student went out of their way to do different acts of Kindness!



Our Pint Size Heroes
partnered up once again
with the American Red Cross.
16 Units of blood were collected
which potentially may help to save 48 lives!
Thank you for giving!



Thank you to our CS Student Council for leading our community outreaches and creating our school spirit days to enjoy. A very special thank you to Ms. Taylor for leading this dynamic group of leaders!

VARIETY/TALENT SHOW



AMAZING KIDS!

IMPORTANT CENSUS

Here is info to use to send to your parents/guardians. Let me know if you have questions. And as a reminder, please copy me or let me know when you send the information. Thank you!

Important: Please submit census information

The district is conducting a census of the entire district to provide important demographic information and to assist in the process of redrawing elementary boundary lines as we prepare to move to three PK-4 schools (Big Flats, Gardner Road, and Ridge Road) in the 2025-26 school year. **Please submit your information if you haven't already done so. The census is for the entire district, so we also ask that you encourage neighbors to do the same, even if they do not have children in the district.** Here is the link and QR code to the census form: www.Horseheads.fyi/Census or



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Parent Teacher Conferences - Last on Nov. 29th.



Enjoy a hot delicious cup of coffee or tea - provided to you all by our wonderful CS PTO.

**Holiday Hall's Candy Sale
ends - Nov. 27th.**

**Thank you for supporting our
CS PTO!**

Join us for our Dec. Mtg.

Dec. 6th 7:00 via zoom.



Scan me to volunteer for this event!

Dear Center Street Families,

Holiday Shoppe is coming to our school the week of December 4th to the 7th. Your child will be able to participate in an educational, fun and exciting experience. We offer many different gifts that can be purchased for as little as \$0.25 up to \$6.00. This is sure to be one of the most exciting events your student will participate in this year!

Volunteers are needed as shoppers helpers, guiding them through the shopping experience while allowing them to enjoy the spirit of giving. Please scan the QR code at the top of the page to sign up to help if you are able to!

Please return the attached Gift List Budget Envelope filled out, with cash or check* to school by Friday, December 1st

All checks should be made payable to: Center Street PTO *

Please note, students should not shop for themselves

Student scholarships are available. Email contact@cspto.org for more information

Students are invited to shop for:
Parents/Guardians
Siblings
Grandparents
Pets
Other immediate family members

When you receive your gift from your child, ask them why they picked that gift for you. It will be a memory that will last a lifetime!

Please check this box and return this form with your student's name below if they will not participate _____

Coming
Soon...

Center Street PTO
**HOLIDAY
SHOPPE**

Mark your calendars!
December 4th to the 7th

Holiday Shoppe is an event where students can shop for gifts for loved ones! We need shopping helpers to assist students in picking gifts that fit their budget, keep everything moving, wrap gifts, restock gift tables and track money spent. Helpers are needed for 3.5 hour slots throughout the week. If you or other adult family members are available to help, please sign up! We won't be able to host this year's Holiday Shoppe without LOTS of help from our CS Family. Please scan the code below with a smart phone camera to sign up for any available time slot to help! If you are unable to use the link, email us at contact@cspto.org



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MON., DEC. 4 (DAY 5)	HOLIDAY SHOPPE
4 PACKARD	8:30 - 9:30
4 KARASTURY	9:30 - 10:30
K BEACH	10:30 - 11:30
1 ROBINSON	11:30 - 12:30
BOCES WALD/ <i>PARA</i>	12:30 - 1:30
3 FINNERTY	1:30 - 2:20
TUES., DEC. (DAY 6)	
1 WILLIAMS	8:30 - 9:30
BOCES – ABER/ <i>LESE</i>	9:30 - 10:30
4 PRUTSMAN	10:30 - 11:30
PRE- K HOLLOWAY	11:30 - 12:30
K BARTENSTEIN	12:30 - 1:30
3 FRENCH	1:30 - 2:20
WED., DEC. 6 (DAY 1)	
1 HAM	8:30 - 9:30
PRE- K HOLMES/ JARVIS/ <i>AQUILIO</i>	9:30 - 10:30
2 POTTER	10:30 - 11:30
PRE- K BENTON	<i>11:35 - 12:35</i>
K RIPLEY	12:30 - 1:30
3 BLASIC	1:30 - 2:20
THURS., DEC. 7 (Day 2)	
*FOR ABSENT STUDENTS	8:30 - 9:30
*FOR ABSENT STUDENTS	9:30 - 10:30
*FOR ABSENT STUDENTS	10:30 - 11:30

**PINK DAY
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS**



The Mammogram Mobile was here with us on Friday, Nov. 17th, and we had the most participants take advantage of this life saving screening. Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Butler for making up the special Breast Cancer gift bags to anyone who received a screening!



Good Apple Awards



The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during OCTOBER..

The following students received *Good Apple Award Certificates*

LAST NAME	FIRST	GR	TEACHER	LAST NAME	FIRST	GR	TEACHER
Keough	Logan	PK	Mrs. Holmes/Mrs. Jarvis	Curkendall	Talon	3	Mrs. Blasic
Blim	Ryleigh	K	Ms. Beach	Evans	Brantley	3	Mrs. Blasic
Campanelli	Lucy	K	Ms. Beach	Hays	Weston	3	Mrs. Blasic
Gossett	Greyson	K	Ms. Beach	Schaefer	London	3	Mrs. Blasic
Padgett	Daxton	K	Ms. Beach	Colon	Lucian	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Cisco	Jaycee	1	Mrs. Robinson	Good	Dominic	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Crossett	Mason	1	Mrs. Robinson	Stroman	Ghrasun	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Martinez- Oliva	Emiliano	1	Mrs. Robinson	Swartz	Kingston	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Michaels	Bentley	1	Mrs. Robinson	Schlieper	Carter	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Payne	Landon	1	Mrs. Robinson	Ervay	Carter	3	Mrs. French
Tamaro	Hudson	1	Mrs. Robinson	Hodge	Madison	3	Mrs. French
Garrabrant	Ashton	1	Ms. Williams	Hughes	Savannah	3	Mrs. French
Mickinkle	Evalee	1	Ms. Williams	Lewis	Brayden	3	Mrs. French
Warner	Eleanor	1	Ms. Williams	Ostrander	Jillian	3	Mrs. French
Hinckley	Joshua	2	Mrs. Aquilio	Spirit	Skyler	3	Mrs. French
Osgood	Lucas	2	Mrs. Aquilio	Stroell	Logan	3	Mrs. French
Snegosky	Levi	2	Mrs. Aquilio	Bernard	Grayson	4	Mrs. Packard
Stansfield-Zinck	Kaiden	2	Mrs. Aquilio	Didas	Ethan	4	Mrs. Packard
Charles	Shyhir	2	Mrs. Lese	Gaylord	Bentley	4	Mrs. Packard
Smith	JoAnnea	2	Mrs. Lese	Hillard	Elijah	4	Mrs. Packard
Tyler	Shanoah	2	Mrs. Lese	Miller	Olivia	4	Mrs. Packard
Chen	Eason	2	Mrs. Potter	Class	Mrs. Packard's	4	Mrs. Packard
Crocker	Hunter	2	Mrs. Potter				
Hart	Esther	2	Mrs. Potter	Feinberg	Maya	4	Mrs. Prutsman
Henderson	Tydrell	2	Mrs. Potter	Mansfield	Bailey	4	Mrs. Prutsman
Matthews	Charles (CJ)	2	Mrs. Potter	Martin	Victor	4	Mrs. Prutsman
Osorio	Bruce	2	Mrs. Potter				



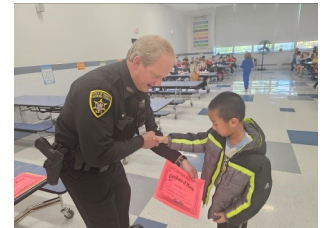
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	TEACHER
Ingham	Gianna	PK	Mrs. Benton
Todzia	Tateum	PK	Mrs. Benton
Force	Brynlee	PK	Ms. Holloway
Yackel	Corbin	PK	Ms. Holloway
Barone	Kason	K	Mrs. Ripley
McCarthy	Aria	K	Mrs. Ripley
Osorio	Luke	K	Mrs. Ripley
Buckley	Cameron	1	Mrs. Ham
Butts	Boyd	1	Mrs. Ham
Byfield	Allister	1	Mrs. Ham
Goodridge	Jase	1	Mrs. Ham
Hanna	Everlee	2	Mrs. Aquilio
Michael	Elijah	2	Mrs. Aquilio
Zolkosky	Layla	2	Mrs. Aquilio
Dandrea	Alice	2	Mrs. Lese
Paul	Amara	2	Mrs. Lese
Rudy	Jaxon	2	Mrs. Lese
Bennett	Zoey	3	Mrs. Blasic
Robinson	Noah	3	Mrs. Blasic
Shipman	Valery	3	Mrs. Blasic
Jackson- Munn	Gavin	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Perry	Maria	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Peters	Gabriel	3	Mrs. Finnerty
Baker	Julianna	3	Mrs. French
Gilbert	Aria	3	Mrs. French
Johnson	Aleciea	3	Mrs. French
Nunez- Serrano	Akemi	3	Mrs. French
Sullivan	Adaleigh	3	Mrs. French
Beach	Oakley	4	Mrs. Karastury
Hammond	Manny	4	Mrs. Karastury
McEvoy	Lilah	4	Mrs. Karastury
Miller	Emma	4	Mrs. Packard
Monthie	Camdyn	4	Mrs. Packard
Brookins	Jack	4	Mrs. Prutsman
Wright	Avery	4	Mrs. Prutsman



Reminders

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Art Days - students need smocks to keep clean - any old shirt will do!

DECEMBER - CARING

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2023—2024					1 DAY 4 Raider Day - wear blue— Animal Shelter Outreach Begins	2
3	4 DAY 5 Holiday Shoppe Animal Shelter Outreach	5 DAY 6	6 DAY 1 PTO Mtg 7:00 - 8:15 HAIR CUTS	7 DAY 2 Holiday Shoppe ends CSE Mtg	8 DAY 3 CIM K-2	9
10	11 DAY 4 Winter Concert 1:30 & 7:00 504's Mtgs Animal Shelter Outreach	12 DAY 5 2nd Gr CMOG Trip	13 DAY 6 Faculty Mtg 2:30	14 DAY 1 BOE Mtg - 6 IS	15 DAY 2 Red/Green Day CIM 3-4 Animal Shelter Outreach ends	16
17	18 DAY 3 SBT Mtg 2:45	19 DAY 4	20 DAY 5 Santa's Visit	21 DAY 6 Buddy Morning PJ DAY /Sing-a-long NO HWC	22 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30



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JANUARY - FAIRNESS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>2023-2024 Winter Break</i>						
	1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i> <i>No School</i>	2 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	3 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>First Day Back!</i> <i>PTO Mtg 7:00-8:15</i>	4 <i>DAY 2</i> <i>CIM K-2</i>	5 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>Raider Day - wear blue -</i>	6
7	8 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>AIMSWEB</i>	9 <i>DAY 5</i>	10 <i>DAY 6</i> <i>Fac. Mtg 2:30</i> <i>HAIR CUTS</i>	11 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>CSE Mtg</i>	12 <i>DAY 2</i> <i>Magic of a 5 Day Assembly</i> <i>Wear Purple spirit day</i>	13
14	15 <i>MLK JR</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	16 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>Set up Bk Exchange</i> <i>AIMSWEB</i>	17 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>Book Exchange</i>	18 <i>DAY 5</i> <i>Book Exchange</i> <i>BOE Mtg - 6 BF</i>	19 <i>DAY 6</i> <i>Cleanup Bk Exchange</i> <i>Dress Up School Spirit Day</i>	20
21	22 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>504 Mtgs/Kid Talk</i> <i>Strings Night Aud 7:00</i> <i>Site Based Mgt 2:45</i>	23 <i>DAY 2</i>	24 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>UST GR Level Mtg K-AM</i> <i>UST Gr Level Mtg</i> <i>1st Gr - PM</i>	25 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>CIM 3-4</i> <i>Bldg Union Mtg</i>	26 <i>DAY 5</i> <i>2nd Marking Period Ends</i>	27
28	29 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>Conference Day</i> <i>TA Meeting 8:00</i>	30 <i>DAY 6</i>	31 <i>DAY 1</i>			