



Horseheads Central School District



Golden Star Gazette



May 2024

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

I hope your family was able to enjoy the spring recess. Please see our May calendar which lists the many great events our Golden Stars can enjoy the month. Please be sure to visit the Arnot Mall to view our district Art Show starting May 7th by Ruby Tuesdays. Our Spring Fling Carnival will be at the IS/MS Field House on May 17th – we hope to see our Golden Stars there. Please also note that Tuesday, May 28th is a give back day and there is no school.

We are starting to organize many events for June. Please be on the lookout for flyers coming home. You should have already received an order form for your child’s field day shirt. Orders are due May 3rd.

Please help me in welcoming a few new faces at Gardner Road. Mr. Goodenough joined us earlier this month as Mrs. Smith’s long-term substitute in music and will be with us for the remainder of the schoolyear. Mr. G. has done a great job getting to know our Golden Stars and looks forward to our end of year traditions and concerts. Mrs. Snedecor has joined our RtI team as a long-term substitute for Mrs. Teter until the end of May. She enjoys working with her students on reading skills each day. Mr. Scaptura is also going to be joining us for the month of May as a long-term substitute for Mrs. Garner in the resource room. He is a retired special education teacher and looks forward to working in our school.

Our school will be hosting our Kindergarten Orientation on May 31st for incoming kindergarten students. If you have not registered your incoming kindergarten child, please reach out to our main office. If you know someone in your neighborhood that needs to register, please direct them to our main office.

With the warmer weather coming, we will be seeing many summer-type outfits. Please remember to check with your child to make sure that the shorts and shirts they are choosing to wear meet the Code of Conduct requirements. Short shorts, spaghetti straps, and crop tops are not permitted for school attire. If your child chooses to wear sandals, they need to have straps on the ankle, and they must be responsible for bringing sneakers for playground and physical education. **Flip-flops and slides are not safe for school.** Thank you for your support with this.

Be sure to check out our [school website](#) for updates and please keep up to date with the happenings at our school, by following our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. For any additional information or inquiries, please feel free to reach out to the school office. We are here to assist you and ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable learning experience.

Your Partner in Education,

Patrick Patterson - Principal



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Gardner Road School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Tardy Bell – 8:15 AM

Gardner Road Office Hours

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

Elementary Lunches (K-6)

Breakfast and Lunch: Free

<https://horseheadscafeteria.gstboces.org/>

Moishe’s Quote of the Month:

“Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”

Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There by Lewis Carroll

Gardner Road Main Office Updates:



Spring New York Assessment Dates (Grades 3 & 4):

Math: May 7, 2024 and May 8, 2024
Field Test – 4th Grade only May 23, 2024

Coming Soon – 2024-25 Busing Form

On Monday, May 6, the Transportation Department will send the 2024-25 School Year Busing Form for parents/guardians to complete. This process was implemented in 2023 and has been refined for the upcoming school year. The busing form helps the Transportation Department determine the schedule and routes. This form must be completed for every student. Please stay tuned for more information.

2024-25 Budget Development

Budget development for the following school year begins early in the calendar year. Regular board meetings and budget workshops are held from February to April until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters May 21. All meetings begin at 6pm and are open to the public. Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, May 9 – Public Hearing on 2024-25 Budget, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm

Meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds/>), recorded, and posted to the district website. For more information on the development of the 2024-25 Budget, including links to videos and presentations from board meetings, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2024-25.cfm>.

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday, May 21, 7am-9pm**, in the High School South Gym.

All district residents are eligible to vote, provided they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- Are registered to vote in general elections



For information on absentee ballots or other questions about the budget or vote, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

April Snapshots



Check out more photos and events on our [Facebook Page!](#)

We  our Golden  !



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

May's Character Trait is:

Character Education

Citizenship

- Help to make your community, school and world a better place
- Take responsibility for what goes on around you
- Participate in community service and help take care of the environment
- Treat others with respect and dignity



Character Matters
Horseheads Central School District

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well

Horseheads Central School District's Mission & Vision:



Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

EXPLORE

EMPOWER

EXCEL

Enjoy Retirement Mrs. Mallecoccia

Mrs. Mallecoccia has worked in our kitchen for the last 30 years. She officially retired on April 24th. Our Golden Stars will miss seeing your welcoming smile at lunch time.



The 4th grade orchestra, band, and chorus will be performing their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Students should wear white on top and black on bottom. We're looking forward to our concert as our 4th graders have been working hard with Mrs. Smith, Mr. Goodenough and Mrs. Matthews!

Our 3rd graders have been working hard learning how to play their recorder. We will have a Recorder Concert on Wednesday, May 22nd at the IS Cafeteria at 6:00PM.



To report child abuse or neglect
call toll free
1-800-342-3720 or
ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps

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

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601, x4211, or cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com. The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Gardner Road Elementary is Patrick Patterson. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patrick Patterson at (607) 739 - 6347.

Horseheads Central Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

^ Early Dismissal Drill

BOE approved 2/16/23

Revised April 11, 2024

SEPTEMBER						
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School Not in Session:

Labor Day	9/4
Columbus Day	10/9
Veterans Day (observed)	11/10
Thanksgiving Recess	11/22-11/24
Winter Recess	12/22-1/2
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	1/15
President's Day Recess	2/19-2/23
Good Friday Recess	3/29-4/1*
Spring Recess	4/22-4/29*
Memorial Day Recess	5/24-5/28*
Juneteenth	6/19

* Pending days utilized for school closures.




Parent/Teacher Conference

11/17/23	- 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6 th Only)
11/21/23	- 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6 th Only)
11/29/23	- 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6 th Only)

1/2 Days (AM)

4/8/24	(Pre-K - 12 Eclipse Day)
6/21/24	(Pre-K - 8 th Only)
6/24/24	(Pre-K - 8 th Only)
6/25/24	(Pre-K - 8 th Only)
6/26/24	(Pre-K - 8 th Only)

LEGEND

	Conference Days (8/29, 8/30, 10/20, 1/29, & 3/18)
	Schools Closed*
	Regents Exams

The district will communicate to residents and staff about any calendar adjustments needed due to excessive closure days by April 19, 2024 (per contractual obligations). Please be aware, if the district needs to make up school days**, the priority of make-up days will be as follows, unless modifications to the below schedule are needed:

1 st Make Up Day	4/1/24
2 nd Make Up Day	5/28/24
3 rd Make Up Day	5/24/24
4 th Make Up Day	4/26/24
5 th Make Up Day	4/25/24
6 th Make Up Day	4/24/24
7 th Make Up Day	4/23/24

**The district has the potential for closure days built into the calendar (all pending total # of hours and Days required by NYSED and state attendance regulations).

First Day of School PreK - 12th:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Last Day for Students:

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Last Day for Teachers:

Friday, June 28, 2024

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Gardner Road Field Day 2024

The end of the school year brings so many fun activities. This year Field Day will be June 20th. As in the past every student will receive a Gardner Road 2024 Field Day shirt on the morning of field day. The cost of a Field Day shirt is \$8.00. Please consider sponsoring another student if you can. The GRPTO will make sure every student receives a shirt.

Select a shirt size and payment type below. Please return the bottom part of this form by Friday MAY 3rd.

We cannot wait to see how colorful Gardner Road will be on Field day June 20th !

Students Name: _____

Teacher's name _____

Size options:

Youth Small

Adult Small

Youth Medium

Adult Medium

Youth Large

Adult Large

Adult XL

Payment choice:

I included \$8.00 cash

I included cash, please donate change to sponsor another student

I included a check made to GRPTO

I sent a PayPal to @GardnerRoadPTO from PayPal account user @ _____

I sent a Venmo to @GardnerRdPTO from Venmo account user @ _____

Report to **PARENTS**

Hearing Health Guide for Kids

Your child's hearing is crucial to their overall well-being and development, and understanding the mechanics of hearing can empower families to take steps toward protecting this vital sense. This guide offers practical tips and resources to safeguard your child's auditory health.

About Hearing Loss

About 1 in 8 kids between the ages of 6 and 19 already have hearing damage from loud noises. Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is preventable, but once it occurs, the damage is permanent. Three factors affect NIHL:

1. **Level:** The louder the sound, the higher the risk.
2. **Distance:** The closer you are to the source of the sound, the more chance you have of hearing damage.
3. **Time:** The longer you're exposed to the sound, the more significant the risk.

Signs of Hearing Loss

Common signs of hearing loss in children are:

- Not reacting to loud noises;
- Not responding to their name;
- Turning up the volume on electronics; or
- Speech delays.

Protecting Your Child's Hearing

Simple steps like turning down the volume, using hearing protection, and avoiding loud environments can make a difference. Here's a list of actionable tips from the National Institute on Deafness and Other



Communication Disorders to help avoid damage to your child's ears:

- **Turn Down the Volume:** Lower the volume on devices, especially headphones. High volume levels can lead to NIHL over time. Many smartphones now have volume parameters parents can set.
- **Maintain a Safe Distance:** Avoid sitting or standing directly in front of speakers at events and concerts.
- **Be Mindful of Your Environment:** If you have to raise your voice to speak to someone just a few feet away, the noise level is probably too high and could damage hearing.
- **Get Hearing Tests:** Regular hearing tests can help monitor any changes in your child's hearing and catch issues early.
- **Use Hearing Protection:** When you can't avoid loud noises, use personal hearing protection, like earplugs or earmuffs.
- **Avoid Inserting Objects Into Ears:** Never stick anything in your ear, not even for cleaning. This can lead to infections or even perforate the eardrum.
- **Consult a Doctor Promptly:** If you notice any signs of ear or hearing damage, consult a health care provider.

KINDERGARTEN



**GARDNER ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

KINDERGARTEN *Celebration*

Please join us in celebrating our kindergarten students for their end of year celebration. Please have your child come to school as usual. We will bus our students over to the high school for the celebration. Students may go home with parents after the celebration as long as they sign out with their teacher .

MONDAY, JUNE 24TH

9:00 AM











HS AUDITORIUM



May 2024

Gardner Road Elementary School







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 29 Give Back Day 	April 30 Day 2	1 Day 3 	2 Day 4 Grade 4th to 5th Open House IS 6:00PM	3 Day 5 Gardner Road Spirit Day Kindergarten Cap Gown Pictures 
6 Day 6  Arnot Mall by JCPenney May 7—19	7 Day 1 NYS Math Assessments Grades 3 and 4	8 Day 2 NYS Math Assessments Grades 3 and 4  6:00 Library	9 Day 3 Public Hearing—Budget HS MMC 6:00	10 Day 4
13 Day 5 Author Visit	14 Day 6	15 Day 1 4th Grade Science Bus	16 Day 2  4th Grade Concert 7:00 HS Auditorium	17 Day 3  Marketplace Night IS Field House 5:00—8:00
20 Day 4 Kindergarten—Poison Prevention Visitors	21 Day 5 	22 Day 6 3rd Grade Recorder Concert IS Café 6:00 PM	23 Day 1 4th Grade NYS Field Test BOE Meeting HS MMC 6:00	24 
27  	28 Give Back Day 	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4  8:30—10:30

May 2024



HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

Celebrate your School Lunch Heroes - MAY 3rd 2024!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Make Online Payments at Payschoolcentral.com!</p>	<p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details</p>	<p>1 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Cheeseburger on a Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! Cinnamon Applesauce Jello</p>	<p>2 Pulled Pork Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>3 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Wrap Sliced Carrots</p> 
<p>6 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Turkey Club Sub Green Beans Tater Tots</p>	<p>7 Tangerine Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli</p> 	<p>8 NY MENU DAY! Spaghetti w/NY Meatsauce & Cheese Dinner Roll NY Green Peas NY Apple Slices NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk</p>	<p>9 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>10 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>13 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Oven Fries</p>	<p>14 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>15 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Tuna Melt Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>16 Beef or Bean Soft Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>17 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>20 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>21 Teriyaki Beef w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>22 Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Italian Meatball Sub Green Beans Fresh Green Pepper Strips! Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping</p>	<p>23 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>28 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Cheeseburger on a Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! Cinnamon Applesauce Jello</p>	<p>30 Pulled Pork Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>31 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>

Available Daily Entrees

PBJ Sandwich
Meat Chef Salad w/ Bread Choice
Vegetarian Chef Salad w/Bread Choice

NY Cheese Stick & Yogurt w/Bread Choice

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
M/W/F: Baked Chicken Nuggets w/Bread

T/TH: Cheese Pizza

Available Daily Sides

Fresh Vegetables
Fresh Tossed Salad
Assorted Fruit
NY Chilled Milk
100% Fruit Juice

***Bread Choice = Soft Pretzel or Breadstick**

PRICING:

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Side: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.50

NOTE: Every student receives 1 breakfast and 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each breakfast & lunch must be a COMPLETE MEAL, or student will be charged ala carte for each item on their tray.

Breakfast Menu

Monday: Breakfast on a Stick
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday: Breakfast Sandwich
Thursday: French Toast Sticks
Friday: Mini Pancakes

Daily Options: Bagel, Asst. Cereal, Goldfish Graham, Asst. Oatmeal, Muffin Top, Breakfast Oatmeal Bar, **NY Yogurt**, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & **Chilled NY Milk**

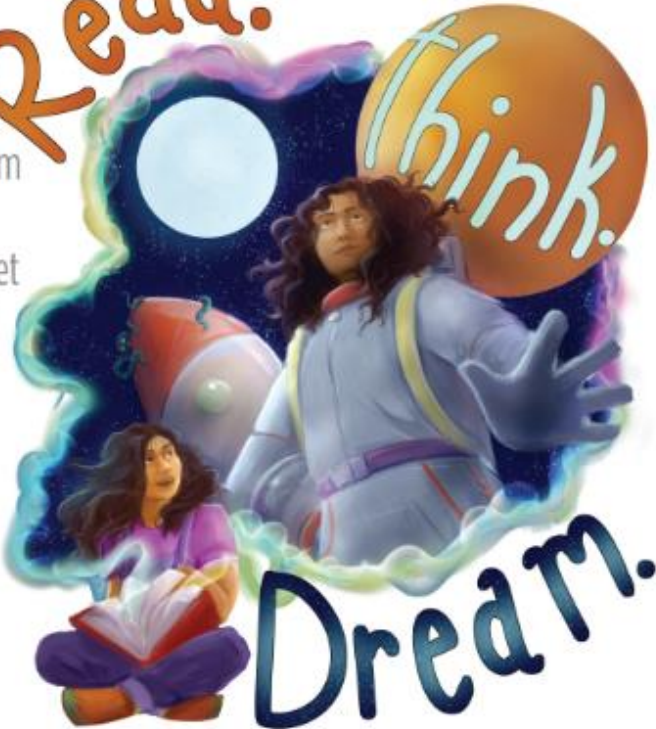


Book Fest 2024

Read.

Think.

Date: Saturday
May 18, 2024
Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Place: Wisner Park
200 N. Main Street
Elmira, NY 14901



Dream.

Don't Miss Book Fest!

Saturday May 18th at
10:00am-2:00pm at Wisner
Park in downtown Elmira

Free books, entertainment, crafts, games and activities for kids and their families! This year featuring local authors, favorite book characters, music and magic!

Hope to see you there!