



Horseheads Central School District



Golden Star Gazette



February 2024

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

Happy February. We hope you all had a wonderful start to the year and are looking forward to an amazing month ahead. As always, we appreciate your continued partnership in your child’s education. Thank you to the PTO for hosting a great Bingo Night in January. We look forward to Craft Night on Friday, February 2nd at the IS Café at 6:00.

Please keep an eye out for flyers that will be sent home with your child regarding upcoming events. We have some exciting activities planned including the St. Patrick's Day Parade (March), our Talent Show (March), and the annual Marketplace Fair (May).

This month, we are thrilled to host guest readers from CCC and Corning Inc. as part of the African American Southern Tier Read-in. This event celebrates African American literature and culture, and is a great opportunity for our students to learn and be inspired. Find out more information here: <https://www.readinsouthern tierny.com/>

If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next school year, now is the time to register! Kindergarten registration will be taking place Thursday, February 8th. If your child is currently in pre-K, there is no need to register. Please call the office at (607) 739-6347 if you do not have a scheduled appointment yet. Pre-kindergarten registration will be taking place in March, and you will receive information from the district office regarding this soon. We look forward to welcoming your little ones into our school family.

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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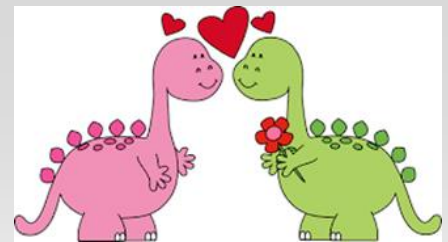
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

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)

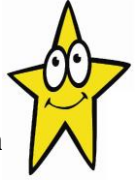
Breakfast and Lunch: Free

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

Moishe’s Quote of the Month:

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.” - Helen Keller

Gardner Road Main Office Updates:



School Delays and Closings:

The cold, slippery, white flakes are just around the corner. When the ice and snow arrive, it is often to delay or close schools. The announcements can be found on our District website www.horseheadsdistrict.com and the local media stations. In the event of a 1 or 2-hour delay, students can be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance beginning at the adjusted time. Please be aware that **NO** breakfast is served when there is a 2-hour delay. I will also post our status on the Gardner Road Twitter feed which can be found on the school website. To sign up for the tweets, go to our school website and follow the link.

Recess:

Students will be going outside for recess as the weather becomes colder (20 degrees wind-chill and warmer). Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, a hat, and gloves/mittens so they can stay warm as they play. Please note, due to construction, there are days when we will be unable to go outside since we do not have a blacktop area and the equipment may not have been cleared yet.

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

English Language Arts: April 10, 2024 and April 11, 2024

Math: May 7, 2024 and May 8, 2024

Lunch – Coins:

Please note that our cafeteria is not able to accept Canadian coins. Thank you for your understanding.



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, February 15 – Regular Meeting, Transportation Dept Training Room, 6pm
- Thursday, February 29 – Budget Workshop, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm
- Thursday, March 14 – Regular Meeting, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm
- Thursday, March 27 – Budget Workshop, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm
- Thursday, April 11 – Budget Meeting (if needed), High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm
- Thursday, April 18 – Regular Meeting, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm
- Thursday, May 9 – Public Hearing on 2024-25 Budget, High School Multi-Media Center, 6pm

Meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.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

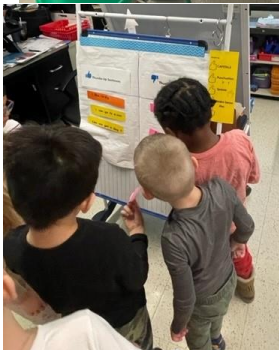
The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday, May 21, 7am-9pm**, in the High School South Gym. All district residents are eligible to vote, provided they meet the following requirements:

- 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
- OR
- 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.

January Snapshots



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



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

February's Character Trait is:

Character Education

Trustworthiness

- Be honest and always tell the truth
- Be reliable and keep your word
- Be a true friend
- Do what is right even when it seems difficult
- Have courage

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

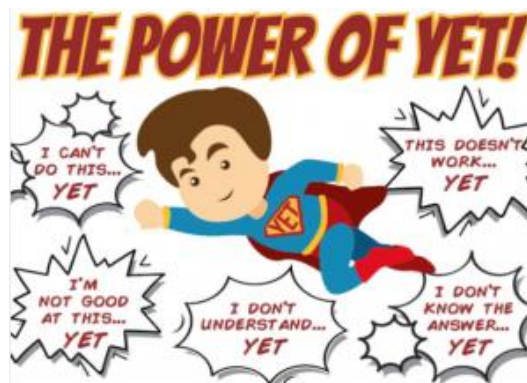
Scripps Spelling Bee at Gardner Road



Congratulations to all the students that participated in our Scripps Spelling Bee this year. Our spellers clearly studied and worked hard as they shined throughout the bee. Jackson placed first spelling the championship word, amphitheater, correctly. Dhvani placed 2nd and they will both represent Gardner Road in March at the Regional Bee in Corning. Pictured above are our top 4 spellers which include Katelyn in 3rd place & Austin in 4th place. They are alternates for the regional bee.



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.

Report to **PARENTS**

Social Media Safety Tips for Kids

Social media helps people connect, learn, become engaged, and share information. But it also can affect children's mental health and safety. Take these steps to keep your child safe on social media.

Be Cyber Safe

Cyberbullying, hate speech, and harassment are just a few social media-related dangers. Talk to your child about how social media platforms work so they feel safe telling you about their experiences. Ask them what they saw on social media, how they understand what was posted, and how they would respond to various situations they might encounter online.

Limit Social Media Use

Developing brains are especially vulnerable to some social media features. Limit social media use on platforms that include counts of likes or encourage excessive use. Use screen time settings to help your child set limits and learn self-control. Prohibit screen time that interferes with at least 8 hours of sleep a night.

Stay Connected

When your child gets a phone, explain that posts and messages aren't private and often are permanent, which could affect them now and years from now. Inspecting your child's phone will reinforce that what they do on it isn't private and remind them to think through how they communicate before hitting



send or post. You can also link your account to theirs to monitor their use.

Watch for Problems

Consider whether any of these statements are true for your child:

- It interferes with their daily routines.
- They often choose social media over in-person social interactions.
- It prevents them from engaging in regular physical activity.
- They keep using social media even when they express a desire to stop.
- They experience strong cravings to check social media.
- They lie or use deceptive behavior to spend time online.

If you are concerned your child is dependent on social media or using it in unhealthy ways, consider enforcing new limits around accessing it. If you think your child is experiencing psychological harm, talk to a mental health professional to find healthier ways for your child to engage with the digital world.

March with Gardner Road Elementary School



Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 2:00

Line up between 1:15-1:30

The parade will be held on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 pm. To ensure a smooth line up, the parade organizers are asking all schools to meet at the field house by the old football field for staging after 1:00 PM. Families should meet at the field house by accessing Division Street from Broad Street. There will be no parking on Division Street or at the field house. Parents may use Steuben Street or Carroll Street to get to parking or to exit the area. Other parade participants will gather at Thorne Street in the park area.

This year the parade will be coming from Thorne Street down Broad Street. The school district groups will walk from the field house down Division Street and filter into the parade as it comes by on Broad Street. The official start of the parade will be on the east side of the railroad tracks in front of the Historical Society/Depot. The parade will proceed down Broad Street and then turn right onto Grand Central Avenue to Fletcher Street. Then the route will turn left on Fletcher Street to Main Street and then left on Main Street through Hanover Square and up to the Horseheads Fire Department. Our school group will stop at the Horseheads Fire Department and take a left onto Westlake Street.

Due to the number of students walking in the parade, we are asking that every family has at least one adult to walk with us in the parade. Thank you!

St. Patrick's Parade Sign Up – Gardner Road Elementary School

Please fill out the information and send this part of the notice back to school with your child so we have a count for participation. Please return this form by Friday, March 1st!



Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Phone to call day of: _____

_____ My child will walk in the parade with the following adult: _____

_____ We will bring a bag of candy with us to share along the parade route.

_____ We can't make it to the parade, but we would be happy to donate a bag of candy and drop it off at the school.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver

UPDATE: Pay rate is now \$23.15/hour with required CDL (\$15.50/hr for drivers in training)



- **Paid training**
- **Benefits package including health insurance**
- **No weekends, holidays, summers**

To apply, call 607-739-6338 or pick up an application at our Transportation Department, 601 Sayre Street Extension, weekdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Our application may also be found at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment. (Both the district application and the supplemental transportation application are required.)

Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
Fingerprint/background check and drug testing are required.

Questions?




Call 607-739-6338 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



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HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		<p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details</p>	<p>1 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>2 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>	
<p>5 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Oven Fries Baked Beans</p>	<p>6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>7 Pasta w/Meatsauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese Tuna Melt Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips! Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping</p>	<p>8 NY MENU DAY! NY Chicken Wing Dip w/Tostito Chips & Warm Dinner Roll NY PB Yogurt Dip & Cheese Stick Meal NY Ranch Roasted Potatoes Fresh Carrots & Celery Sticks NY Apple Slices NY Juice!</p>	<p>9 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots</p>	
<p>12 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>13 Sesame Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>14 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Italian Meatball Sub Green Beans Fresh Green Pepper Strips! Homemade Fruit Crisp</p>	<p>15 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>16 Cheese Pizza Crunchers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>	
<p>19 </p>	<p>20 MID-WINTER RECESS FEBRUARY 19th - 23rd</p>			<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>26 Chicken Philly Sub Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots Oven Fries</p>	<p>27 Tangerine Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>28 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Cucumber Slices! Cinnamon Applesauce Jello</p>	<p>29 Beef or Bean Soft Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</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**

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 739-5601 (ext. 3671 or ext. 3674) or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. **If you have a food allergy or need allergy info, please notify us.**

This institution is an equal opportunity employer &

This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<p><u>Character Education Tips for Home: Trustworthiness</u> *Have a family game night—Point out opportunities of trustworthiness *Honesty starts at home *Model honesty in your everyday life *Be on time *Focus on the “fun” of something instead of winning *Discuss how/why characters in books and/or movies are trustworthy</p>						1 Day 1		2 Day 2 Gardner Road Spirit Day Report Cards Go Home GRPTO Craft Night IS and MS Café 6:00	
5	Day 3	6	Day 4	7	Day 5	8	Day 6	9	Day 1
						Kindergarten Registration 10:00 - 3:00			
12	Day 2	13	Day 3	14	Day 4	15	Day 5	16	Day 6
		Principal Chat 5:30 GRPTO Meeting 6:00				BOE Meeting Transportation Dept. 6:00			
19	No School	20	No School	21	No School	22	No School	23	No School
26	Day 1	27	Day 2	28	Day 3	29	Day 4	March 1st	Day 5
				1st Grade Concert IS Cafe 6:00 		BOE Meeting HS MMC 6:00		Gardner Road Spirit Day Talent Show IS Café 6:00	