



Horseheads Central School District



Golden Star Gazette



January 2024

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

Happy New Year to our Gardner Road Golden Stars and their families. We look forward to a great 2024. One way we will ring in the new year at our school is to set personal goals at our January town hall meetings. We will reflect on each of our Golden Star rules (stay safe, take responsibility, always do your best and respect others) and set a personal goal to grow in one or more areas. Be on the lookout for your child to bring home their personal goals for the rest of our school year!

Thank you to the PTO for hosting a great movie night, running our school store, making the Holiday Shoppe a success, and helping with some of our events this past month. These great experiences for our Golden Stars wouldn't happen without the great parent and community volunteers. If you want to find out more ways to volunteer, come to our next PTO meeting which is on January 9th at 6:00 in the GR Library. Our PTO will also be hosting a Bingo Night on January 12th at the IS cafeteria at 6:00. They are also sponsoring our school spelling bee which will be held on January 26th.

Is your child looking forward to our Talent Show? Details will be coming out soon. The talent show will be Friday, March 1st in the evening. We will not be able to have an in-school performance this year due to construction. Later in the month, details will be coming home about our annual Innovation and Marketplace Fair. We are always excited to see what businesses our students will create!

We are still collecting boxes of food for our domino rally food drive. We need more donations or our domino rally to run the length of our main hallway. Donations may be dropped off in the main lobby. All donations will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry.

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. We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year at Gardner Road. Please contact me if you need anything, have questions, or would just like to chat about our school/your child.

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.gstbooces.org/>

Moishe's Quote of the Month:

“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.” – Melody Beattie

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 necessary 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.

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



20 Week Report Cards:

This month brings us to the mid-year point of the school year when the 2nd marking period ends on January 26th. Report cards will be sent home on February 2nd. Please note that a mark of '3' on the report card means that your child is meeting grade level expectations. A mark of '4' means your child is completing above grade level work and a '2' means they are making progress on grade level skills. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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



Collaborative Art Project

Thank you to our Golden Star staff and students that created this beautiful piece of art in our hallways. Each student and staff member has their handprint on this mural in our main hallway reminding us that we build our dreams (and future) together by showing character.



December Snapshots”



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



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

January's Character Trait is:

Character Education

Fairness

- Treat people the way you want to be treated
- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Listen to people with an open mind
- Take turns and play by the rules
- Tell the truth

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

Thank you to our Gardner Road Community for the generous donations for our Toys for Tots Drive!



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



Our 4th grade chorus sounded amazing at their winter concert. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for conducting such a great concert. Well done Golden Stars!

Congratulations to Londynn Dildine on her efforts in the Hoopshoot Challenge. She will represent our school in the regional Hoopshoot. Good luck Londynn!



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.



NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that you complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12 in your family. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal at <http://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads> and following the instructions below. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

If using the mobile app
 (<http://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads>): After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire + Add Help

- From drop-down menu, select NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire.
- Click on the green plus icon to open the survey.

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire Save Cancel Help

Start Date: 9/27/2022 End Date: 9/27/2022

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten – Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please answer each question below to the best of your ability and follow any additional instructions provided for submitting or returning the survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.

Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?:
 None

What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
 None

Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
 None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?:
 None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?:
 None

Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?:
 None

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?:
 None

In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?:
 None

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?:
 None



New Year, New Healthy Habits

The new year is a chance to reset and remind children of healthy habits.

As we begin to think about New Year's resolutions, try implementing small actions that inspire routine healthy habits for children and your entire family.

Proactively Schedule Checkups

It's good when your child isn't at the doctor's office often, but they should always stop by for their annual checkup. Schedule your annual appointments at the beginning of the year and set reminders for the appointments.

Routine checkups are a safeguard to ensure your child's health stays consistent. Also, checking whether your child has the recommended vaccinations for their age is a proactive step toward preventing illnesses and diseases.

New Year, New Sport

Start the year off by introducing an exciting and new physical activity for your family. Movement is essential to your child's overall health—and to yours. Not only does 60 minutes of daily physical activity improve a child's brain health, but it also reduces health risks in adults such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and some cancers.

Encourage a new sport, hobby, game, or a non-structured physical activity. Activities can range from team sports such as soccer or basketball to recreational activities such as swimming or playground games. Daily physical activities could also include a game after dinner instead of TV or taking a walk around the block after school. You can build a strong foundation for an active lifestyle for your kids and family.



Choose Healthy Snacks

Stock up on nutritious snacks for your family and have them pre-packaged and ready to grab on-the-go. It can be easier to make healthy choices when you plan ahead and have a good variety of nutritious foods available in the places where you eat.

Consider healthier snack options like granola bars, nuts, non-perishable fruit such as oranges, or refrigerated options such as yogurt or carrots. To satisfy the sweet tooth, include dark chocolate, no-added sugar options, or whatever you think is best.

Leave Germs in 2023

Form a cleaning and disinfecting routine to help kill germs on surfaces year-round. At the beginning of your week, use Lysol Disinfecting Wipes and Lysol Disinfectant Spray on commonly touched surfaces in your household such as door handles and bathroom surfaces.

Lysol disinfecting products kill 99.9 percent of viruses and bacteria when used as directed, so keeping a consistent cleaning and disinfecting routine can help keep germs at bay throughout the year.

For more healthy habit resources, visit [Lysol Here for Healthy Schools](#).

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HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

EAT HEALTHY & STAY ACTIVE ALL YEAR

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1 NO SCHOOL | 2 NO SCHOOL | 3 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Cheeseburger on a Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Baby Carrots Homemade Fruit Crisp | 4 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans | 5 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots |
| 8 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Baked Beans | 9 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots | 10 Pasta w/Meatsauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese Tuna Melt Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips! Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping | 11 NY MENU DAY! Homemade Chili Made w/NY Ground Beef w/Cornbread NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes NY Strawberry Applesauce NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk | 12 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots |
| 15 NO SCHOOL | 16 Sesame Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli | 17 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Italian Meatball Sub Green Beans Fresh Green Pepper Strips! Homemade Fruit Crisp | 18 Chicken & Cheese Empanadas Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans | 19 Cheese Pizza Crunchers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots |
| 22 Chicken Philly Sub Ultimate Jalapeno Cheese Bites w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots Oven Fries | 23 Turkey & Gravy w/Bread Ham & Cheese Deli Wrap Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans | 24 Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! Cinnamon Applesauce Jello | 25 Beef or Bean Soft Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans | 26 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Wrap Sliced Carrots |
| 29 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL | 30 Tangerine Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli | 31 Boneless Wings w/Parmesan Pasta Cheeseburger on a Roll Green Beans Fresh Baby Carrots Homemade Fruit Crisp | PaySchools Central Make Online Payments at payschoolcentral.com/ | |



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.**

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This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.

JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!
See menu for details

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 No School  | 2 No School  | 3 Day 1  | 4 Day 2 | 5 Day 3 Gardner Road Spirit Day Wear Blue & Gold  |
| 8 Day 4 | 9 Day 5 Principal Chat 5:30 GR Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 GR Library  | 10 Day 6 | 11 Day 1 | 12 Day 2 GRPTO Bingo Night IS Café 6:00  |
| 15 No School  | 16 Day 3 | 17 Day 4 | 18 Day 5 BOE Meeting BF Café 6:00  | 19 Day 6 Grade 3 Computer Based Testing Simulation |
| 22 Day 1 Picture Candids—Yearbook Gr 4 - 6 String Showcase 7:00 HS Auditorium  | 23 Day 2 | 24 Day 3 | 25 Day 4 | 26 Day 5 End of MP 2 Dare to Draw Assembly Scripps Spelling Bee 4:45 IS Café  |
| 29 No School Superintendent's Conference Day | 30 Day 6 | 31 Day 1 | <p><u>Character Education Tips for Home: Fairness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share treats at home... "I cut- you pick" - Discuss with your child what they think fairness is - Talk as a family about why games have rules - Act out skits about fairness  | |