

Horseheads Intermediate School

Newsletter

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A message from your Interim Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time with loved ones. Thank you to everyone who supported the PTO Believe fundraiser, as well as those who dedicated their time to organizing the event. Your generosity and involvement truly make a difference—every dollar raised goes directly back to our school to support field trips, PTO-sponsored activities, technology, supplies, and so much more.

Our fifth and sixth grade students are currently participating in their Adventure Based Learning (ABL) experiences. ABL is a building-wide initiative focused on teamwork, collaboration, and problem-solving. Through these activities, students learn how to think strategically and work together to develop logical solutions—skills that translate far beyond the classroom and into real-world scenarios.

As we move into the busy holiday season, I ask for your continued partnership in valuing your child's attendance at school. Ensuring that students arrive on time and scheduling vacations and appointments outside of school hours has a tremendous impact on their academic growth.

We wish you and your family a joyful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Malone".

Kim Malone
Interim Principal





- Friday, December 5th ~ Raider Blue Spirit Day
- Tuesday, December 9th ~ IS Bands Concert, IS Cafetorium, 7:00pm
- Friday, December 12th ~ Character Kick Off Spirit Day ~ Hat Day
- Monday, December 15th ~ IS Orchestra Concert, IS Cafetorium, 7:00pm
- Thursday, December 18th ~ Board of Education Meeting, Transportation Department., 6:00 PM
- Mon., 12/22nd – Fri., 1/2nd ~ No School – Winter Recess

 HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK		
Monday, December 15 th	 Ugly Sweater Day 	
Tuesday, December 16 th	 Elf on a Shelf Day 	
Wednesday, December 17 th	  Holiday Color Day 	
Thursday, December 18 th	 Grinch vs. Santa Day 	
Friday, December 19 th	 Pajama Day 	

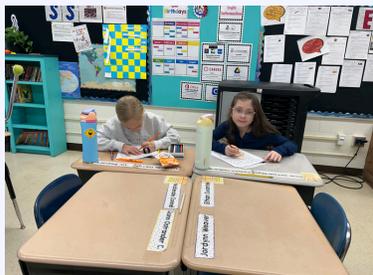
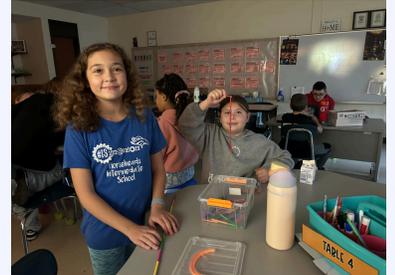
Intermediate School PTO

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 20th. We hope to see you there!



First Annual IS Innovator Day!

On Wednesday, November 26th, students were delighted to discover it was the first annual IS Innovator Day - a surprise event for our school community! Instead of traditional lessons, students participated in team-building activities, games, line dancing, and holiday-themed experiences while making lasting memories. It was truly an enjoyable day for both students and staff! Thank you to the PTO for donating snacks for the students!



IS Innovator Day!



We would love to recognize student achievements outside of school (sports, dance, scouts, etc.) on our School News Program (WISH TV)! Please email your student's name, photo/videos and information about their achievement to Alyssa Fuller (WISH TV Advisor).

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IS Illuminator BINGO Winners in November



Goodbye, Mrs. Doubrava!

Please join me in wishing our interim assistant principal, Mrs. Doubrava, the very best as she returns to retirement. She has been incredibly gracious in stepping in and supporting us over the past year and a half, and we are truly grateful for all she has done for the staff and students of the IS. I look forward to introducing our new interim assistant principal in the January newsletter.

Character Trait of the Month:

Caring

How to help reinforce this character trait at home:

- Express gratitude and speak kindly to others
- Practice small acts of kindness
- Talk about feelings openly and help your child recognize how their actions impact others
- Read books that highlight caring characters



Classifieds

Parent Portal

Would you like to know more about your child's grades and attendance? Join Parent Portal to get access to up to date student records. To set up an account, we must have a valid e-mail address for each parent who would like access. If you haven't already signed up, visit the Main Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification.

Please note: If you checked the Parent Portal box on your child's emergency form, or if you signed up at the school's Open House, you do not need to do anything further. You should have received further information about Parent Portal via e-mail.

Pull Tabs

We will again be collecting aluminum can pull tabs this year. Thanks to all who donated pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue collecting the tabs. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to save their tabs, too! You can drop them off in the office anytime!

Box Tops for Education

Keep hoarding box tops! Get others involved – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

Thank you, PTO!

Thank you to the PTO and all of the families that helped create a successful Starry Night event! The students had a blast and talked about it for days! We could not have pulled it off without everyone's help!

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated by purchasing frozen rolls and gift cards! The gift cards will be dropped off at the IS on Monday. Families are welcome to stop by the main office to pick them up between the hours of 7:10am and 3:10pm.

Classifieds Continued

Help Wanted

Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Substitute RNs and LPNs needed for per diem work during the school year

Teaching substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associate's Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of college; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs and LPNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Rates for Substitute Teachers

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools.

1. Uncertified Teacher without Four-Year Degree ~ \$120/day
2. Uncertified Teacher with Four-Year Degree ~ \$130/day
3. Certified Teacher ~ \$140/day
4. Retired Teacher from HCSD ~ \$160/day
5. Retired Teacher from Another District ~ \$150/day
6. Additional Pay for 20 Days of Per Diem Substitute Teaching ~ \$100
7. Teaching Assistants ~ \$16.96/hr.
8. Retired TA From HCSD ~ \$130/day

To apply, contact Human Resources Office at
739-5601x 4211.

Safe Schools Line

The Horseheads Central School District has a Safe Schools Line for students, parents, and community to use to report rumors, tips, or other items of concern regarding district schools. The service is available twenty-four hours, seven days a week. All calls are anonymous, unless the caller wishes to leave his/her name. The tip line numbers are 795-2044 and 1-800-305-4984 (toll free).

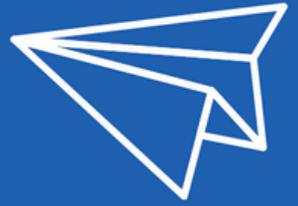
Kim Malone is the Dignity Act Coordinator at the Intermediate School. Caitlin DeFilippo is the Dignity Act Coordinator for the district. All concerns regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying should be directed accordingly.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX Coordinator, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



Emma Guzylak & Grace Stratton

BOOK DONATION 2025



DECEMBER
1ST-18TH



**Donate lightly
used or new
children's
books**

**ALL BOOKS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FAMILY
READING PARTNERSHIP**