

The School Connection



Principal's Post

Horseheads Intermediate School

Here we are again wrapping up another school year! This one, however, was not a typical school year. I'd like to thank all of our parents, grandparents, and friends who provided necessary, at-home support so our students could maintain some sense of normalcy in learning through our remote challenges.

Please be sure to check out some important dates and reminders in the coming pages. These things include report cards, next year placements, health office news, and more. We are planning a celebration for our 6th grade students on June 17th. We would like to send them off with some fun activities that will take place here at the school throughout the day. All remote students are welcome to join. Please look for a follow-up email in the next week regarding the procedure for this.

Summer is a great time to relax and become refreshed, but it's also a time in which most students regress (or slide back) on their academic skills. Although students need a mental break from school, they should never stop learning over the summer. Please see page 4 for suggested ways to keep their brains active throughout the months of July and August. Research shows that students who do not engage in activities lose up to three months of learning over the summer. That means that they are three months behind when they return in September compared to those who have stayed academically active. At the very least, encourage your child to read something they enjoy on a daily basis. Any reading during the summer can count toward the 25 book goal for the following year. Check out the article to the right for the importance of summer learning. Scroll to the bottom of the article for the summer learning tips.

Thank you for being a strong support system over the course of the school year. Lastly, **attention 5th grade parents**, there is a very important notice from our school nurse on page 5. **All sixth grade students who have not received the Tdap vaccination by September 22nd, will not be able to attend school.**

Enjoy the warm summer months, and the time with your family! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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School Hashtag: #ISinnovators
Like us on Facebook: Search Horseheads Intermediate School
Website: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience."

-Archibald MacLeish

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Parent Article

ATTENTION!

Parent Resources
on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, June 1st:	NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY BREAK
Tuesday, June 8th:	PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM via Zoom
Thursday, June 17th:	Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, High School Aud.
Monday, June 21st:	Half Day of School-Dismissal at 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 22nd:	Half Day of School-Dismissal at 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 23rd:	Half Day of School-Dismissal at 11:00 AM
Thursday, June 24th:	Last Day of School-Half Day- Dismissal at 11:00AM
Thursday, June 24th:	Report Cards Go Home

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **On Monday, June 21st - Wednesday, June 23rd, students turn in technology.** More information will be shared as the details are finalized.
2. Report Cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, June 24th. Remote student report cards will be mailed.
3. Current fifth grade students will receive a letter by the second week of August with your **teacher assignment** and the team specific school supply list for your team. With those in place, we invite you to join us for one of two **self-guided tours**. You may come walk around the school, find your child's classrooms, and ask questions on **August 20th from 10 – 11 AM or August 23 from 6 – 7 PM.**
4. We never officially put forth the 25 book goal for this school year knowing the challenges our students would face. We will be bringing that back next school year so please encourage your child to read over the summer!
5. Important Information from the Horseheads Transportation Department: This is a reminder that for the 2021-2022 School Year we are going to send out our **Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off Information for students by E-mail**. Parents, if you have an e-mail address, please make sure your schools all have correct e-mail information. We are trying this for efficiency purposes and will mail out bus information to any family that we have no e-mail address for.
6. There will be virtual ceremony for our 6th grade students who received academic and service awards. More information will be sent when the details have been finalized.
7. Reminder to parents...If you move within the District, we require two proofs of residency when you submit the address change for your child(ren). Accepted forms of proof are:
 - Bank contract or mortgage agreement showing purchase of home with name and address
 - Signed rent or lease agreement with landlord's name, address, and telephone number, or DSS processed landlord statement
 - Most recent utility bill (phone, gas, electric)
 - Deposit receipt for gas, electric, phone service start-up
 - Driver's license or State ID card with picture showing current district address.
 - Currently active bank account/checkbook statement with name and address imprinted (bank may be contacted to verify existence of account)
 - Payroll stub with address

8. **End of Year Medication Pick-Up Information:** All student medications will need to be picked up from the Health Office before the end of the year. Any medications that are not picked up by **June 23rd at 11:30 AM**, will be disposed of per New York State Law.
9. We are using Family ID for sports registration. Family ID uses a secure platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs and helps us to be more efficient and environmentally responsible. **This program is replacing the current paper process. You will no longer need to submit paperwork to the Nurse or Athletic Office. Everything will be completed online.** In addition, once you register, the system keeps track of your information, so you only need to enter it once for multiple programs and student-athletes.
10. New York State Law requires a health examination for all students entering 5th grade and all new entrants to the District. The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. A physical dated on or after September 9, 2020 is acceptable. The physical can be faxed to the Health Office at 795-2495, emailed to rtorgalski@horseheadsdistrict.com, or brought into the Health Office.
10. **Have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer.** The Office will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM starting June 25th. If you plan to stop in the Office during the summer, you might want to call first (739-6366). Those of us in the Office will be taking vacation time and there will be times the Office is closed.

THANK YOU!

A tremendous thank you to all of our PTO Volunteers. Your continual support over the years has made field trips, assemblies, our Buy One Get One Free Book Fair, the 25 Book Goal Celebration, Staff Appreciation, the Sixth Grade Celebration and more possible. Thank you again to all who have volunteered and supported the many activities for our school this year.



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

We are always looking for interested parents who would like to help out with school events. That could be as simple as chaperoning an event or working at the Book Fair. Everyone is also welcome to join our PTO meetings listed on the district calendar. **Please contact the school or one of the officers if interested.** We appreciate your support and value the partnership!

Intermediate School PTO Officers (2020-2021)

President:	Gretchen Ferraro	gferraro2010@gmail.com	425-2603
VP:	Angela Sullivan	Aksullivan624@gmail.com	518-708-4288
Treasurer:	Danielle Richardson	dani0227@aol.com	425-6896
Secretary:	Denise Trondsen	dtrondsen@outlook.com	742-9051



Stay Active in Mind and Body

We believe that the 2020-2021 school year was a great success due to the students' hard work as well as your commitment and support. In order to stop student regression (loss of academic skills) over the long summer vacation, there are other things you could do to help keep the momentum of your child's learning throughout the months of July and August. The following are great locations for learning and enrichment:

- Local libraries (Horseheads, Big Flats, Elmira)
- Tanglewood Nature Center (Elmira)
- Wings of Eagles Discovery Center (Big Flats)
- Arnot Art Museum (Elmira)
- Rockwell Museum (Corning)
- Corning Museum of Glass (Corning)
- Horseheads Youth Bureau (offers some programs for kids)
- Science Center (Ithaca)



"I am still learning."

-Michelangelo, age 87

Also, there are an overwhelming amount of interactive educational websites that provide practice in the core subject areas of school. Here are some to try:

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.billnye.com/>

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

<http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com/BrainTeasers/>

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/>

<http://www.factmonster.com/>

Reading to/with your child each day will improve their skills and foster a love of literature. If you are interested, I included a website below of a fantastic article that explains 10 simple ways to improve reading skills. Although we will miss working with the students each day, the new school year will be upon us before we know it. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Article: ***Top Ten Ways to Improve Reading Skills***

<http://school.familyeducation.com/top-10-ways/improve-reading-skills/38329.html>

Keep your body active as well! Some suggestions are walking, running, biking, exercises, sports games, or any other physical activity. Get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes per day.



"None of us is as smart as all of us." ~Ken Blanchard "Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can."

~ Lowell Thomas



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

In order to be in compliance with NYS immunization requirements, all 6th grade students* must receive a booster dose of the Tdap immunization. The Tdap immunization is a tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis immunization. It is a tetanus booster that also adds protection for pertussis (whooping cough). This vaccine is not a new vaccine and has been required for school attendance since September 1, 2016.

To meet the requirement, this Tdap vaccine must be given no earlier than 10 years of age and no later than 11 years of age. For 6th grade students who are 11 years old, proof of this vaccine must be received within 14 calendar days of the start of school. **Information must be received by September 21, 2021** or your child will be unable to attend school starting on September 22, 2021, until paperwork has been brought in with the documented Tdap being given. You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization for your child to attend school in the fall. Acceptable forms of documentation include an Immunization certificate signed or stamped by your health care provider or an electronic health record copy from your health care provider's office. You may email this to rtorgalski@horseheadsdistrict.com, fax to our Office at 607-795-2495 or drop it off to the Intermediate School.

Your child may receive the required immunization through your health care provider or through the Chemung County Health Department. For more information, please call (607) 737-2028 #2 for an appointment.

NYS Department of Health effective September 2, 2016 requires all 7th and 12th grade students have a meningococcal vaccine.

***Please note: 10-year old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive this vaccine at this time. They must receive this vaccine no later than 14 days after turning 11-years old and will be tracked accordingly.**

To learn more about this and other vaccination requirements in New York State, visit www.health.ny.gov/immunize. For specific questions about your child, please contact your primary provider.

If you have further questions, please contact the health office at 739-6366 (3). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Michael Bostwick
Principal

Robyn Torgalski, RN
Intermediate School Nurse



Notes from the IS Library

SUMMER READING

Has your student read all the books in your house? Have you not been able to get to the public library to check out more books? If so (or just FYI!) have no fear **SORA** is here! Your student may check out books electronically from the Horseheads School District electronic library from any device from anywhere, just download the **SORA** app or open **SORA** through your browser. Your student now has free access to any title (both text and audio) for 2 weeks and the book returns automatically!

Your child has already used **SORA** at school but as a reminder they log in using their district network user name and password. In most cases that is **Last name-First name** (Smith-John) for user name and their **ID number** for the password. Happy summer reading!

ATTENTION: INCOMING 7TH GRADERS



Below is a link to the Middle School Library Summer page. Click the pictures to find booklists, challenges and information about summer reading 2021!

[Summer Reading MS - Google Slides](#)

Elizabeth Heidrich

Horseheads Middle School Library

Librarian / Media Specialist

eheidric@horseheadsdistrict.com

(607)739-6366 x3702



CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

Teaching Substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' 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 should bring in evidence of their license.

Sub Bus Drivers – Training will be included

Apply in person at Human Resources

or email: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com for more information.

Apply in person at the address below:

Human Resources Office
Horseheads Central School District
143 Hibbard Rd. Horseheads. NY

RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools. Certified substitutes receive a rate of \$105 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at 739-5601 x 4211.



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

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

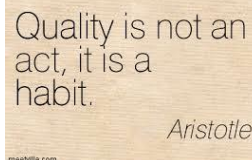
CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: *Caring*

- Helping a neighbor
- Model random acts of kindness
- Discuss with kids who they care about and why
- Donate some items or time for charity
- Discuss how characters in movie or book show character trait

The Habit of Mind: *Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision*

- Be Clear! Striving for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding overgeneralizations, distortions, and deletions.
- Students who are skilled at thinking and communicating with clarity and precision have developed a habit of using correct names for objects, ideas and processes. They avoid fuzzy language such as: "...that thingy over there." "...it was really good."



Chapter 434 of the New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents or persons in parental relation of their rights regarding the referral and evaluation of their child for the purposes of special education services or programs. This information can be found on our district website (www.horseheadsdistrict.com) or on the New York State Education Department website (www.nysed.gov) in "A Parent's Guide to Special Education." If you have further questions, please contact Kelly Squires, Director of Student Services, at 607-739-5601, x4300.

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).

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 143 Hibbard Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601, x4211, or cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

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, 143 Hibbard Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

Horseheads Central School District **Bus Driver JOB FAIR**

Test drive a school bus!

Saturday 1-4 PM
June 12

Horseheads Transportation Department
601 Sayre Street Extension



- Learn what it takes to be a bus driver*
- Tour a bus - inside, outside, and underneath
- Learn about the job benefits
- Hear about the rewards of driving a school bus
- Test drive a bus!

Questions? Call (607) 739-6338 or email ppiegdon@horseheadsdistrict.com.

***Must be 21 or older to drive a school bus**

Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver

UPDATE: Rate is now \$16.40/hour; on July 1, rate increases to \$19.40/hour (\$15/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 4:30pm. Our application may also be found at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment. (Both district application and 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.

