

The School Connection



Principal's Post

Horseheads Intermediate School

Here we are again wrapping up another school year! I'd like to thank all of our parents, grandparents, and friends who provided necessary, at-home support throughout the continued challenges that were brought on by Covid-19.

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 22nd. We would like to send them off with some fun activities that will take place here at the school throughout the morning.

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 4K page 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 19th, 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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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.

"Research shows that students who do not engage in activities lose up to three months of learning over the summer."

Mark Your Calendars!

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| Tuesday, June 7th: | PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Library |
| Thursday, June 16th: | Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, MMC |
| Friday, June 17th: | Half Day of School-Dismissal at 10:45 AM |
| Monday, June 20th: | NO SCHOOL – JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday, June 21st: | Half Day of School-Dismissal at 10:45 AM |
| Wednesday, June 22nd: | Half Day of School-Dismissal at 10:45 AM |
| Thursday, June 23rd: | Last Day of School-Half Day- Dismissal at 10:45 AM |
| Thursday, June 23rd: | Report Cards Go Home |

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **On Friday, June 17th, Tuesday, June 21st, Wednesday, June 22nd and Thursday, June 23rd, dismissal will be at 10:45 AM (pick-up begins at 10:35 AM).** Students will only be in school for the morning. Breakfast will be served. Also, on Monday, June 20th, there is no school in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.
2. **Report Cards:** Report Cards will be distributed to students at school on **Thursday, June 23rd**. Report Cards will not be mailed home. This half-day will be a time to reflect on achievements of the school year.
3. **Field Day** is scheduled for the following dates: Grade 5: Wednesday, June 15th, and Grade 6: Thursday, June 16th. Our Physical Education Teachers have worked hard to plan exciting activities for the classes. Students need to be prepared for Field Day by remembering the following: tied sneakers, sunscreen, a hat, a water bottle, a towel, and clothes that can become wet without being inappropriate. Students should bring an extra set of clothes to change into after finishing the water games. **These events are for staff and students only.**
4. 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 29th from 10 – 11 AM or September 1st from 6 – 7 PM.**
5. We are proud to recognize the students who met the 4K Page Goal this year. These students will have a recognition day for reaching this goal. They will be attending a movie at Elmira College and a picnic at Thorne Street Park on Tuesday, June 14th. Summer reading counts toward next year's 4K Page Goal! Keep a log of book title, author, and number of pages.
6. Important Information from the Horseheads Transportation Department: This is a reminder that for the 2022-2023 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.
7. Invitations will be sent to the 6th grade students who will be recognized at our Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 15^h, at 7:00 PM, at the High School in the Auditorium. Students should sit with their family members and be called up to the stage to receive their award. Extended family members are welcome too!
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. **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 6, 2021 is acceptable. The physical can be faxed to the Health Office at 795-2495, emailed to scipolla@horseheadsdistrict.com, or brought into the Health Office.
11. 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
12. **Have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer.** The Office will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM starting June 24th. 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 4K Page 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 welcomed 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 (2021-2022)

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| President: | Gretchen Ferraro | gferraro2010@gmail.com | 425-2603 |
| VP: | Angela Sullivan | Aksullivan624@gmail.com | 518-708-4288 |
| Treasurer: | Denise Trondsen | dtrondsen@outlook.com | 742-9051 |
| Secretary: | Beth Manwaring | bmanwaring@elmiracityschools.com | 329-8713 |



Stay Active in Mind and Body

We believe that the 2021-2022 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)
- Chemung County 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>

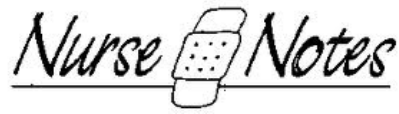
Keep your body active as well! Some suggestions are walking, running, biking, exercises, sports games, or any other physical activity. Get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes per day.



"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

INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

All 6th grade students will need to receive 2 doses of the Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination along with the Tdap vaccine. The laws are very strict, and we cannot allow students to come to school after the first 10 days of school without these immunizations.

Your child may get the required immunization through your health care provider, Five Star Urgent, Walk-In Clinics, or through the Chemung County Health Department, at (607)737-2028, if qualified.

You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization in order for your child to attend school in the fall. **Information must be received by September 19, 2022**, or your child will be unable to attend school starting on September 20th, until paperwork has been received. Your health care provider or health department will provide you with this written proof once your child receives the immunization. Please bring this proof to our Health Office or fax it to us at (607) 795-2495. **No appointment cards accepted.**

Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time and will not be excluded from school but will be tracked and must be immunized upon turning 11 years old.

If you have further questions, please contact the Health Office at 739-6366 (Option 2).

Thank you for your cooperation



HEALTH CORNER



It is that time of the year again to remember good health practices. Please keep your child home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours. Because there is no known cure for the common cold, prevention is the key to keeping colds away. Most of the time you acquire a cold virus by touching your eyes, nose or mouth with an object that has the cold virus on it. Therefore, to help avoid catching a cold:

- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently with warm soapy water.
- Sneeze into a tissue, rather than your hands, then discard the tissue (*Remember to please send in tissue boxes)
- Don't touch your face—your hands may have come in contact with a cold virus!
- Drink 8 glasses of water daily.
- Get plenty of rest—up to 12 hours a night!
- Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first three days that cold symptoms appear.

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 3

The following students were teacher selected as the Students of the Marking Period for January and February based on the February, March, and April character traits as well as the Habits of Mind.

| Month | Character Trait | Habit of Mind |
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| February | Trustworthiness | Questioning and Posing Problems |
| March | Respect | Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations |
| April | Responsibility | Striving For Accuracy |

5th Grade

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| <u>BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS:</u> | Crystal Major |
| <u>EXPLORERS:</u> | Aleyris Echevarria, Owen Jones, Ella Matteson, Charlie Ruhmel |
| <u>GO GETTERS:</u> | Logan Earl, Alexander King, Reese O'Herron, Steven Shutts |
| <u>INVESTIGATORS:</u> | Donovan Bennett, Addison Cook, Charlee Felko, Landon Wemple |
| <u>MASTERMINDS:</u> | Torin Duarte, Kennedy Harer, Mia Howard, Kurtis Kohler |
| <u>THINKERS:</u> | Natalie Karney, Jacob Major, Ella Scibek, Joe Wood |
| <u>TRENDSETTERS:</u> | Emma Jones, Daniel Mosher, Lauren Smith, Adelynn Swarthout |

6th Grade

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| <u>BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS:</u> | Kayden Williams |
| <u>COLLABORATORS:</u> | Cayden Bowman, Josh Farrell, Zachary McCormick, Leah Piecuch |
| <u>CREATORS:</u> | Sonya Dordoni, Hailey Earl, Annabelle Fitzpatrick, Ben Tompkins |
| <u>GROUND BREAKERS:</u> | Jack Bradley, Emerson Fowler, Aubrey Maticic, Bentley Simpson |
| <u>PATHFINDERS:</u> | Sadey Craft, Ellie Jankowski, Braedyn Jacobs-Gulich, Ryan Weigand |
| <u>PROBLEM SOLVERS:</u> | Sahana Gajendran, Jamie German, Isaac Klesh |
| <u>TRAIL BLAZERS:</u> | Aubrey Griffith, Lee Updyke |





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. 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 2022!

[Summer Reading MS - Google Slides](#)

Elizabeth Heidrich

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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."

Quality is not an act, it is a habit.

Aristotle



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.

2022 HORSEHEADS VARSITY “H” SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration for camps is online. For more information and registration links, go to
<https://horseheadsdistrict.com/VarsityHSummerCamps.cfm>. (Or www.horseheadsdistrict.com -> Departments -> Athletics.
 Questions? Email kfesetch@horseheadsdistrict.com.

| CAMP | DATE/TIME | DIRECTOR | LOCATION | AGE/GRADE |
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| BASEBALL | July 5 th -8 th 9:00-12:00 | Jeff Limoncelli | Baseball Field HS | Ages 7 – 12 years |
| BASKETBALL (G) | June 28 th -July 1 st 11:00-2:00 | Andy Scott | MS Gym | Grades 4 – 10 |
| BASKETBALL (B&G) <i>*Elementary Ages</i> | June 28 th -July 1 st 8:30-10:30 | Andy Scott | MS Fieldhouse | Grades K – 3 |
| BASKETBALL (B) | July 18 th -21 st 8:30-11:00 | Jeff Limoncelli | MS Gym | Grades 3 – 8 |
| CHEERLEADING | August 1 st -4 th (K-6) 9:00-11:00 (7-12) 1:00-3:00 | Kayla Kuhns | HS South Gym | Grades K-6 Grades 7-12 |
| FOOTBALL (JV & Varsity) | June 27 th -July 1 st **Times vary daily, see registration for information | Kevin Hillman | HS Stadium | Modified/JV/Varsity Grades 7-12 |
| FOOTBALL (FLAG) | Every Tuesday in JULY 5:00-6:30 | Kevin Hillman | Football Field | Grades 3-6 |
| LACROSSE (B) | August 2-4 8:00-11:00 | Jason Neubauer | HS Stadium | Grades 1 – 8 |
| LACROSSE (G) | July 20 th -22 nd 9:00-12:00 | Jen Guzylak | HS Stadium | Grades 1 - 10 |
| SOCCER (B) | August 8 th -11 th 1-6 Middle School 8-11:00 7-12 High School 8:00-12:00 | Mark Mucci | Gr. 1-6 Middle School Fields Gr. 7-12 HS Stadium | Grades 1 – 6 Grades 7-12 |
| SOCCER (G) | August 1 st -4 th 8:30-11:30 | Lee Spencer | Middle School Fields | Grades 1-12 |
| SOFTBALL | July 5 th -8 th 9:10:30 10:30-12 | Rick Gryska | Varsity Softball Field (Middle School) | Ages: 7 – 9 years 10-12 years |
| TENNIS (B&G) | July 11 th -14 th 9:00 – 12:00 | Dustin McCullough | Tennis Courts | Grades 4 – 12 |
| VOLLEYBALL (G) | July 18 th -21 st 12:30-2:00 2:00-3:30 | Tim Crout | MS Fieldhouse | Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12 |