

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post

## Horseheads Intermediate School

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### Parent Article

### ATTENTION!

Parent Resources  
on IS website.

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The spring temperatures we have been craving are finally here! It's hard to believe that the month of May is already upon us. We are hoping for a strong finish to what has proven to be a very challenging school year. With your support, we're confident that we can end the school year on a positive note.

We administered the ELA computer-based state exam, and Math is being administered this week. As some of you may have heard, NYS has moved away from the Common Core Learning Standards toward a new framework called *Next Generation Learning Standards*. The new standards have been the result of several years of collaboration with over 130 educators and parents who worked together to make recommendations and revisions, resulting in a new set of English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards.

Students are no longer expected to just memorize information and concepts; they must now take their knowledge and apply, synthesize, or evaluate the correct approach to solving a problem. Your support at home all year long will help as students are challenged with higher level learning. Please see the many resources for parents found on [EngageNY](#) or check out our parent resources page on our website (link to the right).

Once again, I'd like to thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your child. It truly is a team effort! Now that the sun and warmth are here to stay, students are spending their time in sporting and other outdoor activities. Please help by keeping a regular routine and an emphasis on completing homework as well as studying for quizzes and tests. When you get a chance, check out the article to the right about the importance of Dads in their child's education. We appreciate your support!

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bostwick".

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>

*"Treat a child as though he already is the person he is capable of becoming." - Haim Ginott*

## Mark Your Calendars!

<b>Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Board of Education Candidates Forum, HS Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<b>Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	NYS Gr. 5 Math Assessment
<b>Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Public Hearing on Proposed 2021-2022 Budget, HS Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, Via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Budget Vote/BOE Elections, High School South Gym, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Board of Education Meeting, HS Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<b>Fri., 5/28 – Tue., 6/1:</b>	<b>No School</b> – Memorial Day and extra give back day

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

- 1. Presidential Service Awards:** As the end of the school year is approaching, students who meet the criteria for the 50, 75 or 100 hours should have logs turned by May 27<sup>th</sup> if you wish to receive the award before the end of the school year. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to continue working toward the award may do so through June 30, 2021. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS Office by July 7, 2021. Awards will be available for students in September of 2021. Please contact the IS Main Office should you have any questions. [Click here for more information and service logs.](#)
- 2. Sixth Grade End-of-the-Year Activities**

We are still waiting for final guidance to see what kind of celebration we can have for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. There will likely not be an awards ceremony again this year due to the physical distancing restrictions.
- 3.** For many years fifth and sixth grade teachers have integrated **Adventure Based Learning and Community Building** activities into their curriculum. Teachers have focused on skill building that promotes the students' abilities to: solve problems, think critically, and work together in a collaborative learning community. These are all important life-long skills in line with the District's/Intermediate School's vision for its students.
- 4. HOP – Horseheads Orientation Program** is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and is held at different times during the summer to help with the transition from the Intermediate School to Middle School. More information and dates will be posted in the June newsletter. Stay tuned!

## 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	<a href="mailto:gferraro2010@gmail.com">gferraro2010@gmail.com</a>	425-2603
VP:	Angela Sullivan	<a href="mailto:Aksullivan624@gmail.com">Aksullivan624@gmail.com</a>	518-708-4288
Treasurer:	Danielle Richardson	<a href="mailto:dani0227@aol.com">dani0227@aol.com</a>	425-6896
Secretary:	Denise Trondsen	<a href="mailto:dtrondsen@outlook.com">dtrondsen@outlook.com</a>	742-9051



### 2021-2022 Budget Development

The Board of Education and District are currently developing the Proposed 2021-2022 School Budget. The global pandemic, now nearing a year, has led to a challenging time for budgets in our district, nation, state and homes. The Board will continue Budget Development at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the Budget to be offered to voters on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Meetings are at 6:00 PM at the High School Auditorium. Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
- Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Budget Workshop
- Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Budget Workshop
- Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Tentative Board Candidates' Forum
- Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget

The **Budget Vote/Board of Education Election** is **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM-9:00 PM, in the High School South Gym.**

For more information on the process, schedule, and locations for Board Meetings click here: [HCSD Board of Education](#). Questions about the budget or voting? Email the district at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

### COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 in children are vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, stomachache, fever or chills, cough, nasal congestion, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headache, muscle/body aches, fatigue, sore throat. Any of these symptoms must be reported to the School Health Office as soon as they develop.

The District must follow NYS requirements in regard to safety protocols. Please review the attached district [Safety Protocols3.pdf](#).

Daily Staywell Surveys should be answered for your student for each day they are scheduled for an in-person school day.



## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

### PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Sixth Grade Parents/Guardians:

In order to be in compliance with NYS immunization requirements, all 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have a meningococcal vaccine.**

**\*Please note: 10-year old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## PRINCIPAL CHATS

Mr. Bostwick normally holds Principal Chats several times a year as a way to ask questions and get to know the procedures of the school. These have been cancelled due to the Pandemic and rules about school visitors. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to him directly.



## Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Learn about up-to-date information about our District on Facebook and Twitter: On Facebook, the District and each of our seven schools have pages. Please “like” them to get the information on your news feed. Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets.



## Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

May 18, 2021

7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

High School South Gym

### *Who is eligible to vote?*

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as 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 on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Are not restricted from voting in General Elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Learn more about the budget and its development here:

<https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm>



STOPit allows kids who are being cyberbullied to quickly and easily tell trusted adults and authorities that they are being cyberbullied and to seek help. The app comes with four features to support kids. More information [here!](#)

Our **SAFE SCHOOLS HOTLINE** is always available to report a concern, rumor, bullying incident, or any safety issue anonymously and confidentially,  
**24 hours a day. 795-2044**



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Pull tabs are being picked up next week! **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Help Wanted

The Horseheads Central School District is looking for interested individuals for several job positions: Cleaner, Bus Driver, Food Service Worker, as well as Substitute Clerical, Nurse, Cleaner and Food Service Worker. We seek candidates who are 18 or older, including retired community members. To apply, complete our District Application and submit it to Human Resources, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads.

The District Application may be [found here](#); or picked up at our Human Resources Office. Questions? Email us at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

## RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

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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.

## CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

### Character Trait: **Citizenship**

• **Involvement in the community:** Citizenship also means your relationship with the community in which you are a member. In other words, your behavior and actions. It's not just following the rights and behaviors laid down by the law; it also means adhering to the social and moral behavior expected of a citizen.

#### **A good citizen is someone who:**

- cares about the feelings and rights of others
- shows concern for the safety and well-being of others
- stays informed about issues and voices their opinion
- votes
- conserves resources and follows the 3 Rs-- reduce, reuse and recycle
- uses their skills to make a better community

### **The Habit of Mind:**

**Metacognition: Thinking About Thinking**  
**Metacognition is the understanding and awareness of one's own mental or cognitive processes.**

There are many possible examples of metacognition. These examples may help to gain a better understanding of the concept. Below are some examples of metacognition:

1. A person learns about his or her own style of learning.
2. A person learns about what things help him or her to remember facts, names and events.
3. A person becomes aware of his or her own biases in judging others.
4. A person learns about what strategies are the most effective in solving certain problems.



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](mailto: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.



# 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](http://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](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

