

The School Connection



Horseheads Intermediate School

Principal's Post

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 an eventful and exciting school year. With your support, we're confident that we can end the school year on a positive note.

We administered the ELA and Math computer-based state tests over the last few weeks. As you may know, 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,

Michael Bostwick
Principal

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

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Parent Article

ATTENTION!
Parent Resources on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, May 5th:	Public Hearing on Proposed 2022-2023 Budget, 6:00 PM, HS Auditorium & Board of Education Candidates Forum immediately after the Hearing
Tuesday, May 10th:	PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Library
Wednesday, May 11th-13th:	Spring Book Fair
Tuesday, May 17th:	Budget Vote/BOE Elections, High School South Gym, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, May 19th:	Board of Education Meeting, HS Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 24th:	6 th Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 25th:	5 th Grade Music Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Mon., 5/30 – Tue., 5/31:	No School – 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 27th if you wish to receive the award before the end of the school year. All 5th and 6th grade students who wish to continue working toward the award may do so through June 30, 2022. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS Office by July 8, 2022. Awards will be available for students in September of 2022. 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**
Wednesday, June 15th – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (High School Auditorium) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.
Wednesday, June 22nd – **Sixth Grade Celebration** will be held during the school day this year from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.
- 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 6th 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!
- 5.** Please note an important message from the Transportation Department. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call us at 739-6366.
“In an effort to cut costs and increase efficiency, we have consolidated some of our bus runs. As a result, your child’s bus number(s) and bus times may change, and your child may be on the bus a little longer than last year. In addition, due to limited space on the buses, we are no longer able to allow friends of students to ride their bus to and from school with them.”

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)

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



2022-2023 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2022-2023 School Budget. The first budget presentation was Thursday, February 17th. The Board will continue budget development at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters May 17th. All meetings are open to the public.

Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 17th – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, March 3rd – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, March 17th – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 31st – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Monday, April 18th (if needed) – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, April 20th – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, May 5th – Public Hearing on 2022-2023 Budget, 6pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, May 5th – Tentative Board Candidates' Forum, immediately after the Public Hearing, High School Auditorium

IS ILLUMINATOR



An IS Illuminator can be recognized for:

- kindness
- working hard
- extra effort
- showing empathy
- stepping out of their comfort zone
- helping in the classroom
- including others
- communicating thoughts/feelings clearly
- showing self-control in a tough situation
- making good choices
- using strategies to self-regulate

This month we would like to recognize the following students for being an IS Illuminator in the month of April!



John-Warren Oshetski
5th grade



Gideon Lutz
5th grade



Jacob Murray
5th grade



Zachary Robert
5th grade



Mia Howard
5th grade



Faia Umar
6th grade



Adalene Heppner-Smith
6th grade



Owen Farnsworth
6th grade



Katlyn Garrabrant
6th grade



Kamryn Keough
6th grade

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 2

The following students were teacher-selected based on the December and January character traits as well as the habits of mind.

5th Grade



- EXPLORERS:** Riley Abernathy, Bradyn Hourihan, Connor Miele, Amelia Osteen
- GO GETTERS:** Luke Bower, Mylah Castellano, Shalaney McDonough, Lucie Mosher
- INVESTIGATORS:** Tristan Bates, Mason Jamison, Katelyn Miller, Chiara Sa’Pereira
- MASTERMINDS:** Jackson Bell, Lilyana Amberg-Matzke, MJ Carro, Kianna Lane
- THINKERS:** Kellen McDonnell, Moiz Osman, Jack Sonsire, Wyatt Stebbins
- TRENDSETTERS:** Ali Carrier, Jude Reheis, Aliyah Teets, Noah Thompson

6th Grade

- BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS:** Lucas Narosky
- COLLABORATORS:** Elena Hillman, Stephen Hoyt, Kendall Morrissey, Maddy Nugent
- CREATORS:** Emmett Fifield, Niya Sharma, Jack Sydlansky, Meghan Young
- GROUND BREAKERS:** Kamryn Keough, Anna Kozemko, Jacob Long
- PATHFINDERS:** Kyleigh Halcomb, Julie Hughson, Laikyn Kingsley, Jaxon Streeter
- PROBLEM SOLVERS:** Annabelle Francisco, Morgan Mustico, Landon Wulff
- TRAIL BLAZERS:** Ryan Tineo Baez, Claire Schillo
- TRANSFORMERS:** A’livia McFall



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 or Walk-In Clinics or through the Chemung County Health Department, at (607)737-2028, appointment, only 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. 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 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.

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

May 17, 2022

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 18th.
- Are not restricted from voting in General Elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 17th.

Learn more about the budget and its development here:

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



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@HhdsSchools to read our tweets.



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.

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.

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.