

The School Connection



Principal's Post

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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 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 computer-based state tests, and the two sessions of the math test will be next week. 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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Parent Article

ATTENTION!
Parent Resources
on IS website.

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

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Thursday, May 9th:** Public Hearing on Proposed 2024-2025 Budget, 6:00 PM, HS Multi-Media Center
- Tuesday, May 21st:** Budget Vote/BOE Elections, High School South Gym, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 21st:** PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Library
- Thursday, May 23rd:** Board of Education Meeting, HS Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM
- Fri, 5/24 - Tue., 5/28:** 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 in by May 3rd 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, 2024. These logged hours need to be dropped off in the IS Office by July 1, 2024. Awards will be available for students in September of 2024. 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 12th – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (Intermediate School Cafeteria) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.
Tuesday, June 25th – **Sixth Grade Celebration** will be held during the school day 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.** Middle School offers some support with transitions to 7th grade. Look for emails over the summer about self-guided tours and schedule pick-up. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Middle School Main Office at 739-6357.
- 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 may be on the bus a little longer. 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!!!

Intermediate School PTO Officers (2023-2024)

I'd like to introduce you all to our PTO Officers (named below) for the 2023-2024 school year. Please attend our meetings held in the Library at 6:00 PM most often on the third Tuesday of the month. Please reach out via email if you have any questions or would like to help with upcoming events.

Beth Manwaring Alicia McWilliams Tara Spirawk Alicia Wahl-Knowlden

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2024-2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Budget development for the following school year begins early in the calendar year. Regular Board Meetings and Budget Workshops are held from February to April until the final adoption of the Budget to be offered to voters on May 21st. All meetings are open to the public. Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 15th – Regular Meeting, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, February 29th – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 14th – Regular Meeting, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, March 27th – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 4th: Board of Education Budget Workshop, 6:00 PM, High School MMC
- Thursday, April 11th – Budget Meeting (if needed), 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 17th – Special Meeting (Board Vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget), 7:30am, District Offices at Hibbard Road
- Thursday, April 18th – Regular Meeting (Board Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget), 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- **Thursday, May 9th – Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center**

Questions? Email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

BUDGET VOTE/BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday, May 21st, 7am-9pm**, in the High School South Gym.

All district residents are eligible to vote, provided 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
 - Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- OR
- Are registered to vote in general elections

For information on absentee ballots or other questions about the budget or vote, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Marking Period 2

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

5th Grade



<u>BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS:</u>	Riley Johns, Aubrianna Morgan
<u>EXPLORERS:</u>	Nora Klein, Haden McKinney, Marin Parsons, Tyler Wood
<u>GO GETTERS:</u>	James Brookins, Mason Hornsby, Abigail Krause, Alice Mangino
<u>INVESTIGATORS:</u>	Alwaleed El-Kahlout, Efrain Nieves, Lucy Swartz, Sadie Titsworth
<u>MASTERMINDS:</u>	Ben Brink, Alyssa Clark, Camden Crowley, Arianna White
<u>THINKERS:</u>	Elijah Ham, Jasiri Schmidt, Quinn Spirawk, Lucas Weaver
<u>TRENDSETTERS:</u>	Xander Friends, Rene Jones, Alexandria Lott, Lucas Robinson
<u>TRANSFORMERS:</u>	Mollie Byron

6th Grade

<u>CREATORS:</u>	Alex Bocek, Haylee Hancock, Eva Howe
<u>COLLABORATORS:</u>	John Bean, Dominic Cancel, Annabelle Guardi, Payton Kline
<u>GROUND BREAKERS:</u>	Haven Erway, Aditi Kamaraju, Alex Mayotte, Hawkins Mitchell
<u>PATHFINDERS:</u>	Lilly Johnson, Presley McInnis, Gabe Peake, Emelia Martinez Wilcox
<u>PROBLEM SOLVERS:</u>	Jordan Apgar, Gavin Brooks, Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden
<u>TRAIL BLAZERS:</u>	Noah Campanelli, Macy Phillips



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 through the Chemung County Health Department. You can reach the Health Department by calling (607) 737-2028.

You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization 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 3). 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 cold symptoms appear.

NEW PROCEDURE AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE EMAILS

Dear Intermediate School Parents/Guardians,

Intermediate School wishes to keep parents/guardians informed of students' attendance at school and assist students in meeting attendance requirements. To this end, we have been mailing letters to parents/guardians when their student is absent from school eight, sixteen, or more times in a school year. Beginning Tuesday, April 30th, this process will move to an automated email rather than a mailed letter. Emails will be sent to parents/guardians of students who are absent from school eight, sixteen, or more times. This change will allow for quicker and more efficient delivery of important information regarding your student's attendance.

As a reminder, regular school attendance is crucial for your students' academic success and overall well-being. Consistent attendance ensures that students do not miss out on valuable instruction, opportunities, and important classroom activities. Our Attendance Policy is designed to promote a positive and engaging learning environment for all students. It is essential that your student attends school regularly and arrives on time. In the event of an absence, please notify the school as soon as possible, please remember that an excused absence still counts towards the student's absence count. Please [click here](#) to see the District's Attendance Policy.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your student's counselor or my office.

Sincerely,

Michael Bostwick

COMING SOON – 2024-2025 BUSING FORM

On Monday, May 6th, the Transportation Department will send the 2024-25 School Year Busing Form for parents/guardians to complete. This process was implemented in 2023 and has been refined for the upcoming school year. The Busing Form helps the Transportation Department determine the schedule and routes. This form must be completed for every student. Please stay tuned for more information.



Book Fest 2024
Read. Think. Dream.

Don't Miss Book Fest!
Saturday May 18th at
10:00am-2:00pm at Wisner
Park in downtown Elmira
Free books, entertainment, crafts, games and activities for kids and their families! This year featuring local authors, favorite book characters, music and magic!
Hope to see you there!

FAMILY READING PARTNERSHIP

Date: Saturday May 18, 2024
Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Place: Wisner Park
200 N. Main Street
Elmira, NY 14901



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**

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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. [Click here](#) for the application or stop into Human Resources. Questions? Email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

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 \$125 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.

