

Horseheads Middle School

January, 2023



The New Year Issue

Contact Us!

607-739-6357

Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm

What's Happening at HMS

1/9/23 - 1/12/23

aimsweb Plus Testing

1/16/23

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - No School

1/18/2023

Raider White Band & Choir Concert

7:00pm in the MS Café

1/30/2022

Instructional Planning Day - No School

1/31/2023

Second Semester Begins

2/1/2023

Report Cards Distributed

2/2/2023

PTO Meeting

5:30pm in Library

Semester Two Open House

6:00 - 7:30pm

2/3/2023 - 2/4/2023

Middle School Musical

Friday - 7:00pm in MS Café

Saturday - 2:00pm in MS Café

Horseheads District Seeks New Mascot Ideas

Time to showcase your artistic and creative talents and create a new mascot for our Blue Raiders! The new design must take into consideration diversity and historical context when creating a school-appropriate image.

See page 5 for more details.



NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) now requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families.

Please see the form on page 4. The questionnaire can be filled out online or on your phone.

Spelling Bee



Our Regional Spelling Bee Qualifier will be held on January 10, 2023 during 10th Period. Study hard!

H **HEALTH CAREERS** in the **Horseheads Central School District**

Join the Blue Raider team!

**Registered Nurses
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)
Substitute Nurses and LPNs**

*Health care providers are vital members of our schools.
Become a member of our staff and help keep our
children healthy and ready to learn.*

- Full time, ten-month positions (no weekends or summers)
- Excellent benefits including health, vision, and dental insurance, as well as New York State retirement
- All appropriate certifications and licenses required



**To apply, or for more information, visit
<https://horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm>,
contact the Human Resources Office at 607-739-5601,
x4212, email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.**



The Horseheads Central School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver

UPDATE: Pay rate for 2022-23 is \$21.65/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 3:30pm. Our application may also be found at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment. (Both the district application and the 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.





NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) now requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that you complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12 in your family. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal and following the instructions below. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

Annotations:

- Click on student's name.** (Points to the student list table)
- Click on User Defined tab.** (Points to the 'USER DEFINED' tab in the bottom navigation bar)
- If using the mobile app:** (<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>). After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen. (Points to the 'FORMS' button in the mobile app overlay)

Mobile App Overlay Text:

WELCOME TO SCHOOLTOOL LIAM MILLS

FORMS 1 DUE

MY STUDENTS

RON MILLS (9999)
School Name: High School
Today: B
PE 11/12

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire [Save] [Cancel] [Help]

Start Date: 10/27/2022 [Calendar Icon] End Date: 11/27/2022 [Calendar Icon]

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten - Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their place of residence. To assist us in this process, please access <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u> for the best of your ability and follow any additional instructions provided for submitting or returning the survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.

Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?

None [Dropdown]

What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)

None [Dropdown]

Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 3? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)

None [Dropdown]

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?

None [Dropdown]

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?

None [Dropdown]

Is your child able to access the Internet in their primary place of residence?

None [Dropdown]

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?

None [Dropdown]

In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?

None [Dropdown]

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?

None [Dropdown]

School Notes

District Seeks Entries for new Mascot



The Horseheads School District is seeking a new mascot to represent the Horseheads Blue Raiders. Students, alumni, staff, and community members are welcome to submit a design. Deadline is January 31, at 3 p.m. Click here:

[HCSD Image Information and Application.pdf \(horseheadsdistrict.com\)](#) for more information.

Key information regarding Horseheads Central School District

***We are the Horseheads Central School District “Blue Raiders.”
For the purposes of this document and process:***

Our District Name:	Horseheads Central School District
Our Nickname:	Horseheads Blue Raiders
Our Logo:	Underscored H
Our Primary School Color is:	Blue
Our Secondary School Color is:	White
Our minor trim colors are:	Gray and black

Please note: Some images used in the past are trademarked by other organizations. The Board of Education has agreed that these images can no longer be used due to the potential for financial exposure and liability.

The image being developed through this process will not replace our logo but be used in conjunction with the underscored “H” to represent the District and Blue Raiders.

1. The district must receive your submission **by 3:00 p.m. on January 31**. Paper submissions may be delivered to any school main office or the district office at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads. Electronic submissions must be sent to hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com. No late submissions will be accepted.
2. Once the submission process has closed, the district image committee will review and discuss all submissions, forwarding these to the Board of Education. If your image is selected, you are also agreeing that you are giving the district all rights to your image.
3. The Board will conduct a district wide vote of selected images to determine a final district image. This vote will involve current community members, all enrolled students, and confirmed alumni. This will be under the direction of the Horseheads Central School District Clerk and reported to the Board of Education.
4. The Board will act on the vote at its June 2023 meeting. The image would be officially recognized as the new district image for the 2023-24 school year.
5. Any questions or clarification needed, please reach out to the image committee chair members, Principal Kris Earl, or Athletic Director Charles DeTaeye.



health.ny.gov/flu



Fight Flu at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids.
You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

News from the School Nurse

Mrs. Cobb



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from the eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication like Tylenol or Motrin, etc.	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school or other activities.

Please communicate with your school nurse about any health concerns your child might be experiencing. We want to ensure he or she receives appropriate care at school.



School Notes

What you Need to Know



Horseheads Middle School PTO's

Alternative Fundraiser

As parents of Middle Schoolers, we are all familiar with the joys of fundraisers - selling door-to-door, hounding the same family and friends year after year, collecting (and keeping track of) money, and delivering the goodies weeks later. The HMS PTO Alternative Fundraiser eliminates all of the headache but still lets you support all of the things we do for our students and faculty!

**Thank you in advance
for your participation!**

☐ I really live for PTO and want to help. Add my name to the volunteer list.

☐ \$10 - I do not want to bake, so here is the money I would have spent on those cupcakes.

☐ \$15 - I do not want to walk, swim or run in any activity that has the word "thon" in it. Here is the money I would have spent on my child's "free" t-shirt.

☐ \$25 - I do not want to hit up friends, family and co-workers, so here is the money I would have spent buying coupon books.

☐ \$50 - I really wouldn't have helped anyway, so here's \$50 to forget my name☺

\$____ I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy (and eat!), sell or do, except fill out this envelope.

HMS PTO Supports:

- ◆ The HMS Rewards Program
- ◆ Art Show Refreshments
- ◆ National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- ◆ 8th Grade Awards Ceremony



venmo

@HMSPTO

- ◆ 8th Grade Farewell Cel-

**Please make checks
payable to HMS HSO**



Support our Schools

Through our Alternative Fundraiser!

Lets face it - another fundraiser at this time of year is not what most people look forward to. This year, we've made it easy for you! Our "Alternative Fundraiser" lets you show your support for our middle school while relieving you of the hassle of fundraisers.

See the form (left) and choose the level you're comfortable with. Then get on with your holiday celebrations!

Thank you in advance for supporting our PTO and all the wonderful things they do for our middle school.

YEARBOOK SALE



To order your 2022-2023 Middle School yearbook, go to the following website: ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Enter the Yearbook ID code **11056523** and then follow the easy on - screen ordering instructions.

The cost is \$ 20.00 and all major credit cards are accepted. **The Middle School will not be handling any yearbook payments.**

All yearbooks must be ordered online from now until May 15.

School Yearbooks will be distributed in June.

If you need further information or details, please call 1-800-453-9764.



School Notes

What you Need to Know



Progress Reports/Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the ten-week marking period.

Distinguished High Honor Roll	95-100
High Honor Roll	90-94.99
Honor Roll	85-89.99
Failing Grade	64.0 or lower in any course

A failing grade in any class eliminates the student from the Honor Roll.

Report Cards Distributed February 1, 2023

Lost your lunchbox? Misplaced your math book? Check the Lost and Found! There are blue bins under the table in the Main Office.



Attendance Auto-call and Email

To keep you updated regarding your child's attendance, the middle school will send you an auto-call and email when your student(s) are absent from school. If a student is absent from first period, a call and email will be generated and delivered in the morning. If the student continues to be absent, another call will be generated and delivered in the evening with all of the periods the student has missed.

Character Trait of the Month

Fairness

Treat all people fairly. Be open-minded.
Listen to others and try to understand what they are saying or feeling.
Don't take unfair advantage of other's mistakes.
Don't take more than your fair share.

PARENT PORTAL

If you have not already signed up, please visit the District webpage. Under the "Quicklinks" section, hover over "Parent Portal" and click on "Parent Portal Registration Form". Fill out the form and submit it, and a link will be sent to your email.

Checking your student's grades on Parent Portal? The URL for a computer browser is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com>

The URL for the mobile app is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>



School Notes

What you Need to Know



The National Junior Honor Society presented the Make a Wish Metro NY and Western NY organization with a donation of \$890.74! The students raised the money by selling Candygrams at their Halloween fundraiser.



Ms. Deb Lynch, Career Development Council Career Specialist, was awarded a **Partners in Education Career Achievement Award** by the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce. She was nominated by Superintendent Dr. Tom Douglas.

Ms. Lynch coordinates visits for our 8th-grade FACS students to visit the BOCES Bush campus to learn about careers. She also works with local companies to visit the Middle School for career talks during 10th period for our students.

Congratulations, Ms. Lynch!

FISH Committee Donates Treats to Meals on Wheels

The FISH committee would like to thank everyone that helped to get our treats wrapped and ready to distribute. They are currently on their way to the Meals on Wheels Center. A special thanks to Mrs. Karnas and Mrs. Franklin for going above and beyond to help get this done. The Committee wrapped 302 treat rolls for Meals on Wheels. This will make 300 people's day because of you HMS!



Follow Us!

On social media



Learn up-to-date information about our schools and district:

- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. “Like” them to see our information in your news feed
- Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.
- Questions about our website or social media? E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

**SAFE
SCHOOLS
LINE**

795-2044 or
1-800-305-4984

*To report child abuse
or neglect, call toll free
1-800-342-3720 or
ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps*

Parents’ Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

1. The parent/guardian or eligible student has a right to:
2. inspect and review the student’s education records;
3. request that records be amended to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights;
4. consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) authorizes disclosure without consent; and
5. file a complaint with the United States Department of Education alleging failure of the district to comply with FERPA and its regulations. Complaints may be sent to Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.



Reminder to parents...

If you move within the district, we require two proofs of residency when you submit the address change. We accept the following:

- Bank contract or mortgage agreement with name and address showing home purchase
- Signed rent or lease agreement with landlord's name, address, and telephone number, or DSS processed landlord statement
- Most recent utility bill (electric, phone, etc)
- Receipt for gas/electric/phone service
- Driver's license or state ID card with picture showing current district address
- Currently active bank account/checkbook statement with name and address imprinted
- Payroll stub with address

Questions? Call 739-5601, x4251.



Online district calendar

To see district and school events in 2022-23, please go to <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm> or go to the Calendar link in the main menu on the district website. The district will not be printing a multi-page calendar this year. Our online calendar allows us to update events throughout the year and may be printed at home.

Employment opportunities

The district is accepting applications for cleaners, food service helpers, bus drivers, substitutes, and other positions at any time. Other positions are publicized when they become open.

For more information on employment opportunities and to apply for a position, please visit our website at <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm>.

Questions? Call 607-739-5601, x4211 or x4212, or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



News from the Middle School Café

Rob Cole, Manager

Jennifer Basch, Manager



It's New York Menu Day!
Wednesday, December 14

Homemade Chili made with NY Ground Beef

NY Sour Cream

Frito Corn Chips

NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes

Local NY Apples & Juice

Chilled NY Milk



Contact the Food Service Department with any questions:

Rob Cole, Manager 607-739-5601 x 3671

rocole@gstboces.org

Jennifer Basch, Manager 607-739-5601 x 3674

jbasch@gstboces.org



Horseheads Central School District

Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

The district announces school closings and delays in a variety of ways:

- **Text messaging** – Parents/guardians can receive a text message if schools are closed or delayed by opting in to our text messaging service through SchoolMessenger. To opt in, text Y or Yes to 67587. You will receive a text response confirming that you are registered for texting.
- **District website** at www.horseheadsdistrict.com
- **District Facebook pages** (the district and all seven schools have pages)
- **Twitter** - @HhdsSchools
- **Local television and radio stations:**
 - o TV - WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
 - o Radio – WELM 1410AM, WNKI 106.1FM/WPGI 100.9FM, WENY 1230AM/MagicFM 92.7FM/WGMM 98.7

Note: Television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Important notes about school closings/delays:

- There may be a time when any of these means of communication do not work due to Internet or other issues, so we ask that you check more than one of our communication methods to determine if school is in regular session or not for that day.
- If schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and evening programs.
- When school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally, on school delays, there is no breakfast served.
- On school delays, prekindergarten begins at 10:30am.
- If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and confusing than attempting to send students home early.

School/District Communication

Our schools publish newsletters monthly or every other month. The district has an annual budget newsletter and other communications shared as needed. These will be sent by email and are available online.

The online district calendar can be found here: <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm>. It is updated regularly. Calendar information is also shared in school and district newsletters.



Parents/Guardians:

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

The Horseheads School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts, and more.*

You can participate in this service* by sending "Y" or "Yes" by text to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



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Digital Citizen News

December 2022



HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON FROM ALL OF US!





We encourage all digital citizens to continue to learn **new technologies and skills**, and to continue to stand up **against fake news, intimidation, and bullying online**.

ChatGPT: Artificially Speaking



Last month we explored the application of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning applied to generating images on the fly. ChatGPT is an application from **OpenAI** that applies the same ML engine (GPT-3) to create original text and conversation. You give it a prompt and ChatGPT generates the text.

About ChatGPT - <http://go.gstric.org/804-about-chatgpt>

Video: OpenAI's ChatGPT is a massive step forward - <http://go.gstric.org/804-chatgpt-video>

GPT-3 Powers the Next Generation of Apps - <http://go.gstric.org/804-gpt-3>

Write a rap about the status of ChatGPT.

Yeah, yeh, where's up ChatGPT has
A lot of people trying to jam
But don't worry, we got your back
Just check back soon, we'll get on track

ChatGPT's the place to be
For all your AI chat needs
We're working hard to keep up the pace
So hold tight, we'll be back in this space

So don't you worry, don't be mad
We're working hard, it's not so bad
Just give us time, we'll be back
ChatGPT, the future of chat, that's a fact.

ChatGPT composes a rap about itself from the prompt above.

#BECYBERSMART

POWERED BY DHS

Visit the website to learn about:



CYBERSECURITY



INFRASTRUCTURE
SECURITY



EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS



NATIONAL RISK
MANAGEMENT

<http://go.gstric.org/804-be-cyber-smart>

Since this is the last issue of our newsletter, we would like to let you know about an initiative from the Department of Homeland Security call #BE CYBER SMART. As you look forward take a little time to explore the materials at their site. <http://go.gstric.org/804-be-cyber-smart>



**CYBERSECURITY and
INFRASTRUCTURE
SECURITY AGENCY**

**PROTECT
YOUR
IDENTITY**

**600,000
ACCOUNTS
HACKED**
every single day

47%
AMERICAN ADULTS
searched for personal information
exposed by cybercriminals

**1-3
HOMES**
with computers are infected with
MALICIOUS SOFTWARE

Learn and share current facts <http://go.gstric.org/804-smart-facts>

**MULTI-FACTOR
AUTHENTICATION**
Double up on your login
protection.

WI-FI SAFETY
Stay protected while connected.

**OVERSHARING
& GEOTAGGING**
Never click and tell.

Quick Cyber Lessons topics <http://go.gstric.org/804-smart-lessons>

TWITTER'S GOLDEN RULE:



TWEET

Others The Way You Want To Be
TWEETED!

<http://go.gstric.org/804-tweeting>

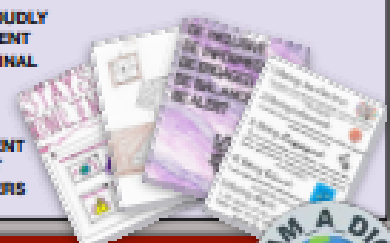
A quote from **Peg Fitzgerald**, social media speaker, trainer, and author

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WE PROUDLY
PRESENT
OUR FINAL

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STUDENT
ART
POSTERS



This monthly newsletter is created as part of **GST BOCES Digital Citizenship Initiative**. Send your comments, questions, and suggestions to dc@gstbooces.org. Visit our website: <http://www.gstric.org/digital-citizenship>.



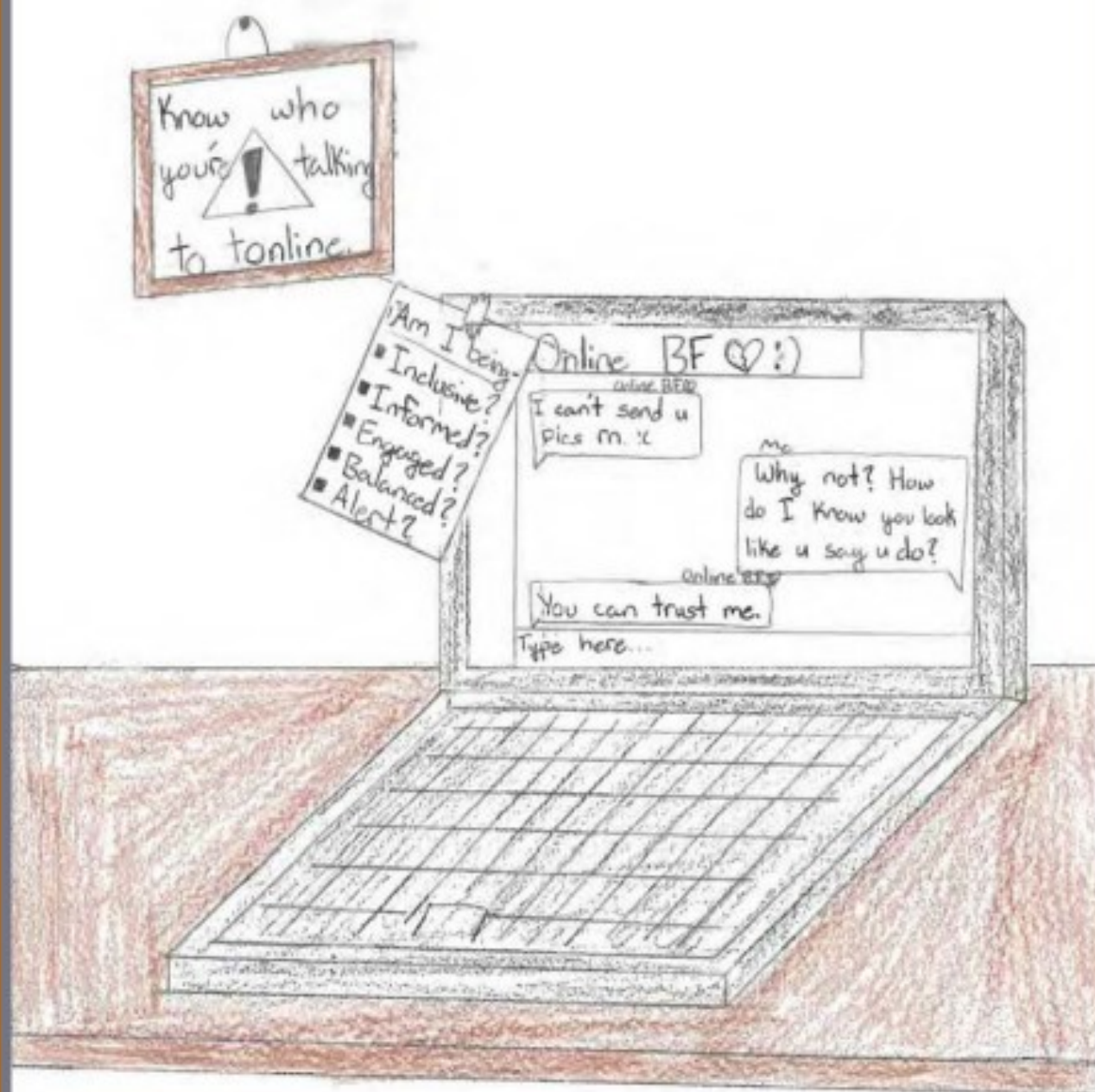
OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR MARCH 2023

"Stay Safe Online" created by Daisy
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>



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OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR APRIL 2023

"Checklist" created by Chloe
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>



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BE INCLUSIVE
BE INFORMED
BE ENGAGED
BE BALANCED
BE ALERT

DIGITAL
CITIZEN
SHIP

OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR MAY 2023

"I Am Digital" created by Faith
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>



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1) Being *inclusive*:



I am open to hearing and respectfully recognizing multiple viewpoints, and i engage with others online with respect and emapthy.

2) Being Informed:



I evaulate the accuracy ,perspective,and validity of digital media and social posts

3) Being *Engaged*:



I use technology and digital channels for civic engagement, to solve problems and be a force for good in both physical and virtual communities.

4) Being Balanced:



I make informed decisions about how to priortize my time and activities online and off

5) Being Alert:



I am aware of my online actions, and know how to be safe and create safe spaces for others online

OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR JUNE 2023

"I Am" created by Raquel
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>





District Dignity Act Coordinator

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 One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Middle School Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Notice

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, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination.

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