



Ridge Road Reporter

November 2022



Dear Parents,

Progress reports will only be **distributed to students in grades three and four during this first marking period.** The 3rd and 4th grade progress reports will be sent home on Thursday, November 10th. All of our report cards serve as an indicator for how your child is progressing toward the expectations at his/her grade level.

Pre K- 2nd grade students will not receive actual report cards until the end of the 2nd marking period. However, all the Pre-K-4th grade teachers will be reviewing your child's progress with you at the parent teacher conference meetings on November 10th, 18th, and 22nd. If you have not already confirmed your conference time with your child's teacher, please do so early this week. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child's teacher to form a partnership and plan together how to best meet the individual learning needs of your child.

Utilize this first progress report and parent/teacher conference as a chance to take positive action. Share the information from the report and parent/teacher conference with your child. Find something to praise and then focus on any areas that may need improvement.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Principal

PTO Meeting and Family Night

The PTO will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 16th, at 6:30 pm**, in the Ridge Road Library. Please join us for the meeting. Childcare is provided during the meeting.

Family Bingo Night- **Friday, November 18th, at 6:30 pm.** Look for the sign-up flier coming home soon.





Citizenship Challenge

We are starting to receive pictures and notes from students who have completed the Citizenship Challenge. Please remember that all Ridge Road students have until November 14th to demonstrate citizenship in our community by giving back to a neighbor, community member, or group. These are just some ideas, feel free to come up with your own.

1. Do something nice for someone in our community.
 - a. Help a neighbor with yard work
 - b. Collect donations for a local group such as the Food Bank or SPCA
 - c. Clean up project in the neighborhood
2. Show an essential worker, community helper, or Veteran that you appreciate them!
 - a. Make a thank you card and deliver it to them
 - b. Make an encouraging sign and post it in your front yard
 - c. Make a treat or gift and give it to them as you see them working hard

When you complete your act of citizenship share your photo or video with your teacher and Mrs. Bailey. Students who complete this project will be highlighted on our morning news.



Picture Retake Day

Ridge Road's picture retake day is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16th**. If your child was absent on picture day or if you would like to have your child's pictures retaken, **please call Melissa or Tracy in the school office to make sure they add your child to the list**. If you are having the picture package retaken because you do not like the pictures, we must have the entire picture package returned when retakes are taken.



No School on Friday, November 11th

In honor of Veterans' Day, school will not be in session.



Parent / Teacher Conferences

All students will be dismissed early from school on Thursday, November 10th, Friday, November 18th, and Tuesday, November 22nd. The afternoon times on these three days will be used for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Dismissal Schedule for the three half days-

10:30 -Pre-K Dismissal

11:00- Grades K-4th - Dismissal for all students

- We will start the dismissal process at 10:55 for K-4th grade students going to buses and parent pick-up.**

Thanksgiving Break November 23rd, 24th, and 25th

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (11/23-11/25) school will not be in session for the Thanksgiving Holiday. **Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!**



The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlyn DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Anne-Marie Bailey at 607-739-6351 x 7600.

The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlyn DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.

Kids' Night Out

November 18th, 2022

SPONSORED BY THE HORSEHEADS WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB



WHAT IS KIDS' NIGHT OUT?

The Horseheads Wrestling Team & Parents will watch your child(ren), provide dinner, and offer activities for them while you enjoy an evening of peace and quiet.



\$15.00 PER CHILD
(HORSEHEADS STUDENTS ONLY)

INCLUDES:

- DINNER (PIZZA, CHIPS, & DRINK)
- ACTIVITIES



TIME, LOCATION, & AGE RANGE

Time: 6:00-8:30

Location: High School Auditorium Entrance

Age Range: Grades K-6th

REGISTRATION

- Please register no later than Wednesday, November 16th. Limited spots available if you register on the day of the event.
- Forms & payment must be completed before the event.
- You must complete a form per child.
- Scan the QR code to register.



ACTIVITIES

- Face painting
- Coloring
- Physical Education Activities
- Swimming-Registered Lifeguards on Duty (Grades 4-6 ONLY)
 - Requires a swimsuit and towel



THANK YOU!





Digital Citizen News

October 2022



OCTOBER 17TH - 21ST
IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

See page 2 for more

Welcome Back!

Last month, we got started on our journey with our Digital Citizenship (DC) pledge and by looking at a few of our favorite DC web sites.

We also looked at a few Data Privacy and Security threats: phishing, BEC (business email compromise), and ransomware.

You can always get to our own DC website using the shortcut address -

<http://dc.gstboces.org>

There you can review any of our previous newsletters and use any of our content. Visit Us on the Web!

October is also



CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

The National Cybersecurity Alliance hosts a site with lots of information at **StaySafeOnline**.

<http://go.gstric.org/602-staysafe>

KEY This year, we are focusing on four key
BEHAVIORS behaviors instead of weekly themes:



Enabling multi-factor authentication

<http://go.gstric.org/602-mfa>



Using strong passwords and a password manager

<http://go.gstric.org/602-pass>



Updating apps and software

<http://go.gstric.org/602-apps>



Recognizing and reporting phishing

<http://go.gstric.org/602-phish>

What does a digital citizen fear the most?

What did Dracula



Being GHOSTED on social media.
say to the Digital Citizen?



Dig Cit Humor for October

This slow Internet really BITES

Participate in this year's Digital Citizenship Week

There are numerous spaces on the web containing ideas to recognize this week. Do a quick Google search and explore some of these sites. Choose an activity to share with your school or your class. We like Common Sense Education's Materials. They have complete lists of questions, activities, lessons, and information for families for several different age groups. Below is an example of the types of material available. The links at the bottom of the page are divided by grade level.

Digital Citizenship Week – Grades K–2

<http://go.gstric.org/602-dc-week>

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Digital Citizenship Week with this calendar of fun activities and resources! Pick one or teach them all! You can try a quick 15-minute activity, or extend students' learning with a full lesson from our curriculum.

	Daily question for students	Try a 15-minute activity	Teach a lesson from our curriculum	Share with families
Monday	Who are the Digital Citizen characters and what do they stand for?	Digital Citizens Coloring Book or Read the Pause & Think Online storybook on Book Creator	Pause and Think Online	Online Relationships Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Tuesday	How can I be a good digital citizen?	We the Digital Citizens	Pause & Think Moment	We the Digital Citizens Family Activity (Also in Spanish)
Wednesday	How can I stay safe when I go online?	Traveling Safely Online	Internet Traffic Light	Internet Safety Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Thursday	How do you say goodbye to technology when you don't want to?	Saying Goodbye to Technology	Media Balance Is Important	Media Balance Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Friday	How can we be kind online?	NEW! Check out this sneak preview of our new Meet the Dig Citizens video series!	Who Is in Your Online Community?	Tips by Text (Also in Spanish)

Share your #DigCitWins with us! [@CommonSenseEd](#) #DigCitWeek

Digital Citizenship Week – Grades 3–5
Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Digital Citizenship Week with this calendar of fun activities and resources! Pick one or teach them all! You can try a quick 15-minute activity, or extend students' learning with a full lesson from our curriculum.

Daily question for students	Try a 15-minute activity	Teach a lesson from our curriculum	Share with families
Monday: How can I be a good digital citizen?	Digital Citizens Coloring Book	Pause & Think Online	Online Relationships Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Tuesday: How can I stay safe when I go online?	Traveling Safely Online	Internet Traffic Light	Internet Safety Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Wednesday: How do you say goodbye to technology when you don't want to?	Saying Goodbye to Technology	Media Balance Is Important	Media Balance Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Thursday: How can we be kind online?	NEW! Check out this sneak preview of our new Meet the Dig Citizens video series!	Who Is in Your Online Community?	Tips by Text (Also in Spanish)

Digital Citizenship Week – Grades 6–8
Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Digital Citizenship Week with this calendar of fun activities and resources! Pick one or teach them all! You can try a quick 15-minute activity, or extend students' learning with a full lesson from our curriculum.

Daily question for students	Try a 15-minute activity	Teach a lesson from our curriculum	Share with families
Monday: How can I be a good digital citizen?	Digital Citizens Coloring Book	Pause & Think Online	Online Relationships Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Tuesday: How can I stay safe when I go online?	Traveling Safely Online	Internet Traffic Light	Internet Safety Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Wednesday: How do you say goodbye to technology when you don't want to?	Saying Goodbye to Technology	Media Balance Is Important	Media Balance Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Thursday: How can we be kind online?	NEW! Check out this sneak preview of our new Meet the Dig Citizens video series!	Who Is in Your Online Community?	Tips by Text (Also in Spanish)

Digital Citizenship Week – Grades 9–12
Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Digital Citizenship Week with this calendar of fun activities and resources! Pick one or teach them all! You can try a quick 15-minute activity, or extend students' learning with a full lesson from our curriculum.

Daily question for students	Try a 15-minute activity	Teach a lesson from our curriculum	Share with families
Monday: How can I be a good digital citizen?	Digital Citizens Coloring Book	Pause & Think Online	Online Relationships Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Tuesday: How can I stay safe when I go online?	Traveling Safely Online	Internet Traffic Light	Internet Safety Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Wednesday: How do you say goodbye to technology when you don't want to?	Saying Goodbye to Technology	Media Balance Is Important	Media Balance Conversation Starter (Also in Spanish)
Thursday: How can we be kind online?	NEW! Check out this sneak preview of our new Meet the Dig Citizens video series!	Who Is in Your Online Community?	Tips by Text (Also in Spanish)

For [Grades K–2](#) and [Grades 3–5](#)

For [Grades 6–8](#)

For [Grades 9–12](#)

<http://go.gstric.org/602-dc-week1>

<http://go.gstric.org/602-dc-week2>

<http://go.gstric.org/602-dc-week3>



"The digital space allows educators to be innovative and curate content, and teaches young scholars and future leaders the importance of being involved in the process of digital citizenship."

- **Germany Kent**, American Journalist

Some Interesting Data about Passwords

- 80%** of hacking-related breaches are linked to passwords
- 75%** of Americans are frustrated with passwords
- 65%** of people use the same password across multiple accounts
- 42%** of people rely on their memory for work passwords
- 37%** of people have over 20 passwords
- 20%** of people admit that they shared their email account password with someone else

For Cybersecurity Awareness Month two key behaviors to look into are **enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA)**, and **using strong passwords with a password managing system**.

- 55%** However, only 55% of users know what password managers and two-factor authentication (2FA) are.

Here is some better news:

- 99%** of all attacks are blocked by multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- 57%** of businesses use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to protect employee accounts
- 53%** of individuals use two-factor authentication (2FA) to protect home and personal accounts

Source: <http://go.gstric.org/602-passwords>

from recent studies done by Google and the Ponemon Institute.



USER RESEARCH

After digesting the password information on the left, you may want to do some research of your own about password managers.

A password manager is a service that helps you generate and store long, unique passwords for all of your online accounts.

Here are a few articles to help:

How to Use a Password Manager

Password managers can make all of your accounts more secure, and getting started is easier than you might think. (From Consumer Reports)

<http://go.gstric.org/602-passwd-manager>

The Best Password Managers for 2022

Our top-rated password managers help you create strong passwords for all your online accounts and alert you of potential data leaks. (From PC Magazine)

<http://go.gstric.org/602-best-manager>

Do some research. Perhaps try a password manager or two, and then use your new knowledge to protect your passwords and your network systems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Summit on K-12 SAFETY AND SECURITY

November 1-3, 2022
Online Broadcasts

Southern Tier ConnectED Conference

March 20, 2023
Watkins Glen High School

See September 2022 issue for more details

<http://go.gstric.org/September2022>





OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR NOVEMBER 2022

"Be A Digital Citizen" created by Jacqueline
as an eighth grader

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



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This Shouldn't be your
life-Support



OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR DECEMBER 2022

"This Shouldn't Be Your Life Support" created
by Olivia as a ninth grader



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





Ridge Road Student Calendar

November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 31 Day 2	1 Day 3 504 Meetings	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6 Bus Drills End of Marking Period 1:30– Veteran’s Day Celebration
7 Day 1 3rd and 4th Special Grades Due 2:35– Site Team	8 Day 2 3rd and 4th Classroom grades are due	9 Day 3 2:35– Faculty Meeting	10 Day 4 Reports Cards for grades 3 and 4 Early Dismissal for Students- 10:30 Pk and 11:00 for K-4 Afternoon– Parent /Teacher Conferences	11 No School 
14 Day 5 CSE Meetings	15 Day 6	16 Day 1 Picture Make-up Day 6:30pm PTO MTG RR Library	17 Day 2 Pm– CIM Meetings	18 Day 3 Early Dismissal for Students-10:30 PK and 11:00 for K-4 Afternoon– Parent /Teacher Conferences 6:30pm Family BINGO Night RR Cafe
21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Early Dismissal for Stu- dents-10:30 PK and 11:00 for K-4 Afternoon– Parent /Teacher Conferences	23 No School Thanksgiving Break	24 	25 No School Thanksgiving Break
28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	Dec 1 Day 3	Dec 2 Day 4