



Ridge Road Reporter April 2023



Happy April Everyone!

Class Placements for 2023-2024

During the month of May, I will be meeting with the staff members from each grade level, PK-3, to begin making classroom placements for the 2023-2024 school year. Our goal is to provide the best possible educational environment for all students. To reach this goal, each grade level team works to create balanced classroom sections with a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs.

We are unable to honor specific requests for individual teachers, but we do value your input from a parent’s perspective. If you have specific information, about your child that you would like our team to take into consideration when creating the class lists, please put this information in writing and send it to my e-mail (ambailey@horseheadsdistrict.com) **by Friday, April 21st**. Information about your child’s learning style, strengths, growth areas and personality would be most valuable to us during the placement process.

Please note that all parent input received by the deadline of **April 21st**, will be reviewed during the classroom placement process. However, we cannot guarantee that special requests will be honored. **Once class lists have been distributed, no requests to change classroom placement will be accepted.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

Character Education

The Character Education virtue for the month of April will be **Responsibility**. Please take a few minutes to discuss with your child about ways they can show responsibility in school and at home.

New York State ELA & Math Testing

The 3rd and 4th grade students will be participating in the New York State ELA Assessments on April 19th and 20th. The 3rd and 4th grade students will also participate in New York State Math Assessments on May 3rd and 4th. This year, the students will be participating in the computer-based assessments from the state. Please reach out to your child’s teacher or call Mrs. Bailey in the school office if you have any questions about the state tests.

Report Cards

Progress reports will be coming home on Friday, April 21st for all students in 1st – 4th grade. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held for students in grades Pre K and Kindergarten this marking period.

Grade Level Music Concerts

Friday, April 21st - 2nd grade concert at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road Cafeteria.
Friday, May 5th - 3rd grade concert at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road Cafeteria.

Hope your family can join us for both events!

PTO News

The PTO will meet on Wednesday, April 12th, at 6:00pm in the Ridge Road Library. We have begun planning our Annual Spring Carnival and need many hands to make this possible! Our PTO is also currently in need of a Vice President, a Secretary, a Co-Treasurer, and a Parent Council Representative. If any of these jobs are something you are interested in learning more about, please contact

mgillette@horseheadsdistrict.com, or call the main office 739-6351.

Our PTO is thrilled that we are able to provide so much fun for our school community, and many hands make light work!

The Gertrude Hawk fundraiser ended with a total profit of over \$9000.

The proceeds from this fundraiser support our family nights, teacher request for special items, teacher appreciation, visits from special guests at holidays, and many other activities. Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser!

School Store

Our PTO school store is still going on each Friday morning for students. The store is in the school lobby from 7:45-8:15. The store carries inexpensive items such as pencils, erasers, notebooks, crayons, and other fun school-type items. The school store will be open every Friday, through May 26th.

Attention Parents of 4th Grade Students

Grade 4 Intermediate School Presentation and Self-Guided Tour

The Intermediate School will be hosting a presentation and self-guided tour for all current 4th graders. The presentation will be held on **April 12th**, in the Intermediate School cafeteria beginning at **6:00 PM**. Immediately following, students and families will have the opportunity to take a self-guided tour around the Intermediate School.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the IS

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2023-2024 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School no later than **April 10th**. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you!



2023-24 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The first budget presentation is Thursday, February 16. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 2 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 30 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 13 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4 – Public Hearing on 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.

For more information on the budget process, schedule, and vote click here: [Horseheads CSD Budget 2023-24 \(horseheadsdistrict.com\)](http://horseheads.csd.ny.us/Budget2023-24).

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlyn DeFilippo, Title IX 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 Ridge Road student should be referred to Mrs. Bailey at 607-739-6351.



Ridge Road Elementary School 2023 Student Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
No School SPRING BREAK!				
10 Day 6	11 Day 1 4th Grade Intramurals	12 Day 2 Kindergarten Cap & Gown Photos Faculty Meeting 2:35 PTO Meeting 6pm Lib. IS Info Night for 4th Grade families 6pm IS Café	13 Day 3 CIM Meetings BOE Meeting 6pm HHS MMC 4th Grade Intramurals	14 Day 4 3rd Marking Period Ends Bus Drills 8:45-1:00pm 2nd Grade to Animal Shelter
17 Day 5 CSE Meetings 2:35 Site Team Meeting 4th Grade Intramurals	18 Day 6	19 Day 1 Grade 3 & 4 NYS ELA Exam BOE Meeting 6pm HHS MMC	20 Day 2 Grade 3 & 4 NYS ELA Exam	21 Day 3 Report Card Day 2nd Grade Concert 10:00am School Assembly 6:30pm for Parents RR Café
24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28 Day 2
May 1st Day 3 1st Grade, Mrs. Malnoske, and Ms. Kelly to Clemens Center	May 2nd Day 4	May 3rd Day 5 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Exam	May 4th Day 6 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Exam BOE Public Hearing/2023-2024 Budget Meeting 6pm HS MMC	May 5th Day 1 3rd Grade Concert 1:15 School Assembly 6:30pm for Parents RR Café