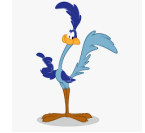


# Ridge Road Reporter



## January 2024

**HAPPY**  
*New Year*  
**2024**

Dear Parents,

I hope all of our Ridge Road Families had a wonderful holiday break! This month's newsletter contains an update from our school nurse, PTO notes, PE news, and some important dates to mark on your calendars. Please take a few minutes to review everything with your child.

Starting on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will conduct our Aimsweb winter benchmark assessments for all students in grades K-4<sup>th</sup>. These screeners give us a snapshot of how each student is progressing with their ELA and math skills. Your child's individual information will be shared with you with the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period progress reports at the end of January. Also, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the practice simulation for the NY State tests. This practice simulation takes about 45 minutes and is to make sure our laptops and all school technology is ready for the actual assessments this spring. It also gives the students a glance at what the state tests will look like when they participate this spring.

Please note that the Talent Show permission slips will be coming home soon with all students and the sign-up are **due back by Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is always a fun event for our students and families.

Wishing you the best in 2024,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey

Ridge Road Elementary Principal

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# PTO News

💡 January Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th  
6:30pm in RR Library  
Please consider joining us! Free babysitting!

💡 Talent Show: January 26<sup>th</sup>!  
6:00p m HS Aud.

💡 We are collecting Box Tops for Education  
(Both virtual and physical), as well as  
Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald!

💡 President: Melissa Gillette  
Vice President: Miranda Rice  
Secretary: Kristi Coldiron  
Treasurer: Jaclyn Perkins  
Fund-Raising Coordinator: Desirae Kelly  
Communications Coordinator: Sarah Swimelar

💡 Call the Main office to reserve the rock  
for your students Birthday today! Many  
dates are filling up!



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## Important Dates

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>- All Talent Show Permission Forms Due**  
**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – No School- Martin Luther King’s Birthday**  
**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show Auditions After School – RR Cafe**  
**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>-Ridge Road Talent Show- 6:00 pm- HS Auditorium**  
**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – No School- Conference Day**  
**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Report Card Day**

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## Outside Activity Time

The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. We try to go out if the **temperature is at 20 or above**. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. Please don’t forget to send **boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants with your child to school daily**.

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## Character Education Trait for January

Our Character Education Trait for the month of January is Fairness. Students will be focusing on activities that teach about fairness for everyone and will also be learning about people that represent this trait in history. Please also discuss about fairness with your child at home.

### **Ideas for Discussing Fairness:**

- Sharing treats at home... "I cut- you pick"
- Acting out skits about fairness
- Talking as a family about why games have rules
- Discussing with your child what they think fairness is



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### **Toys in School**

**Please take a minute to remind your child that items such as toys, trading cards, cell phones, game boys, and DS's are not allowed in the cafeteria or at school. We ask that children save these items for home use. We truly appreciate your support with this issue. In the past, we used to allow these items and teachers ended up spending much of the instructional time searching for lost or "borrowed" toys and games. We promise that the children will still have fun and rewarding days at school without bringing their toys from home.**

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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.

# P.E. WITH MR. 'R': 2023-24

**Mr. Romanski**

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## JANUARY NEWS

### Upcoming Events

#### January Intramurals: Fourth Grade **WINTER GAMES**

**GIRLS: 8<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**BOYS: 22<sup>ND</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup>**



Hey parents,

Here are some reminders to make our year easier for your students, teachers, and you.

1. **HOLIDAY GAMES:** Ridge Road students ended the month with some holiday activities focusing on effort, teamwork, strategy, and having as much fun as possible. **GRINCH CAVE!!!**



2. **JANUARY UNITS:** Goal Setting Unit: MILE RUN - floor hockey  
Basketball (basic skill progression) - jump rope - defensive sliding  
- throwing - Castle Ball
3. The Horseheads Recreation Dept. is running **SUPER SATURDAYS!** There is a wide array of fun activities for kids grade K-6 to participate in. Registration is now open online at [horseheadsrec.com](http://horseheadsrec.com) or call 739-5691.
4. Cold weather is upon us! Please remind boot wearing students to pack sneakers.
5. **And always remember: RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!**



# January

## RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### NURSE'S NOTES

A friendly reminder as we are in the thick of flu season. To keep everyone safe and healthy, please adhere to the following District protocols:

- **WHEN TO STAY HOME** – A student should remain home if they have had any of the following within 24 hours:
  - Fever of 100.4 or higher
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Red, itchy, or draining eyes

\*\*If your student has been diagnosed with a bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotics have been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your student to return to school. Please communicate any health concerns your student may be experiencing to ensure he/she receives appropriate care at school. \*\*

- **MEDICATIONS** – Please do not send in cough drops with students. Per District protocol, they are considered a medication that requires a doctor's order.
- **WATER BOTTLES** – Please send in a refillable water bottle to encourage your student to keep hydrated throughout the day. The building tends to be dry, causing many students to experience a dry throat and cough.
- **RECESS** – The students will continue to have outside recess weather permitting and a winter coat as well as hats, snow pants, boots and gloves will be needed.
- **DONATIONS** – Our current needs are hats and gloves. All donations are greatly appreciated.
- **PARTY TREATS** – All treats must be in their original sealed packaging as well as have an ingredient label easily visible to check for student allergens.

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

[Kbifano@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:Kbifano@horseheadsdistrict.com) 607-739-6351 opt. #3



*Do you live in the Horseheads  
Central School District?*

**We need your input.**

The Horseheads Central School District is conducting a census of all residents in the district.

The school district is made up of the Town and Village of Horseheads, Big Flats, Veteran, Breesport, Pine Valley, Erin, Millport, Cayuta, Catlin, and portions of adjacent communities.

We recently sent a mailer to all residences in the district with information on submitting census information. If you submitted your information, thank you. If not, please do so at this link:



**[Horseheads.fyi/Census](https://horseheads.fyi/Census)**

or at the QR code below:



# Ridge Road Elementary 2024 Student Calendar

## January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER RECESS</p>	2	3 Day 1 Welcome back students and staff!	4 Day 2 Talent Show Permission Forms go home with students.	5 Day 3
8 Day 4 CSE Mtgs in RR Conf. Room 2:35 Site Team Mtg in Library 4th Grade Girls Intramurals	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 2:35pm Faculty Mtg in Library 6:30pm PTO Mtg in Library 4th Grade Girls Intramurals	11 Day 1 Talent Show Permission forms due back to school.	12 Day 2
15 NO SCHOOL 	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 4th Grade Girls Intramurals After School Auditions for Talent Show. (Times will be sent home with each student)	18 Day 5 6pm BOE Mtg at Big Flats Elem.  Grade Level Data Meetings	19 Day 6 CIM - Full day
22 Day 1 4th Grade Boys Intramurals String Showcase ( Grades 4-6) 7pm HS Auditorium	23 Day 2 Grade 3 & 4 CBT Online Practice Simulation of State Test 504 Meetings RR Conf. Room	24 Day 3 2:35pm Faculty Mtg in Library 4th Grade Boys Intramurals	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 End of Marking Period 6pm Talent Show at HHS Aud.
29 NO SCHOOL Conference Day	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 2nd Grade to Clemens Center Leave 9:10am, Return 11:15am  4th Grade Boys Intramurals	February 1 Day 2	February 2 Day 3 PK-4 Report Cards go home 