

Ridge Road Reporter

March 2024

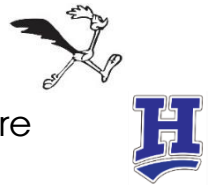


Happy March Everyone!

Ridge Road students and staff will have the opportunity to chase away the winter blues, by participating in some fashion fun activities before Easter Break! We will be holding some fashion fun theme days for all to enjoy. Students are encouraged to come up with creative “fashions” to match the themes. Students may wear their “Fashion Fun” clothes all day, but they will need their sneakers for Physical Education and recess.

✂ Friday, March 1st – Fashion Fun Friday School Spirit Day

Zeke will greet students in the morning at arrival time. Students are invited to wear their favorite Ridge Road or Horseheads Raiders gear.



✂ Monday, March 4th– Fashion Fun Favorite Team Day

Show your spirit for your favorite team by wearing shirts, jerseys, hats or other gear from your favorite team!



✂ Friday, March 8th – Fashion Fun Friday Headwear Day

Show your creativity with your favorite hat, headband, bow, or hair accessory!



✂ Monday, March 11th – Magnificent Monday Crazy Sock Day

Wear your wackiest, zaniest, most fun socks!



✂ Friday, March 15th – Fashion Fun Everything Green Day

Show your St. Patrick’s Day spirit with clothing, shamrocks, and hats or headbands to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!



✂ Monday, March 18th – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS–

Superintendent’s Conference Day



✂ Tuesday, March 19th – Grade Level Color War Day–

PreK wears White! Kindergarten wears Green! 1st Grade wears Purple! 2nd Grade wears Blue! 3rd Grade wears Red! 4th Grade wears Black!



✂ Friday, March 22nd – Fashion Fun Crazy Hair Day

Hair color, crazy braids, mismatched hair accessories... anything goes on crazy hair day!



✂ Monday, March 25th – Fashion Fun Scrabble Day

Every student will be given a letter at school to wear, classes will try to create new words throughout the day.



✂ Thursday, March 28th – Fashion Fun PJ & Slippers Day

Get comfy, but don't forget sneakers for Physical Education and Recess!



✂ Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st - No School- Happy Easter!

Please take a few minutes to review the newsletter and March calendar to see all the great events happening at Ridge Road this month.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

4th Grade Play

Come one, come all! Please join us on **Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th** to enjoy our wonderful presentation of **Cinderella: If the Shoe Fits**

The play will be at 7:00 pm, in the Ridge Road Cafeteria. Many of our 4th graders have been staying after school twice a week since October to practice their lines, songs, and choreography with Mrs. Proulx and Mrs. McGrain. It is sure to be a very enjoyable show!

RESPECT



Character Education

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The Character Education virtue for the month of March is **RESPECT**. The students will be involved in classroom projects and activities geared around being respectful. Please support our theme by asking your child to share with you about the Character Education focus in school this month. Also, to support our theme of respecting all living things, **Our Second Grade Students will be facilitating a school-wide drive to support one of our local Animal Shelters.** Please look for their flyer coming home soon and consider donating a couple items to support this very important community service project.



Conference Day



Monday, March 18th is a Superintendent's Conference Day for Staff. School will not be in session for all students on the 18th.



St. Patrick's Day Parade



Our school has been invited to participate again this year. This is a fun activity for the Ridge Road students, a great way to show community spirit, and a fun way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! The parade will be held on **2:00 pm on Saturday, March 9th**. If you are interested in having members of your family participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with other members of our Ridge Road School Community, please review the following information and hand in the permission form that was sent home with your student, by **Tuesday, March 5th**. The only requirements from the parade committee members are that we wear green, incorporate a Saint Patrick's Day theme, and have fun!

Decorating the Float: Any parent and student wishing to help decorate our float, can meet us at **Ridge Road Elementary School from 10:00-11:00 on Saturday morning**. We will have the decorations ready for Saturday morning, we will just need volunteers to help us attach these decorations to our float and sort the candy in bags that the kids can hand out along the parade route. We are using a pick-up truck and small trailer as our float. The kids can take turns riding on the trailer and walking in the parade to hand out candy. We will stop two or three times during the parade for the students to change spots.

Parade: We will meet at the High School by 1:15pm. Please enter the lot at the Center Street School Entrance. You will be directed to the Ridge Road Float by a parade volunteer. The Parade will start at the corner of Fletcher Street and Center Street. We will move down Fletcher Street to Main Street, left on Main Street through Hanover Square, and end just past the Horseheads Fire Department. **All students must have an adult present for the entire parade, with the float. We will finish the parade at the parking lot just past the Horseheads Fire Department.**

Candy: Our PTO will purchase some candy for the kids to hand out in the parade. We would also appreciate any candy donations from parents for the parade. You can drop it off at school the week of March 4th-8th.



PTO Meeting

On Wednesday, March 13th, please join us in the Ridge Road Library to help plan the Carnival at 6:00 pm. Our general meeting starts at 6:30. All Ridge Road Parents are invited to participate in the PTO! Free babysitting will be provided!



Please see note below from Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley:

To the Ridge Road Community;

The Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley extends a heartfelt thank you to the Ridge Road community for the recent book donation drive. It was a huge success!

Thanks to your generosity, we received over 350 gently loved books. These books will now be available to children throughout our community via our Bright Red Bookshelves and the FRPCV Book Tent.

THANK YOU for helping spread book joy!

Ellen McHugh

The Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley

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.

2024-25 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 May 21. All meetings are open to the public. Here is the schedule:

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

Meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>), recorded, and posted to the district website. For more information on the development of the 2024-25 Budget, including links to videos and presentations from board meetings, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2024-25.cfm>.

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday, May 21, 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.

Monday, April 8 - Half Day for All Students

As you may know, a total solar eclipse affecting much of New York will take place on Monday, April 8. Like many districts along the eclipse's path throughout New York and the nation, the district will alter the school day to accommodate the conditions created by this event. **Monday, April 8 will now be a half day of school. We will dismiss grades 7-12 at 10:40am and grades K-6 at noon that day. PreK dismissal will be at 11:45am.**

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon moves between the sun and Earth. During this time, the sun is completely covered by the moon for a brief time. In our area, the partial eclipse will begin just after 2pm, reaching its maximum coverage around 3:20pm, and ending after 4:30pm. Eclipses to this extent occur rarely. Such a unique event can also draw additional people to our area.

We remind everyone that the only safe way to view a partially eclipsed sun is with special purpose solar filters such as eclipse glasses. Regular sunglasses are not safe to use to view an eclipse. Significant sight damage will occur without proper protection. For more information on eclipses and how to safely view them, [click here](#).

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 2024-2025 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 8th**. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you!



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

Mr. Romanski

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Ext. 7703

maromans@gstbooces.org



MARCH NEWS

Upcoming Events

4TH GRADE INTRAMURALS: Floor Hockey

Girls – March 14th, 19th,
20th, 25th

Boys – March 26th, 28th
April 2nd, 4th

Hey parents,

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

MARCH UNITS: Throwing – Catching – Defensive sliding – The Obstacle Course



SPRING REGISTRATIONS

HORSEHEADS GIRLS YOUTH SOFTBALL www.hgsainc.org

HORSHEADS LITTLE LEAGUE for ages 4-12. In person registration at Interstate Batteries (110 Old Ithaca Rd.) on 3/1 from 6-7pm and 3/2 from 10-noon. Online registration:

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/horseheadsll>

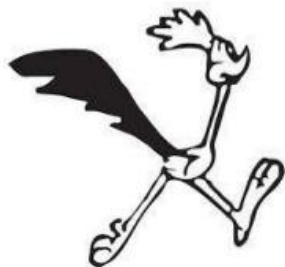
SWIMMING LESSONS: <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/pool.cfm>

SUPER SATURDAY: horseheadsrec.com

March is **NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**. Three quick tips:

1. Never skip breakfast. 2. Snack Smart! 3. Eat more grains, fruits and vegetables.

And always remember: RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!



MARCH



RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NURSE'S NOTES

- **Physicals & Immunizations** – In preparation for the **2024-2025 school year** I am reviewing students records to check for those in need of meeting the requirements for those entering Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, & 5th grades. Per NYS and the district, **a physical exam dated 9/5/23 or after** will be needed. Kindergarten students will need to have completed their required immunizations. I will be sending letters home over the next few weeks to those in need. I want to give ample time for appointments to be made as I understand some primary care provider offices are booking well out into the summer.
- **RECESS** – The children will continue to have outside recess weather permitting. As the weather may vary daily, please send in appropriate coats and boots as the playground will be wet/muddy. A complete change of clothing is encouraged to be kept in their backpacks as the Health Office's supply closet has limited sizes available. The Health Office does **NOT** have a supply of shoes.
- **Hearing & Vision referrals**- Screening were done in Oct 2023. Referrals were sent home to students who struggled to meet the passing requirements. If your student has been seen by an ophthalmologist or audiologist, please send in a copy of the report to update their school health records.
- **DONATIONS** – Thank you to those who have sent in donations. They are greatly appreciated. We currently need underwear & pants sizes 3-14 for boys and girls. Pull on pants and leggings are preferred.
- **PARTY TREATS** – All treats need to be in their original sealed packaging as well as have an ingredient label easily visible for me to check for student allergens.

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

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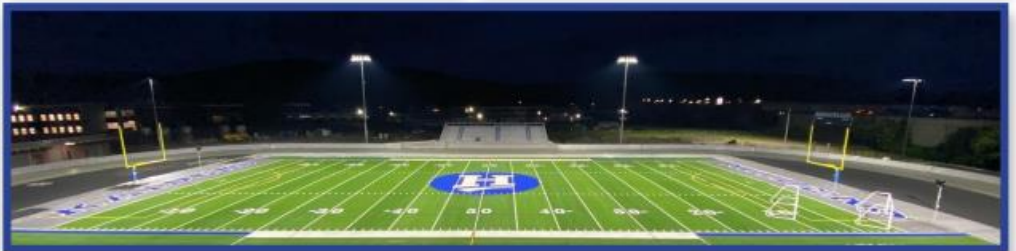
Horseheads Central School District

Capital Project Community Update

Parents, guardians, and community members are invited to an update on our districtwide capital project.

Tuesday, March 12 | 6pm
Horseheads High School Cafeteria

- Updates on second referendum
- Tour of finished High School projects
- Third referendum plans
- Q&A



Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver

UPDATE: Pay rate is now \$23.15/hour with required CDL (\$15.50/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.



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Ridge Road Elementary School 2024 Student Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 26 Day 1	Feb. 27 Day 2	Feb. 28 Day 3	Feb. 29 Day 4 BOE 6pm @ HS MMC	1 Day 5 Fashion Fun School Spirit Day! 3rd Grade Wax Museum 1:15-1:50
4 Day 6 Favorite Team Day! 504 Mtgs RR Conf. Room 6pm Joint PTO Mtg	5 Day 1 UPK Registration by Appt Capitol Project Meeting RR	6 Day 2 UPK Registration by Appt CSE Mtgs. RR Conf. Room	7 Day 3 4th Grade Play Assembly 9:30am Café 4th Grade Play 7pm RR Café	8 Day 4 Favorite Headwear Day! 4th Grade Play 7pm RR Café Horseheads St Patrick's Day Parade
11 4th Grade Boys Intramurals Day 5 Fashion Fun Crazy Sock Day! 9am Kindergarten, 1st Grade, & 12:1 to HHS Play 9:10am 4th Grade to Clemens Ctr Site Team Mtg 2:35 Lib	12 Day 6 4th Grade Boys Intramurals	13 Day 1 3rd Grade: Calzaretta to Johnson Museum at 9am Facutly Mtg 2:35 Lib PTO Mtg 6pm @ RR Library	14 Day 2 3rd Grade: Murray to John- son Museum at 9am BOE 6pm @ HS MMC	15 Day 3 3rd Grade: Wolf to Johnson Museum at 9am Happy St. Patrick's Day! Everything Green & shamrocks!
18 	19 Day 4 Color War Day! PreK-White, K-Green, 1st-Purple, 2nd Blue, 3rd-Red, 4th-Black UPK Registration by Appt	20 Day 5 UPK Registration by Appt	21 Day 6	22 Crazy Hair Day Day 1 Science & Discovery Assembly 9:10am:2nd, 3rd, 4th grades 10 am: Pk, K, 1st grades
25 Day 2 Fashion Fun Scrabble Day! CSE Mtgs. RR Conf. Room	26 Day 3	27 Day 4 Facutly Mtg 2:35 Lib BOE 6pm @ HS MMC	28 Day 5 PJ & Slippers Day! (Remember sneakers for PE & Recess)	29 No School – Good Friday 