



Ridge Road Reporter May 2023



Happy May Everyone!

Wow! I can't believe we have already started our last marking period for the 2022-2023 school year, and we are also starting our last two months of the school year. In addition to all of the great learning happening at school this month, May is filled with many extra events and activities for our students. Please take a few minutes with your child to review the May calendar and the articles about the upcoming events slated at Ridge Road this month.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Principal

MAY'S CHARACTER EDUCATION TRAIT IS CITIZENSHIP

Character Education

Citizenship

- **Help to make your community, school and world a better place**
- **Take responsibility for what goes on around you**
- **Participate in community service and help take care of the environment**
- **Treat others with respect and dignity**

Character Matters
Horseheads Central School District



HORSEHEADS ART SHOW



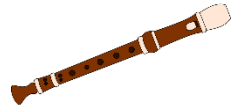
The Horseheads Central Schools' Annual Student Art Show will be displayed throughout the **Arnot Mall** from **May 9th – May 21st**. Many quality art projects created by our Ridge Road students will be on exhibit.



3rd GRADE – MUSIC CONCERT

Friday, May 5th

6:30 pm at Ridge Road Café



Please join our 3rd grade students on **Friday, May 5th**, at 6:30 for a delightful night of music. The students will be sharing songs and rhythm activities that they have learned in music class this year as well as performing on their recorders.



4th GRADE SPRING CONCERT

Friday, May 12th - 7:00 pm

High School Auditorium



Our fourth-grade students are ready to showcase their musical talent and demonstrate the progress they have made this year with their music lessons. Please join us on Friday, May 12th at 7:00pm. The fourth-grade band, chorus, and orchestra members will all perform for us in the **High School Auditorium**. All are invited to come and enjoy this wonderful night of music.



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

May 15th -17th



We will be conducting screenings on all incoming Kindergarten students May 15th - 17th. If you have a student starting Kindergarten in September, you will be receiving your child's screening date and time soon. If your child attends Pre-Kindergarten at Ridge Road, you do not need to bring your student in for the screening.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

May 24th



We will be welcoming our newest members into our school on Wednesday, May 24th. All incoming Kindergarten students and their parents will be joining us from 9-11:00am that morning. The parents will be meeting with the Kindergarten Teachers to get a preview of the Kindergarten curriculum and the students will be rotating to the different learning centers. It should be a great morning for all involved!



DRESS CODE

As the children start to dress for the sunny and warmer days, please remember to check with your child to make sure that the shorts and shirts they are choosing to wear meet the Code of Conduct requirements.

- Short shorts, spaghetti straps and crop tops are not permitted for school attire.
- Sandals need to have straps and students must be responsible for bringing sneakers for playground and gym.
- Flip-flops do not provide enough support or protection for feet in the school setting.

Important Dates- Mark your Calendars!



Friday, May 26th, Monday, May 29th and Tuesday, May 30st - No School!

In honor of Memorial Day, School will not be in session on these dates.

(Provided we do not have another snow or emergency closing day before May 26th)

New York State Testing

The 3rd and 4th grade students will participate in New York State Math Assessments on May 3rd and 4th. The 3rd grade students will also be participating in the NYS ELA Field Test on May 25th. 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.

PTO News

The PTO will meet on Wednesday, April 10th, at 6:00pm in the Ridge Road Library. We are in full swing 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!

June 5th-9th – Ridge Road Spring Book Fair

Friday, May 19th- Last day for School Store!



Public Hearing, Candidates' Forum, Budget Vote

Please vote May 16

The **2023-24 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, from 7am to 9pm in the Horseheads High School South Gym**. All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as 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 on May 16, and are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law. You do not have to be registered in general elections or own property in order to vote. All residents will receive a newsletter about the budget prior to the vote. You can also learn more about the 2023-24 budget here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2023-24.cfm>.

Prior to the vote, the district will hold a Public Hearing and Board of Education Candidates' Forum. Please see below for more information.

Thursday, May 4 Wing)	Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, Horseheads High School Multi-Media Center (South
Tuesday, May 9	Board of Education Candidates' Forum, 6pm, Horseheads High School Auditorium
Tuesday, May 16	Budget Vote/Board of Education Election, 7am-9pm, Horseheads High School South Gym

Vote on district image May 16

On May 16, students across the district will vote on an updated image for the district. District residents and alumni can also vote on May 16 in a separate vote from the budget vote/board election.

The vote for district residents and alumni will be held in the High School Multi-Media Center from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 16.

Community members were invited to submit images earlier this year. The submissions were narrowed down to three final images by the Board of Education.

You do not need to vote on the budget to vote for a district image.

Join the Raider Team

Horseheads Schools seek bus drivers, cleaners, food service helpers, teaching assistants, monitors



- Full time and substitute positions available
- Full-time positions include health, vision, dental insurance, as well as New York State retirement
- Bus driver, teaching assistant, food service helper, and monitor are 10-month positions (no weekends or summers).
- Applications available at the District Office at 1443 Hibbard Road or at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm
- Questions? Call 607-739-5602, x4212 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Horseheads Central School District

Bus Driver

JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 20

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Horseheads Transportation Department

601 Sayre Street Extension

- Learn what it takes to be a bus driver*
- Tour a bus - inside, outside, and underneath
- Learn about the job benefits
- Hear about the rewards of driving a school bus
- Test drive a bus!

Questions? Call (607) 739-6338 or
email bsheahan@horseheadsdistrict.com.



***Must be 21 or older to drive a school bus**

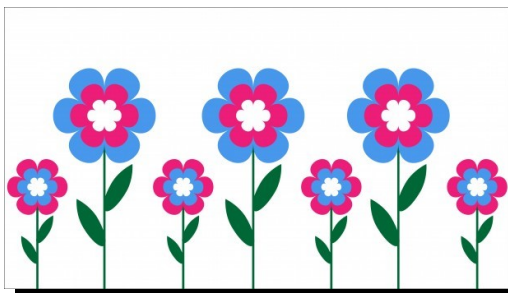
SUMMER OF INNOVATION

Several organizations from across the Southern Tier have united to offer unique learning opportunities for children and young adults during the summer months. These organizations have a common goal of extending the traditional school year into a third summer semester. Our offerings have another purpose as well - to provide students with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills that are essential to their success in the future

[Summer of Innovation 2023 \(gstboces.org\)](http://gstboces.org)

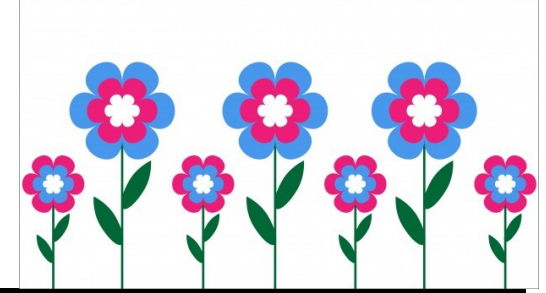
The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable 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.

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

MAY 2023 STUDENT CALENDAR




Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1 Day 3 9:00am Clemens Center 1st Grade, Mrs. Malnoske & Ms. Kelly's Classes	2 Day 4	3 Day 5 NYS 3rd & 4th Grade State Math Test	4 Day 6 NYS 3rd & 4th Grade State Math Test	5 Day 1 3rd Grade Concert 1:15 School Assembly 6:30 for Parents in RR Café 3rd Grade Testing Party
8 Day 2 CSE Meetings RR Conf. 2:35 Site Team Mtg. RR Lib AIMSWeb Screening	9 Day 3 Art Show 5/9-5/21 @ Arnot Mall	10 Day 4 Faculty Mtg 2:35 Library PTO Mtg. 6pm RR Library	11 Day 5 CIM Meetings RR Conf.	12 Day 6 Grade 4 Concert 9:30 AM School Assembly 7pm for Parents HS Auditorium
15 Day 1 Kindergarten Screening	16 Day 2 Budget Vote/Election 7am-9pm HS S Gym Please Vote! Kids on the Block for 3rd Grade 9:15am in Cafe	17 Day 3 4th Grade Science Lab with Science & Discovery Center	18 Day 4 BOE 6pm HS Aud.	19 Day 5 4th Grade Presentation for IS 9:30am RR Café
22 Day 6 CSE Mtgs RR Conf. Room	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Kindergarten Orientation 9-11am Faculty Mtg 2:35 Library	25 Day 3 NYS 3rd Grade ELA Field Test 4th Grade Maturation 1pm	26 No School Memorial Day Recess (pending no additional weather days used)
29  memorial DAY No School	30 No School Memorial Day Recess (pending no additional weather days used)	31 Day 4	June 1 Day 5	June 2 Day 6 End of Year Carnival 6-8pm 