

Ridge Road Reporter 2023



Happy October Everyone!

A huge **thank you** goes out to all of our Ridge Road staff, PTO, and parents that volunteered their time to help plan, set-up, and work the different stations at the Fun Run and Fall Festival this past Saturday! What a wonderful day and fun celebration for all of our students!

Our Character Education virtue for the month of October is **Responsibility**. We will be focusing on the following in school:

- Do what you are expected to do
- Persevere: keep on trying
- Always try to do your best
- Use self-control, be self-disciplined
- Think before you act: consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices/actions

Please help support our focus on Responsibility by also discussing this trait with your child at home.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bailey
Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey



SMILE

The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is Friday, October 13th!

No School for Students
Monday, October 9th
Friday, October 20th



School will not be in session on Monday, October 9th for students or staff, as all Horseheads Schools will be closed in honor of Columbus Day.

School will also not be in session for students on Friday, October 20th as all staff will be participating in trainings and meetings for the Superintendent’s Conference Day.



Fire Prevention Month

Members of the Horseheads Fire Department will be joining us at Ridge Road on Tuesday, October 10th for a Fire Safety Assembly. Please help to support our fire safety focus by reviewing your individual safety plans with your child at home. Also, please remember to change your batteries in the smoke alarms at your homes.



Halloween Dance- Friday Night October 27, 2023
6:30-8:00 pm.

All Ridge Road students and family members are welcome to join us at school on Friday, October 27th, for the Halloween Dance. This is always one of the favorite events for the students. Parents are also welcomed to dress in costume and join the kiddos on the dance floor!



Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade will start at **1:15 on Tuesday, October 31st**. **If it is not raining, parents may attend the outside part of our parade.** Please know that no parents will be allowed in the school building. You will need to park in the back lot and walk around the school to the front lawn. Parents are invited to stand along the front of the school from the flagpole area down toward the art room and up toward the primary playground. We will have the students start inside at 1:15 and they will go through the school to pick-up each class and go out the door near the south end of the building. It will be around 1:20 before they start outside the building. The students will walk along the front of the school and re-enter the building at the north end.

Please make sure that your child's costume is appropriate for our very young students to see and that it does not have any type of toy weapon as a prop. We plan to run a normal morning schedule that is focused on academics. Please do not allow your child to come to school dressed in costume or with make-up on. All students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes prior to the parade.

We want to make sure dismissal will be safe and go smoothly, **we respectfully ask that all students follow their normal dismissal procedures for the 31st and that parents do not request to pick them up early.**



PTO Meeting on Wednesday, October 11th

The Ridge Road PTO will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road library.** All parents are invited to attend the meeting and be a part of our PTO. So, if you can volunteer just a little or really want to be highly involved, we would love for you to be a part of the Ridge Road PTO!

Horseheads Make a Difference Day
Saturday, October 28th

Saturday, October 28, is National Make a Difference Day! All of the schools in the Horseheads District will be focused on Community Service events to support others in our community. Look for more information coming home soon!

Educational Programs

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 Caitlin 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.

HORSEHEADS MISSION STATEMENT

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

EXPLORE

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Dignity Act Coordinator

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 Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.

District forum for Parents and Guardians on Tuesday, October 17th at 6pm

Keynote, Joe Cicero:

Bio: Joe, Principal PM for Microsoft Defender Experts, bridges his former role as an AP World History teacher with his current tech expertise. By translating his passion for teaching into cybersecurity, he now educates clients about emerging threats and optimal response strategies. With an enduring commitment to lifelong learning, Joe epitomizes the fusion of education and protection for a safer digital future.



Horseheads Central School District

Learning in a Digital World

**A forum for parents and guardians about how the district works
to keep our schools cybersafe and our students cyberaware**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Horseheads High School Auditorium

Keynote Speaker

Joe Cicero, MS, MBA

Security, Compliance, and Management, Microsoft Security

*Learn more about Joe Cicero on
his LinkedIn page at this QR code:*



All Horseheads parents and guardians are welcome

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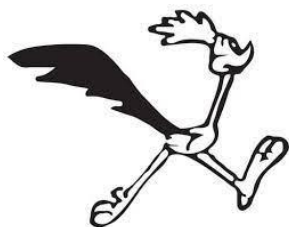
OCTOBER NEWS

Upcoming Events

Fourth Grade
Swim Unit Begins
10/10

Intramurals:
Flag Football

Halloween Dance
10/27



Hey parents,

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

1. **HALLOWEEN DANCE!** During PE class and Open Gyms, students will be preparing for the annual holiday celebration on 10/27.



2. **UPCOMING UNITS:** HULA HOOPS (body & spatial awareness) – SOCCER – DANCE RYTHMS in preparation for our Halloween Dance – Fourth grade SWIMMING
3. **SAFETY REMINDER:** Please make sure your student wears sneakers or has them in their back packs. Sneakers are designed to allow for easy movement and to protect the feet and ankles from injuries that could occur while participating in vigorous activities.
4. And always remember: **RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!**



RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Notes from the Nurse

As the cooler months of fall approach, I would like to send out a friendly reminder...

- **4th GRADE SWIM UNIT FOR PE** – The 4th graders will be starting their swimming unit during their PE class. Each student will be required to supply a bathing suit/towel as the Health Office does not stock these items in my clothing closet. It is encouraged to send a plastic bag for the students to put their wet suits and towels in for transport home.
- **RECESS** – The children will continue to have outside recess weather permitting and a jacket/coat will likely be needed.
- **CLOTHING** – With the varying times of recess the playground equipment may be damp and a change of clothes may be needed. The Health Office has limited supplies of sizes and a backup change of clothes in your child's backpack would be appreciated.
- **SCREENINGS**—Vision and hearing screenings are currently in process for grades Pre-K, K, 1st , and 3rd, and any new student to our district. Referrals are being sent home for any student who struggled to meet the minimum passing requirements. The referral recommends that the student follows up with their Primary Care Provider. Please return the paperwork after your visit with your Primary Care Provider to the Health Office.
- **FLU SEASON/COVID-19** – Flu and COVID symptoms may include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Please keep your child home, consult their primary care provider and contact the Health Office for the Return to School Protocol.



Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

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Swimming Lessons

Grades K-6

- Three sessions throughout the school year
- \$30 for each session - pay by cash or check (payable to Horseheads Central School District)
- Register for Session 1 by October 14 at <https://forms.office.com/r/CsqVR27vwP> or this QR code:



Register today!

Dates for Lessons:

Session #1: October 28, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 9, December 16, January 6, January 13

Session #2: January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 23





Session #3: April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8



RIDGE ROAD STUDENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 Clothing Sale 10/6-10/19 CIM Mtgs in Half PM
9 No School  <small>shutterstock - 485763358</small>	10 Day 1 4th Grade Swim Starts today! Fire Safety Assemblies: 9:10am: 2nd, 3rd, 4th 10:00am: Pk, K, 1st	11 Day 2 3rd Grade Field Trip to Village 8:45am Leave RR, 12:10pm Return 2:35pm Faculty Mtg Library 6:30pm PTO in Library	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 School Picture Day!
16 Day 5 2:35 Site Team Mtg Library	17 Day 6 Learning in a Digital World: District Presentation for Parents at 6pm	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 1:15pm Kindergarten ABC Parade 6pm BOE Mtg. @ GR	20 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY
23 Day 3 7:45-8:20am Dance Practice in GYM CSE Meetings in Conf. Room Ridge Road Community Service Collection 10/23-10/27	24 Day 4 7:45-8:20am Dance Practice in GYM Ridge Road Community Service Collection 10/23-10/27	25 Day 5 7:45-8:20am Dance Practice in GYM Ridge Road Community Service Collection 10/23-10/27 2:35pm Faculty Mtg Library	26 Day 6 7:45-8:20am Dance Practice in GYM Ridge Road Community Service Collection 10/23-10/27	27 Day 1 7:45-8:20am Dance Practice in GYM Ridge Road Community Service Collection 10/23-10/27 6:30pm Halloween Dance 28th: Make a Difference Day District Wide 10:00am-12:00pm
30 Day 2	31 Day 3 1:15pm Halloween Parade Sister City Visitors from Japan at Ridge Road 	1 	2 	3 