



Ridge Road Reporter **DECEMBER** 2023



Season's Greetings Everyone!

December is upon us, and I am sure many of you are frantically getting everything organized for the holidays. As you make your decisions about gifts for the children, don't forget that books, flash cards, writing journals and technology-based learning games make great stocking stuffers.

We have many holiday happenings going on at Ridge Road this month. Please take a look at the December calendar and review the notes from your child's teacher for any special events happening at your child's grade level.

On behalf of the Ridge Road staff, I wish all of our Ridge Road Families a wonderful Holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bailey
Mrs. Manikowski-Bailey
Principal

WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 2ND
SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Fourth Grade Concert

Our Fourth-Grade chorus students will be sharing their musical talent with us on **Friday, December 15th**. Please join the fourth-grade chorus students in the **Ridge Road Café at 7:00 pm for the performance.**

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 Caitlyn 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.



Outside Activity Time

The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. As long as the temperature is above 20 and it is not raining, we try to get the students outside for a short time each day. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. Gloves, hats, snow pants and boots should be sent in with your child daily.

PTO NEWS

We will not be holding a December meeting. Our next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road Library.

Classroom School Supplies



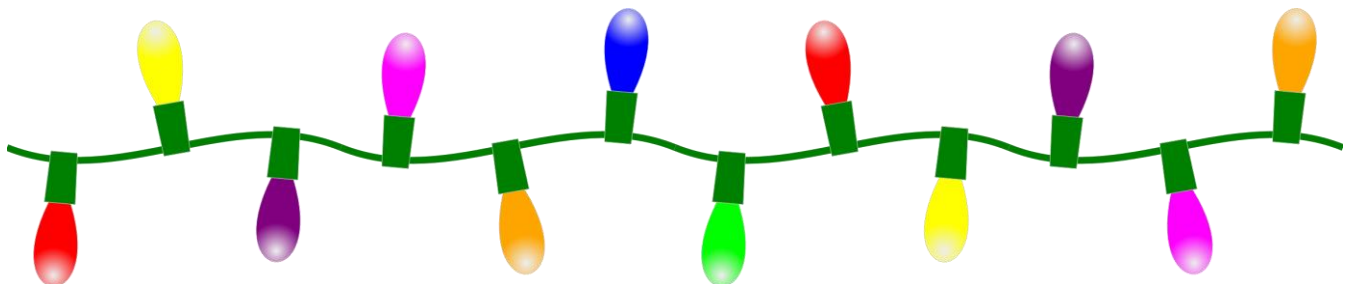
Please touch base with your child during the holiday break and see if they need to replenish their school supplies for the upcoming second half of our school year.

Holiday Dress-up Day!



Thursday, December 21st, is our last day before the break. Many of the classrooms will be having their holiday parties and other special activities will be happening that day. To give the students a little extra fun before the break, we are inviting all of them to wear holiday themed shirts, sweaters and hats or headbands to school that day. Many of the students already have Santa hats, reindeer antlers and red / green headbands. Any of these items or other holiday type clothing will work. Please note this is an optional activity. You and your child should decide if he/she will participate.

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 607739-6351 x 7600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlyn DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.





NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that you complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12 in your family. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal at <http://qst1.schooltool.com/horseheads> and following the instructions below. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

Click on student's name.

Click on User Defined tab.

From drop-down menu, select NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire. Click on the green plus icon to open the survey.

If using the mobile app (<http://qst1.schooltool.com/horseheads>): After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen.

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

Start Date: 11/11/2023

End Date: 11/11/2023

NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.

Did the school/district issue your child a mobile device to use in their own home during the school year?

What is the device your child most often uses to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their assignments.)

Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 1? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their assignments.)

Is the primary learning device identified in Question 2 shared with anyone else in the household?

Is the primary learning device identified in Question 2 sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?

Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?

Is their primary residence, and your child, complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?

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:



DECEMBER

Ridge Road Student Calendar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 4 Bus Drills Family BINGO Night @6:30pm @RR Café
4 Day 5 CSE Mtgs in Office Conf. Room 4th Grade to Rockwell Museum 11:30-1:30pm: Malloy & Malnoske's Class	5 Day 6 4th Grade to Rockwell Museum 11:30-1:30pm: Coldiron's Class Elks Hoop Shoot 5:30pm @ High School South Gym	6 Day 1 504 Meetings RR Conf Rm	7 Day 2 Afternoon CIM Mtgs.	8 Day 3 4th Grade to Rockwell Museum 11:30-1:30pm: McGrain's Class
11 Day 4 2:35pm Site Team Mtg in Library	12 Day 5	13 Day 6 2:35pm Faculty Mtg in Library	14 Day 1 Board of Education @6pm in HS MMC	15 Day 2 4th Grade Chorus Concert Assembly 1:30pm RR Cafe 4th Grade Chorus Concert @7pm in RR Café
18 Day 3 1st Grade Cookie Dough Roll Out 9:30-10:15 am in café	19 Day 4 Kindergarten Santa Visit	20 Day 5 Kindergarten PJs and Stories 2nd Grade Gingerbread Extravaganza 9:15am in Cafe 3rd Grade Mexican Fiesta in Classrooms PreK Concert 1pm in RR Gym Staff Holiday Party 2:30pm in Library	21 Day 6 School wide assembly Holiday Sing Along 1:30pm in Café Holiday Dress up Day: Wear holiday themed shirts, hats, sweaters, or headbands	22 <p style="text-align: center;">No School Holiday Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 22nd-Jan 2nd</i></p>
25 <p style="text-align: center;">No School Merry Christmas!</p>	26	27	28	29 <p style="text-align: center;">Happy New Year!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Starts back on Wednesday, January 3rd!</p>

