



Horseheads Intermediate School
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Horseheads Intermediate School Community. We are known as the Intermediate School Iguanas. The Intermediate School (IS) is intended to be a transition between elementary school, which is mostly self-contained classrooms, and middle school where students switch classes on a bell schedule.

At the IS we take a teaming approach with students placed on teams of two or three teachers. Students stay with their homeroom class each day, but switch for at least two subject areas as well as special area classes such as library, physical education, music, and art. Our dedicated staff is very proud of the education we provide to help the students grow academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. There are also many wonderful opportunities for all students beyond academics in terms of the arts and extra-curricular activities.

We believe in a safe and sound learning environment where everyone has the right to a well-rounded education. I believe the recipe to success begins with parent partnerships. It has been noted repeatedly in research that one of the single most contributing factors to student success is parent involvement. Parent partnerships with the school can serve as a critical piece to your child's growth and academic development. That can be as simple as checking your child's planner/agenda on a daily basis or getting involved in the Parent Teacher Organization. Simply showing how much you care about your child's success with a, "Tell me what you learned in math class today," has been known to increase drive and motivation to achieve. Please visit our [Parent Resources](#) page for a variety of tips on how to help your child find success in school and beyond.

I look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (607) 739-6366.

My best,
Michael Bostwick, Principal