



Big Flats News

May 2019

*At Big Flats Elementary,
we will SOAR together
as we explore our "wonders"
in a fun and engaging
community, where we will
inspire each other to achieve
anything!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe that it is May already! What an incredibly fast school year we have had. The month of May brings many exciting events both building-wide and District-wide. During this month, we will have our Annual District Art Show at the Arnot Mall from May 7-19, 2019. New to our BFE Art Show, Mrs. Amy Vence, our amazing Art Teacher, will have an "interactive art show" for our students, parents, and visitors! To be prepared, please download the QR Code App so that you can scan the QR Codes with your digital device to learn more about our students' art projects! On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, we will welcome this year's Visiting Author, Matt Chandler, to our school! We will have our Spring Music Concert on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. We hope you will be able to join us to support our students in the chorus, band, and orchestra. Also during the month of May is our annual school budget vote. I would like to encourage all eligible voters to please come out to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:00am-9:00pm. This year's budget provides one additional Social Emotional Support Staff in each of the four PreK-4 Elementary Schools, as well as providing an additional School Resource Officer to support the four PreK-4th Elementary Schools. If you would like more information regarding next year's budget, please visit the district's website and click on the 2019-2020 Budget link to access the proposed budget.

The month of May also brings preparations for our next school year. Next week, May 6-10, 2019, we will have our annual Kindergarten Screenings. On Friday, May 17, 2019, we will welcome our incoming Kindergarten students during our annual Kindergarten Orientation from 8:45-10:15am. It is always exciting to welcome our newest Falcons and their families!

Our PTO will hold their annual officer election at our PTO meeting next week, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Big Flats Community Center beginning at 6:00pm. Please join us for our second-to-last meeting of the school year. The following candidates are running for office for next year:

President - Lauren Heal
Co-Vice Presidents - Tara Spiraw & Mary Jo Wallner
Co-Treasurers - Leslie Barnes & Zuleykha Grover
Secretary - Desiree White

I would like to close by thanking our remarkable PTO and parents for all your support during this current school year. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful, involved, and supportive parents. Without your support, we couldn't do all the wonderful things that we are able to do for our students.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Scaptura
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Principal

Elementary Lunches (K-6)

School Food Services prices for the 2018-2019 school year will be:

Breakfast: \$1.25

Lunch: \$2.10

School Hours

Hours for the Elementary Schools are:

8:15 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Office Hours

Our school office hours during regular school days are:

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Office Phone Numbers

(607) 739-6373

(607) 795-2550

Fax: (607) 795-2555



Send in your BoxTops to earn cash for our school! *Please see the PTO flyer sent home earlier this week!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

• Dress Code

As nice weather approaches, please remember our dress code: **no** flip-flops or sandals without back straps; **no** tube tops, net tops, halter tops; **no** spaghetti straps, plunging neck lines, midriff-baring, or see-through garments. Please keep clothing appropriate. Thank you for your understanding.

• From the Health Office: Sunscreen

A child can use sunscreen in school without a doctor's order; however, please write a note giving your child(ren) permission to use sunscreen during the school day, and send it in along with their own personal sunscreen. The sunscreen you may send in has to be FDA approved, and your child(ren) needs to know how to apply it. Your written permission slip will be kept in the Health Office in your student's file. Please remember, your student should not share sunscreen and only students with written permission sent in should use it.

• Moving?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on moving over the summer. It is very important for us to know this type of information, so please keep us informed!

• Changes in Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Numbers

If a parent/guardian gets a new cell phone number, and had opted in to text messaging notifications with their old number, they'll need to opt in again with the new number! Please let the Main Office know of the change and we will give you the information to opt in again.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF 3RD AND 4TH GRADERS

To provide schools and parents with an assessment of student achievement, New York State has developed the New York State Testing Program. These standardized tests challenge all students in grades 3 through 8 to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Please visit the site at <http://engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources>. If you are interested in viewing this site but do not have access to the Internet, please call the school office so that we can make arrangements for you to see this guide.

3rd and 4th grade Math—May 1-2, 2019

4th grade Science Performance Test—May 22, 2019

**3rd grade ELA Field Test—May 29, 2019*

4th grade Science Written Test—June 3, 2019

Budget Development Calendar

The Board of Education and district are currently developing the proposed 2019-20 School Budget to be offered to voters May 21. Here is a schedule of public meetings regarding the proposed budget. All are welcome. The Multi-Media Center is located in the south wing of Horseheads High School.

Thursday, May 2

-Budget Q&A, Erin Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

**-Board of Education Candidates' Forum,
Multi-Media Center, 7 p.m.**

Thursday, May 9

-Public Hearing, Multi-Media Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

**-Budget Vote/Board of Education Election,
High School South Gym, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

For more information on the proposed budget, including videos and presentations from the Board of Education meetings above, please visit the district website at <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/2019-20%20Budget%20Information.cfm?school=District>.

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

Empower

Excel

HCS D ART SHOW

The Horseheads Central School District Art Show will be held at the Arnot Mall **TUESDAY, MAY 7-MAY 19, 2019.** Mrs. Vence has made sure to choose one piece of art work for each student from Big Flats Elementary to be displayed at the show. Please come check out all of the amazing art work our Big Flats students have created this year!

Citizens

Interacting with other students

Treat others with respect

Involve yourself in school events

Zone in

Everyone should succeed

Never giving up

Sharing ideas with classmates

Help others

Improve what needs to be worked on

Protect the environment

-Written by Sarah Staats

Falcon Leadership Team

Have you ever wondered what Falcon Leadership is about? Well if so, this is what it is about. Our Falcon Leaders talk about what is going on in school. We also discuss what we should do and what not to do. Plus, we talk about the behavior that happens in the cafeteria. We make inspiration pictures to put on the bulletin board that talk about the character trait of the month. We watch Kid President's videos that talk about kindness, fairness, and happiness. Also, in Kid President's videos, they say that you should be 'you' and not to worry what table you sit at. Don't change if you think you are different. You are perfect just the way you are! This is what we do on the Falcon Leadership team.

-Written by Kahliah Speciale



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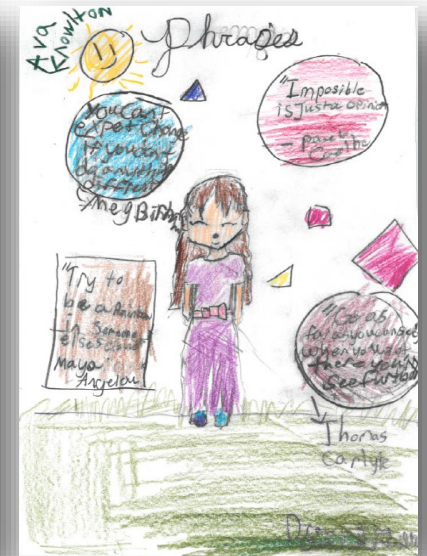
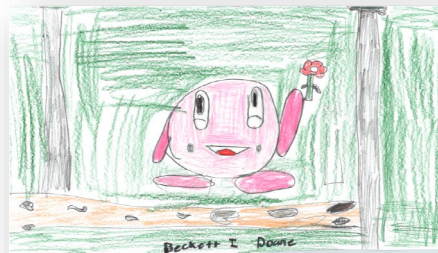
Preston H.

Beckett D.

Reese C.

Hannah B.

Ava K.



Mark Your Calendars

May 1-2

NYS Math Assessments

May 3

Spring Photos!

May 6-10

Kindergarten Screening; BF

May 7

PTO Meeting; 6pm, BF Comm Ctr

May 14

K & 4th Gr Promotion Pictures

May 15

Spring Music Concert; 7pm, HS Aud

May 16

BOE Meeting; 6pm, HS MMC

May 17

Kindergarten Orientation; 8:45-10:15am, BF

May 22

NYS Science Performance Test

May 24

NO SCHOOL; Give Back Day

May 27

NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day

May 29

*3rd Gr NYS ELA Field Test;
Last day of Character Ed

Learn Up-To-Date Information About Our Schools and the District

Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. "Like" them to see our information in your news feed.

Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets. Follow Mrs. Scaptura on Twitter at @escaptura1

Instagram: The district's page—hhdschools

Visit our district website at:

www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

Please pull tabs for Ronald McDonald!



PullTabs4McDonalds@yahoo.com

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald Charities!

Tabs will be picked up mid-May.

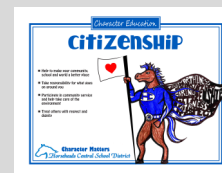


The Horseheads Central School District is looking for interested individuals for several job positions: cleaner, bus driver, food service worker, as well as substitute clerical, nurse, cleaner, and food service worker. We seek candidates who are 18 or older, including retired community members. To apply, complete our district application and submit it, along with all required documents, to Human Resources, south wing of Horseheads High School. The district application may be found here: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploadeddocs/application.pdf> or picked up at our Human Resources Office. Questions? Email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

May —The month of:

Citizenship

- ◊ Do your share to make your community better
 - ◊ Cooperate
- ◊ Be a good neighbor; follow laws and rules
- ◊ Get involved in community affairs
 - ◊ Stay informed: Vote
- ◊ Protect the environment
 - ◊ Volunteer



Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Big Flats Elementary is Elizabeth Scaptura. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Mrs. Scaptura at (607)-739-6373. The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x4211, or cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Non-Discrimination Notification

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.

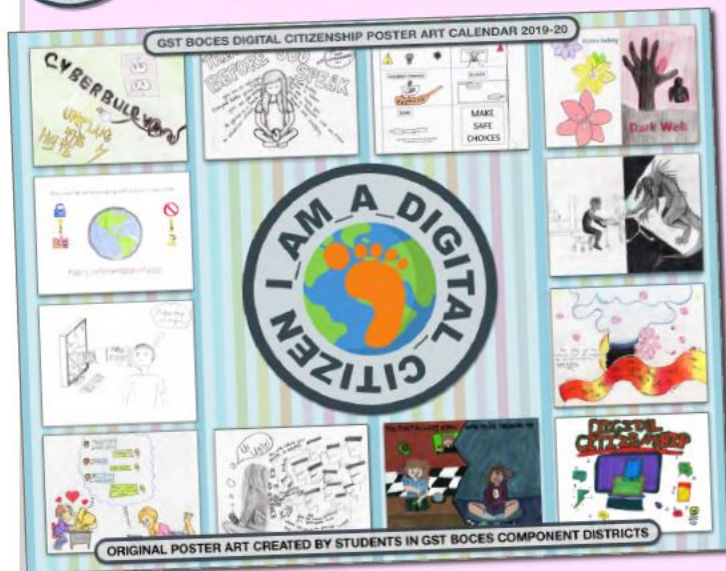
This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination.



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ENJOY MAY FLOWERS



THANK YOU!

**TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS
AND STUDENTS WHO
SUBMITTED ART FOR OUR
CALENDAR. WE HAVE CHOSEN
12 WINNERS WHOSE ART
WILL BE FEATURED IN OUR
FIRST CALENDAR. WE ARE
GETTING IT READY TO BE
DISTRIBUTED IN JUNE!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 12 WINNERS!

- "Digital Citizenship" by Jackie, Grade 5, Horseheads Intermediate School
- "The Truth Behind the Screen" by Heidi, Grade 9, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "You Don't Always Know Who You Are Talking To" by Hailey, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Think Before You Speak" by Lydia, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "The Fire of Cyberbullying" by Ezraela, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Is He Your Friend?" by Paige, Grade 10, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Maybe They Are Right" by Mark, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Problems of the Web" by Avery, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Unplug the Hate" by Lindsey, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Toxicity Online" by Gabrielle, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Digital Citizenship" by Abigail, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School
- "Protect Yourself" by Kat, Grade 12, Spencer-Van Etten High School



And Honorable Mentions to: Andrew Grade 9 SVEHS, Darren Grade 9 SVEHS, Harley Grade 9 SVEHS, Konnor Grade 9 SVEHS, Lauren Grade 9 SVEHS, Miguel Grade 9 SVEHS, Vivida Grade 9 SVEHS, Matthew Grade 10 SVEHS, Nate Grade 11 SVEHS, Trista Grade 11 SVEHS, Briann Grade 12,

Diarmind Grade 12 SVEHS, Dominic Grade 12 SVEHS, James Grade 12 SVEHS, and Mikey Grade 12 SVEHS



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Waverly Central Schools High School eSports Team



If you would like to see an example of Digital Citizenship in action, look no further than Waverly's eSports team. This group of approximately 30 students was formed after district technology director, Kyle Ackland, presented a white paper to the Board of Education that outlined the opportunities and outcomes of eSports with a plan for their implementation. Ackland explains, "We started the club in an effort to help include students who may not be interested in traditional sports." The club is affiliated with HSEL (the High School Esports League).

GAMES THAT WAVERLY ESPORTS ATHLETES ARE PLAYING



FROM BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT



FROM EPIC GAMES



FROM RIOT GAMES



FROM HIDDEN PATH ENTERTAINMENT



FROM UBISOFT ENTERTAINMENT



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP | Waverly Esports Team

Keeping Competitions Friendly & Non-Toxic

common sense education

Don't Be a Toxic Teammate



- 1. Although the Esports team is about competition, remember that you are not competing against each other.
- 2. Positive interactions are key--win or lose! Support your teammates rather than tear them down...especially after a loss. Teach each other and learn from losses.
- 3. Keep any communication with your competitors positive.....remember you are representing Waverly.

Heather Ellis, an instructional support teacher for the district, researched and downloaded materials from Common Sense Media about keeping games fun and friendly and modified them to present the information to the team (see slides above). The students had the following comments after the presentation.

"Being toxic in a competitive gaming match is almost a guaranteed loss. Your words can have a strong effect on your teammates. It's best to always stay positive."

- Matt Atanasoff, Overwatch Team

"Rainbow Six is all about communication and strategy, so having a positive relationship with your teammates is a must. It's also important to be able to discuss what went wrong after a loss, so not flaming your teammates is the only way to win".

- Max Pan, Rainbow Six Team

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eSPORTS AND GAMING

Waverly Central School District

Esports and Gaming
Opportunities, Implementation, OutcomesKyle Ackland
Technology Director
Waverly CSD

The white paper that was presented to the Board of Education outlined some of the positive outcomes of an eSports Program like increased attendance and participation in school as well as increased academic performance, and enhanced teamwork and digital citizenship skills. Tech director Ackland has given us permission to share the white paper (see link below).

“Gaming is a great opportunity to reach kids in a space where they are comfortable and teach them practical applications for digital citizenship”

– Frank Brown, Coach

Links to More Information

Waverly’s eSports Whitepaper - <http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-paper>

High School eSports League website - <http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-HSEL>

Common Sense Media article - Keeping Games Fun and Friendly

- <http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-fun>

EDTECH article - Esports Programs Start to Pop Up in K–12 Schools

- <http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-edtech>

ViewSonic article - How to Start A High School Esports Team

- <http://go.gstric.org/209-esports-start>



What’s The Fuss About Cookies?

I have noticed a lot of websites with messages about using cookies? What is a cookie? And why have they become so popular lately?

This website uses cookies in order to offer you the most relevant information. Please accept cookies for optimal performance.

Yes, I accept Cookies

Change Settings

A **“cookie”** is a small piece of information that is saved to your browser by a website. It lets the website identify you so that it can customize its content for you. Cookies are nothing new - it is just with the development of privacy laws that they have come into sharper focus. The European Union recently passed a law called the **GDPR** (General Data Protection Regulation) which mandates that a company must let you know whenever they collect personal data about you. Companies that use cookies must let you know what they collect and how the data is used because they can be used to identify you, your computer, and your location.

The GDPR is only enforceable in Europe but the US may adopt similar laws in the future.



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

I will keep myself safe on the Internet

I will communicate respectfully.

Learn It!

I will keep my information private and secure.

I am digitally and technologically literate.

I will give credit to others for their work.

I value my identity.

Live It!

I will develop a good reputation online.

#I_am_a_digital_citizen

I am not a cyberbully.

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