

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post

I hope the new year has been treating you well so far. At the IS, January was an exciting month filled with many great experiences for the students.

There were three wonderful musical performances this past month. The Strings Showcase highlighted and showed the progression of talent from beginner fourth grade students to high school seniors. We also had our fifth and sixth grade winter concerts. Band, orchestra, and chorus students had the opportunity to display their abilities in front of packed audiences. All of the shows were entertaining and once again showed the strength of our very talented music department.

Our Intermediate School PTO has been very active providing the students with a great deal of incredible experiences thus far. We have had many successful events such as the Ice Cream Social, Make a Difference Day, Book Fairs, and some club opportunities. We look forward to future events such as the Variety Show, STEM Night, Grade 6 Celebration and more. If you are interested in helping at an event, the IS PTO welcomes you at the next meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Library. Or you could contact a PTO Officer using the information on page 3. Your support is valued and appreciated!

Email is a very efficient, effective, and cost-savings way of staying informed. If you do not have your email address registered to receive school information, please contact the main office to be added to the list or email ([cmaine@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:cmaine@horseheadsdistrict.com)). Many school reminders and information is sent home via email unless you specifically request a paper copy.

Other great ways of staying informed are by following our school on Facebook. Join the digital connection! If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick  
Principal

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**School Hashtag:** [#ISinnovators](https://twitter.com/ISinnovators)  
**Like us on facebook:** Search Horseheads Intermediate School  
**Website:** <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

## [Parent Article](#)

*"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." - Author Unknown.*

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## Horseheads Intermediate School

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### ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)  
on IS website.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

<b>Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Scripps Spelling Bee, MS Café., 2:45 PM (make-up date)
<b>Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Board of Education Budget Mtg, MMC, HS, 6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
<b>Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	IS Variety Show, High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM
<b>Mon., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	No School – Presidents' Day Recess
<b>Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Board of Education Meeting, MMC, HS, 6:00 PM
<b>Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	STEM Night, 6:30 PM

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Students who qualified for our local Scripps Spelling Bee were set to compete on January 30<sup>th</sup>. This was cancelled due to inclement weather. The make-up date is now Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School cafeteria beginning at 2:45 PM. We welcome parents to join and watch the Spelling Bee. Please come to the IS main office to sign-in. (See page 6)
2. Please be aware that when you are attending any after school events, you cannot park in the fire lanes, block hydrants or block exits at any of our school buildings. This includes the lanes in the front of the IS/MS complex. This is a State Education Department law in which our local enforcement officers may ticket vehicles who are in violation of it. Please adhere to the stop sign when you are exiting the rear parking lot.
3. **Ferocious Readers:** Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis. This will certainly build their reading skills, increase ability, and help them reach the 25 book goal. As students reach the goal, they are recognized on the morning announcements as a Ferocious Reader.
4. Please continue to save aluminum can pull tabs and Box Tops for Education.
5. Intermediate School Parent Information Night and Self-Guided Tour (for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Intermediate School Cafeteria.
6. **Middle School Parent Orientation:** Middle School Orientation (for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade) will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.
7. To report child abuse or neglect: Call Toll Free 1-800-342-3720 or [ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps).



Office of Children and Family Services

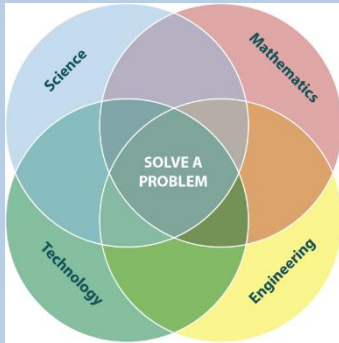
## Intermediate School PTO Officers (2018-2019)

President:	Gretchen Ferraro	<a href="mailto:gferraro2010@gmail.com">gferraro2010@gmail.com</a>	425-2603
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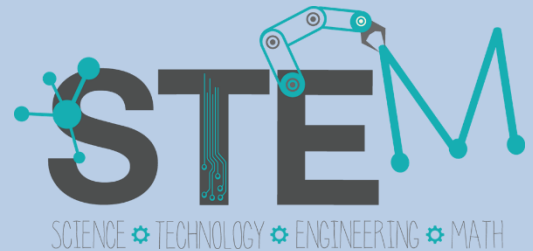


## PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SIXTH GRADE

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2019-2020 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!



**STEM NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**



Join us in the fun of exploring math, science, and technology with demonstrations and hands-on experiments!

Launch a rocket, play the giant chess game, see live reptiles, learn about animals, explore scientific concepts, visit the Wings of Eagles Display, and much more!

Try to save your egg from its big fall in the Egg Drop Contest!

Remember to bring your recyclable material that night to help support our green cause and provide a little extra funding for the school! (Page 2)

## School Spirit Day!

Check the pictures from our last School Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Raider Blue once or our #ISinnovators shirts once a month. Many classrooms showed awesome school spirit. Congratulations to James Waters IV and Anastasia Rodriguez who were chosen to receive an #ISinnovators water bottle.



## INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!

### NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

#### PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

**All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to receive 2 doses of the Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination along with the Tdap vaccine. The laws are very strict, and we cannot allow students to come to school after the first 10 days of school without these immunizations.**

Your child may get the required immunization through your health care provider, Five Star Urgent or Walk-In Clinics or through the Chemung County Health Department, at (607) 737-2028, appointment, only if qualified.

You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization in order for your child to attend school in the fall. Your health care provider or health department will provide you with this written proof once your child receives the immunization. Please bring this proof to our Health Office or fax it to us at 795-2495. Information must be received **by Tuesday, September 17, 2019**. **No appointment cards accepted.**

**Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not be required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time and will not be excluded from school, but will be tracked and must be immunized upon turning 11 years old.**

If you have further questions, please contact the health office at 739-6366 (Option 2). Thank you for your cooperation.



### HEALTH CORNER



It is that time of the year again to remember good health practices. Please keep your child home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting or diarrhea in the past two hours. Because there is no known cure for the common cold, prevention is the key to keeping colds away. Most of the time you acquire a cold virus by touching your eyes, nose or mouth with an object that has the cold virus on it.

Therefore, to help avoid catching a cold:

- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently with warm soapy water.
- tissue boxes)
- Don't touch your face—your hands may have come in contact with a cold virus!
- Drink 8 glasses of water daily.
- Get plenty of rest—up to 12 hours a night!!!

Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first several days that symptoms appear.

## ***Reminders From the Art Rooms***

Dear Horseheads Intermediate Family and Friends,

The school year has been flying by and we're already knee deep in the winter season. The students have been creating some really incredible projects in class and we are so impressed with their skills and creativity. We hope you're following along with them throughout the school year on Artsonia. Artsonia is a great resource for seeing what is going on in the Art Rooms, watching your student's growth over the course of the year, and it's also an opportunity to get some great mementos with your child's work on it. If you have any questions about accessing Artsonia or your child's account, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Bell or Angela Niforatos here at the Intermediate School. All the proceeds from the website directly benefit us here and help us get supplies to keep doing great work!

We also wanted to send out a reminder that Visions and Voices is coming out again this year and we want to showcase fantastic student work! It can be drawing, painting, sculpture, poetry, or written prose. Work doesn't just have to be something that they've done in class. Don't forget to bring in your best pieces to Mr. Bell to enter.

As always, we thank you for your support, and are looking forward to showing off all the great work from the students in the upcoming art show in the spring!

Thank you!

Angela Niforatos

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Art Teachers



## District Website

Check out the school district's website. It's more interactive, appealing, and provides an easier way to access a variety of information. There are many resources including:

- Calendar of events
- Upcoming events
- Closing advisories
- Newsletters
- Data Center
- School links
- District information
- BOE Education resources
- ...and much more!



## Intermediate School Scripps Spelling Bee Champions



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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Help Wanted

Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Substitute RNs and Bus Drivers needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching Substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Sub Bus Drivers – Training will be included

Apply in person at Human Resources

or email: [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) for more information.

## RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools. Certified substitutes receive a rate of \$105 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at 739-5601 x 4211.

Don't forget to clip your Box Tops and send them in to the Office. The more you clip, the more we earn for the school. Thank you!



## Attention!

### PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 9<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>,  
and April 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria  
6:00 – 6:30 PM  
in the Library

## CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

**Character Trait:** **Trustworthiness** comes from personal character.

**Trustworthiness** involves four major qualities: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty.



**The Habit of Mind: Questioning and Posing Problems.**

*It means:*

- Ask myself, "How do I know?"
- Develop a questioning Attitude
- Consider what information is needed
- Choose strategies to get that information and
- Consider the obstacles needed to resolve.



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Keep hoarding pull tabs! So far we have collected far less than usual. **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

Michael Bostwick is the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator at the Intermediate School, Caitlin DeFilippo is the DASA Coordinator for the district. All concerns regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying should be directed accordingly.

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.