

February 2012

Golden Stars Gazette

The character trait for February is Acceptance

As we move through the month of February, we will focus on the character trait of acceptance.

Below is a quote about acceptance

The price of the democratic way of life is a growing appreciation of people's differences, not merely as tolerable, but as the essence of a rich and rewarding human experience.- Jerome Nathanson

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Star Students of the Month

Each month our students are eligible to become a STAR Student of the Month. Students are nominated by their teachers for this honor when they demonstrate the character trait of the month. The students will be recognized on WGRN News and will be given a certificate to bring home. The student's name will also be placed on a STAR and hung in the hallway.

Sergio Moreira

Joshua Miao

Cadance Cruz

Scott Standish

Jeremiah Grover

Anthony Bifano

Finnian Scanlon-Shaw

Subha Alsworth

Avery Snyder

Andy He

Jenna Smith

Bilal Saeed

Nytk Jaiswal

Cierra Teeter

Marina Brown

Peter Kladias

Nate McCawley

Hannah Chisholm

Joey Veres

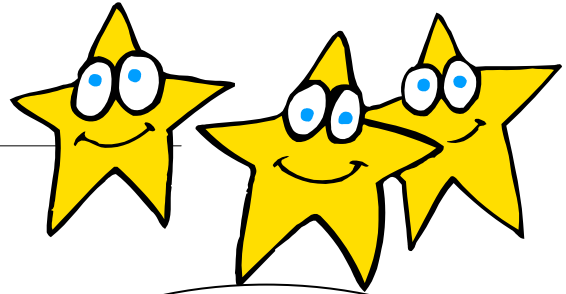
Megan Cole

Anthony Robinson

Upcoming important dates for Gardner Road Elementary School:

- February 17th -20th - NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Recess

GR PTO News



Past Events

The Holiday Shop made about \$350. More volunteers will be needed to help for next year! Thanks to all who helped! The kids enjoyed the gift of giving and the families enjoyed receiving!

Our Back to Basics Game Night was good, wholesome fun with families and friends!

Welcome!

To Kelly Switala, our new vice-president and Mary Lohmuller, our new co-secretary! Thanks for joining the team!

Contributions:

- Approx. \$90 in certificates and coupons for the Holiday Shop.

Thank You!

Holly Hamilton for creating the School Directory! It looks great!

Spirit Wear shirts are still available!

\$12 each

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting	February 1
Family Night Movie: <u>Dolphin Tale</u> (Rated PG)	February 10
Family Night Dr. Seuss' Birthday	February 29
PTO Meeting	March 7

PTO Officers

Co-Presidents:

Linda Snyder & Michele Noe

Vice-President: Kelly Switala

Treasurer: Ginny Ehemann

Co-Secretaries: Mary Lohmuller & Stephanie Lewis

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR FIFTH GRADE, FROM HORSEHEADS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

By the end of April, the teaching staff and I will complete 2012-2013 classroom placements for students at the Intermediate School. We create class selections 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 in to consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to your building principal by Friday, March 30th. They will forward the information to me.

We are interested in your previous experiences or information about your child, not a request for a specific teacher. After March 30th, no information will be accepted.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robin Doubrava

Interim Principal

**Gardner Road student selected as finalist
in Longhouse Competition**

Gardner Road Elementary School received a letter from Congressman Reed thanking us for our school's participation in this year's 29th District Congressional Longhouse Competition. **Rachel Nagy** from Miss Bates class was selected as a finalist in the competition. A winner from each county was chosen in January, and the winning dioramas from each of the nine counties will be on display in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C.

Community Service News:

100 cans for 100 days of school is off to a great start! We already have some classes with over 100 items donated.

The last day to collect items is February 16th.



Gardner Road has a Facebook page. Please "like" us to read about activities, events, and other important information about our school.

YOUR CHILD'S ART

Be on the lookout for YOUR CHILD'S ART... It's on 20 LARGE STICKERS, now isn't that smart? your kids are excited; they're one of a kind! But products this special are such a rare find!

Square 1 Art is on its way... Funds for the PTO HIP HIP HOORAY!

Stationery, ornaments, puzzles and more...
Shirts, aprons, tiles, TOO GOOD to ignore!

We always need gifts for family and friends...
Not to mention great keepsakes where memories never end!

A deadline is required and... we must "do our thing".
Just imagine your child's art and the praise it will bring!

SQUARE 1 ART

"Where creativity starts and memories last forever"

www.Square1Art.com

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

School Delays and Closings

We all know that the white stuff is just around the corner. When the ice and snow arrive, it is often necessary to delay or close schools. The announcements can be found on our District website www.horseheadsdistrict.com and the local media stations. In the event of a 2-hour delay, students can be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance beginning at 9:45. Please be aware that **NO** breakfast is served when there is a 2-hour delay. It is also a good idea to stay tuned to the local media and the District website, as a 2-hour delay may be changed to a school closing.

Attendance

When students are tardy or absent, please be sure to send in an excuse. This can be done on the yellow note. The yellow notes are also used anytime there is a change in the going home procedure. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records and ensuring that our students are arriving home safe.

Dress for the weather:

Please make sure to send your child to school with the appropriate clothing for playing outside, and for the cooler temperatures in the classroom.

Paper Reduction Efforts:

This year at Gardner Road we are attempting to conserve paper. If you would like to assist us in our efforts to conserve paper and receive this newsletter electronically via email, please send an email to rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com. In your email please include your student(s) name, their teacher(s), and the email address you would like the newsletter sent to. Thank you for helping in our conservation efforts.

Horseheads Central School District

Our Mission "Quality Education for All"

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

Our Vision *We, the Horseheads School Community, want a district that:*

- is nurturing and responsive;
- strives for balance in a supportive, safe, encouraging environment;
- recognizes the need for continual improvement in an ever-changing world;
- has a clearly defined focus on learning outcomes, collaboration, and support systems; and
- creates an environment within which everyone can thrive and achieve his/her highest potential.

Our Beliefs *We believe:*

- Everyone can achieve his/her highest potential.
- Trust is essential for growth.
- Learning is cooperative.
- Programs are inclusive.
- Success will be nurtured and expected.
- Learning is performance-based.
- Decisions are data-based.
- Responsibility, respect and results guide our every effort.

Exit Outcomes

The Horseheads Central School graduate will be...

- a life-long learner
- a caring, productive citizen
- an effective communicator
- a creative problem-solver
- a quality decision-maker
- a healthy, well-rounded person