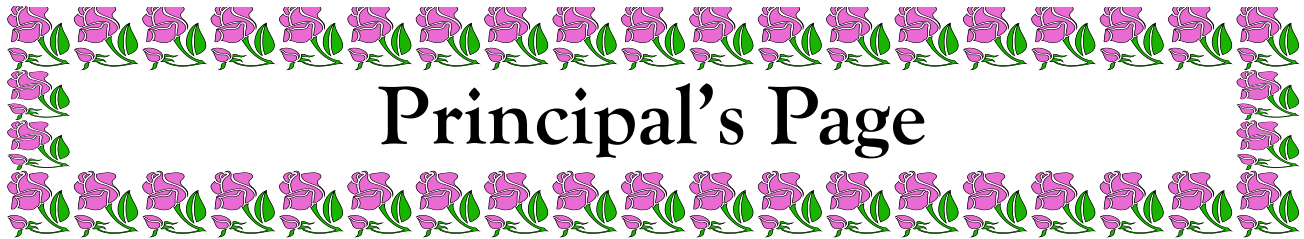




The Gardner Road Golden

Stars Gazette—May 2011



Principal's Page

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May's character trait is perseverance. When we are persistent, we have the endurance, commitment, and dedication to see difficult tasks through until the end. We demonstrate perseverance when we try again and again without complaining. In life we face many challenges and through perseverance we are able to overcome those challenges and grow into stronger individuals.

Did you know?

- ◆ Albert Einstein, the famous scientist, had a learning disability.
- ◆ Franklin D. Roosevelt, a former president, was paralyzed from polio.
- ◆ Thomas Edison, an inventor, was learning disabled.
- ◆ Vincent Van Gogh, the famous painter, was mentally ill.

A few quotes related to perseverance are listed below:

- ◆ Failure is the path of least persistence. (author unknown)
- ◆ Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily. (author unknown)
- ◆ You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try. (Beverly Sills)

Please take the opportunity this month to teach our children about perseverance. Encourage them to keep working hard on those tasks that may be difficult. Don't be too quick to step in and help when you see them struggling. Overcoming difficulties is part of growing up. We must all take an active role in teaching our children the valuable skill of persistence.

Poetry Club

April was National Poetry Month and to help celebrate this event, over 40 students participated in an afterschool “Poetry Club”. During this time, students learned how to write sensory poems, couplets, limericks, and free verse. They also had the opportunity to illustrate their poems and share them on the morning news.

Special thanks is being sent out to Mr. Bell for sharing the art room with the students, Mr. Monks for helping assist the students upon their arrival to Poetry Club; and most of all, we want to thank Mrs. Kellogg for all the time and effort she put in to make the “Poetry Club” a fun and educational experience for our students.

News from the Library

We just finished our second Scholastic Book Fair at the library. Thanks to Mrs. Duke and all the parent volunteers who spent so much time volunteering to make it a success! It is delightful to see our students still get so excited about new books.

Thanks also to Mrs. Ehemann, Mrs. Keister, and Mrs. Eck for helping out with inventory in the library. We got it done in three hours—we could never have done it without all the help.

We are working on critical thinking and media literacy skills in grades 1-4 in the library. These are important skills for every child to have. We are all surrounded by media from every direction— TV, radio, internet, video games, newspapers, books, cell phones, etc. We have been talking about TV commercials and how we need to question what they say and show so we can make intelligent choices with our money. The kids can really relate to this topic, and we have some very interesting discussions.

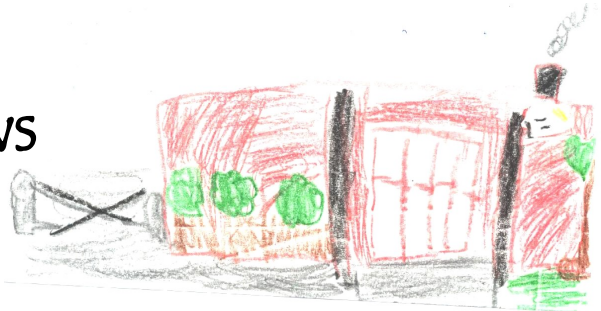
The end of the year is fast approaching, so please be sure to check with your child to see if all their library books are accounted for.

Thanks,

Mrs. Munson

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Gardner Road P.T.O. News



Upcoming Events:

- May 4-7-Teacher Appreciation Week :)
- May 4 – PTO meeting (6:30 pm)
- May 13 – Family Night (Swimming)
- May 17th – Budget Vote
- June 1 – PTO meeting (6:30 pm)

Contributions

- Picture frames for student artwork
- Gift for story teller
- Equipment for Mrs. Cunningham
- T-shirts for 4th graders
- Testing "Care Kits" for 3rd and 4th graders

Help Wanted: Chairpersons and organizers for the Swimming Night and other PTO events. Please contact an officer for more information!

Book Fair & Ice Cream Social

Were a great success! It was a huge crowd and everyone had a great time, especially our raffle winners! Thank you to all the parent and staff volunteers!



Rock On!

Almost 50 3rd & 4th graders put on quite a show at our first Gardner Road Talent Show! Among the music, dance, acrobatics, and ball-handling feats were the smiles of many proud parents!



Thank you Mrs. VanDe-Water, Mrs. Woolhiser, and PTO volunteers. Great job students!

Officers:

- Presidents: Linda Snyder & Michele Noe
- Vice-President: Chad Isett
- Secretaries: Beth Beckwith & Stephanie Lewis
- Treasurer: Ginny Ehemann
- Fundraising: Andrea Lawson & Cecily Duke

Thank you to...

... Linda Snyder, Angie Eck, Hope Moran, & Stephanie Lewis for helping with the talent show.



Next meeting: May 4, 2011

6:30 pm in the library



Community Service Project “Paint The School Purple Day May 2nd”

“Paint The School Purple Day” was a great success! Everyone enjoyed wearing purple and getting in the Spirit of Spring while raising awareness for the American Cancer Society! We raised a total of \$1,066.77, beating our goal of \$500, by more than double! True to his word, Mr. Holloway wore a purple tutu and visited all of the classes at Gardner Road School, much to the amusement of the students (and Staff)! Thanks to all the families for their continued support!



Spring Concert 4th Grade Chorus, Band, and Orchestra

Tuesday, May 31—7:00 p.m. Sharp!
Horseheads High School Auditorium

**If you have any questions, contact
Mrs. VanDeWater at Gardner Road (607) 739-6347.*



Important Dates For June

Wednesday, June 15 — half-day — dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 22 — Field Day and the last full day of school

Thursday, June 23 — NO SCHOOL

Friday, June 24 — half day—students receive Report Cards, dismissal at 11:00 a.m.



Class Lists For 2011–2012

As another successful school year at Gardner Road comes to an end, it is time to begin the process of developing class lists. If you have any information about your student’s needs which you would like taken into consideration as I develop class lists, please send them to me in writing by May 20th. Please understand that requests for specific teachers cannot be honored. My goal is to create equitable class lists that provide the best possible learning experiences for our students.

Art Students of the Month
Camey Knapp, 3rd Grade—DeNunzio
Sarah Beckwith, 2nd Grade—Tillinghast

The Art Students for the Month of May are Camey Knapp (3rd grade DeNunzio) and Sarah Beckwith (2nd grade Tillinghast.) Camey Knapp is being recognized for excellent work in class; she puts forth outstanding effort on all projects and her work has been chosen for the cover art for the 2011 Visions and Voices magazine. Sarah Beckwith has shown an amazing interest in creating artwork and has been a standout in the second grade; she stops in frequently to show me artwork she is creating at home. These students should be very proud of their accomplishments. Their artwork will be shown all month long in the display.

Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Dental Sealant Program

The Dental Sealant Program provided by the Chemung County Dental Clinic, has begun. All registered students will be seen in the Gardner Road Nurse’s Office throughout the month of May.

Gardner Road ELA Pep Rally

Special thanks go out to the Gardner Road ELA Committee for putting together the ELA Testing Pep Rally. We would also like to thank the Elmira College Cheerleaders for cheering on our 3rd and 4th grade test takers; and many thanks to New York State Trooper McDarby for his amazing magic trick and his words of encouragement to our students.

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

MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Paint The School Purple Day Teacher Appreciation Week May 2—May 6	3 PTO Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon Budget Q & A Millport Village Hall 7 PM	4 <i>Grade 4 ELA Testing</i> <i>Grade 3 ELA Testing</i> GR PTO 6:30 PM	5 <i>Grade 4 ELA Testing</i> <i>Grade 3 ELA Testing</i> PTO Teacher Appreciation Dessert Day Public Hearing on Proposed 11-12 Budget, MMC, 6 PM BOE following hearing, MMC	6 <i>Grade 4 ELA Testing</i> Mother's Day Celebration 2nd Grade Classes 9:45AM —10:45 AM	7
8 Happy Mother's Day!	9 Superintendent's Roundtable Hhds Village Hall 10 AM Budget Q & A BF Cm Ctr. 7 PM	10	11 <i>Grade 3 State Math Testing</i>	12 <i>Grade 4 State Math Testing</i> <i>Grade 3 State Math Testing</i> Board Candidate Forum, MMC, 7 PM	13 <i>Grade 4 State Math Testing</i> Family Fun Night Swimming 6:30 PM	14
15 NO SCHOOL Elem/IS Conference Day Superintendent's Roundtable Big Flats Legion 7 PM	16 NO SCHOOL Elem/IS Conference Day Superintendent's Roundtable Big Flats Legion 7 PM	17 Arnot Mall Art Show Budget Vote/BOE Election, HS/BF/RR 7 AM—9 PM	18 4th Grade Discovery Science Bus	19	20 Kindergarten Orientation 8:45—10:15 AM	21
22 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day	23 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day	24 Gardner Road Principal's Chat Library 7:15 AM	25	26 4th Grade Chorus, Band, Orchestra Students Rehearsal Hhds High School Auditorium 9—11 a.m.	27	28
29 NO SCHOOL <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 NO SCHOOL <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Spring Concert HS Auditorium 7 PM				