



# Big Flats News

## May 2020

*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,*

As we continue with our distant online teaching and learning, I would like to thank you all for your incredible patience, understanding, and grace that you have shown during these difficult times. Please know how much the teachers, support staff, and I appreciate everything that you are doing to support your children in this next phase of new learning. One of the most important things you need to continue to do is to keep in touch with your child's teacher when you need their support or assistance. As our teacher's continue to learn and do their best to make things easier for you and your children each week, please continue to ask for help when you need it.

A couple of weeks ago, you should have received a letter from Dr. Douglas advising you that the grading of student assignments will begin May 4th, 2020. On Monday, our teachers will begin grading student assignments, therefore, it is imperative that each student complete the required assignments. We understand that every family has their own set of challenges, and we will all do whatever we can to support every student in completing their lessons. PLEASE reach out to your child's teacher and let them know what you need in order to better support your child(ren). Every classroom teacher has four hours of office hours each week. During these office hours, you can outreach teachers to ask for any help or assistance that you or your child(ren) may need. Please click 'Office Hours' on your teacher's page to see when your teacher's hours are. Teachers' office hours are also posted on my page; Mrs. Scaptura, under 'Office Hours.' In addition to our classroom teacher office hours, our Response to Intervention teachers, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Reeves, also have office hours each day, to support ANY student/family at Big Flats Elementary. If your child is struggling to complete a classroom assignment and parents need help, please contact Mrs. Marsh or Mrs. Reeves. They will be more than happy to assist any student in completing any grade level assignment.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, is the social-emotional health and well-being of your child(ren), along with you, as parents! This past Tuesday, Ms. Tremblay and Miss Traynham began "Social Connection" sessions for all students in each classroom. Researchers are already beginning to consider the possible implications that these unprecedented times will have on all of us. We are very much concerned for the social and emotional well-being of our students, and also very concerned with our parents' social and emotional health and well-being, too! We know how challenging it is to balance working full time, teaching your children, and completing daily home routines. Please be sure that you are taking care of yourselves. If you happen to find yourself or your children struggling, PLEASE contact our social workers at [btremblay@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:btremblay@horseheadsdistrict.com) or [atraynham@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:atraynham@horseheadsdistrict.com) or myself, at [escaptura@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:escaptura@horseheadsdistrict.com). If you are uncomfortable outreaching one of us, please call the crisis hotline at 607-442-6900. All contacts will remain confidential, and we truly are concerned for all our families. Please do not think that you are alone, you are not. Many people and families are struggling. We are all in this together, and we are here for you and your beautiful family.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth M. Scaptura*

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Principal

### Elementary Lunches (K-6)

School Food Services prices for the 2019-2020 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

**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*

# NEWS FLASH! Student & Parent Online Supports!

## Social Connections for Students

Are your kids missing their friends? Get them “socially connected” with their classmates weekly with our social workers! During these challenging times it is very important for a child’s social and emotional well-being to be connected to their friends. For more information go to your child’s classroom page and click on “Social Emotional Learning” or email: [btremblay@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:btremblay@horseheadsdistrict.com) or [atraynham@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:atraynham@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### Monday's – Kindergarten

1:00-1:15pm Mrs. Barnstead's class  
1:15-1:30pm Mrs. DeLosa's class  
1:30-1:45pm Miss Dykes' class

### Tuesday's - 1st grade

1:00-1:15pm Mrs. Biddle's class  
1:15-1:30pm Ms. Gill's class  
1:30-1:45pm Mrs. Kamas' class  
1:45-2:00pm Mrs. Schrage's class

### Wednesday's - 2nd grade

1:00-1:15pm Mrs. Buckley's class  
1:15-1:30pm Mrs. Spencer's class  
1:30-1:45pm Mr. Sumner's class

### Thursday's - 3rd grade

1:00-1:15pm Mrs. Comer's class  
1:15-1:30pm Mrs. TenEyck's class  
1:30-1:45pm Miss Williams' class

### Friday's - 4th grade

1:00-1:15pm Mrs. Aepelbacher's class  
1:15-1:30pm Mrs. Kenefick's class  
1:30-1:45pm Mrs. Kilmer's class

## Online Academic Support for Students

Are you struggling to get your student to complete their online classroom work? Our RTI teachers are also here to help you! Go to your child’s classroom page and find the icon that says "Chat" and send Michelle Reeves or Samantha Marsh a message on what you need help with. Just let the RTI Teachers know the content area (ELA, Writing, Math) and they will support your student! Our RTI Team is prepared to support ANY BFE student independently. Help is just a click or email away!

[samarsh@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:samarsh@horseheadsdistrict.com) or [mreeves@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:mreeves@horseheadsdistrict.com)

### Tuesday- Friday Office Hours

9:00-9:30- Join our Read Aloud Stories  
9:30-10:00 PK-4 Classroom Academic Support  
Other times available upon parent requests!

## SPECIAL AREA ONLINE LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE !

As students become more versed in the Microsoft Teams Platform, PLEASE be sure to check out all of the FUN and ENGAGING Art, Music and Physical Education Lessons! All you need to do is go to your classroom teacher’s page and click on the Art, Music, Library and Physical Education to see those lessons!

Looking for a read aloud for your student? Please join Mrs. Arnold in the Library on Fridays!

## TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT!

\*In-Person office hours\* will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Intermediate School Entrance, 952 Sing Sing Road. Any tech issues \*\*with district laptops\*\* can be addressed (no personal devices). Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing during these sessions.

In order to request help from home, contact the TECH SUPPORT HELP CENTER through their form; **the link provided in the attachment**. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call 607-481-2850, or, for general questions, email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).



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# Online Learning





## Mark Your Calendars

**May 5**

PTO Virtual Meeting– Zoom 6pm

**May 21**

BOE Virtual Meeting– Zoom 6pm

**May 25**

*NO SCHOOL*—Memorial Day

**June 2**

PTO Meeting; 6pm

**June 18**

BOE Meeting; 6pm

**TBD**– Kindergarten Screening & Orientation



### 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](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com).

Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)



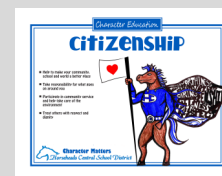
## 2020-21 Budget Development

In efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the state has postponed state-wide school budget votes until at least June 1st. All previously scheduled budget presentations since our school closure are postponed while we await further guidance from the state regarding the state and district budgets. You may view preliminary budget information on the district website at <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm?school=District>, but please note that information does not include any current updates on state aid or information since the closure of schools. Information will be updated once we receive information from the state. Questions? Email [hcsdin-f@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdin-f@horseheadsdistrict.com) or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

## 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](mailto: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.

# **Horseheads Central School District**

# **Technology Help**

## **During the 2020 Extended Student Dismissal**

## **Tech Office Hours**

We will hold office hours for technology help for students, parents, and staff beginning April 28. Details are as follows:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Intermediate School Entrance, 952 Sing Sing Road

These office hours are for in-person tech issues including defective district equipment, general troubleshooting, and return/exchange/pick up of loaner laptops. We will have two technicians there each session.

Please wear a mask or face covering and keep social distancing requirements in mind when using this service.

Note: While we cannot assist with personally-owned devices, we can answer questions about school accounts on personal equipment. If you simply have a question, please use the Tech Support Center below rather than visiting.

## **Tech Support Center**

In addition to in-person office hours outlined above, technicians and librarians will assist students and families through our Tech Support Help Center.

Technicians will assist with hardware, connectivity, and network account issues. Librarians will assist students, families, and staff in their individual schools with software issues, online applications, and the basics of Microsoft teams.

In order to request assistance, please use this form:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKIY3tDEGU4Az1zSEePHH3Uhzi7IDs958K7D4\\_QIUQ0FMWEpMWjhYVEY5UIZZSUQ4TUpESIBIRi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKIY3tDEGU4Az1zSEePHH3Uhzi7IDs958K7D4_QIUQ0FMWEpMWjhYVEY5UIZZSUQ4TUpESIBIRi4u)

Families without internet can call the following number for assistance: 607-481-2850. Please leave a detailed message outlining the technology problem or issue and a phone number we can use to reach you.

A note for district staff: Please contact the GST BOCES Help Desk if you have technology issues.

**For general questions, or if you need assistance in finding someone to help, please email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).**

# Horseheads Central School District

## Emergency Meals Information

State and federal regulations allow districts to provide meals to lower income children during school closures. During our closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we provide meals to families in need of assistance. Here is information on our meal distribution program:

### ***Where are the locations and times for the meal sites?***

Meals are provided weekdays during the school closure at the following locations and times:

10:30-11:30am	Center Street School	812 Center St, Horseheads
10:30-10:50am	Collingwood Mobile Home Park	358 Chambers Rd, Horseheads
10:30-10:50am	Pine Valley Mobile Home Park	3600 Watkins Rd, Pine Valley
10:30-11:00am	Ridge Road School	112 Ridge Rd, Horseheads
11:00-11:30am	Millport Fire Department	2016 Crescent St, Millport
11:00-11:20am	Thunderbird Greens Mobile Home Park	391 Sing Sing Rd, Horseheads
11:15-11:35am	Erin Town Hall	1138 Breesport Rd, Breesport

*Please note: We will evaluate the program and make adjustments if necessary.*

### ***Who is eligible?***

This program is for any district family who needs assistance. Meals are available for those 18 years old or younger at no charge.

### ***What is served?***

We provide one breakfast and lunch per student. The menu items follow the typical meal pattern with grain, protein, fruit and/or vegetable, and milk. For those familiar with the Summer Food Service Program, the meals are very similar. Examples include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or yogurt and string cheese, assorted fruit, and other items. We also provide alternative food items for students who have food allergies or intolerances.

### ***How are meals served?***

Meals are provided via drive up or walk up service for recipients to take home. There is not a dining area.

### ***What should I do if I cannot get to a meal site?***

We can deliver the meals to you if you are unable to get to a site. If you are unable to get to a site, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or x4295 to order meals for the following day. Please note: For Monday delivery, please contact us on the Friday before. We will need parents to contact us each day they need delivery.

***Questions? Please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or x4295, or email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).***

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