



# Big Flats News

*November 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!*

## **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

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

As we look ahead, the month of November brings our annual fall parent/teacher conferences. As I reflect back to my own children's parent/teacher conferences, I am thankful for the opportunity to meet with my children's teachers so that I was aware of not only their academic strengths and needs, but also their social and emotional strengths and needs. Although it does require taking time off from work, we value this time to connect with our students' parents and guardians, and we hope you do, too. Our first parent/teacher conference day is Friday, November 8, 2019 and will be a full day, so there will be no school. Our second parent/teacher conference day will be Friday, November 15, 2019. This will be a half day of school, with conferences held between 11:30am-3:00pm. If you are unsure of or have misplaced your schedule, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Once again this year, our PTO will be sponsoring our *Wall of Heroes* for our Veterans. Please remember to submit your Veterans picture form as soon as possible so that we can proudly post them in our school in honor of their sacrifices to our country. Each year our wall continues to grow, and we love and appreciate all of our Veterans of any branch and current Servicemen and Servicewomen!

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to our annual 3rd and 4th grade Spelling Bee on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in our cafeteria here at Big Flats Elementary at 6:30pm. I know our 3rd and 4th grade students are very excited for this annual event, as our two grade-level champions will proceed to the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee in Corning on March 28, 2020. Please consider joining us!

*Sincerely,*

*Elizabeth M. Scaptura*

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*Principal*



**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*



# WALL OF HEROES

Our Big Flats PTO is organizing a “**Wall of Heroes!**” in celebration of Veterans Day. If you have a family member who is a veteran or active military, please help us honor them by completing the picture form that was sent home, or request a new copy to do so. The PTO will be displaying the picture and description of our servicemen and women for all our staff, students, and visitors to see.

***Help Us Salute Our Heroes!***

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## **Parent/Teacher Conference Information**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 8th and November 15th. During this time, parents will have the opportunity to sit down on a one-to-one basis and talk to their child's teacher. You should have received a conference notification from your child's teacher informing you of the date and time of your scheduled conference. On November 8th, school is not in session for students due to the all-day parent/teacher conferences. On November 15th, students will attend school for a morning half day and be dismissed at 11:00am for parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon. Please remember lunch will not be served on November 15th, nor will there be Kid's World available after school.



## **Winter Weather Ahead!**

Just a friendly reminder to please make sure your children are coming to school dressed appropriately for the colder months. In an effort to save energy and to be fiscally responsible as a district, we set the temperature to 68 degrees in all of our buildings. Please make sure your children are dressed warmly and have a sweater or sweatshirt available to them during the day should they need it. Students should also bring/wear to school coats, hats, mittens, and boots when warranted, as we do go outside for recess in the winter. **\*If any clothing is borrowed from the Health Office, please wash those articles of clothing and return them to the nurse as soon as possible. Boots and shoes are not provided.**

**Thank you.**

*We appreciate your cooperation and assistance!*

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

#### • **Changes in Going Home Routine/Bus Notes**

*Please remember to write a 'blue note' with your child's change in dismissal plans if he/she will not be following their normal routine. Blue notes should also be written to explain your child's tardiness, absence, or plan to leave early. This is extremely important for the safety of our students.*

#### • **Half Days for Elementary Schools**

*There will be no lunch and no Kid's World provided on half days at elementary schools. Dismissal will be at 10:30am for Pre-K and 11:00am for K-4. Please send a blue note on these days with dismissal plans for your student if he/she usually attends Kid's World.*

#### • **Please Always Park in the Parking Lot**

*When visiting the school, either with a late student / early pick up, dropping something off, attending a meeting, etc., please always park in the parking lot and not the bus lane. All visitors must report to the office, and the office will further assist you.*

#### • **Please Write Names on Lunch Boxes!**

*Lunch boxes have been brought to the office with no name on them after being left on the bus or in the cafeteria. Please write your child's first and last name somewhere in or on the lunch box so we can get it back to them as soon as possible! Thank you.*

## School and Emergency Closings

School closings due to inclement weather will be announced via text, phone, and various media outlets such as WNKI, WPGI, Magic FM, and WELM radio stations, and WENY, WETM, and Time Warner Cable News on TV. In the event of an emergency during the school day, all students will be taken by bus to the address previously identified by parents on the "Emergency Go Home" form that was completed at the beginning of the school year. As a reminder, this location MUST be on one of the Big Flats Elementary bus routes.

#### ***Snow Days Impact our Schedule***

When a snow day occurs and all schools in the District are closed, it changes our six-day schedule. The next day that school is in session is the cycle day that the snow day would have been.

## Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The Horseheads Central School District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled 'Student Records,' Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to: encryptions, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov), or by writing to: 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845.

## 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 <https://www.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.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA—March 25-26, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math—April 22-23, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Performance Test—May 19, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Written Test—June 1, 2020



## Mark Your Calendars

### Nov 5

PTO Meeting; 6pm, BF Library

### Nov 7

Spirit Day—Patriotic Day

Report Cards Go Home

### Nov 8

NO SCHOOL—PK-6th grade; Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Nov 11

NO SCHOOL—Veterans Day

### Nov 15

HALF DAY—11am Dismissal; PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Nov 19

SCRIPP Spelling Bee; 6:30pm, BF Café

### Nov 21

BOE Meeting; 6pm, HS MMC

### Nov 25

Picture Make-Up Day

### Nov 27-29

NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Recess

## 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—hhdsschools

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)



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## BOX TOPS ARE GOING DIGITAL



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**

CHECK EXPIRATION DATE  
PUT IN BAGGIE  
STUDENT BRINGS TO SCHOOL



NO MORE CLIPPING  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT  
SEE HOW AT BTFC.COM

SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

DOWNLOAD BOXTOPS APP  
SPECIFY SCHOOL  
BIG FLATS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SCAN RECEIPT WITHIN 14 DAYS

thank you!



Please pull tabs for Ronald McDonald!

[PullITabs4McDonalds@yahoo.com](mailto:PullITabs4McDonalds@yahoo.com)

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald Charities!  
Tabs will be picked up mid-May.

## Certified Teacher Substitutes Needed Teaching Assistant Substitutes Needed

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools. Certified teacher substitutes receive a rate of \$95 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at (607)-739-5601 x 4211.

## 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

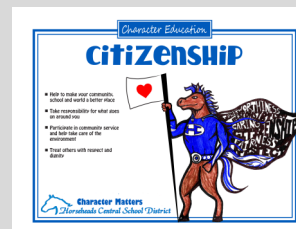
The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable 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.

## November—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



**\*Please remember to talk to your child's teacher before bringing treats in for parties.\***





# Digital Citizen News

## November 2019

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Thank you to our readers!

### In This November Issue...

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As our turkey friend says, we are thankful for all of our monthly readers and supporters!

This month we get reports from some of our team members who attended the recent **ISTE Conference** and brought some Digital Citizenship news and resources.

We also have another **District Spotlight** with some examples of Digital Citizenship activities.

Finally, we have information about how your district students can participate in our second **Digital Citizen Calendar Art Contest**. Last year we received submissions of original student art on Dig Cit topics, and chose the best entries and published them in a calendar. You can download it at <http://go.gstric.org/dc-cal>. You can find the full contest details later in this issue and online at <http://go.gstric.org/art-contest>

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### Have a Happy November!

#### Teens reported hiding activity from their parents in the following ways:

**50%** clear their browser history

**34%** hide or delete IMs or videos

**20%** use private browsing modes

SOURCE:

**7 Ways Teens Hide Online Activity + What You Can Do**  
<http://go.gstric.org/303-7ways>



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Scan this QR code with your phone, or go to <http://go.gstboces.org/dcnews-signup> in your browser.

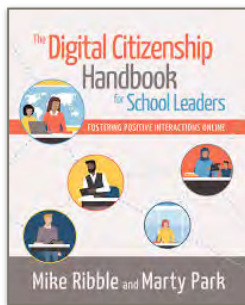


#### FROM THE MIDDLEBROOK FILES

At the June 2019 ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) Conference in Philadelphia, Digital Citizenship was a key theme.



Being a digital citizen is one of the ISTE Standards, which states that “students recognize the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning, and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal, and ethical.” Highlights of the conference as well as linked resources are included below.



Digital Citizenship gurus **Dr. Mike Ribble** and **Dr. Marty Park** presented their new book **The Digital Citizenship Handbook for School Leaders**. Part of their work includes the S3 Framework, which states that today’s students must be **Safe, Savvy, and Social**. (the 3 S’s)

Using that framework, they have created a powerful [Digital Citizenship 9 Elements Progression Chart](#) that schools can utilize to teach digital citizenship K-12. Additionally, they shared [many resources](#) for teachers to use in their classrooms, including [Digital Compass and Technology Driver’s License Activities](#), [parent information](#), using the [BrainPOP digital citizenship materials](#), and much more. You can follow Mike Ribble on Twitter @digcitizen.

Another session presented by **Brandi Miller** looked at [Districtwide Digital Citizenship: Implementation Ideas for Growing Strong Digital Leaders](#). The district created a website and curated material from [Common Sense Education](#) by grade level. Teachers were expected to do a minimum of 3 lessons and collect artifacts and share them. After the initial year, they are planning to grow their digital citizenship implementation in year 2 and beyond.

(ISTE Conference information continues on the next page)

Send comments, suggestions, and questions to [dc@gstboces.org](mailto:dc@gstboces.org)  
Visit <http://dc.gstboces.org> November 2019 - page 1 of 2



Horseheads Central School District's own Cheryl Tice presented on ["Is it Fake or is it Real? Future-ready Info Lit Skills"](#). In this presentation, Cheryl defined information and media literacy, taught how to refine web searches, identify the difference between fake and real news, examined copyright and fair use, and provided [media literacy questions](#) to use with students.

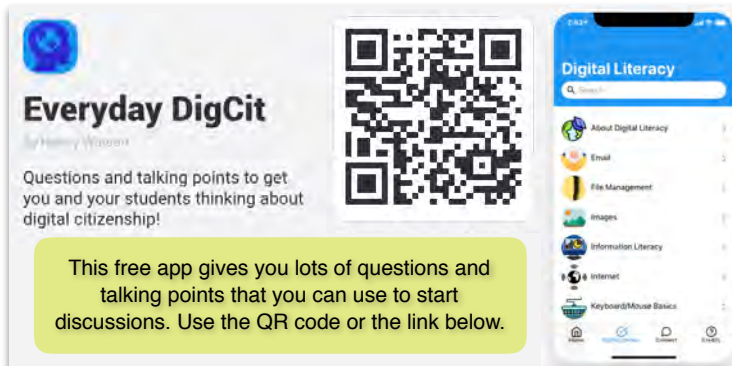
## ISTE POSTER SESSION RESOURCES AND AN APP



[ISTE Digital  
Citizenship Network](#)



[Student-Led Conferences  
and ePortfolios](#)



This free app gives you lots of questions and talking points that you can use to start discussions. Use the QR code or the link below.

<http://go.gstric.org/303-everyday>

## DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT FOR NOVEMBER

# WATKINS GLEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teachers Integrate Digital Citizenship with other Technology Skills

We have been working with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades students on ways to be safe on the Internet while we learn to use some of the features of Word and Publisher.

Here are some the projects we are doing:

1. We had a discussion about cyber footprints. Then we typed a list of things we should do to stay safe on the Internet in Word.
2. We found an image of a footprint and placed it in Publisher. Then they filled it with pictures to represent how we stay safe on the Internet. The students hung them in the halls.
3. We chose one item from our "footprint" to create a single message poster in Publisher. (ex. use a strong password, or report cyberbullying). These were also hung in the halls.
4. We discussed and made a table in Word of URL extensions to help us recognize the sources of our information.
5. We discussed and looked at fake websites then made a table of criteria for evaluating websites.

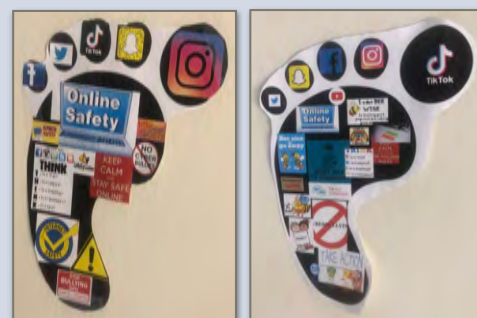
Examples of some of projects done by the students are shown in the images to the right.



Encourage Good Password Habits



Digital Footprint Posters



Posters on Cyberbullying/Other Topics





THE GST BOCES Digital Citizenship Initiative is proud to announce our ...

# 2nd Annual Digital Citizenship Calendar Art Contest 2019-20

All students in GST BOCES Component School Districts are invited to participate for a chance to have their work published in a Digital Citizenship Calendar. Entries should feature original artwork illustrating safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices.



Some of last year's art published in our calendar. You can download it at <http://go.gstric.org/dc-cal>.

## Guidelines, Rules, and Requirements

- Only **original** hand-drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted.
- This year **the subject of the art** should include some form of a title, statement, or slogan about **Online Safety**.
- Any text should be dark and large enough to be read easily.
- Submissions may be in the format of either a full-page drawing or a 4-panel comic.

## Layout and Dimensions

- The art should be created in a landscape (horizontal) orientation (and easily scalable to 11" x 8.5") as the calendars will be printed and distributed in an 11" x 8.5" landscape format.

## Additional Requirements

- Artwork **may not contain** trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, or company logos.
- Artwork **may not** have identifying information (such as the student's name or age) on the front of the poster. If there is identifying information on the back of the art it should not bleed through to the front of the poster.
- Adults may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process.
- Inappropriate or offensive language and/or images will cause a submission **to be disqualified**.
- All art files must be submitted in an electronic format via email and cannot be larger than 8MB.  
The art may be wholly created in a software program or it may be created on paper and scanned to a digital file.

When the entry form is completed, the form and the electronic art file should be attached to an email message and sent to: [dc@gstboces.org](mailto:dc@gstboces.org) with **Calendar Art Contest** in the subject line.

Entries must be received by BOCES by **the end of the day on Friday, February 28, 2020**.

**Important Notice: All submitted art file entries become the property of GST BOCES and may be used in the calendar or in future publications. Entries will not be returned.**

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## GST BOCES DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE

You can visit our website at <http://www.gstric.org/digital-citizenship>

Contest information and entry form at <http://go.gstric.org/art-contest>





# GST BOCES 2019-2020 DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE

Note: It is requested that a Teacher or School Contact Person verifies that this form is completely and accurately filled out, and that the art file that is submitted is in compliance with the contest guidelines. The entry form and electronic art file should be emailed to [dc@gstboces.org](mailto:dc@gstboces.org)

## 2nd Annual Calendar Art Contest Entry Form

Student's **FIRST Name:**  
(Please DO NOT include  
student's last name)

Grade:

Title of Poster:

School Contact Name:

+ → Email:

Phone Number:

School Name:

School Address:

School City:

State:

Zip:

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