

Big Flats News

November & December 2021

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,

It is hard to believe that Friday begins our second marking period of the 2021-2022 school year! Our students have done a wonderful job transitioning back to school five days a week. The positive energy and excitement from our students, faculty and staff has been wonderful to see and experience! I know that many students have shared how much they appreciate being back in school learning and of course being back with their friends.

This month our teachers will be conducting their annual parent/teacher conferences. As we have done in the past, we will be conducting our conferences in person. For parents who are not comfortable or are not able to come in for your child(rens) parent teacher conferences, we are also offering zoom conferences. By now you should have received in your child's back pack a scheduled date and time for your child's teacher conference. If you have not received that notice, please contact your child(rens) teacher(s).

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 16th, 17th and 18h. All three of these days are HALF DAYS! We will dismiss our Pre-Kindergarten students at 10:30 each day and our Kindergarten –Fourth Grade Students from 10:50-11:00am each day. Our busses will leave each of these half days at 11:00am sharp. Please plan accordingly!

Parent/Teacher Organization Updates!

We have some important PTO News to share with you all.

Save Around Coupon Books



First, thank you so much to all the families who participated in our Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser! If any BFE families have not yet turned in their Save Around Coupon books and you do NOT plan to purchase your book, please do so immediately! Books were due a couple of weeks ago, so please return your book or if you plan to purchase your Save Around coupon book, please submit your \$25.00 payment ASAP. For books not returned by next Friday, November 13th, parents will receive a notice from our PTO notifying you of your outstanding balance.

Thank you to all our families who supported our Scrip Fundraiser! We placed our order Friday, and the gift cards should be arriving within the next two weeks. A member of our PTO will contact the families who purchased these gift cards, so that you have them well in advance of the holiday season!

Square One Fundraiser

Soon your child(ren) will be coming home with our last fundraiser of the fall. Square One s a school fundraiser showcasing your child's artistic talent! Mrs. Vence, our Art teacher, has been working hard with your child(ren) to create memorable art for holiday keepsakes! Please be looking for this fundraiser in the next week or two. We will be taking orders from November 10—ovember 19,2021. All items are scheduled to be delivered to school by December 15, 2021. We do have a VERY QUICK turnaround for ordering these keepsake items, as we want them to be back in time to be given as a holiday gift to grandparents and loved ones!

PTO Officer Elections

Lastly, our wonderful PTO President Christy Harmer and her family recently moved out of the Big Flats School boundaries; we appreciate everything Christy did to help Big Flats SOAR, and we wish her and her family all the best. Due to her move, we have a PTO presidential vacancy. Brandee Terry who is currently our PTO Secretary has graciously agreed to step up to this position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Amy Vence, our Art Teacher also agreed graciously to step down from being Co-Vice President to take on the position of secretary. Our PTO will be holding officer elections at our upcoming December 7th, 2021 PTO meeting. Please join us in our school library for our PTO monthly meeting and officer elections beginning promptly at 6:00pm.

December Spirit of Giving Food Drive: December 1—December 17, 2021

To continue to support our community during the holidays, our students, faculty, and staff will be collecting food for the Big Flats Food Pantry on Church Street, here in our Big Flats Community. We have outreached them to find out which food items they need. In order to provide the best food selection for the holidays, we have assigned food items by grade to support our community food bank.

Pre-Kindergarten students: Boxed pasta meals (macaroni and cheese, hamburger meals, etc.)
Kindergarten students: Boxed rice products
First Grade students: Boxed cereal (hot and cold)
Second Grade students: Boxed and dry soups
Third Grade students: Peanut butter or jelly (no glass containers please)
Fourth Grade students: Boxed cake
mixes or brownies



Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy holiday season!



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.

THANK YOU VETERANS

Help Us Salute Our Heroes!

Please have your child(ren) submit their Thank You Veterans picture and short message about their service to our country! We will once again have our Veteran's Day Wall to honor all of our Veteran family, friends and neighbors! Thank you Veterans!

Parent/Teacher Conference Information

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 16, 17, and 18. During this time, parents will have the opportunity to have a one-to-one discussion with 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. Students will attend school for a morning half day November 16th, 17th, 18th, and be dismissed at 11:00am for parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon. Please remember lunch will not be served on November 16, 17, 18, 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 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 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 safe-guards 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 <u>www.nysed.gov</u>, or by writing to: 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- 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.

This year all students in the HCSD, grades 3-8, will be taking computer based NYS assessments.

April 26 and 27, 2022—3rd Grade Math

March 31 and April 1, 2022—4th Grade ELA

March 29, and 30 , 20212- 3 Grade ELA

April 28 and 29, 2022 - 4th Grade Math

May 24, 2022—4th Grade Science

June 6, 2022—4th Grade Science

Mark Your Calendars

NOV 2 PTO meeting:6pm BF Library

Nov 11 NO SCHOOL—Veterans Day Nov 12 Thank-A-Veteran: Wear Red,

White, & Blue

Report cards go home.

Nov. 16 Half Days; dismissal is at 11:00 am.

Nov.17 Half Days; dismissal is at 11:00 am.

Nov 18 Half Days; dismissal is at 11:00 am.

Nov 18 BOE Meeting; 6pm

Nov 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess

Dec 1 Picture Retake Day

Dec 7 PTO Meeting: 6pm BF Library

Dec 15 Winter Choral Concert: 7pm. BF Gym

Dec 16

BOE Meeting; 6pm

Dec 24-Jan 3

Winter 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.
Questions about our website or social media? E-mail
hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com



<u>Picture Retake Day</u>

2020-2021

Picture Retake Day will be held on <u>December 1st</u>. Please be on the lookout for more information to come.

Our School Health Office is in need of clean, gently used clothing. If you have any to donate, please send it in with your student or drop it off at the nurse's office.

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.

November—The month of:



December—The month of



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.

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.

THANK YOU, WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Dear Big Flats Falcon Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of our BFE Parent Pick Up Team, we would like to thank you ALL for your support and patience with our end of the day pick up procedures! You all have done AMAZING with our new traffic pattern. We have a few reminders to further expedite and ensure the safety of all our students, staff, and families:

- The earliest you may arrive on campus to line up is 2:10pm. We begin dismissal at approximately 2:23pm. Please do not arrive any earlier than 2:10pm as we are dismissing our
- PK students until approximately 2:05pm.
- Please pull up as close as you can to the car in front of you. We need to get as many vehicles off Maple Street as possible.
- Please be as quick as you can with assisting children with car seats and seatbelts. Please be sure that every child is properly restrained before pulling forward. Please continue to
- build independence!
- Please do NOT pass any vehicles, please stay in line!
- Please do NOT BLOCK the entrance/exit of our school campus to get in line. Obstructing the view on Maple Street is very dangerous for parents trying to pull out. Please be
- patient and wait your turn. If your vehicle cannot fit straight at the end of the line when entering our school campus, please wait!
- Please be courteous and take turns alternating east and west bound traffic when entering our campus.
- Please do NOT block the entrance of our neighbors' driveways. Please leave each driveway accessible so that our neighbors may enter and exit their homes safely. We
- appreciate our neighbors and want too always be respectful!
- If the fire siren goes off, please pull off the road immediately!
- Please keep you family name tent visible to ALL staff to ensure that we are getting each child to the correct parent/vehicle. Throughout the school year, we will have different
- BFE staff members assist with student pick up duty.
- Please continue to be patient and appreciative of our staff who do their best to ensure everyone gets home safely. Please let our staff know how much you appreciate them.
- A simple thank you goes a long way!



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December 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I just wanted to remind all parents and guardians that during the winter our students do go out for recess. As a school community, the teachers, staff, and I all believe that students need recess daily. Therefore, all students are to participate for at least 15 minutes of recess, weather and wind chill permitting. Not only for the purpose of recess, but also in being cold on school buses, please be sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately when they come to school. Many parents choose to send a sweatshirt or sweater with their child to leave at school so that if their child does become cold, they can add an extra layer. Also, please remember that our front doors do not open until 7:40 each morning. If you are dropping your child off, please have them wait in the car until the doors open.

At this time of year, it is a good idea to talk with your children about cold weather safety. Extra care is needed especially with younger children to be sure that frostbite does not occur.

- Make sure all children have appropriate outerwear every day. Warm jackets, hats, scarves, boots, and an extra pair of gloves in their pockets will protect them during extremely cold temperatures.
- Develop an emergency plan and review it with your children in case you are not home either before or after school. If a bus is delayed, they need to know where, when, and how to get help. Tell your child that if you are not home while they are waiting outside for the bus, how long they may safely wait outside, where to go in the event the bus is delayed, and what the dangers and risks of extreme weather are.

Advise your child to seek help if they have:

- Forgotten a hat or gloves for recess (the nurse has extra hats and gloves, but not coats or boots)
- Wet clothing, boots, or gloves, or snow or ice next to bare skin which cannot be removed
- Pain or numbness or burning anywhere on their skin (especially hands, feet, ears, or nose)
- To wait for the bus longer than five minutes if temperatures have dipped into the teens, especially on a windy day

Teach your child about:

- When to ask for help
- Where to find safe shelter in an emergency
- Who is the designated adult to go to in your neighborhood
- How to protect themselves with proper winter clothing
- The danger signs of frostbite

Thank you for your help in keeping all kids safe and warm. If you need assistance with appropriate warm clothing, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our main office.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Scaptura Principal, Big Flats Elementary School



NYS Digital Equity Survey

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department is asking parents/guardians to complete a Digital Equity Survey for each student in the family in grades Kindergarten-12. The survey asks about internet and device access at home. Collecting accurate data about digital resource access will help educators to better serve students and families. We ask that you complete a survey for each child in your household by going to your Parent Portal account (at this link: <u>https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhWeb/default.aspx</u>) and following the directions below. If you have questions, please contact your school office or email <u>hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>. Thank you.



Contacts Schedule Attendance Discipline Grades Assessments Assignments User Defined Leave Start Date set to STUDENT NYS Digital Access Survey 🗸 🥃 🙆 🕜 current date. Start Date: 9/29/2021 End Date: Leave End Date blank. Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year? Select appropriate SELECT ONE ~ • What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whic response from drop-SELECT ONE V Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is down menu next to SELECT ONE ¥ each question. Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household? SELECT ONE ~ • Click on the green save Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?: SELECT ONE ~ disk to save and submit Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence? SELECT ONE ~ your responses. What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?: Return to Home Screen; SELECT ONE In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruption complete survey for all SELECT ONE V What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence? students in household. SELECT ONE ✓

The Horseheads Central School District partners with



The Trusted Platform for School Community Engagement

Parents/Guardians:

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

The Horseheads School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts, and more.*

You can participate in this service* by sending "**Y**" or "**Yes**" by text to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**".



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the <u>Student Privacy Pledge</u>[™], so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

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Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*<u>Terms and Conditions</u> – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See <u>schoolmessenger.com/txt</u> for more info.



2021-22 Census Update

Note: If you've already completed this form for another building, please disregard.

Have you had a new addition to your family? For future planning purposes, the Horseheads Central School District would like to know of <u>all</u> children in your home **under the age of 6 that are <u>not</u> currently enrolled** in a Horseheads district school building. If more than 3 children, please complete a second form. Please complete this information as soon as possible and email it to hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or print it and send it to school with your child. Thank you!

Parent Names:		
Phone number:		
Child's Name:		
Date of Birth:		Gender:
Limited English Proficiency?	Yes	No
Special Needs (if applicable)		
Child's Name:		
Date of Birth:		Gender:
Limited English Proficiency?	Yes	No
Special Needs (if applicable)		
Child's Name:		
Date of Birth:		Gender:
Limited English Proficiency?	Yes	No
Special Needs (if applicable)		

Please complete this form as soon as possible and email it to hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or send it to school with your child. Thank you!

Horseheads Central School District Seeking School Cleaners

Facilities JobFair

Monday, November 15

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Horseheads High School Multi-Media Center

One Raider Lane, Horseheads (off Center Street)

- Meet members of our Facilities Department to ask questions and learn about working in our schools
- Learn about health care and other benefits
- Submit an application
- Interview on-site

Questions? Call 607-739-5601, x4401 or x4212 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

Masks are required in schools. Please wear a mask to our job fair. Thank you.

Join the Raider Team!

Digital Citizen News

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Visit our website: http://www.gstric.org/digita -citizenship

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ON BEING INFORMED

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts"

Daniel Patrick Moynihan US Politician & Senator (1927-2003)

Being informed is evaluating the accuracy, perspective, and validity of digital media and social posts.

A person who is informed uses multiple techniques to evaluate information and sources presented.

Specific Techniques to use:

1 **EXERCISE SKEPTICISM**

Read and reflect on the information being presented and ask questions based on the content. Is the source reliable? Are the source's claims provable? If the answer to either of these questions is no, seek out information that may disprove the information presented from reliable sources.

COMPARE INFORMATION FROM MULTIPLE, KNOWN RELIABLE 2 SOURCES

Do multiple sources present the same information and cite credible evidence? Is the source of the information being presented by an organization or politician that is biased toward a particular way of thinking?

PAY ATTENTION WHEN READING ABOUT EMOTIONALLY 3 CHARGED OR DIVISIVE TOPICS

Is the information trying to make you have an emotional response or trigger by the language it is using or how the argument is framed?

4 **BEWARE OF CONFIRMATION BIASES**

While exercising skepticism, be aware that sometimes we read information that confirms our beliefs. Continue to use the practices above to form an informed opinion on the information presented.

5 **PRACTICE CIVILITY**

When provided unreliable information, be sure to practice humility and be humble when explaining your points of view as to why information is unreliable, while maintaining a respectful tone. Do not assume that the individual is "stupid" or has bad intentions, and don't have the conversation in a public forum.

Being Informed Links:

How To Spot Misinformation - http://go.gstric.org/503-misinfo Media Literacy Now Resources - http://go.gstric.org/503-medialit



TRY BEING INFORMED INSTEAD OF JUST BEING OPINIONATED



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We will continue exploring

ISTE's COMPETENCIES FOR DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP



MARY ANN THE LIBRARIAN SHOWS US AN ONLINE SITE WITH LOTS OF INFORMATION **ABOUT GREAT BOOKS YOU CAN READ IN OUR**





CONFERENCE ON PAGE 3

WE HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU ON PG. 3

Send comments, suggestions, and questions to dc@gstboces.org

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OUR REGULAR FEATURES **ON PAGE 2 DEAR TECHIE TAMMY**

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TECHIE TAMMY RETURNS WITH SOME KEEN ADVICE ABOUT WHERE TO STORE YOUR FILES

DEAR TECHIE TAMMY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FILES

low message Dear Techie Tammy,

SEND

I am afraid to admit my ignorance but I don't understand where my files go when I save them. I have heard people talking about local home directories, networks, and the cloud. But I don't get it. Can you help?

Frequently Foggy Filer

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Dear Foggy Filer, Here are some file notes that I have shared with others.

Files and Location, Location, Location

AID

We spend a great deal of time and thought creating files. Whether we are writing a report, creating a presentation, recording a training video, or building a website we are creating files that need to be stored somewhere.

You can store files locally on the hard drive of whatever machine you are using. This might seem appealing to you if you always use the same device. However, if you use machines in different rooms or offices, you won't have access to those files. Also, if the hard drive fails or the machine needs to be imaged, there is no back-up so there is a good chance that the data will be lost.

If you sign into a district (GST, Horseheads, Watkins Glen, etc.) device, whether you are on campus or off, and have an internet connection you can save your files to an internal network drive; think "h drive" or "home directory". Permissions are set on the network to allow file access by appropriate individuals or groups. In these locations, your data is backed up regularly. As you can imagine, the amount of data stored in these locations can accumulate quickly so it is important to clean up regularly.

Another possible location could be a "cloud" drive. These locations are like a network drive, but they exist "in the cloud" (The Internet). Because they are on the internet you can access them from anywhere with an internet connection on either a personal or district device. Two popularly used cloud drives are Google's "Google Drive" and Microsoft's "OneDrive" in Office365.

Some of GST's districts use Office365 which meets NYS Title 2D requirements for protecting personally identifiable data. OneDrive files are also backed up and can be restored up to 90 days after deletion. Happy File Handling,

Techie Tammy

Tammy's advice to Foggy is meant to be a beginning explanation of some file storage locations. File handling, copying, and saving continues to be a confusing topic for many. If you would like more information about this you can:

1. Do some research on your own.

2. Take a technology workshop about file handling, or 3. Find a friend or colleague that understands files and have them help you with your files on your computer.

ASK A SCHOOL LIBRARIAN WITH MARY ANN THE LIBRARIAN

A STUDENT QUESTION

Where can I find more books and learn more about authors?

We have a great resource that can help you discover more about the books and authors that you love to read! It's called TeachingBooks.net and all students, staff, and parents can access it through your school library website.

You can hear an author pronounce their name, tell a bit about themselves and their books, find a lesson plan idea, and sometimes even read a portion or a whole book!



Start enjoying 265,943 resources about children's and young adult books.

Make your books come to life with **TeachingBooks.net**! < CLICK

Library Fun Fact - There are over 262,500 resources in TeachingBooks.net and 14,760 read-aloud performances. Many of the multiple copy books we lend to classrooms have a TeachingBooks.net connection.

PUT DOWN YOUR DEVICE & PICK UP A GOOD BOOK or maybe READ AN EBOOK CLEAN UP YOUR OLD FILES Volume 5 : Issue 3 - November 2021 - page 2 of 3



NYSCATE Annual Conference

November 20-23, 2021

Attend the live event in Rochester, NY or attend virtually! Either way, we are better together!

NYSCATE website http://go.gstric.org/NYSCATE NYSCATE Conference http://go.gstric.org/annual-conf

NYSCATE (The New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education), is a non-profit, 501(c)3 professional organization representing technology using educators and administrators in New York State.

The annual conference provides a showcase for the latest technology products and services designed for the educational setting, puts you in touch with the educational decision makers from across New York State, and provides you with networking opportunities with other educators and exhibitors.

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A BILL

RECENT CYBER NEWS - FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

President Biden signs a K-12 Cybersecurity Bill into Law. It becomes Public Law No: 117-47.

"This law highlights the significance of protecting the sensitive information maintained by schools across the country."



MORE INFORMATION http://go.gstric.org/503-cyber-law

the challenges of anti - social media

We would like to address a disturbing trend that is occurring on some social media platforms, and that is people posting challenges or messages encouraging others to do something negative like stealing or vandalizing property, physically hurting others, or encouraging them to feel badly about themselves or to self-harm.

These behaviors can end up getting the participants in trouble and the possibility of being turned over to law enforcement for resolution. They also could be disastrous to a person's health or mental health.

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR ON SOCIAL MEDIA. REFRAIN FROM VIEWING, OR "LIKING" THESE POSTS. LET'S PUT A STOP TO IT!

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

GST BOCES teacher Katie Cooke will lead a virtual presentation at the NYSCATE Annual Conference

Putting the Pieces Together: Computer Science, Digital Fluency and Core Curricular Areas

At first glance the NYS Computer Science and Digita Fluency standards may seem overwhelming.

Come play and learn ways that you and your teachers are already meeting these standards.

This session will be interactive.

Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 @1:30pm

CHECK THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE (link above) FOR MORE DETAILS

Our poster for November also takes up the topic of saying no to harmful, destructive, or illegal behaviors or activities

We encourage you to talk about this with parents, teachers, administrators, and anyone that will listen.

Let them know what you want this to stop. Print this poster and share it with your peers.







MORE RECENT NEWS! A FACEBOOK WHISTLEBLOWER TESTIFIES THAT THE COMPANY KNEW THAT POSTS COULD NEGATIVELY Vol.5 : Issue 3 - November 2021 - page 3 of 3 **EFFECT A TEEN'S SELF-IMAGE**



It is up to you to

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The GST BOCES Digital Citizenship Poster for **november 2021**

> We believe that all good digital citizens can help stop these types of postings from becoming popular, and that you need to take a stand to stop violence and vandalism in your school and community!.

that promotes destructive, or self-harmful, or illegal behaviors or challenges!



We challenge you to stand up against this new posting trend. Please don't view them, like them, or participate in them. Say No