

# Big Flats News

*November 2022*

*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!*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that Monday begins our second marking period of the 2022-2023 school year!

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. If you have not received a link from your child's teacher asking you to sign up for a conference at your convenience, please let your child's teacher know.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 10th, 18th and 22nd. **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. We ask all Kindergarten-Fourth parents to PLEASE NOT ARRIVE prior to 10:45 as we will be dismissing all Pre-K students at 10:30am. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated. Our busses will leave each of these half days at 11:00am sharp. Please plan accordingly!

## Parent/Teacher Organization Updates!

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>, parents will receive a notice from our PTO notifying you of your outstanding balance.

### SCRIP

Thank you to all our families who supported our Scrip Fundraiser! We are placing 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!



## ***December Spirit of Giving Food Drive: December 1—December 16, 2022***

*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 are in the process of outreaching them to find out which food items they need . In order to provide the best food selection for the holidays, we will be assigning food items by grade to support our community food bank. In the meantime, here are some items to consider donating to our cause.*

*Boxed pasta meals (macaroni and cheese, hamburger meals, etc.)*

*Boxed rice products*

*Boxed cereal (hot and cold)*

*Boxed and dry soups*

*Peanut butter or jelly (no glass containers please)*

*Boxed cake mixes or brownie mixes*

Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy holiday season!

*Elizabeth M. Saptura*

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Big Flats Elementary 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*



# THANK YOU VETERANS

A special thank you to all of our Big Flats Elementary families with Veterans! We all appreciate your dedication and sacrifice for our country. Thank you for all that you do!

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## Parent/Teacher Conference Information

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 10, 18, and 22, 2022 from 11:30-3:30 each day. During this time, parents will have the opportunity to have a one-to-one discussion with their child's teacher. You should have received an email from your child(ren's) teacher asking you to sign up for a conference time. Students will attend school for a morning half day November 10, 18, 22, and kindergarten-fourth be dismissed at 11:00am for parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon. Please do not arrive prior to 10:45 am as pre-kindergarten dismissal is at 10:30am. Please remember lunch will not be served on November 10, 18, 22, 2022, 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 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..

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

April 19 and April 20, 2023—3rd and 4th grade ELA

May 3 and May 4, 2023-3rd and 4th grade Math

May 23, 2023—4th Grade Science

June 6, 2023—4th Grade Science



## Mark Your Calendars

NOV 1

PTO meeting: 6pm BF Library

Nov 9

Veteran's Celebration 8:30 am

Nov 10

Thank-A-Veteran: Wear **Red**,

White, & **Blue**

Report cards go home.

**Half Day, dismissal is at**

**11:00am**

Nov 11

**NO SCHOOL**—Veterans Day

Nov 16

Spelling Bee, 6:30 pm, BF Café

Nov 17

BOE Meeting; 6pm

Nov 18

**Half Day, dismissal at 11:00am**

Nov 22

**Half Day, dismissal is at 11:00 am.**

Nov 23-25

Thanksgiving Recess

## Picture Retake Day 2022-2023



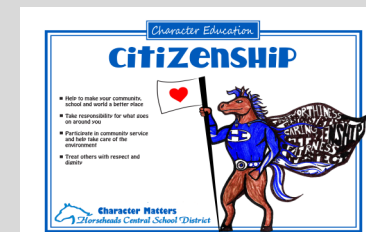
**Picture Retake Day will be held on December 6th. Please be on the lookout for more information to come.**

**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.**

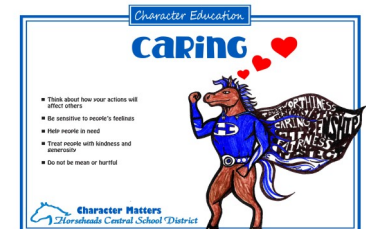
### Certified Teacher Substitutes Needed Teaching Assistant Substitutes Needed

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**



### 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)



### 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 2022

## Big Flats Elementary School Parent Calendar

| Sun | Mon            | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|-----|----------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|     |                | 1<br><b>3</b><br><br><i>PTO Mtg; 6pm BF Lib</i>  | 2<br><b>4</b>  | 3<br><b>5</b>   | 4<br><b>6</b>   | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br><b>1</b>  | 8<br><b>2</b><br><br><i>Veteran's Day<br/>Celebration 8:30-9:30am<br/>Scripts spell down 4th (Lunch)</i> | 9<br><b>3</b>  | 10 Wear red, white, and blue<br><b>HALF DAY—</b><br>P/T Conferences<br>11:00 Am Dismissal<br>Report Cards go home | 11 No School<br> | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br><b>5</b> | 15<br><b>6</b><br><br><i>Spelling Bee; 6:30pm<br/>BF Café</i>  | 16<br><b>1</b>   | 17<br><b>2</b><br><br><i>BOE Mtg; 6pm HS Aud</i>  | 18<br><b>HALF DAY—</b><br>P/T Conferences<br>11:00AM Dismissal<br><b>3</b>                          | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br><b>4</b> | 22<br><b>5</b><br><b>HALF DAY—</b><br>P/T Conferences<br>11:00AM Dismissal                               | 23<br><b>NO SCHOOL—</b><br> | 24 Thanksgiving<br>Recess   | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>  | 26  |
| 27  | 28<br><b>6</b> | 29<br><b>1</b>   | 30<br><b>2</b>   |   |                | Get involved in<br>community affairs ◊ Stay<br>informed: vote ◊ Protect<br>the environment ◊<br>Volunteer |

# Kids' Night Out

November 18th, 2022

SPONSORED BY THE HORSEHEADS WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB



## WHAT IS KIDS' NIGHT OUT?

The Horseheads Wrestling Team & Parents will watch your child(ren), provide dinner, and offer activities for them while you enjoy an evening of peace and quiet.



**\$15.00 PER CHILD**  
(HORSEHEADS STUDENTS ONLY)

### INCLUDES:

- DINNER (PIZZA, CHIPS, & DRINK)
- ACTIVITIES



## TIME, LOCATION, & AGE RANGE

Time: 6:00-8:30

Location: High School Auditorium Entrance

Age Range: Grades K-6th

## REGISTRATION

- Please register no later than Wednesday, November 16th. Limited spots available if you register on the day of the event.
- Forms & payment must be completed before the event.
- You must complete a form per child.
- Scan the QR code to register.



<https://formjotform.com/222916442283153>



## ACTIVITIES

- Face painting
- Coloring
- Physical Education Activities
- Swimming-Registered Lifeguards on Duty (Grades 4-6 ONLY)
  - Requires a swimsuit and towel



**THANK YOU!**