



Big Flats News

April 2023

*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!*

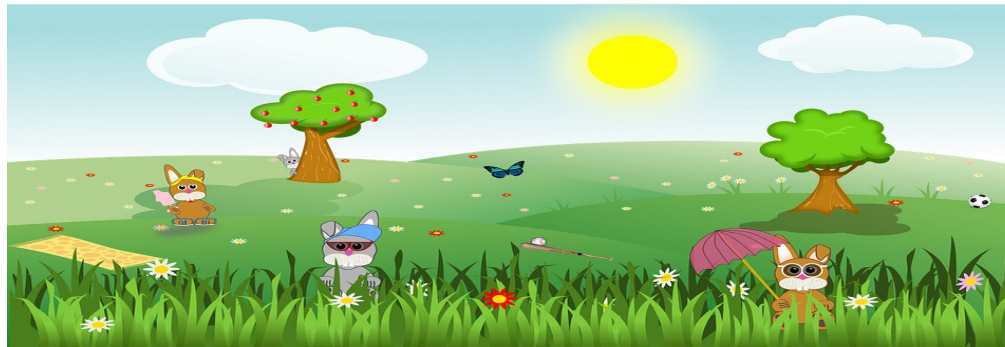
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy spring! I know many of us have been patiently and anxiously awaiting the arrival of the warmer temperatures and the wonderful sights and promising growth of the spring season. In education, we share in the excitement of the season, by seeing the incredible growth that our students have made since the beginning of the school year! As adult learners, our teachers continue to learn how to make their daily lessons relevant to our students and their future so that we increase student engagement and higher-level thinking and learning for our student learners. Many of our teachers have also been learning the new English Language Arts Curriculum that our teachers have created. We are excited about our new ELA and Math curriculums which align with the Next Generation Learning Standards. Over the past few years, our classroom instruction has moved from a traditional classroom of lecture and reciting new knowledge to inquiry learning and being able to apply that knowledge, to critically think and use critical thinking in solving real community or world-wide issues. I am very appreciative of our staff and students as we move forward in our continual learning and growth as student and adult learners! I look forward to the remaining months of the current school year and all the amazing student growth that the months ahead will continue to bring.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Saptura

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Principal



Elementary Lunches (K-6)

School Food Services prices for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year are:

\$1.25 for breakfast

\$2.10 for lunch.

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

SPRING PHOTO DAY

Don't forget that our Spring Photo Day is Thursday, April 27, 2023. All Kindergarten students will also be photographed for their cap and gown photo.



2023-2024 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The first budget presentation was Thursday, February 16. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>).

Here is the schedule:

- ◆ Thursday, February 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Thursday, March 2 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Thursday, March 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Thursday, March 30 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Thursday, April 13 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Wednesday, April 19 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- ◆ Thursday, May 4 – Public Hearing on 2023-2024 budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center The Budget Vote/ Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.

REMAINING SPIRIT DAYS:

Friday, April 14 – Shine Bright Day! Wear a bright color

Friday, May 19 – Mismatch Day! Wear mismatched clothes

Thursday, June 22– Too Cool for School Day—Wear your Hawaiian clothes and/or sunglasses



Attention Parents and Guardians of Third and Fourth Graders

Attention Parents and Guardians of Third and Fourth 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](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.

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

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

Teacher Placements for the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year:

It's that time of year, when we begin to prepare for next year! If you have any concerns regarding your child next year's teacher placement please put your concerns in writing to Mrs. Scaptura, no later than Friday, April 21, 2023. Parents are encouraged to provide the learning styles of their child, so that we can appropriately place your child based on their learning needs. Per BOE policy, parents can NOT request a specific teacher.



Please Remember These Important Pick-Up Reminders!

- ◆ The earliest you may arrive on campus to line up is 2:10pm. We begin dismissal at approximately 2:25pm. 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, and 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 to always be respectful!
- ◆ If the fire siren goes off, please pull off the road immediately!
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ **PLEASE KEEP YOUR FAMILY NAME TENT POSTED UNTIL YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ENTERED YOUR VEHICLE!** Throughout the school year, we will have different BFE staff members assist with student pick up duty.

Mark Your Calendars

Dates to Remember:

Apr 3-7
 Spring Recess—No School
 Apr 11
 PTO Meeting, BF Lib 6pm
 April 12
 6:00 IS Presentation and Self-Guided
 Tour – IS/MS café
 Apr 14
 Shine Bright—Wear bright clothes
 Apr 19
 BOE meeting, 6pm HS Aud.
 Apr 19-20
 3rd & 4th grades NYS ELA Assessment
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 Apr 21
 Report Cards go home
 Apr 24-28
 PreK/and K parent teacher conferences
 Apr 27
 Spring Photos and Cap and Gown pho-
 tos
 May 1
 Field trip 1st grade: *The Pout-Pout Fish*
 May 3-4
 3rd & 4th grades NYS Math Assess-
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 May 8-12
 Incoming Kindergarten Screening by
 appt.

Learn Up-To-Date Information About Our Schools and the District

Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages.

Twitter: @HhdsSchools

Instagram: hhdsschools

Follow Mrs. Scaptura on Twitter at
@escaptura1

Visit our district website at:
www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

Questions about our website or social
 media? E-mail **[hcsdinfo@](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)**
horseheadsdistrict.com

PTO Officer Elections 2023-2024

We are happy to announce the following PTO officer's ballot.

President-Jane Tanner

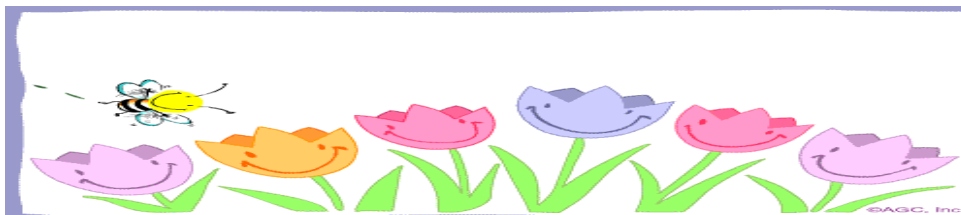
Vice- President-Kelly Vetrino

Co Treasurers-Tara Spirawk

Alicia Wahl-Knowlden

Secretary-Suzette Murphy

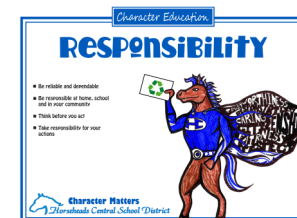
**The PTO will be sending out an electronic ballot for the election to par-
 ents who have provided their email addresses. If you have not provided
 your email, please attend the next PTO meeting scheduled on May 2, 2023
 at 6:00 pm in the Big Flats Elementary Library to submit your vote.**



April — The month of:

Responsibility

- Be reliable and depend-
able
- Be responsibility at
home, school, and in
your community
- Think before you act
- Take responsibility for
your actions



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.