



# Big Flats News

## December 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!*

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are in December and are quickly approaching the holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season! We have been very busy here at school. I am so pleased with the teaching and learning that we have going on every day in our school community. We couldn't do this alone, and we greatly appreciate your efforts in seeing that we all work together to educate your children.

During the month of December, our Parent Teacher Organization holds our annual Spirit of Giving. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the importance of giving to others, especially those in need. We are collecting the following items to give to our local Big Flats Community Food Pantry, right here on Main Street in Big Flats. Please send in any of these items, to support our PTO Spirit of Giving, but more so, for our local families in need. Donations are being accepted, December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 19th, 2022.

Pre- Kindergarten- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

Kindergarten- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti O's

First Grade- Canned meals

Second Grade-Canned or cups of soup

Third Grade-Hamburger Helper or cereal

Fourth Grade-Hamburger Helper or Cereal

Lastly, please do not forget about our on-going Citizenship Challenge for all students. Students, be on the lookout for our Citizenship Challenge box that will be in our school lobby soon!

Happy Holidays!

*Elizabeth M. Scaptura*

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### Elementary Lunches

#### (K-6)

School Food Services  
prices for the 2022-2023  
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*

## 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.*

- **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.*

- **Recess**

*Students continue to go outside for recess during winter months. Please be sure that your child has a warm coat, hat, gloves/mittens, and boots so they can stay warm as they play. Please remember that the nurse cannot provide boots for any student.*



## 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.

# Happy Holidays



HHS GREENROOM PLAYERS'

# Kids' Night Out

**Friday, December 9**  
5-9 pm - Horseheads High School Cafe  
-Grades Pre-k through 4-  
Crafts, Games, Karaoke, Dancing, Magic, and lots more!  
**Please pre-register by scanning the QR CODE:**  
**Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided!**  
Cost: \$25 per child

Drop the kids off for a night of fun while you enjoy a date night or kid-free holiday shopping!

For more information: Email [dthompson@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:dthompson@horseheadsdistrict.com)



### 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 Computer Based ELA—4/19/2023 & 4/20/2023

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Computer Based Math—5/3/2023 & 5/4/2023



## Mark Your Calendars

### Dec 6

Picture Retakes  
PTO Meeting BF Library 6:00pm

### Dec 15

BOE Mtg 6:00pm HS Aud

### Dec 22

Wear Holiday Apparel

### Dec 23-Jan 1

Winter Recess-No School

### Jan 2

"Hats off to the new Year"

Wear your hat.

### Jan 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. -No School

## \*Valuable Items in School

Each year over Winter Recess, many of our students will receive gifts that they will treasure. To avoid the possibility of damage or loss of any valuable items, **including electronics**, we encourage students to leave those items **at home**. Please encourage your child to follow our suggestion so that we can avoid any unfortunate situations where items disappear or get broken. *Thank you for*



Please pull tabs for Ronald McDonald!

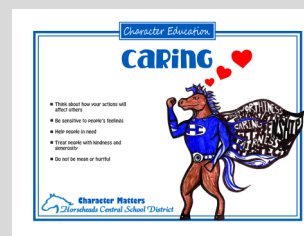
[PullTabs4McDonalds@yahoo.com](mailto:PullTabs4McDonalds@yahoo.com)

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

## December—The month of:

### Caring

- ⇒ BE KIND
- ⇒ EXPRESS GRATITUDE
- ⇒ FORGIVE OTHERS
- ⇒ HELP PEOPLE IN NEED



## 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](https://twitter.com/HhdsSchools) to read our tweets. Follow Mrs. Scaptura on Twitter at [@escaptura1](https://twitter.com/escaptura1)

**Instagram:** The district's page—[hhdsschools](https://www.instagram.com/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.



# NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

## SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) now requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that you complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12 in your family. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal and following the instructions below. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

**Annotations:**

- Click on student's name.** (Points to the student list in the 'My Home' section)
- Click on User Defined tab.** (Points to the 'USER DEFINED' tab in the bottom navigation bar)

**Mobile App Instructions:**

If using the mobile app: (<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>), After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen.

**Mobile App Screenshot:**

- WELCOME TO SCHOOLTOOL LIAM MILLS
- FORMS 1 DUE
- MY STUDENTS
- RON MILLS (9999)
- School Name High School
- Today: B
- PE 11/12

**Student**

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire + Add Help

- From drop-down menu, select NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire.
- Click on the green plus icon to open the survey.

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

**Student**

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire Save Cancel Help

Start Date: 9/27/2022 End Date: 9/27/2022

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten – Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please answer each question below to the best of your ability, and follow any additional instructions provided for submitting or returning the survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

**NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.**

Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?:  
None

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, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)  
None

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 most often using to complete their schoolwork.)  
None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?:  
None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?:  
None


Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?:  
None

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?:  
None

In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?:  
None

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?:  
None

# Big Flats Elementary School Parent Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Be kind ◇ Express gratitude ◇ Forgive others ◇ Help people in need ◇ Be charitable</i>		<i>1 Spirit of Giving begins</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Picture Retakes</i>  <i>PTO Mtg; 6pm BF Lib</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Winter Choral Concert; 7pm BFE GYM</i>	<i>15</i>  <i>BOE Mtg; 6pm HS Aud</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Spirit of Giving ends</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18 PM:</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Holiday Sing-along*</i> <i>1:15 Gym</i> <i>Wear Holiday Apparel</i>	<i>23</i> <b>NO SCHOOL—</b> <i>Winter Recess</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	
<i>Winter Recess</i>						