



Big Flats News

May 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:

As we begin the month of May, I find myself incredibly thankful once again for our amazing students, parents, guardians, faculty, and staff! Next week, we celebrate all of our AMAZING faculty and staff during our annual Teacher Appreciation Week! Please help me and our wonderful PTO in celebrating and appreciating of our teachers and support staff!

Please mark your calendars for the remaining early dismissals and special events:

Important Dates for May and June:

May 8-12– Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8-12– Kindergarten Screenings

May 9– 19 Art Show Arnot Mall

May 10–4th Grade Spring Concert High School Auditorium 7:00pm

May 11– Mud or Not Fun Run—Big Flats Falcon Field

May 16– School Budget Vote– High School South Gym 7am-9pm

May 26-30 No School Memorial Day Holiday

June 2– 3rd Grade Recorder Concert

June 15, Field Day (Pre-approved volunteers, only, no spectators)

June 16– Half Day Dismissal 10:30 PK , 11:00 K-4

June 19– No School Juneteenth Holiday

June 20–Half Day Dismissal PK 10:30 , 11:00 K-4

June 21–Half Day Dismissal PK 10:30, 11:00 K-4

June 22, Move-Up Day, Last day of school for grades PreK– 4 PreK 10:30 dismissal, K-4 10:45 dismissal

I hope everyone is able to get out to the mall next week to see your student(s) beautiful art work that they have been working on this school year! Next week looks like its going to be a great week for our annual Spring Concert and PTO Mud Run! Please be sure to mark your calendars of all the upcoming half days in the month of June!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Scaptura

Elementary Lunches (PK-6)

School Food Services prices for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year will be offered at no cost to students.

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

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week:
May 8-May 12, 2023



FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- **Drop Off/Pick Up**

Please remember K-4 students may be dropped off as early as 7:40am, following the drop off procedure, as well as K-4 students being picked up **no earlier** than 2:05pm following the pick up procedures. Please remember our PK students are picked up from 1:50pm –2:05pm. The safety of our students and staff is our main priority, so please adhere to these procedures. If you need to change your child's dismissal plans, please send in a blue note. For more information regarding your child's pick up procedure, please contact the main office.

- **Moving?**

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on moving over the summer. It is very important for us to know this type of information, so please keep us informed!

- **Changes in Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Numbers**

If a parent/guardian gets a new cell phone number, and had opted in to text messaging notifications with their old number, they'll need to opt in again with the new number! Please let the Main Office know of the change and we will give

Budget Updates

Public Hearing, Candidates' Forum, Budget Vote

Please vote May 16

The **2023-24 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, from 7am to 9pm in the Horseheads High School South Gym**. All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements: are a U.S. citizen, are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote, have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote on May 16, and are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law. You do not have to be registered in general elections or own property in order to vote. All residents will receive a newsletter about the budget prior to the vote. You can also learn more about the 2023-24 budget here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2023-24.cfm>.

Prior to the vote, the district will hold a Public Hearing and Board of Education Candidates' Forum. Please see below for more information.

Thursday, May 4	Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, Horseheads High School Multi-Media Center (South Wing)
Tuesday, May 9	Board of Education Candidates' Forum, 6pm, Horseheads High School Auditorium
Tuesday, May 16	Budget Vote/Board of Education Election, 7am-9pm, Horseheads High School South Gym



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

Art Show

Swing by the Arnot Mall beginning next Monday afternoon (May 8th) through May 21st to check out our district Art show. Big Flats students all have at least one piece in the show, and our display is located in the wing just outside of JCPenney.

Vote on District Image May 16

On May 16, students across the district will vote on an updated image for the district. District residents and alumni can also vote on May 16 in a separate vote from the budget vote/board election.

The vote for district residents and alumni will be held in the High School Multi-Media Center from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 16.

Community members were invited to submit images earlier this year. The submissions were narrowed down to three final images by the Board of Education.

You do not need to vote on the budget to vote for a district image.

Important Information

Learn up-to-date Information about our schools and 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 **@HhdsSchools** to read our tweets.

Follow Mrs. Scaptura on Twitter **@escaptura1**

Instagram: The district page **hhdsschools**

Visit the district website at : **www.horseheadsdistrict.com**

Questions about our website or social ? Email **hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com**

Also, here is the GST BOCES Summer of Innovation information : Summer of Innovation 2023
(gstboces.org)

Lost and Found

The lost and found box has many items in it, such as coats, hats, snow boots, and water bottles. Please have your child check the box for their lost items.



PTO Officers

President	Jane Tanner
Vice President	Kelly Vetrino
Secretary	Suzette Baldwin
Co-Treasurers	Tara Spirawk
	Alicia Wahl

Mark Your Calendars

May 2023

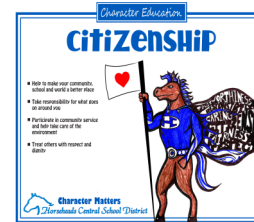
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May —The month of:

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



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.



5/5/2023



May 2023

Big Flats
Elementary School
Parent Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3	2 4 PTO Mtg: 6pm BF Lib	3 5 3rd & 4th Grade NYS Math Assessment	4 6 3rd & 4th Grade NYS Math Assessment PTO Mud Run 5:30	5 1 Fourth Grade Band Rehearsal 8:15am Stage	6
	8 2 AIMSweb Begins Kindergarten Screenings Staff Appreciation Fourth Grade Band Re- hearsal 8:15am Stage	9 3 Kindergarten Screenings Staff Appreciation Fourth Grade Band Re- hearsal 8:15am Stage	10 4 Staff Appreciation Kindergarten Screenings 4th gr. Spring Concert; 7pm HS Aud	11 5 Staff Appreciation Kindergarten Screenings Mud Run Rain Date 5:30	12 6 Staff Appreciation Kindergarten Screen- ings	13
	15 1	16 2	17 3	18 4 BOE Mtg: 6pm HS Aud	19 5 *MisMatch Day* Kindergarten Orientation 8:30- 10:45am	20
	22 6	23 1	24 2	25 3 AIMSWEB ends	26 Snow Give Back Day No School	27
	29 NO SCHOOL— MEMORIAL DAY 	30 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY 	31 4			Get involved in community affairs ◊ Stay informed: vote ◊ Protect the environ- ment ◊ Volunteer

Horseheads Central School District

Bus Driver JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 20

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Horseheads Transportation Department
601 Sayre Street Extension**

- Learn what it takes to be a bus driver*
- Tour a bus - inside, outside, and underneath
- Learn about the job benefits
- Hear about the rewards of driving a school bus
- Test drive a bus!

Questions? Call (607) 739-6338 or
email bsheahan@horseheadsdistrict.com.



***Must be 21 or older to drive a school bus**

Join the Raider Team

Horseheads Schools seek bus drivers, cleaners, food service helpers, teaching assistants, monitors



- Full time and substitute positions available
- Full-time positions include health, vision, dental insurance, as well as New York State retirement
- Bus driver, teaching assistant, food service helper, and monitor are 10-month positions (no weekends or summers).
- Applications available at the District Office at 1443 Hibbard Road or at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm
- Questions? Call 607-739-5602, x4212 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.