



Big Flats News

June 2026

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,

I want to thank you all for everything that you have done to support our students, teachers, and staff throughout the past year. Our students have been incredibly resilient and wonderful through these transitions and I am incredibly grateful to everyone for a successful school year. We couldn't have done it without your support!

As we bring closure to the school year, we have many wonderful, fun events for our students. This week we are hosting our third-grade students' recorder concert during the morning on Friday. We ask that you please arrive between 9:15 and 9:30am. Please do not arrive prior to 9:15am as our PK students are entering between 8:50-9:10am. This concert is approximately 15 minutes long, so please do not be late. Next week, we have our annual talent show here at school during the school day. If your child's grade (2-4) is participating in the Talent Show, please be punctual to ensure you do not miss their act. We are on a very tight schedule, and we need everything to go flawlessly. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

Our annual field day is on June 16th. If you have signed up to volunteer, please do not forget to wear your red shirt. There are no spectators allowed, only approved, parent volunteers. As a reminder, the PTO sent home a purple flyer advising of this year's field day water events and volunteer sign-ups. If you didn't see the PTO flyer, please check your child's backpack or contact their teacher as soon as possible.

Lastly, please do not forget that there is no school on Friday, June 19th. We have two remaining half days which are Wednesday, June 24th and our last day of school on Thursday, June 25th. Do not forget that we will have early dismissals these days at 11:30am for Pre-K and 11:55 for K through 4th.

Have a wonderful, safe summer, and please make sure that your child(ren) reads over the summer and does some math facts to prevent any regression of skills.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth M. Scaptura
Elizabeth Scaptura
Big Flats Elementary Principal

School Food Services for 2025-2026:

Breakfast: Free

Lunch: Free

School Office Hours During Regular School Days:

7:45AM to 3:45PM

School Hours:

8:35AM to 3:20PM

Office Phone Numbers:

607-739-6373

607-795-2550

Drill Notifications:



As you are aware, throughout the school year, Big Flats Elementary will practice important emergency response procedures for our school including fire, evacuation, lockdown, and emergency dismissal drills. Families will receive notice within one week prior to drills. Please be advised we will continue practicing our mandated drills.

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

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

From June 1st to June 12th, we will initiate our Spring AIMSWEB benchmarking for all K-4 students in math and reading. This screening ensures that each student is making satisfactory progress in these subjects and is designed to help all students stay on track to achieve their end-of-year benchmark targets.

Friendly Reminders

- **Moving**

Let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to move over the Summer. It is very important for us to know, so keep us informed!

- **Change in Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers**

If a parent or guardian gets a new cell phone number, and has opted in to our text messaging system, they'll need to opt back in again with their new number.

- **Always Park in Parking Lot**

When visiting the school, picking up or dropping off a student, or attending a meeting, please remember to 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.

Last Call of Lost and Found

Reminder to parents that the lost and found is full of items. Please have your child check the bin during the school day for any items (clothing, water bottles, eyeglasses, etc) they may have lost throughout the school year.

Annual 4th Grade Unity Day

Our fourth graders will be joining the other elementary school's fourth grade classes on June 11th for Unity Day. This is an event held every year to allow all district fourth graders to meet before attending the Intermediate School in the fall. This gives them the opportunity to mingle and create friendships to make the transition to a new school smoother.

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,
3. Regulation 5500-R; 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, 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.

Looking for Field Day Volunteers!

Our PTO is looking for parent/guardian volunteers to help with our field day games and centers. If you are available between 8:15-10:45AM to support, please contact the main office no later than June 12th. Please note: Only Pre-Approved or PTO volunteers can attend. No younger siblings, spectators, not pets are allowed.

VOLUNTEERS MUST WEAR RED SHIRTS!



Spirit/Field Day Colors

Tuesday, June 16th is our Field Day!

Show your School Spirit by wearing your grade level color.

Pre-K wears Purple

Kindergarten wears Blue

First Grade wears Orange

Second Grade wears Yellow

Third Grade wears Green

Fourth Grade wears Unity Day T-shirts

A Note from our Nurses

If you have any vaccination paperwork or updated physical forms for your child(ren), please send the nurse a copy or bring them to the main office.

For any medication, please pick up no later than 1:00pm on June 25th.



Mark Your Calendars

June 1st - 12th: Spring Aimsweb+ Window

June 2nd, 3rd, and 5th: 4th Grade Field Trip - Heritage Village 9:30am-2:00pm

June 5th: Raider Pride Day!
3rd Grade Recorder Concert; 9:30am

June 9th: Talent Show; 9am - 11am
Senior Walk - Wear Spirit Gear 1pm-2pm

June 11th: Unity Day; HS Stadium 9am - 12pm

June 12th: Jared Campbell Performance; 1:15pm
Unity Day Rain Date

June 16th: Field Day 9am-11:45am

June 17th: 3rd Gr Instrumental Showcase
4th Gr Book-Tower Celebration

June 18th: 4th Gr Bowling Trip 10am-1pm
504 Meetings

June 19th: Juneteenth, No School

June 22nd: 4th Gr Trip to Intermediate School, 9am-11am

June 24th (HALF DAY): Pre-K Celebration; 9:30 am
Pre-K Orientation; 12:45pm

June 25th (HALF DAY): Report Cards Go Home
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Reminder to Parents

Our half-day dismissal times are as follows:

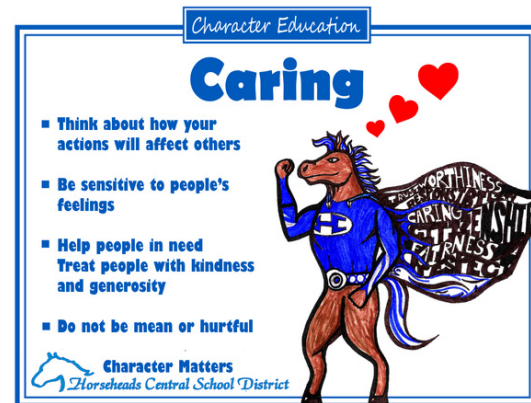
Pre-K: 11:30am

K-4: 11:55am



June is the Month of: Caring

- Think of how your actions affect others
- Be sensitive to people's feelings



- Help those in need
- Treat others with kindness and generosity
- Do not be mean or hurtful



June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PTO Meeting; 6pm Spring Aimsweb+ Starts	2 4th Gr Field Trip; 9:30am - 2:00pm	3 4th Gr Field Trip; 9:30am - 2:00pm	4	5 Raider Pride Day! 4th Gr Field Trip; 9:30am - 2:00pm 3rd Gr Recorder Concert, 9:30AM	6
7	8 CSE Meetings	9 Talent Show; 9am-11am Senior Walk - wear spirit gear	10	11 Unity Day; 9am-12Pm	12 Jared Campbell Performance; 1:30pm Spring Aimsweb+ Ends	13
14	15	16 Field Day; 9am-10:45am	17 End of Final Marking Period 3rd Gr Instrumental Showcase 4th Gr Booktower Celebration	18 4th Gr Bowling Trip; 10am-1pm 504 Meetings	19 JUNE TEENTH No School	20
21	22 4 th Gr Trip to IS School; 9am-11am	23	24 HALF DAY Pre-K Celebration; 9:30 am Pre-K Orientation; 12:45pm	25 HALF DAY Report Cards Go Home LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	26	27
28	29	30	31 <u>DISMISSAL TIMES</u> <u>Pre-K: 11:30am</u> <u>K-4: 11:55am</u>			



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