



Big Flats News

May 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 cannot believe that we are halfway through May! The year has flown by, and we will soon be starting summer break and preparing for the next school year.

On Tuesday, May 19th, is our annual school district budget vote. PLEASE get out to vote, as every vote matters! Many of our elementary parents do not realize how important it is; the school budget very much impacts all our students and staff at the elementary level. The vote will be held at the high school in the North Gymnasium from 7AM to 9PM.

Also, next week, our extended Memorial Day recess begins. There will be no school on Friday the 22nd, Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th. I hope everyone will be able to enjoy the extended holiday preparing for the final days of school.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank our wonderful Big Flats Families for a memorable Staff Appreciation week! Our PTO created a wonderful week for all our staff members. Our entire faculty all felt very much appreciated. Speaking of PTO, I am pleased to announce the results of the PTO Officer Election for the 2026-2027 school year. For the full list of officers, please see the next page of the newsletter.

Congratulations to all our PTO Officers, and do not forget the Mud or Not Fun Run on Thursday the 28th. All students need to sign up during their assigned time slot and parents will be expected to sign a waiver for students to participate.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day recess!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Saptura, 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

In the beginning of June, 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.

Our 2026-2027 PTO Officers

President(s): Lydia Buck
Theresa Colvin

Vice President(s): Lynette Palma
Kaylee Johnson

Secretary: Samantha Snellgrove

Treasurer(s): Tara Miller
Ashley Alteri-Cowen
Suzanna Dodge



2026-2027 Budget Meeting

Make your vote count at the
annual budget vote on May
19th

Votes can be cast at the High
School's North Gymnasium
7am - 9 pm

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.**

Mark Your Calendars

May 1st: NYS ELA Makeups

May 4th: Kinder Cap & Gown Photos
CSE Meetings

May 5th & 6th: NYS Math Assessments

May 7th & 8th: NYS Math Makeups

May 11th: K Tanglewood Field Trip

May 12th: CSE Meetings
3rd Gr Science Presentation

May 13th: 4th Gr Spring Concert; HS Aud.

May 14th: 504 Meetings

May 15th: Mismatch Day!
Kindergarten Orientation 9am-11am
Special Olympics 9am-1:30pm
1st Gr. Clemons Center Field Trip
11:30am-2:30pm

May 18th: CSE Meetings

May 19th: School Budget Vote; HS North
Gym 7am-9pm

May 20th: Local Author Visit

May 22nd - 26th: Memorial Day Break

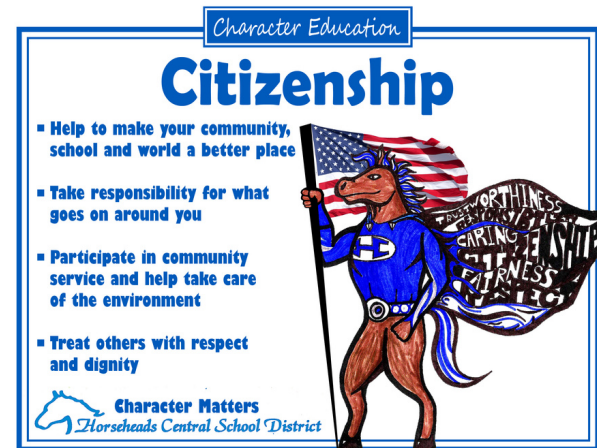
May 28th: Mud or Not Fun Run, 5pm-7pm

Transportation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Please complete the transportation bussing forms for the 2026-2027 school year. These forms help the Transportation Department determine their schedules and routes. This is required to be filled out annually for every student and is due by **May 30th.**

Please stay tuned for further updates.

May is the Month of: Citizenship!



-Do your share to make your community better

-Cooperate

-Be a good neighbor; follow laws and rules

-Stay informed: Vote

-Protect the environment

-Volunteer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	APRIL SHOWERS <i>Bring</i> MAY FLOWERS				1 <i>Raider Pride Day!</i> <i>NYS ELA Makeups</i>	2
3	4 <i>Kinder Cap & Cown</i> <i>Photo Day</i> <i>CSE Meetings</i>	5 <i>3rd/4th NYS Math Assessments</i>	6 <i>3rd/4th NYS Math Assessments</i>	7 <i>NYS Math Makeups</i>	8 <i>NYS Math Makeups</i>	9
10	11 <i>2nd Gr. Talent Show Auditions; Gym 8-8:30</i> <i>K Field trip - Tanglewood</i> <i>PTO Meeting; Library 6p</i>	12 <i>3rd Gr. Talent Show Auditions; Gym 8-8:30</i> <i>CSE Meetings</i>	13 <i>4th Gr. Talent Show Auditions; Gym 8-8:30</i> <i>4th Gr. Spring Concert; HS Auditorium, 7 pm</i>	14 <i>504 Meetings</i>	15 <i>Kinder Orientation; BFE Cafe</i> <i>1st Gr. Field trip - Clemons Center</i>	16
17	18 <i>CSE Meetings</i>	19 <i>School Budget Vote; HS North Gym 7a-9p</i>	20 <i>Local Author Visit; Cafe</i>	21 	22 <i>Memorial Day Break</i> NO SCHOOL	23
24 31	25 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	26 <i>Memorial Day Break</i> NO SCHOOL	27 	28 <i>Mud or Not Fun Run; BFE Field</i> A-L 5-5:45p, M-Z 6-6:45p	29 	30



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