

CENTER STAGE



sharing, caring,
and learning for life



Jan./Feb./Mar.
2025



MARCH MADNESS



The CS PTO has created a **March Madness Reading Challenge**. Each week, every student will receive a Reading Log along with a cool bookmark. Each night we are encouraging students to read even more the classroom assigned book and/or a book of your choice. For Pre-K and K students, parents reading to your child counts! Record the minutes and have your parent/guardian sign it off. The reading logs are to be turned in to your classroom teacher or when you pick up your classroom materials on Wednesdays. **There will be LOTS OF PRIZES. Did we mention, there will be LOTS OF PRIZES?**

What PRIZES?

- ♦ Scooters, large stuffed animals, Legos, books, games, basketballs and so much more!

How to win the PRIZES ?

- ♦ All of the minutes you are reading and recording will be computed on a spreadsheet. The greatest amount of minutes each week by grade will receive a special prize. At the end of our event—students will be selected to pick out a prize from the highest recorded minutes read per classroom—per grade.

There will be special prize for every student who participated.

READING IS FUN - READ ON COLTS!!!!

Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED—CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please wait in the lobby and a staff member will be able to assist you.

Visitors to the Schools – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school:

Access to the elementary building will be through the **main entrance ONLY** beginning at 7:40 AM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW A LICENSE TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH OUR SECURITY SYSTEM. A VISITOR'S PASS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area. Children must learn to proceed to their room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection. *Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support with keeping safety a priority.*

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

Please note only store purchased items are allowed. Kindly be sure to have the ingredients listed on the boxed items. This will assist our nurses to be able to check them on behalf of our students with sensitive food allergies, etc.

****TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL STORE PURCHASED TREATS PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Gee and Mrs. Klein with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

APPR of Teacher and Principals - The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for CENTER STREET is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x4211.

Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identify and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),

Spring is just around the corner, and I am sure most of us are anxious to say goodbye to winter! While it still may be cold outside - things continue to heat up at Center Street. February was indeed, a busy

month involving so many wonderful activities, our Celebration of Black History Month, Making Special Valentine Cards for our Veterans, Red, White and Pink School Spirit Days and the many fun activities our classroom teachers put together for our students. March continues on with so many fun celebrations and our CS PTO Reading Incentive Program.

I want to thank each member of our outstanding PTO and the Site Base Committee for their diligence and dedication in supporting our Center Street School community. They have been an invaluable resource to the school and community, and we could not have accomplished what we have without them.



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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Character

Always value ourselves and others!

This month's Character Education word is **RESPECT**.

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy.

Corner

**You
are a
Star!**



**I MET
MY
GOAL!**

**Lizzy
Dorchak**

I Met My Goal

Each year we celebrate the progress our students are making! The “I Met My Goal” Program was designed by our CS Site Base Team and Principal Sotero to recognize our students. Students do not need to have a 100% - however, we recognize the GROWTH in our students who are working towards the goals they have set with their teachers. The following students have their names on our hallway walls for growing in the following: math facts, writing, etc. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS!

Mrs. Blasic’s Class

Camden Mitchell
Joshua Hinckley
Lincoln Troger

Mrs. Finnerty’s Class

Lizzy Dorchak
Molly Callahan
Liam Gallagher
Declan Joensen
Finnley McEvoy
Ellianna Root
Thaddeus Warner

Mrs. French’s Class

Tydrrell Henderson
Lucas Osgood
Fiona Dorchak
Lennox Thatcher

Ms. Wijkowski

Lyla Miller
Riley Buster
Rahniya Hooey
Josh Figueroa Jr.
Tydrrell Henderson
Isabella Johnson
Kiley Palmer
Treigyn Therit
Adonis Charles Jr.

Mr. Sampsell

Aiinsley Byfield
Talon Curkendall
Jacob Tabamo
Xavier Dahl

Ms. Cavanaugh-Wheeler’s Class

Hadley Dove



Mrs. Sotero would like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday for our Community St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was incredible having 3 large trucks decorated so wonderfully by Ms. Taylor, Ms. Cardozo and some of our student council members Paige Howe, Ainsley Byfield along with some new decorators – Mr. and Mrs. Figueroa. Mr. Sotero delivered us bags and bags of candy that our PTO purchased and helped to take down and put things away. Thank you so much to Matt Sena for providing us with our trucks and drivers!!! We had a total blast.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 4TH GR

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the Intermediate School

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2025 - 2026 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School no later than April 21st.

Thank you!

Be sure to check out all of our

EXCITING pictures

and videos on

our Facebook

Page!

Lovin' CS!

**Our CS PTO
would like to say
a HUGE
THANK YOU
to everyone who
helped to make
our fundraisers
so successful!**

IMPORTANT DISTRICT NEWS

Horseheads Central School District Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The 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 encryption, 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.

2025 - 26 Budget Development

As we look ahead to the upcoming months, the district remains committed to keeping you informed about important updates that impact students, families, and the community. Below, you will find information about the 2025-26 budget process, upcoming events, and 2025-26 school schedules.

2025-26 Budget Calendar

The district and Board of Education have begun development of the [2025-26 budget](#). The next meeting is Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Multi-Media Center. All meetings are open to the public, live streamed, and recorded. Future meetings will be held during the next two months. The Budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 20, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Here is the schedule of meetings:

Thursday, March 27 Multi-Media Center	Budget Workshop	6:00 p.m.	High School
Thursday, April 10** Multi-Media Center	Budget Meeting	6:00 p.m.	High School
Wednesday, April 23 Multi-Media Center	Regular Meeting	5:15 p.m.*	High School
Thursday, May 8 Multi-Media Center	Public Hearing	6:00 p.m.	High School

*The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. The Board may immediately adjourn to Executive Session, with the intention to reconvene for the Public Session agenda at 6:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

**Meeting will take place if needed.





Good Apple Awards



The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during this month.

The following students received Good Apple Award Certificates for January!

Brantley	Johnson	Pre-K	Holmes
Vincent	Torres	Pre-K	Holmes
Enzo	Welton	Pre-K	Holmes
Valentina	Zevallos	Pre-K	Holmes
Sophia	Baker	K	Ripley
Rosely	Buchanan	K	Matteson
Aiden	Crocker	K	Ripley
Lucah	DePadua	K	Bartenstein
Lillianna	Green	K	Matteson
Logan	Keough	K	Bartenstein
Milo	McAfee	K	Matteson
Kaylynn	Tyo	K	Ripley
Yaziyah	Carlson	1	Robinson
Braydeb	Coolbaugh	1	Williams
Aria	Evans	1	Ham
Addy	Hoffman	1	Williams
Baylee	Grover	1	Ham
Ryan	Peterson	1	Robinson
Scarlette	Rinwalake	1	Williams
Bailey	Smith	1	Ham
Anderson	Twichell	1	Robinson
Maddyn	Wida	1	Williams
Roman	Briggs	2	Aquilio
Boyd	Butts	2	Lese
Braelynn	Curkendall	2	Lese
Everleigh	Dove	2	Aquilio
Rowen	Freeborn	2	Lese
Matt	Good	2	Potter
Hudson	Harvey	2	Aquilio
Kleo	Sherwood	2	Potter
Corey	Tyo	2	Aquilio
Nico	Wise	2	Potter

Juli	Brooks	3	Blasic
Avery	Buster	3	Blasic
Fiona	Dorchak	3	French
Dennis	Epperson	3	Blasic
Aria	Holton	3	French
Patrick	Karney	3	French
Mason	Morgan	3	Blasic
Kira	Siptrott	3	French
Annabella	Bruce	4	Karastury
Lucuan	Colon	4	Karastury
Weston	Hays	4	Prutsmann
Savannah	Hughes	4	Sampsell
Brayden	Lewis	4	Sampsell
Dominic	Moon	4	Sampsell
Kingston	Swartz	4	Sampsell
Michael	Warrick	4	Karastury





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Brighton	Gaylor	Pre-K	Huck
Andrew	Sample	K	Matteson
Aubrey	Neubauer	K	Ripley
Braxton	Vargeson	K	Matteson
Isaac	Curren	K	Ripley
Riley	Kane	K	Matteson
Tristan	Guerrero	K	Ripley
Kaylee	Hanes	1	Williams
Matthew	Barbieri	1	Ham
Penelope	Chilson	1	Ham
Quinten	Hart	1	Williams
Jackson	Pemberton	2	Lese
Sofia	White	2	Lese
Bella	Miller	3	Finnerty
Camden	Mitchell	3	Blasic
JoJo	Smith	3	Blasic
Liam	Gallagher	3	Finnerty
Lilly	Romanski	3	Blasic
Addie	Sullivan	4	Sampsell
Baylee	Bates	4	Sampsell
Gabe	Peters	4	Sampsell

Abby	Kehler	PreK	Holmes
Eric	Chapman	First	Robinson
Kylee	Henderson	First	Robinson
Ella	Wilcox	First	Robinson
Ryan	Peterson	First	Robinson
Sterling	Sujko	First	Robinson
Kaylee	Hanes	First	Williams
Adalyn	Hoffman	First	Williams
Lyla	Miller	First	Williams
Royce	Sprague	First	Williams
Jaycee	Cisco	Second	Aquilio
Aria	Houghton	Second	Lese
Terrell	Moody	Second	Lese
Adillynnn	Newton	Second	Lese
Jase	Goodridge	Second	Potter
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Alexis	Parker	Second	Potter
Snell	Derek	Second	Potter
Carlos	Colon	Third	Blasic
Everlee	Hanna	Third	Blasic
Hinckley	Joshua	Third	Blasic
Smith	JoJo	Third	Blasic
Zoey	Kenderline	Third	Finnerty
Patrick	Karney	Third	French
Olivia	Palmer	Fourth	Karastury
Aaron	Welch	Fourth	Karastury
Brantley	Bouille	Fourth	Prutsman
Akemi	Nunez Serrano	Fourth	Prutsman
Curkendall	Talon	Fourth	Sampsell
Dahl	Xavier	Fourth	Sampsell
Johnson	Isabella	Fourth	Sampsell
Jillian	Ostrander	Fourth	Sampsell

Reminders

Gym Days -
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Art Days -
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APRIL - RESPONSIBILITY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2024—2025		1 DAY 6 PTO Mtg 6:30 - 8:00	2 DAY 1	3 DAY 2 CSE Mtg	4 DAY 3 HAIR CUTS Raider Day - wear blue 3rd Mtg period ends	5
		CIM K - 2				
6	7 DAY 4	8 DAY 5 Classroom gr due ST closes 11:59 pm	9 DAY 6 Faculty Mtg 2:30 ST Prints report Pick up	10 DAY 1 BINGO Night 6:00—7:00	11 DAY 2 MIX IT UP DAY— Report Cds go home gr 1-4	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	16 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	18 (H 14) NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Good Friday	19
20	21 DAY 3 PK / K Conferences	22 DAY 4 504 Mtgs	23 DAY 5 Admin Day BOE Mtg 6 MM	24 DAY 6 Poem in Your Pocket Day / CIM 3 - 4	25 DAY 1 Caps & Gowns—K SRO Day	26
27	28 DAY 2 Mini Pep Rally SBT Mtg. 2:45	29 DAY 3 NYS ELA TEST	30 DAY 4 NYS ELA TEST			29 Rev. March 8, 2025

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Gym Days - are sneaker days - and you are then prepared to have fun!

Art Days - students need smocks to keep clean - any old shirt will do!

MARCH - RESPECT

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2024-2025 Dr. Seuss Week						1
2 National Breakfast Week 3—7	3 DAY 4 March Madness begins 504 Mtgs Pennies to Prevent Polio	4 DAY 5 Spring Picture Day Kid Talk PTO Mtg 6:30 - 8	5 DAY 6	6 DAY 1 CSE Mtg Bldg Union Mtg	7 DAY 2 Raider Day—Wear Blue Swim Night 6:15—7:45	8 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
9	10 DAY 3 Square One Art catalogs go home	11 DAY 4	12 DAY 5 Faculty Mtg. 2:45	13 DAY 6 CIM K - 2 OE Mtg - 6 MMC	14 DAY 1 Green School Spirit Day - St. Patrick's Day Irish Dancers Assembled—gym Pennies to Prevent ends	15
16	17 DAY 2 BUS DRILLS Green Day—Happy St. Patrick's Day SBT Mtg. 2:45	18 DAY 3 BUS DRILLS CIM 3-4	19 DAY 4 3FI—Field Trip	20 DAY 5 Math Fact Day CSE Mtgs	21 DAY 6 Twin School Spirit Day	22
23 GH Candy to be delivered this week!	24 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY— Sq 1 Art deadline	25 DAY 1 Blood Drive 3-7 3FR—Field Trip K - 2 Field Trip - PM	26 DAY 2 3B—Field Trip	27 DAY 3 BOE Mtg 6 MMC Budget Infor	28 DAY 4 End of March Madness	29
30	31 DAY 5					Rev. March 8, 2025