



Horseheads Central School District



# Golden Star Gazette

December 2024

**Gardner Road Elementary School**

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Dear Gardner Road Families,

It was a pleasure to welcome our families to the school for parent-teacher conferences in November. We greatly appreciate the strong partnerships we have with each of our Gardner Road families. We are incredibly proud of the learning and growth our Golden Stars have achieved so far this school year, and we eagerly anticipate continuing our educational journey throughout the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

November was a month filled with gratitude at Gardner Road. Mrs. Smith led a remarkable Patriotic Concert in honor of our Veterans. Our PTO hosted the Book Fair and continues to manage our School Store. The Career Development Council coordinated a fantastic Career Day with community volunteers. Additionally, the Science and Discover Center visited our school to present an engaging science assembly. Last week, our student participated in a variety of activities that focused on citizenship. Looking ahead, we are excited for our December events. Be sure to check out the December calendar for activities such as the Scripps Spelling Bee qualifying rounds for students in grades 2-4, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Concert, Spirit Week, and the PTO-hosted Movie Night and Holiday Shoppe.

Our school is currently involved in a community service project. There are boxes located in the main lobby for Toys for Tots. Donations are appreciated if you are able to do so.

We encourage you to visit our school website for updates and to stay informed about school activities by following our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year at Gardner Road.

Sincerely,

*Kim Malone*

Kim Malone - Interim Principal



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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Gardner Road School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Tardy Bell – 8:15 AM

### Gardner Road Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Elementary Lunches (Pre-K-6)

Breakfast and Lunch: Free

<https://horseheadscafeteria.gstboces.org/>



## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"If you have the power to make someone happy, do it."  
Unknown

# Gardner Road Main Office Updates:



## School Delays and Closings:

The district uses text-messaging to alert parents/guardians about school delays, closings, and safety alerts. Parents/guardians **must opt-in** to receive texts. To opt-in, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587. Note that your standard text/data rates apply. The alerts are also posted on the district website, social media pages, and on local TV and radio stations. [Click here](#) to learn more about school delays and closings. Please be aware that **NO** breakfast is served when there is a 2-hour delay.

## Recess:

Students will be going outside for recess as the weather becomes colder (20 degrees wind-chill and warmer). Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, a hat and gloves/mittens so they can stay warm as they play.

## Spring New York Assessment Dates (Grades 3 & 4):

English Language Arts: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and Wednesday, April 30, 2025

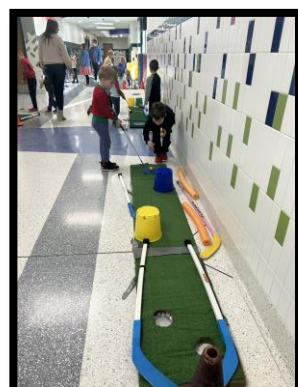
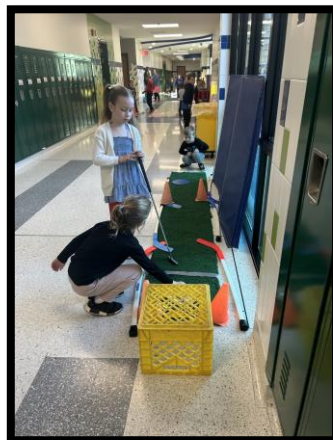
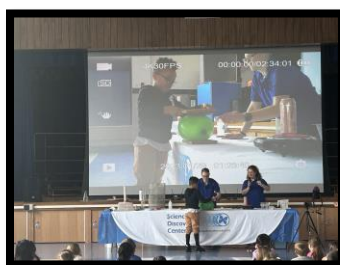
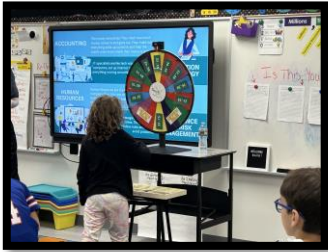
Math: Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and Wednesday May 7, 2025

Thank you to our second-grade students who performed a Patriotic Concert to honor our local Veterans earlier this month. Mrs. Smith conducted the concert which celebrated all branches of military while also honoring one local veteran with a Quilt of Valor.





# November Snapshots





# December Calendar

## December 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>CARING—Character Education Ideas for Home</u></b> --Help a neighbor --Talk about how characters in a book represent caring --Discuss with your kids what/who they care about & why --Donate time/items to a favorite charity --Make a card/ write a letter to a friend/relative you care about				
<b>2</b> Day 5	<b>3</b> Day 6	<b>4</b> Day 1	 <b>5</b> Day 2 4th Grade Winter Concert 9:30 and 7:00 ~ GR Café	<b>6</b> Day 3 Spirit Day ~ Wear Blue & Gold  GRPTO Santa Read Aloud & Movie Night IS Café 6:00
<b>9</b> Day 4 Bus Drills	<b>10</b> Day 5 	<b>11</b> Day 6 	<b>12</b> Day 1 	<b>13</b> Day 2 Scripps Bee Qualifying Library (Gr 2 - 4) 
<b>16</b> Day 3 Spirit Day: Red & Green	<b>17</b> Day 4 Spirit Day: Blue & White	<b>18</b> Day 5 Spirit Day: Pajama Day Principal Chat 5:30 PTO Meeting 6:00	<b>19</b> Day 6 Spirit Day: Elf Yourself Day  BOE Meeting ~ 6:00 CS	<b>20</b> Day 1 Spirit Day: Holiday Sweater Winter Sing Along ~ 1:00 



# We Succeed Because the Stars Lead!



## December's Character Trait is:

Character Education

### Caring

- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Be sensitive to people's feelings
- Help people in need  
Treat people with kindness and generosity
- Do not be mean or hurtful



Character Matters  
Horseheads Central School District

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well

## Horseheads Central School District's Mission & Vision:



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**



## Gardner Road 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert:



The 4th grade Chorus will be performing their **Winter Concert** on Thursday, December 5th, at 7:00 PM in the GR Cafeteria. Students should wear white on top and black on bottom. 4<sup>th</sup> graders should arrive at 6:45pm. Band and orchestra do not perform at this concert. We're looking forward to seeing our Golden Stars sparkle at our winter concert!



**To report child abuse or neglect  
call toll free  
1-800-342-3720 or  
[ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps)**

**Thank you to the Career Development Council and community volunteers for a great Career Day on November 15<sup>th</sup>!**



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.

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). The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Gardner Road Elementary is Kim Malone. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Kim Malone at (607) 739 – 6347.