



Golden Star Gazette

September 2025

Gardner Road Elementary School

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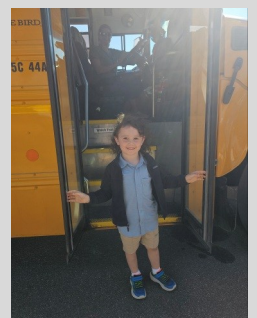
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Gardner Road Main Office Updates:

Beginning of School Year Checklist:

- Bring in any medication and doctor's forms for medication to be given during school hours.
- Complete first day of school paperwork and return:
 - Gardner Road student handbook
 - emergency 'Go Home' information sheet
 - free/reduced lunch form

Set up school lunch account (if desired) on the district website under food services and look for the Pay Schools link.

Building Security - entering:

For the safety of all students and staff at Gardner Road, all doors are locked 24 hours a day. We do welcome your visit to our school. Please report to the main entrance and press the buzzer to your right near the main entrance. You will be prompted for your name and purpose of visit. Then the secretaries will buzz you in. Please report directly to the main office to sign in.

Bringing Items in for your Child During School:

To provide the most consistent learning environment for your children, we do not interrupt the classrooms during the school day. We understand that in the rush to leave the house in the morning, things are forgotten such as homework, lunches, sneakers for gym, birthday/party goodies, etc. If your child needs something during the day, please bring the item into the office, labeled with your child's name and teacher. We will make sure they receive it.

Who to call first?

We as a school, we want to be able to answer any questions or concerns you have in a timely manner. The first contact should be with the staff member most directly involved. Please reach out first to your child's teacher on the following topics: classroom questions, curriculum, student discipline in the class, academic services, or questions about day-to-day things. If this question or concern remains unresolved, then please feel free to contact me as the building principal. I, as the building principal, would be the first point of contact on topics such as; school policy, residency, parent portal, scheduling, or suspension. If you have a question about transportation, please reach out to our transportation department at 739-6338.

Meeting with Teachers:

Please be aware that once the teachers have students in their class (8:35), they are not able to meet one-on-one with a parent regarding an individual concern. Please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher in advance – thank you!

Homework Requests:

If your child is out sick and you would like to request homework, please call the office before 9:00 a.m. It can either be sent home with a sibling, friend, neighbor, or parents can pick up homework after 3:30 in the office.

Gold "Go Home" Notes – Change of Plans:

Thank you for helping us assure students 'go-home' the correct way each day using our GOLD note pads. Knowing that changes occur during the day, we understand that you may need to change your child's 'go-home' plans during the day. We ask that parents call before 12:00 so that we can assure a smooth dismissal and keep all our students safe. Last minute changes delay bus dismissal for all students.

Online District Calendar

To see district & school events in 2025-2026, please go to <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm>, or go to the Calendar link in the main menu on the district website. The online calendar allows months to be printed. The district will not be printing a multi-page calendar this year. Our online calendar allows us to update events throughout the year.

Annual Title 1 Notice for Gardner Road Elementary School

In compliance with provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, we are informing you that Gardner Road Elementary receives Title I federal funding. Therefore, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualification of your child's classroom teacher(s). Specifically included is your right to know the following:

Whether the teacher has met State qualification & licensing criteria for the grade levels & subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;

The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher & any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, & field of discipline of the certification or degree;

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals &, if so, their qualification.

Should you wish to exercise your right to make your request to: Caitlin DeFilippo, Director of Human Resources, Horseheads Central School District, Hibbard Road, Horseheads, New York 14845. (607)739-5601, ext. 4211.

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



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to introduce myself as your new principal at Gardner Road Elementary School. I have been in administration for 25 years and I look forward to getting to know you and your family members. Throughout my life it has been my greatest desire to work with children. Children make my heart sing! I love their creativity, their excitement and wonder for the world around us. For those of you who are coming to GR for the first time, you will all benefit from the excellent instruction and incredible fun-filled activities our PTO provides. I hope this year you will sign up and volunteer to be a part of an excellent, caring, community.

We are all very excited about the 2025 - 2026 school year, where classrooms once again will be full with activities and ideas that challenge and inspire our students. Our AMAZING teachers work hard to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. One major emphasis for our fourth graders will be to focus on leadership and that begins within the classrooms - where our oldest students take on the responsibility of being the school's student leaders.

Throughout the year, exciting things will be happening in our classrooms and throughout our building! We encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. You are the BEST gift you can give your child. YOU are your child's most important teacher. As a parent of three children, I know how quickly the elementary school years fly by, but they are certainly the most important years of your child's (ren) life. It is truly my desire to keep the focus on increasing student achievement and doing whatever it takes to help ALL our students be successful and enjoy coming to school each day to help foster a great and caring citizen. I believe that learning should be fun and that an elementary school should pave the way for a lifetime of learning.

Looking forward to seeing all of our students' smiling faces!

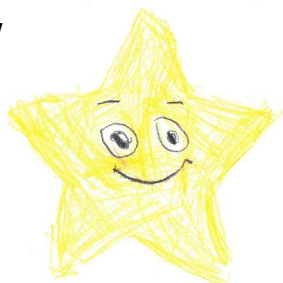
In Your Service,

Patti Sotero,

Principal



"Mrs. Buchanan and I enjoyed registering a new student at GR!" Shared Mrs. Sotero.



"My first Golden Star drawing by a new student! Priceless!" Mrs. Sotero exclaimed.

Gardner Road Elementary Contact Information

541 Gardner Road

Horseheads, NY 14845

Patricia Sotero, Principal
Lisa Buchanan, Secretary

Cassie Wright, Attend Clerk

Barb Hinman, Nurse, RN

Robin Plummer, Nurse, LPN

Newsletter in Color: <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHGR.cfm>

www.horseheadsdistrict.com

(607) - 739-6347

Shannon Radford, President
Jessica Carswell, Vice President

Nikki Malnoske, Secretary

Autumn Osburn, Treasurer



Gardner Road School Hours
8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tardy Bell – 8:40 AM
Gardner Road Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Elementary Lunches (K-6)



WELCOME BACK

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

GARDNER ROAD
PLAYGROUND

SEPTEMBER 5

5:00 - 7:00PM

**FREE EVENT HOSTED
BY THE GR PTO**

COME MEET YOUR PRINCIPAL
MRS. SOTERO AND GET TO
KNOW OTHER FAMILIES!



September's Character Trait is:



Our students at Gardner Road are GOLDEN STARS! Each month, we focus on a different character trait. Students can earn GOLDEN TICKETS by demonstrating the month's trait! Students share their ticket in the main office and they are entered into the Character Education Bingo game. Be on the lookout for these certificates coming home! Students can also earn a GOOD NEWS CALL OF THE DAY if they have gone above and beyond – one student earns this special opportunity each day. Students will learn about all our character traits from our student led Character Education Leadership Team, our social workers, Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Kucmierowski, all building staff and of course, their classroom teacher. We look forward to another great year of character at Gardner Road Elementary School!



**JOIN US FOR OUR
FIRST PTO MTG
TUES., SEPT. 9
6:00 - GR LIBRARY**

Golden Star Buddies Reminder:

Our school believes all students should follow the golden rule. However, we know that disagreements occur and it is our job to help students through it. We use the following definitions to determine the difference between conflicts and bullying. If any student is involved or sees either, please let a Gardner Road staff member know and they will help you!

CONFLICT:

- * occurs in the heat of a moment
- * is often a difference of opinion
- * two or more students are upset
- * does not happen continue
- * students want a mutual solution

BULLYING:

- * intent to cause harm
- * imbalance of power
- * repetition - bullies often target the same people
- * targeted towards a specific individual



We want to welcome our new, changing and returning staff:

DeAnna Acker - PK 12:1:2 TA

Kristy Bartenstein - Gr 4 Teacher

Jodi Battersby- Monitor

Elizabeth Blasic - gr 3 Teacher

Tashina Cardone - PK TA

Jessica Campanelli - Monitor

Maria Clark - PK 12:1:2 TA

Peggy Comfort - Primary TA First Grade *

vWelcome back!

Kelly Davis - PK Social Worker Assistant

Kim Doty - PK OT

Dee Dunn - Resource Room Teacher

Katie Hamilton - Speech Therapist

Arissa Hertlein - TA Primary Kindergarten

Patti Hitchcock - 1:1 Aide

Kim Holmes - PK Teacher

Deb Howe – Sp Ed TA

Megan Janeski - PK Teacher

Janice Jarvis - PK Teacher, Sp Ed

Kelly Kline - PK 12:1:2 TA

Kim Koval - Monitor

Shannon Lewis - PK TA

Joe Leone - Monitor

Julie Marhefka (change) - PK Teacher

Victor Marsh - Custodian

Dr. Angela McBrearty – instrumental music
with Margaret Matthews

April McGonigal - PK Speech Therapist

Jenna Moore - PK School Psychologist

Mike O’Neil – Custodian

Desiree Pardy - Contract Sub TA

Bonny Potter – TA Primary first grade

Christian Robinson - PE Teacher

Nick Sheldon - Monitor

Donna Steinhilper - 1:1 Aide - * Welcome
back!

Jessica Stumper, PK PT

Todd Sullivan - SRO

Kelly Swimley - PK TA

Marcy Teter - (change) - Rtl Interventionist

Dr. Alisha Tenbus - PT

Claire Thurston - 4th Gr Teacher -

Lauren VanSlyke - PK Teacher

Caitlin White - 1:1 Aide

Cara Wijkowski- Rtl Interventionist

“We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!”



GARDNER ROAD **OPEN HOUSE**

THURS., Sept. 11th
A-L 6:15 - 6:45 pm
M - L 7:00 - 7:30 pm
TITLE ONE PARENT MTG.
7:30 pm - LIBRARY

Looking forward to seeing you there!

July 16, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in New York still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New York has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Horseheads School District. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

PLEASE NOTE NEW OPEN HOUSE DATE – THURSDAY, SEPT. 11TH . Please join me in the GR Library right after our Open House on Thursday, Sept. 11th at 7:30 for a brief meeting about our school and the support your child will receive in our new school year.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia R. Sotero
Principal

Information From the Health Office



Symptoms for Exclusion: When Students Need to Go Home Sick

Conditions Requiring Temporary Exclusion:

- Fever of 100.4° Fahrenheit or higher within 24 hours
- Lethargy (excessive sleepiness) preventing the student from participating in class
- Difficulty breathing or excessive disruptive cough
- Diarrhea within 24 hours
- Vomiting within 24 hours
- Rash with fever or behavior changes or quickly spreading rash
- Open skin sores with/without drainage or crusting that cannot be covered with a bandage or clothing
- Sudden onset of pain that is not resolving
- Abdominal pain that is not resolving or worsening
- Blood or pus drainage from the ear
- Strep throat until treated with antibiotics for 12 hours
- Mouth sores causing drooling the student cannot control
- Other conditions as determined by nursing assessment!

PRE K ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCESS



Gardner Road Elementary: Kindergarten - 4th Grade

2025 - 2026

Student Drop-Off: 8:20 AM – 8:35 AM

Please follow the markings on map below for the direction of travel in the parking lot. All students will enter the front entry into the cafeteria.

Five - six vehicles should be prepared to unload at one time once you are long the sidewalk area. YOU DO NOT NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. A STAFF MEMBER WILL ASSIST YOUR CHILD

Please have your child **ready to exit the vehicle as quickly and safely as possible** on the passenger side.

There should be no drop-off or parking in the main lot as we need to keep this area open for buses.

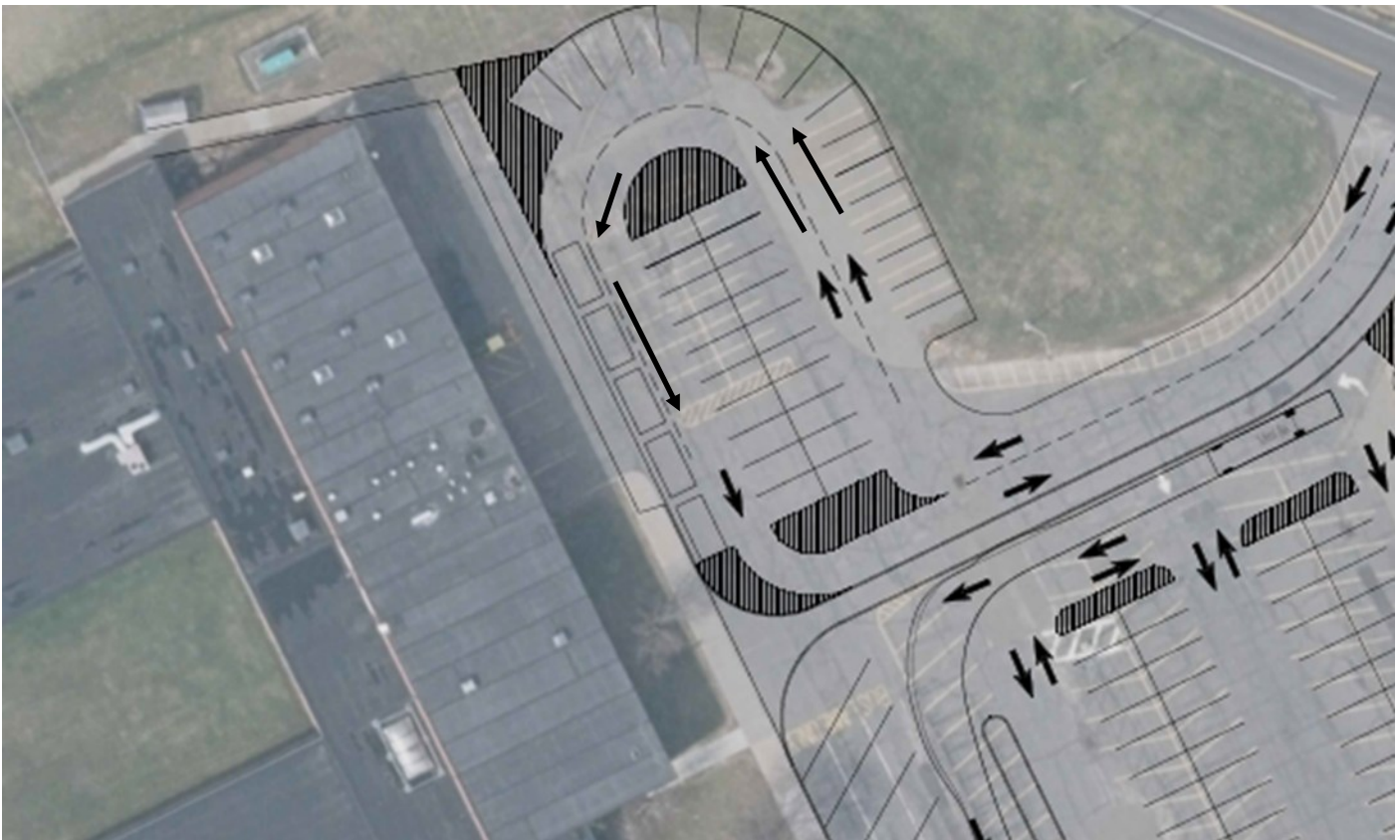
The students will walk to the following locations to wait until 8:35 to go to class:

Gym – Grades 3 & 4

Library: Grade 2

Cafeteria: Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Morning Drop- Off Routine



Gardner Road Elementary: Kindergarten - 4th Grade
IMPORTANT DISMISSAL ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO OUR INCREASED
ENROLLMENT!

Student Pick-Up: 3:10 PM – 3:30 PM – you may line up beginning at your assigned grade level specific time. PLEASE DO NOT COME BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNED TIME. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR PROCESS.

Please follow the directions so that your child's education will not be interrupted and we will be able to make our traffic flow operate efficiently and smoothly and get you home quickly!

Please place your provided pick-up name sign on the passenger's side of your vehicle *either on the dashboard or on the window*. This will help to expedite the dismissal process. Your sign was sent home and extras will be shared at the Meet and Greet. Suggestive places to keep your sign -your car glove compartment or on the passenger's visor so you will have it with you. All parents who have not signed up their child to be bussed will receive a sign. Two will be given out per family. Eventually, all students will receive one should you need to pick up your child instead of having him/her ride the bus. The oldest sibling will receive a Family Sign should you have more than one child attending Gardner Road. Please note *-students in K – 4 cannot be dismissed with their sibling who may be in Pre- K at 2:30. NO SIGNS ARE TO BE COPIED. IF YOU NEED AN ADDITIONAL SIGN FOR YOUR FAMILY, KINDLY EMAIL THE PRINCIPAL. We will be happy to provide you with additional needed signs.*

Please **wait in your vehicle** until a staff member brings out your child (ren).

Staff will be looking for your sign and then will bring your child to you.

As the staff member brings your child to you, the ***driver must buckle a child in if the student cannot do it for him/herself. Staff will not be able to assist with this.***

If it is a unique day and you are picking up multiple students outside of your household, you will need to park in the Parent's Parking Lot A or as directed by a staff member.

If you arrive earlier than your designated time to pick up your child for an appointment, please park in the PARENT'S PARKING LOT A ONLY and walk into the building to sign him/her out. This should occur BEFORE 3:00 PM. Please call the office ahead of time 739-6347 and someone will come out to assist you.

GARDNER ROAD SPECIFIC TIME AND LOCATION TO PULL INTO PARENT'S PARKING LOT

FIRST GRADE – Parents may pull into the parent's parking lot at 3:00 to line up. Dismissal will begin at 3:15.

[Pull up closest to the sidewalk!](#)

Put your SALMON-colored sign in your passenger's window or dashboard.
Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in **and a staff member notifies you to go**, then you may exit the parking lot.

THIRD GRADE – Parents may pull into the parent's parking lot at 3:00 to line up. Dismissal will begin at ~3:15.

Pull up in the second line next to the cars parked by the sidewalk!

Put your BRIGHT PINK-colored sign in your passenger's window or dashboard. Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in **and a staff member notifies you to go**, then you may exit the parking lot.

SECOND GRADE – Parents may pull into the parent's parking lot at 3:15 to line up.

Dismissal will be begin at ~3:20.

[Pull up closest to the sidewalk!](#)

Put your NEON GREEN-colored sign in your passenger's window or dashboard. Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in and a staff member notifies you to go, then you may exit the parking lot.

FOURTH GRADE – Parents may pull into the parent’s parking lot at 3:15 to line up. Dismissal will be begin at ~3:20.

Pull up in the second line next to the cars parked by the sidewalk!

Put your BLUE -colored sign in your passenger’s window or dashboard

Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in and a staff member notifies you to go, then you may exit the parking lot.

KINDERGARTEN – Parents may pull into the parent’s parking lot at 3:25 to line up. Dismissal will be begin at ~3:30.

Pull up next to the sidewalk!

Put your ORANGE -colored sign in your passenger’s window or dashboard

Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in and a staff member notifies you to go, then you may exit the parking lot.

FAMILY– Parents may pull into the parent’s parking lot at 3:30 to line up. Dismissal will be begin at ~3:30.

Pull up in the second line next to the cars parked by the sidewalk OR AS DIRECTED.

Put your PURPLE -colored sign in your passenger’s window or dashboard

Please remain in your car.

Once buckled in and a staff member notifies you to go, then you may exit the

Information about Emergency School Closings & Delays:

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and/or freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run & schools will open 2 hours later than normal.

If it is necessary to close or delay schools, the information will be posted on the district's website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, the district's Facebook pages and Twitter, and the following local television and radio stations and their affiliates:

Radio: WNKI 106.1, WPGI 100.9, Magic FM 92.7/97.7, WGMM 98.7, WLVI 94.3, WELM 1410

TV: WENY, WETM, Time Warner Cable News

These television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites. Each of our schools and the district have Facebook pages. To see school closings/delays and other information on your news feed, "like" the page(s). On Twitter, follow us at @HhdsSchools.

Additionally, WETM TV has an automated system to e-mail and/or text closings and delays to those who have signed up for the service. Parents may sign up at the following link: <http://www.mytwtntiers.com/sms>. Scroll down to "School and Business Closing Alerts." Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Please note that if schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs. Please also note that when school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally, on school delays, there is no breakfast served.

If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and confusing than attempting to send students home early.

Substitutes Needed:

The Horseheads Central School District is seeking applications for substitute teachers, nurses, bus drivers and substitute teaching assistants.

For information, please visit: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/subteach.html>

Human Resources Office: 739-5601, x4211
e-mail: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

Volunteers Needed for School Career Events

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. **We are always looking for volunteers** for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field. If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.

**OUR GR CAREER DAY
IS NOV. 17TH.**

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, **please contact Deb Lynch**, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, at (607)795-5320 or dlynch@gstboces.org.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School is your first and most important job. You're learning about more than math and reading. You're learning how to show up for school on time every day, so that when you grow up and get a job, you'll know how to show up for work on time every day.

When you're not here, we notice because we care, and we want you to be successful.

A student who misses 10 days or more during a school year is 20 percent less likely to graduate from high school and 25 percent less likely to ever enroll in college.

If you think missing a day here or there won't matter, think again. By missing just one day every two weeks, you would be on track to miss 10 percent of the school year – and that can happen before you know it.

School only gets harder when you stay home too much. Sometimes it's tempting to stay home but missing a day only makes that worse.

We understand that you will get sick sometimes and need to stay home. The important thing is to get to school as often as possible to help stay on track with your learning.

SMILE... PICTURE DAY!

**School Pictures will be taken on
Thursday, Oct. 2nd. We are reminding
families in advance to assist you with your
upcoming appointments outside of school.**

The Gardner Road Elementary School playground is available to all community members **AFTER 4:00 PM** each school day. We want to maintain the safety and protection of our students at ALL times. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. As we work together, we provide the best safety and protection of each and every student.

**Please be sure to read
our GR Student/Parent
Handbook for
important information
and return your signed form.
THANK YOU!**



Veterans Day Parade coming up soon!

**Gardner Road's Veterans Day Event is coming soon –
Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025.**

Gardner Road Elementary School would like to show our appreciation to the men and women of the military. We are looking for individuals who would be able to come to Gardner Road Elementary School on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:30 am. There will be no speaking involved; our students who will be lined up outside waving flags and holding banners - thanking you for the sacrifices you have made on our behalf.

If you participated in the past, please join us again now at Gardner Road Elementary School.

Please contact Mrs. Sotero, Principal of Gardner Road Elementary School, if you or someone you know would like to participate in this special event by Friday, October, 31st.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 AT 9:30 AM.

There will be no speaking involved, but rather we would like you to be greeted by our students who will be lined up along the hallways waving flags and holding banners thanking you for the sacrifices you have made on our behalf.

For those of you who have been part of our celebrations in the past - you know we LOVE having you join us! We would be honored if you would join us for this special occasion because it is important for our students to express their respect and appreciation to all of you! If you joined us last year, you know how special we have planned our event; our local firemen and policemen did a spectacular job adding to this celebration as well.

More details will be coming...

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this special event, please contact Mrs. Sotero, Principal of Gardner Road Elementary School by Friday, Oct. 31st Please email me at psotero@horseheadsdistrict.com

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student/Staff Connection to GR: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Branch of the Military: _____



Career Development Council

Gardner Road Elementary School's Career Day

is Monday, November 17th
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM



Join us for a fun and educational morning showing students
all the great careers available in our area!

We are looking for parents and other important adults in our students' lives to talk about their careers. If you enjoy your career and would like to share it with the students, please consider signing up.

Gardner Road Elementary has each grade learn about a different career field:

Kindergarten - Human Services ("Community Helpers")

First Grade - Health and Wellness

Second Grade - Arts and Humanities

Third Grade - Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Fourth Grade - Business, Information Technology and Engineering



If you would like to help but are not sure which career field you fall under (or what grade you would be speaking to), we are happy to talk about it before you commit to the day. Presentations are 25 minutes long and are repeated three times.

To sign up, or to get more information, please email

Jenny Sonsire at jsonsire@gstboces.org.

by October 3rd.



September 2025



HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1  Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Chicken Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots	2 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL	3 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL	4 First Day of School! Korean BBQ Chicken w/Rice & Egg Roll Ham & Cheese Deli Wrap Steamed Broccoli	5 Buffalo Chicken Calzone Crispy Fish Fillet Sandwich Sliced Carrots
8 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Chicken Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots	9 Beef or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	10 Tangerine Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli	11 NY MENU DAY! NY Sloppy Big Mac on a Roll NY Roasted Squash Fresh NY Cucumber & Tomato Salad Fresh NY Pears NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk	12 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots
15 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Chicken Philly Sub Oven Fries Sliced Carrots	16 Chicken & Cheese Empanadas Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	17 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Hot Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli	18 Pasta w/Meat Sauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese Turkey & Cheese Wrap Green Beans Cinnamon Applesauce Jello	19 Cheese Pizza Crunchers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Fillet Sandwich Sliced Carrots
22 Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots	23 Beef or Bean Soft Taco w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	24 General Tso's Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli	25 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Green Beans Homemade Fruit Crisp	26 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots
29 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Turkey Club Sub Sliced Carrots Tater Tots	30 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	 <p>PaySchools Central Make Online Payments at Payschoolcentral.com!</p>  <p>FARM to SCHOOL</p>		

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Available Daily Entrees
Pej Sandwich
Meat Chef Salad w/ Bread Choice
Vegetarian Chef Salad w/Bread Choice
NY Cheese Stick & Yogurt w/Bread Choice
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
M/W/F: Baked Chicken Nuggets w/Bread
T/TH: Cheese Pizza

Available Daily Sides
Fresh Vegetables
Fresh Tossed Salad
Assorted Fruit
NY Chilled Milk
100% Fruit Juice
*Bread Choice = Soft, Pretzel or Breadstick

PRICING:
Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Side: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.50
NOTE: Every student receives 1 blast and 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each blast & lunch must be a COMPLETE MEAL, or student will be charged ala carte for each item on their tray.

Breakfast Menu
Monday: Breakfast on a Stick
Tuesday: Stuffed Bagel Bites or Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday: Breakfast Sandwich
Thursday: French Toast Sticks
Friday: Mini Pancakes
Daily Options: Bagel, Asst. Cereal, Graham Crackers, Asst. Caramel, Muffin Top, Breakfast Bar, NY Yogurt, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!
See menu for details

This menu is subject to change with out advance

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>LABOR DAY</i> NO SCHOOL H-2	2 <i>WELCOME BACK STAFF CONFERENCE</i>	3 <i>CONFERENCE DAY</i> <i>Meet and Greet</i> <i>A-L—1:15 - 1:45</i> <i>M—Z—2:15 - 2:45</i>	4 <i>DAY 1</i> 1st DAY OF SCHOOL!!! WELCOME BACK	5 <i>DAY 2</i> PTO ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5:00 - 7:00 PM GR Playground Area Beginner Instrumental 6-7:30 IS Cafeteria
8 <i>DAY 3</i> Bus Drills Beginner Instrumental 6—7:30 IS Cafeteria	9 <i>DAY 4</i> SBT Mtg. - Library 8:00 - 8:30 Bus Drills GR PTO Mtg 6:00 Library	10 <i>DAY 1</i> Aimsweb Benchmarking	11 <i>DAY 2</i> GR Open House A—L 6:15–6:45 & M—L 7:00 - 7:30 Title One Parent Mtg 7:30	12 <i>DAY 3</i> 504 Mtgs TOWNHALL MTG
15 <i>DAY 4</i> Aimsweb Benchmarking	16 <i>DAY 1</i> Building Safety Team 8:00 - 8:30	17 <i>DAY 2</i> <u>CONSTITUTION DAY</u>	18 <i>DAY 3</i> BOE Mtg 6:00 at GR	19 <i>DAY 4</i> Faculty Mtg Library 7:30 - 8:30
22 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	23 <i>DAY 2</i>	24 <i>DAY 3</i>	25 <i>DAY 4</i> CSE Mtgs.	26 <i>DAY 1</i> National Teaching Assistant Day
29 <i>DAY 2</i> DATA MEETINGS KID Talk—PM	30 <i>DAY 3</i> DATA MEETINGS			