



Horseheads Central School District

# Golden Star Gazette

April 2023

**Gardner Road Elementary School**

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

We had so much fun at Gardner Road in March! We were fortunate to have author Aaron Reynolds visit our school to talk about his books and his journey on becoming a writer. We also had Corey the Dribbler, Harlem Globetrotter, visit our school to inspire us to keep reaching for our goals when things are hard. Be sure to ask your child about both experiences. Thanks to the GRPTO for hosting our swim night. Our Talent Show was amazing. Thanks to all of our performers and to Mrs. Shope and Mrs. Smith for coordinating the event. We are looking forward to our Craft Night hosted by our PTO on Friday, April 21st. Be on the lookout for a flyer coming home soon. Did you forget to turn in your child's form to participate in the Marketplace/Innovation Fair? It's not too late. Your child may bring the sign-up form to Mr. Patterson this month. We are also looking for families to sign up for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Multicultural Night. See the attached flyer in our online newsletter.

The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period is this month and report cards will come home on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is always a proud moment to see what each Golden Star has learned and experienced now that we are 75% of the way through the school year. As students work with their teachers for the last ten weeks of the school year, we will continue to see even more growth, excitement, and pride.

Lastly, if you would like to share your input for your child's classroom placement next school year, feel free to write me a letter by Friday, May 12, 2023. Please note that the letter should include details on the style of teacher and/or classroom your child would benefit from most. We do not honor specific teacher requests. Thank you!

Be sure to check out our [school website](#) for updates and please keep up to date with the happenings at our school, by following our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Please contact me if you need anything, have questions, or would just like to chat about our school/your child.

Your Partner in Education,

Patrick Patterson - Principal



## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

**"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."**

**Lady Bird Johnson**

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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 (K-6)

Breakfast: \$1.25

Lunch: \$2:10

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



## Gardner Road Main Office Updates:

### 2023-2024 Horseheads District Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, April 13– Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4 – Public Hearing on 2022-23 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center

**The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.** For more information on the process, schedule, and locations click here: [HCSD Board of Education](#).

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

English Language Arts: April 19, 2023 & April 20, 2023

Math: May 3, 2023 & May 4, 2023



### Marking Period 3 Report Cards:

Report cards will go home on April 21st for students in grades one through four. Just a friendly reminder that our report card provides grades on a 1-4 scale and a '3' means that your child is meeting the grade level expectations. If you have a child(ren) in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, your child's teacher will be in contact with you to set-up a parent conference.

### From the Library:

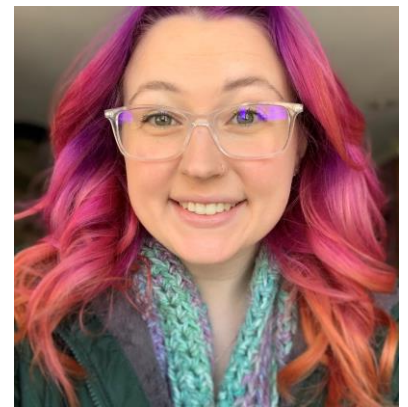
Spring is here and (hopefully) warm weather is around the corner! Water bottles and library books together in the book bag can be a soggy situation! Consider sending either the water bottle or the books in a Ziploc baggie or separate compartment. Thank you so much for helping to keep our library books safe.



## Welcome Ms. Zastawny – School Social Worker

Dear Parents and Families of Gardner Road Elementary,

My name is Lyndsay Zastawny and I have joined the Gardner Road team as a School Social Worker on March 13, 2023. I will be working in collaboration with and alongside Rachel Rich (School Social Worker) to provide all services related to social-emotional learning within the school. I am very excited and eager to get to know all the children and families within the Gardner Road community through the end of the school year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that arise, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to working with you and the school community!



Thank you,  
Lyndsay Zastawny, LMSW  
Phone: 607-739-6347 x 6310  
Email: [lyndsay@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:lyndsay@horseheadsdistrict.com)





# March Snapshots *(See more on our Twitter & Facebook pages)*



We  our Golden  !





# "We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

## April's Character Trait is:

Character Education

### Responsibility

- Be reliable and dependable
- Do your part at home, school and in your community
- Think before you act
- Take ownership of your actions

Character Matters  
Horseheads Central School District



Our students are earning Golden Tickets everyday! Great job to our Golden Stars for showing great character, using the Power of Yet, and following our school rules!

## Music in Our Schools Month:

Mrs. Smith, our music teacher, organized a bracket challenge for the best song in honor of Music in our Schools Month. Each homeroom picked a song & each day on the news our school voted for their favorite. There was a lot of buzz & fun throughout the month picking our favorite song. The quarterfinalists made a music video to promote their song. The overall champion was Mrs. Andrus' 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class with the song, High Hopes. The song will be featured daily on our news for the rest of the year!



## 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

## SAFE SCHOOLS LINE

795-2044 or  
1-800-305-4984

Report a concern, rumor, bullying incident, or any safety issue anonymously and confidentially, 24 hours a day.

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)



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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 Patrick Patterson. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patrick Patterson at (607) 739 – 6347.

# 1st Annual Gardner Road Family Multicultural Night



**May 12, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria**  
**(Same night as the Spring Carnival 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)**

## **What is a Multicultural Night?**

A Multicultural Night is an event where families are invited to the school to share elements of their culture with other members of the school community. Our goal is to celebrate and promote positive relationships between individuals with diverse backgrounds.

## **What will students need to do?**

Students will need to create a display highlighting their culture to present and share with others.

What are Sample Projects?		
Posters	Songs/Dances	Clothing
Games	Food Sampling	Instruments
Other _____		

## **Other important information to know:**

This project is ***optional*** for students to participate in. The projects ***will not be graded***. Please also know that there ***will not be any prizes*** awarded at the event. Please note this is a separate event from the Marketplace Fair. This is a free event for families to attend and no products will be for sale.

## **How to Sign Up:**

All students looking to participate must return the “Parent-Student Consent/Contact and Code of Conduct” attached to this page.

**Deadline to Sign up:** April 21, 2023

# **Gardner Road Family Multicultural Night**

Parent-Student Consent/Contact and Code of Conduct – Return to Mr. Patterson

- I understand that this project is voluntary.
- I promise to be ethical while completing the project and the work will be my own.
- I promise to do my best.
- I understand that the purpose of the project is to learn about my culture and share it with others.
- I know that I can ask my parents/guardians for help and guidance, but I should be prepared to present and answer questions.
- I will maintain a positive mindset throughout the project (power of yet).
- If I work with a group, I promise to collaborate, be kind, listen to all points of view, and share the work equally.

I am:

\_\_\_\_\_working on my own

\_\_\_\_\_working with a partner(s)- please name who\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of the work that you will complete:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom

I allow my child to participate in the Gardner Road Family Multicultural Night:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail contact

## Report to **PARENTS**

# Make Spring Cleaning Fun and Engaging for Kids

It's hard to believe that spring is here! For parents, having a clean and disinfected living space can create a more positive home environment for your kids and helps to prevent the spread of illness-causing germs. As you gear up for spring cleaning, incorporate these tips to create healthy habits in the spring and all year long.

## Declutter Your Space

Start by getting rid of anything that is no longer useful, like books, old toys, and broken electronics, that might be taking up extra space. Consider donating or recycling items that are still in good condition.

## Disinfect High-Touch Surfaces

It's important to deep clean and disinfect the surfaces in the home that kids are constantly touching: countertops, chairs, doorknobs, toys, tables—you know the drill. Lysol Disinfecting Wipes kill 99.9 percent of viruses and bacteria when used as directed and make it easy to clean and disinfect hard surfaces in your home on a regular basis. You can now shop for Lysol Disinfecting Wipes at your local wholesale retailer and [learn more here](#). This is a great opportunity to stock up ahead of your spring cleaning and to make sure you have plenty of wipes at home.



## Encourage Your Kids' Participation

Getting your kids involved in the spring cleaning process can make it more fun and engaging for everyone. Consider giving your children a short list of tasks or having a cleaning day where the whole family works together to declutter, clean, and organize.

## Reinforce Healthy Habits

The changing of the seasons is a great time to reinforce important habits at home that your kids can transfer to the classroom. From handwashing best practices to learning about how germs are spread, Lysol is proud to share a variety of resources aimed to make learning about healthy habits both engaging and informational—including a variety of lesson plans, posters, and activities that can be used year-round. Please visit [Lysol.com/HERE](https://www.lysol.com/HERE) to download the resources and learn more.


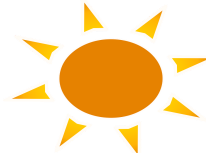




# April 2023



## HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

CELEBRATE THE EARTH - MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p>  <p>Make Online Payments at <a href="https://payschoolcentral.com/">Payschoolcentral.com!</a></p>	<p>4</p>  <p><b>SPRING BREAK!! APRIL 3rd-7th</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p><b>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu below for details</b></p>
<p>10 French Toast Sticks &amp; Sausage Turkey Club Sub Green Beans Tater Tots</p>	<p>11 Chicken &amp; Orange Sauce w/Rice <b>NY Hot Dog on a Roll</b> Steamed Broccoli</p> 	<p>12 <b>NY MENU DAY!</b> <b>NY Cheesy Buffalo Wing Pizza</b> <b>NY Cheesy Pizza</b> <b>NY Blueberry Yogurt Parfait w/NY Granola</b> Soft Pretzel <b>Fresh NY Mixed Salad Greens!</b> <b>NY Apple Slices</b> <b>NY Juice!</b></p>	<p>13 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>14 <b>Cheese Pizza</b> <b>Crunchers w/Marinara Sauce</b> Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>17 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Oven Fries</p>	<p>18 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>19 Pasta w/Meatsauce &amp; Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce &amp; Cheese Turkey Club Sub Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Pepper Strips!</b> Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping</p>	<p>20 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>21 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots</p> <p><b><u>EARTH DAY!</u></b> <b>April 22nd</b></p>
<p>24 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta &amp; Sauce Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>25 Sesame Chicken w/Rice <b>NY Hot Dog on a Roll</b> Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>26 <b>Homemade NY Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b> w/Bread Italian Meatball Sub Green Beans <b>Fresh Green Pepper Strips!</b> Homemade Fruit Crisp</p>	<p>27 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>28 Southern BBQ Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>

### Available Daily Entrees

PBJ 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: \$1.25  
Lunch \$2.10  
Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75  
Snacks: \$0.60-\$1.50

### Breakfast Menu

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



# April 2023

## Gardner Road Elementary School



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

### Character Education Connection—Responsibility

Choose an area for your child's school materials to build independence.  
Involve children in shopping & meal planning.  
Have your child help with age-appropriate household chores.  
Help your child make sure all school assignments are complete.



READY, SET...  
**SPRING BREAK!**

10 <b>Day 6</b>  Science Discovery Center Assemblies	11 <b>Day 1</b>	12 <b>Day 2</b>	13 <b>Day 3</b>  BOE Meeting 6:00 HS 	14 <b>Day 4</b>  End of Marking Period 3
17 <b>Day 5</b>	18 <b>Day 6</b>  Principal Chat - 5:30 GRPTO Meeting - 6:00	19 <b>Day 1</b>  NYS ELA Assessments Grades 3 and 4  BOE Meeting 6:00 HS 	20 <b>Day 2</b>  NYS ELA Assessments Grades 3 and 4	21 <b>Day 3</b>  Report Cards Go Home  GRPTO Event 6:00 
24 <b>Day 4</b>  PK and K Parent Teacher Conferences 4/24 - 4/28	25 <b>Day 5</b>	26 <b>Day 6</b>  Administrative Professionals Day	27 <b>Day 1</b>	28 <b>Day 2</b>