



Horseheads Central School District

# Golden Star Gazette

February 2023

*Gardner Road Elementary School*

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

As the second half of the school year starts, I want to say thank you to our Gardner Road families for supporting your Gardner Road students in their learning throughout the year. We value and appreciate your support and partnership. We look forward to helping your Golden Star shine bright in all areas. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our amazing team. The teacher should be the first point of contact as they will likely be the one with the most information to answer the question.

We enjoyed a wonderful first month of the year and we are looking forward to February. Please join us in our One School, One Book reading throughout the month. Your child will be bringing home a copy of the book (to keep) during the first week of February – enjoy the experience! Our students are excited to find out what book we will be reading! Thank you to Mrs. Miley, Mrs. Teter and Mrs. Herforth for coordinating this event.

We will have volunteers from Corning Inc. and CCC come to our school to read aloud diverse texts as part of the African American Southern Tier Read-in program. Find out more information here:

<https://www.readinsoutherntiery.com/>

Please see the attached flyer (online version) of the upcoming District Safety Presentation and Discussion on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the HS Auditorium. Please join us and feel free to come with questions you would like to discuss about school safety.

We have come to the time of year to start registering for school next year. This Thursday, February 2nd will be kindergarten registration. Those students that are already in pre-kindergarten do not need to register. We hope to have all our incoming kindergarteners registered in the next month. If you know of a kindergarten that is not registered yet, please have them contact the main office. Pre-kindergarten registration will be in March.

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



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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

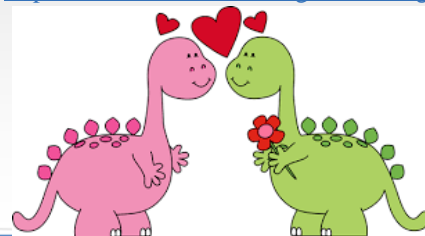
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Elementary Lunches (K-6)

Breakfast: \$1.25

Lunch: \$2:10

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



## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours." -Dolly Parton



## 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 first budget presentation is Thursday, February 16. 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.gstbores.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 2 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 30 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 13 (if needed) – 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](#).

### School Delays and Closings:

The cold, slippery, white flakes are just around the corner. When the ice and snow arrive, it is often necessary to delay or close schools. The announcements can be found on our District website [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com) and the local media stations. In the event of a 1 or 2-hour delay, students can be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance beginning at the adjusted time. Please be aware that **NO** breakfast is served when there is a 2-hour delay. I will also post our status on the Gardner Road Twitter feed which can be found on the school website. To sign up for the tweets, go to our school website and follow the link. Also, please remember that pre-kindergarten starts at 10:30 on a 2-hour delay day.

### 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):

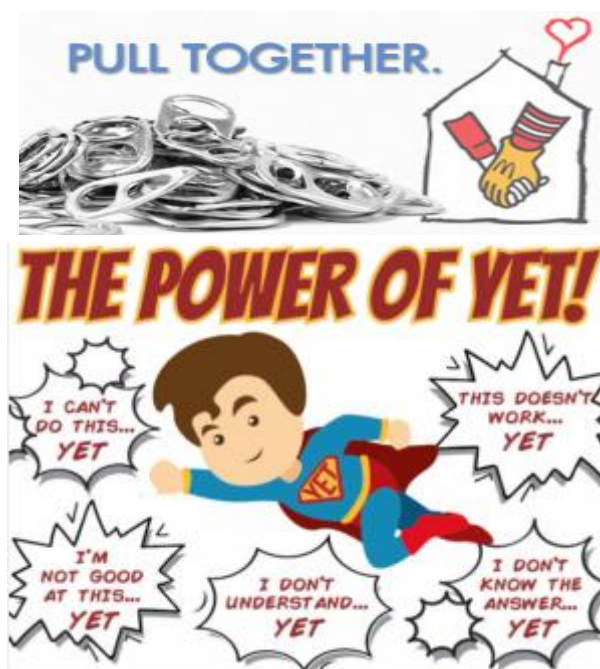
English Language Arts: April 19, 2023 and April 20, 2023

Math: May 3, 2023 and May 4, 2023

### Scripps Spelling Bee at Gardner Road



Congratulations to all the students that participated in our Scripps Spelling Bee this year. Andrew and Max finished in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places respectively and will represent Gardner Road in March at the Regional Bee. Pictured above are our top 3 spellers including David, our school alternate.





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







# "We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

## February's Character Trait is:

Character Education

### Trustworthiness

- Be honest and always tell the truth
- Be reliable and keep your word
- Be a true friend
- Do what is right even when it seems difficult
- Have courage

Character Matters  
Horseheads Central School District



Let's earn those Golden Tickets Golden Stars!

## 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**



## GRPTO Bingo Night!



Thank you to our GRPTO for hosting our Family Fun Night in January – Bingo. Be sure to join us for Bowling Night on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please also join us for the monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the library.

**To report child abuse or neglect call toll free**  
NEW YORK STATE  
**1-800-342-3720 or**  
**ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps**

# 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.

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



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# **School Safety**

## ***Presentation and Discussion***

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Horseheads High School  
Auditorium**

***All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.***

*The presentation by district administrators will include safety programs and explanations of protocols such as Hold in Place, Lock Out, and Lockdown. We will discuss scenarios both within schools and in the community and share procedures for responding including how and when we communicate information. A panel of administrators, school resource officers, and police and fire professionals will provide information and answer questions.*



**Questions? Contact your school office or email  
[hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).**

## Report to **PARENTS**

# 6 Ways to Help Kids Overcome Math Anxiety

Inspiring a love for math can open up a world of opportunities for kids. Yet, for many, math can lead to feelings of stress and anxiety. Math anxiety can affect anyone. Research shows a strong negative relationship between math anxiety and achievement. It can create a vicious circle: If kids perform poorly, they might become anxious—and that anxiety can lead to poor performance. Here are six ways to help reduce math anxiety.

## 1. Foster a Positive Attitude

Parents' math anxiety can influence children's attitudes. Many adults still believe math myths—like that someone is a “math person” or not. Kids need to hear that math is for everyone.

## 2. Make Math Relevant

Use the 5E (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate) lesson model at home to engage kids in hands-on learning and real-world tasks.

## 3. Set High Expectations

Challenging kids helps them develop strong problem-solving skills. When students work through difficult problems, they engage in productive struggle and develop grit.

## 4. Create a Safe Environment for Learning

Making mistakes is part of learning. Getting the wrong answer doesn't mean your child can't solve the problem; it just means they haven't solved the problem yet. While learning math, children should feel comfortable enough to take risks and share their approaches



to problem-solving. They'll see mistakes as opportunities to learn and feel more comfortable persisting in the struggle.

## 5. Use Positive Language

Negative language can fuel self-doubt and contribute to burnout. Suggesting positive alternatives can help students change the way they think about math. Instead of “I'm bad at this,” say “I can improve.” Or instead of “This is too hard for me,” try “Learning takes time.”

## 6. Write It Out

Research shows that kids who write out or discuss math anxiety tend to do better on tests. Asking your child to write out their thoughts and ideas—expressing both their intellectual and emotional reactions to math content—can help them reflect on their comprehension, engagement, and feelings about a lesson. Soon, they will see more choices in how they respond to difficulties.



When students take control of their anxiety, they can focus more on the math and less on their worries about math. They can begin to see moments of struggle as fruitful learning opportunities, rather than sources of stress.



# February 2023



## HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!</b> See menu below for details				1 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Cheesburger on a Roll Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Baby Carrots</b> Homemade Fruit Crisp		2 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans		3 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots	
6	Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Oven Fries	7	BBQ Pork Rib on a Roll Turkey Club Sub Sliced Carrots	8	Pasta w/Meatsauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese Chicken Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Pepper Strips!</b> Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping	9	Pulled Pork Nacho Grande w/Rice Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	10	<b>Super Bowl Celebration!</b> Boneless Wings w/Dinner Roll Tuna Salad Sub <b>Fresh Carrots &amp; Celery Sticks w/Ranch</b>
13	Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Sliced Carrots	14	Sesame Chicken w/Rice <b>NY Hot Dog on a Roll</b> Steamed Broccoli	15	<b>NY MENU DAY!</b> <b>NY Mac &amp; Cheese w/Optional Toppings</b> <b>*Original or Choose 1 Topping</b> Dinner Roll <b>NY Steamed Green Beans</b> <b>NY Apple Slices</b> <b>NY Juice!</b> <b>Chilled NY Milk</b>	16	Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	17	Southern BBQ Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots
20		21		22		23		24	
<h1>MID-WINTER RECESS</h1> <h2>FEBRUARY 20th - 24th</h2>									
27	Chicken Philly Sub Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots Oven Fries	28	Homemade Chicken & Biscuits Ham & Cheese Deli Wrap Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans	 <b>Make Online Payments at</b> <a href="https://payschoolcentral.com/">Payschoolcentral.com!</a>					

### 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

# January/February 2023

## Gardner Road Elementary School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25 	Jan 26 Day 2	Jan 27 Day 3 Report Cards Go Home Scripps Spelling Bee 4:45 GR Caf� 
Jan 30  Superintendent's Conference Day	Jan 31 Day 4	1 Day 5	2 Day 6 Kindergarten Registration 10:00 - 3:00	3 Day 1 <i>Gardner Road Spirit Day</i> <i>Wear Blue and Gold</i> 
6 Day 2	7 Day 3 District Safety Presentation 6:00 HS Auditorium	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 GRPTO Bowling Night 6:00 
13 Day 1	14 Day 2 	15 Day 3 Principal Chat 5:30 GRPTO Meeting 6:00 	16 Day 4  BOE Meeting 6:00 (HS)	17 Day 5
<b>February 20th—February 24th: President's Day Recess</b>				
27 Day 6	28 Day 1	<u><b>Character Education Tips for Home: Trustworthiness</b></u> *Have a family game night—Point out opportunities of trustworthiness *Honesty starts at home *Model honesty in your everyday life *Be on time *Focus on the “fun” of something instead of winning *Discuss how/why characters in books and/or movies are trustworthy 