



Horseheads Central School District

# Golden Star Gazette

March 2023

**Gardner Road Elementary School**

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

May you have a lucky and wonderful March. We are looking forward to a very busy and fun-filled month. We have children's author, Aaron Reynolds visiting our school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The students love his books, and we look forward to learning all about being an author/illustrator. Check out his website: [www.aaron-reynolds.com](http://www.aaron-reynolds.com) On March 24<sup>th</sup>, we have Corey the Dribbler coming to our school to help us dig into our character trait of the month, respect! This month we also have our talent show and a GRPTO sponsored swim night at the high school pool. Check out our monthly calendar for these details and more.

In February, our Board of Education and district administration hosted a school safety presentation. To watch the presentation, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQC2L7ndI9U> One question that I wanted to pass along to our Gardner Road families, is "what do we say to our children about lockdown drills?" Great question! In grades PK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we do not get into the specific reasons why we practice this drill. Just like all our drills, we tell our students that we do this drill to stay safe. Our students are well-trained and know what to do. We encourage our students to listen to the teacher and wait. Our staff will play quiet games to keep students relaxed. Our staff does a great job modeling calmness to keep our Golden Stars calm. So, if you are looking for what to say to your child, remind them that our staff is here to keep them safe, no matter the drill. Their job is to listen, remain calm, and breathe.

Please see page 2 of our newsletter for details about our Canvas Learning Management System and our proposed district Remote Learning Plan. If our school believes a remote learning day is possible, we will send home a paper packet the day before which would include some of these same details such as login information and learning materials to support the student in completing their learning tasks at home. Please send this packet back to your child's teacher the next day of school!

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 F. Patterson*

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/>

PULL TOGETHER.



## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."

–John Wooden, basketball coach



## 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.gstbores.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- 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: [HCS D Board of Education](https://hcsd.org/BoardofEducation).

### Canvas Learning Management System

Throughout the fall semester, our district has been transitioning to a new Learning Management System (LMS) called Canvas. Canvas allows teachers to provide a personalized learning experience through instructional support, class calendars, messages, notifications, assignments, collaborative activities, and course resources in one platform. Parent/guardian Canvas accounts will allow you to view assignments, due dates, and calendars. These accounts will become active on Thursday, March 2. To access your Canvas parent/guardian account, you will need to use the same email you use for your Schoology/Parent Portal login, and then set up a password for Canvas. For more information and help using Canvas, as well as the login link, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDCanvasHelpforParentsGuardians.cfm>

### Remote Learning Plan

The district is developing a remote learning plan as required by the state to be used in an emergency. This would be a plan we could call upon in emergency conditions such as adverse weather conditions, utility issues, or a communicable disease outbreak. This remote plan would allow the district to keep the calendar intact during years when winter weather is particularly challenging, or we face other reasons for school day closures. The state requires districts to post their remote plans and provide a means for parents/guardians to comment on the plan. You may read the plan here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDRemoteLearningPlan.cfm>. As you know, we have used three of the four snow days built into our 2022-23 calendar. If the district must use more than one more snow day this year, this plan could be used to remain in session and therefore meet the state requirements for days of instruction.

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

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

Math: May 3, 2023 & May 4, 2023

## New Playground Coming Soon for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders:



Our new 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade playground is being built and our students are getting excited to use it. Even though it is exciting to see, there will be safety inspections and more that must be accomplished before students can play on it. If you are visiting the area after school or on weekends, please stay off the new playground area until its complete. Thank you!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Intermediate School



The Intermediate School (IS) will soon be completing 2023 - 2024 classroom placements for students. They create class selections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While they 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 IS Principal, Mr. Bostwick by **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Also, be on the lookout for information from the IS about their Open House for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the IS Cafeteria.



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



We  our Golden  !





# "We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

## March's Character Trait is:

Character Education

### Respect

- Treat other people the way you want to be treated
- Listen to what other people have to say
- Be accepting of others
- Be kind and courteous



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!

## Gardner Road Family Tree!



At our February Town Hall, each student created their own fingerprinting and then their picture was put in the center. We put them all together and we created a collaborative art project titled, 'Gardner Road Family Tree!'

## 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.

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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.

## Report to **PARENTS**

# 5 Fun Ways to Instill a Love of History in Kids

Studying history helps us understand our society, consider perspectives from different cultures, improve critical thinking, build citizenship, learn about our identities, and even grow reading and writing skills. It's the story of how we got to where we are today as a society—and it's chock full of lessons that inspire us to make a difference in the world around us. It's never too early to instill a love of history in kids. Use these fun ideas to help your child learn about history.

### 1. Visit a Museum or Historical Site

No matter where you live, there's sure to be a museum or historical site nearby. Large or small, your town's history tells a piece of the puzzle of how we got to where we are today. Was an inspiring historical figure born in your town? Is your town known for something famous? Whatever makes your town unique, there's bound to be a museum or historical site to celebrate it.

### 2. Listen to Kid-Friendly Podcasts

You name it, there's a podcast for it—including podcasts for budding history buffs. Listening to discussions on all aspects of history is a great complement to lessons kids learn in schools, and it helps them explore topics that are interesting and important to them. Make it a family affair: Ask questions about a favorite thing they learned, how it makes them feel, and why the topic interests them.

### 3. Read About Historical Figures

So many people in history have made a lasting impact on society—and books about



these historical figures offer a way for kids to expand their view of the world. Learning about these powerful forces in history also enables kids to see themselves in others, learn about different cultures, be inspired, and grow their minds.

### 4. Celebrate Your Family History

Everyone has a story—your family included. Encourage your child to learn about your family's history and culture. Create a family tree or picture book with family members. Have your child ask them questions and listen to stories so they can learn about where they came from and what it was like to live in a different point in history. Explain how important it is for them to share their family's story and history with others, too.

### 5. Cook Up a History Lesson

Nothing tells the story of history and culture like food. Pick a country or a culture to learn about, and find a recipe that is meaningful to that country or culture. Learn about things like how the ingredients connect to the country or culture of origin, how the meal is traditionally prepared and presented, and when the dish is traditionally served. Then, eat up!

# Horseheads Central Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

^ Early Dismissal Drill

BOE approved 2/16/23

SEPTEMBER						
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## School Not in Session:

Labor Day	9/4
Columbus Day	10/9
Veterans Day (observed)	11/10
Thanksgiving Recess	11/22-11/24
Winter Recess	12/22-1/2
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	1/15
President's Day Recess	2/19-2/23
Good Friday Recess	3/29-4/1*
Spring Recess	4/22-4/26*
Memorial Day Recess	5/24-5/27*
Juneteenth	6/19




\* Pending days utilized for school closures.

## Parent/Teacher Conference

11/17/23 - 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6th Only)
11/21/23 - 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6th Only)
11/29/23 - 1/2 Day AM	(pm off PreK-6th Only)

**1/2 Days (AM)**  
 6/21/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)  
 6/24/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)  
 6/25/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)  
 6/26/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)

## LEGEND

	<b>Conference Days</b> (8/29, 8/30, 10/20, 1/29, & 3/18)
	<b>Schools Closed*</b>
	<b>Regents Exams</b>

The district will communicate to residents and staff about any calendar adjustments needed due to excessive closure days by April 19, 2024 (per contractual obligations). Please be aware, if the district needs to make up school days\*\*, the priority of make-up days will be as follows, unless modifications to the below schedule are needed:

1st Make Up Day	4/1/24
2nd Make Up Day	5/24/24
3rd Make Up Day	4/26/24
4th Make Up Day	4/25/24
5th Make Up Day	4/24/24
6th Make Up Day	4/23/24
7th Make Up Day	4/22/24

\*\*The district has the potential for closure days built into the calendar (all pending total # of hours and Days required by NYSED and state attendance regulations).

**First Day of School PreK - 12th:**

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

**Last Day for Students:**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

**Last Day for Teachers:**

Friday, June 28, 2024



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# March 2023

**Eat** the  
Colors of the  
**Rainbow**



## HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

**National School Breakfast Week is March 6th - 10th!! Come check out what your school cafeteria has to offer!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>PaySchools Central</b> <i>Make Online Payments at</i> <a href="https://payschoolcentral.com/">Payschoolcentral.com!</a>	<b>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!</b> <b>See menu below for details</b>	1 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Cucumber Slices!</b> Cinnamon Applesauce Jello	2 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	3 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Wrap Sliced Carrots
6 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Turkey Club Sub Green Beans Tater Tots  <b>DIG IN TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST™</b> National School Breakfast Week 6th-10th!	7 Chicken & Orange Sauce w/Rice <b>NY Hot Dog on a Roll</b> Steamed Broccoli	8 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Cheeseburger on a Roll Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Baby Carrots</b> Homemade Fruit Crisp	9 Meat or Bean Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	10 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots
13 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Oven Fries	14 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots 	15 <b>NY MENU DAY!</b> <b>French Toast Sticks &amp; NY Maple Syrup</b> <b>w/Sausage &amp; NY Yogurt Cup</b> <b>NY Breakfast Potatoes</b> <b>Fresh NY Apples</b> <b>NY Juice!</b> <b>Chilled NY Milk</b>	16 Pulled Pork Nacho Grande w/Rice Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	17 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots
20  <b>CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	21 Sesame Chicken w/Rice <b>NY Hot Dog on a Roll</b> Steamed Broccoli	22 Pasta w/Meatsauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese Turkey Club Sub Green Beans <b>Fresh Pepper Strips!</b> Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping	23 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	24 Southern BBQ Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots
27 Chicken Philly Sub Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots Oven Fries	28 Turkey & Gravy w/Bread Ham & Cheese Deli Wrap Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans	29 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Steamed Broccoli <b>Fresh Cucumber Slices!</b> Cinnamon Applesauce Jello	30 Meat or Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans	31 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Wrap Sliced Carrots

### 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

Contact the Food Service Office if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We can be reached at (607) 739-5601 (ext. 3671 or ext. 3674) or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your

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**This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.**





# March 2023

## Gardner Road Elementary School

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b><u>Character Education Monthly Focus: Respect</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show respect for the Earth.</li> <li>Point out and praise children for showing respect.</li> </ul>				1 Day 2 		2 Day 3  BOE Meeting 6:00 (HS)		3 Day 4  6:00 GR Café	
6 Day 5		7 Day 6		8 Day 1 Aaron Reynolds Author Visit 		9 Day 2		10 Day 3  3/11 -St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00	
13 Day 4 1st & 2nd Grade To HS Little Mermaid 		14 Day 5		15 Day 6 Principal Chat - 5:30 GRPTO Meeting - 6:00 		16 Day 1  BOE Meeting 6:00 (HS)		17 Day 2	
20  Superintendent's Conference Day		21 Day 3		22 Day 4		23 Day 5		24 Day 6  GRPTO Swim Night 6:00	
27 Day 1		28 Day 2		29 Day 3		30 Day 4  BOE Meeting 6:00 HS		31 Day 5	