



Horseheads Central School District

Golden Star Gazette

December 2022

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families –

There was so much to enjoy at Gardner Road in the month of November. Our Golden Stars participated in many great events through the month. Thank you to the Career Development Council for organizing our Career Day. Thank you to the Veterans that visited our school. Our students and staff were humbled to honor and celebrate the Veterans with our concert led by Mrs. Smith. We had our first annual Thankful Feast and Turkey Trot Story Walk celebrating the first ten weeks of school and learning. It was also wonderful seeing all our families come into school for our parent-teacher conferences that were held through the month.

We look forward to our December traditions at Gardner Road which include our 4th grade winter concert, our holiday sing along, the Science and Discovery Center assemblies and the Holiday Shoppe sponsored by the GRPTO. Be on the lookout for more details from our PTO for details on this event and others.

If your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade child wants to participate in our school spelling bee, please return the permission slip as soon as possible. Materials were sent home in the middle of November. We will have our first qualifying round for the spelling bee during the school day on December 7th.

For all Golden Stars, be on the lookout for the Save the Date for our winter Talent Show after the New Year. Be practicing your talent and remember the Power of Yet!

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. We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year at Gardner Road. 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:

"Kindness is like snow - it beautifies everything it covers."
Kahlil Gibran



Gardner Road Main Office Updates:



Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

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Arctic League Applications:

The Arctic League is an organization that provides Christmas gifts to needy children in Chemung County. The League serves children through age 12. Applications are now available at the school. Please contact your child's teacher, school social worker, or the school nurse to obtain an application. Forms will also be available on conference days in the main office. Completed applications may be returned by mail to the Arctic League or returned to school.

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 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.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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



Thank you to the Career Development Council for a coordinating a great Career Day – see more photos on Facebook!



Please consider donating to Toys for Tots this month. Brand new toys or books are appreciated. Bins are located at the afternoon pick up locations and the main lobby. The last day for donations is December 10th.
Thank you!

November Snapshots



*Check out more photos and events
on our [Facebook Page](#)!*



"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



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 4th Grade Winter Concert:



The 4th grade Chorus will be performing their **Winter Concert** on Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Students should wear white on top and black on bottom. 4th grades should arrive at 6:30 PM behind the stage. Band and orchestra do not perform at this concert. We're looking forward to seeing our Golden Stars sparkle at our winter concert!

HHS GREENROOM PLAYERS'

Kids' Night Out

Friday, December 9
5-9 pm - Horseheads High School Cafe
-Grades Pre-k through 4-
Crafts, Games, Karaoke, Dancing, Magic, and lots more!
Please pre-register by scanning the QR CODE:
Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided!
Cost: \$25 per child

Drop the kids off for a night of fun while you enjoy a date night or kid-free holiday shopping!

For more information: Email dthompson@horseheadsdistrict.com





To report child abuse or neglect call toll free
1-800-342-3720 or
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. 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.



NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

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Annotations:

- Click on student's name.** (Points to the student list in the 'My Home' section)
- Click on User Defined tab.** (Points to the 'USER DEFINED' tab in the bottom navigation bar)

Mobile App Instructions:

If using the mobile app: (<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>), After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen.

- From drop-down menu, select NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire.
- Click on the green plus icon to open the survey.

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire [Save] [Cancel] [Help]

Start Date: 9/27/2022 [calendar icon] End Date: 9/27/2022 [calendar icon]

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten – Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please answer each question below to the best of your ability, and follow any additional instructions provided for submitting or returning the survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.

Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?:
None

What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
None

Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?:
None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?:
None

Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?:
None

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?:
None

In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?:
None

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?:
None



Digital Citizen News

November 2022



DIGITAL CITIZENS SHOW YOUR THANKFULNESS!!



#I_AM_A_DIGITAL_CITIZEN

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November reminds us that the seasons are changing quickly, and that Winter will be here soon. Before the end of the year, let's take an inventory of our Digital Skills.

INVENTORYING YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS

Learning.com recently identified 6 important digital skills for students to have. Assess your knowledge and skills in each of these areas.

- 1 Computer Fundamentals
- 2 Keyboarding
- 3 Computational Thinking
- 4 Word Processing, Spreadsheets & Presentations
- 5 Internet Use & Communications
- 6 Digital Citizenship



After considering each skill area, write down skills that you feel are your strengths and skills that you feel you need to work on. Then make your learning plan.

Source: <http://go.gstric.org/603-dig-skills>

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TO

DALL•E

NEW TECH



GENERATIVE ART MEETS MACHINE LEARNING

OpenAI is an AI research and deployment company. Their mission is to ensure that **artificial intelligence** (also called **machine learning**) benefits all of humanity. They have developed a new AI system called **DALL•E 2** that can create realistic images and art **from a prompt** written in **natural language**.



PROMPT: an astronaut riding a horse in a photorealistic style



PROMPT: a painting of a fox in a field at in the style of Claude Monet

You can explore the OpenAI website and read the blog articles about what other projects they are working on.

<http://go.gstric.org/603-open-ai>

<http://go.gstric.org/603-dall-e2>



TOYS

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BE SMARTER THAN THE ...

*What are the cyber risks
of smart toys?*

Smart toys like any IoT (Internet of Things) device use on-device intelligence to deliver more immersive, interactive and responsive experiences.

This could include features like:

- Microphones and cameras that receive video and audio from the child
- Speakers and screens to relay audio and video back to the child
- Bluetooth to link the toy up to another device or an app
- Internet connectivity to the home Wi-Fi router

These feature are cool but like other technologies they can be exploited. We have heard of hackers communicating with and trying to manipulate children through these devices and toys. It is important to be aware of the vulnerabilities of these toys to protect your children.

for more information: <http://go.gstric.org/603-smart-toys>

How to mitigate the risks of smart toys

Do your research before buying. Check if there have been negative reports on the toy's security and privacy credentials.

Secure your router. This device is central to your home network and talks to all of your home's internet-connected devices.

Power down devices when not in use to minimize risks.

Familiarize yourself with the toy and supervise the child's use of it.

Check for updates - ensure that it is using the latest software and firmware versions.

Understand where any data is stored and the company's reputation for security.

Use strong and unique passwords when creating accounts.

Minimize how much data you share. Reduce your exposure if the data is breached.



THE TIME IT TAKES A HACKER TO BRUTE FORCE YOUR PASSWORD

View the chart below to see how the time needed to crack a password increases with more characters

Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters, Symbols
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
7	Instantly	Instantly	2 secs	7 secs	31 secs
8	Instantly	Instantly	2 mins	7 mins	39 mins
9	Instantly	10 secs	1 hour	7 hours	2 days
10	Instantly	4 mins	3 days	3 weeks	5 months
11	Instantly	2 hours	5 months	3 years	34 years
12	2 secs	2 days	24 years	200 years	3k years
13	19 secs	2 months	1k years	12k years	202k years
14	3 mins	4 years	64k years	750k years	16m years
15	32 mins	100 years	3m years	46m years	1bn years
16	5 hours	3k years	173m years	3bn years	92bn years
17	2 days	69k years	9bn years	179bn years	7tn years
18	3 weeks	2m years	467bn years	11tn years	438tn years

In a BRUTE FORCE attack, the hacker uses computer software to try every possible combination of characters to crack a password.

Use a mixture of all types of characters to make it more difficult to "brute force" your password.

abbreviations

k = thousand
m = million
bn = billion
tn = trillion

SOURCE: **Are Your Passwords in the Green**, a chart created by HIVE SYSTEMS

<http://go.gstric.org/603-green-passwords> to get your copy and access their other materials



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BE
ALERT
ENGAGED
BALANCED
INCLUSIVE
INFORMED



Stranger Danger!

Do You Really
Know Who You're
Talking To Online?



OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR JANUARY 2023

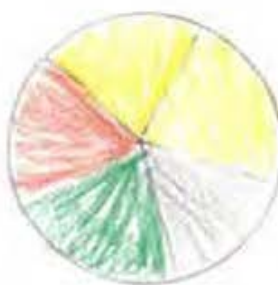
"Stranger Danger" created by Hannah
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>



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FIVE COMPETENCIES



BE INFORMED



BE INCLUSIVE



BE BALANCED



BE ENGAGED



BE ALERT



OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR FEBRUARY 2023

"Five Competencies" created by Jessica
as a ninth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>



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HORSEHEADS ELEMENTARY GRADES PK-4TH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Make Online Payments at Payschoolcentral.com!</p>		<p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu below for details</p>	<p>1 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>2 Buffalo Wing Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>5 Philly Cheese Steak Sub Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Oven Fries</p>	<p>6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Ranch Wrap Hot Tomato Soup Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>7 Chicken Alfredo Turkey Club Sub Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips! Fruity Jello w/Whipped Topping</p>	<p>8 Pulled Pork Nacho Grande w/Rice Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>9 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sub Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>12 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Breadstick Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>13 Sesame Chicken w/Rice NY Hot Dog on a Roll Steamed Broccoli</p>	<p>14 NY MENU DAY! Pasta w/ NY Meatsauce & Cheese Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Cheese NY Hydroponic Lettuce! NY Apple Cider! Green Beans</p>	<p>15 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>16 Southern BBQ Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>19 Chicken Philly Sub Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Sliced Carrots Oven Fries</p>	<p>20 Turkey & Gravy w/Bread Ham & Cheese Deli Wrap Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans</p>	<p>21 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! Cinnamon Applesauce Jello</p>	<p>22 Meat or Bean Taco w/Rice Chicken Caesar Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Refried Beans</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>WINTER BREAK</p> <p>DEC 23rd - Jan 2nd</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!</p> <p>Students Return: January 3rd, 2023</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

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












This institution is an equal
opportunity employer &

This menu is subject to change
with out advance notice.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u><i>CARING—Character Education Ideas for Home</i></u> --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			1 Day 3	2 Day 4
				GR Spirit Day Wear BLUE & GOLD
5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3
		Scripps Bee Qualifying Library (Gr 2—4) 	4th Grade Winter Concert 7:00 (HS) 	
12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
		Principal Chat 5:30 GRPTO 6:00	BOE Meeting 6:00 HS	Holiday Shoppe - Music Room 
19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	
Holiday Shoppe - Music Room 	Holiday Shoppe - Music Room 	Holiday Shoppe— Music Room 		Season's GREETINGS 