



Horseheads Central School District



# Golden Star Gazette

January 2025

**Gardner Road Elementary School**

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Dear Gardner Road Families,

Happy New Year to our Gardner Road Golden Stars and their families! We look forward to a great 2025. We have many exciting events happening at school this month.

Our PTO will be hosting 2 events in January. Bingo night will be held on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The PTO is also bringing the Harlem Wizards to Horseheads! The event will take place on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. It will be held at the Middle School gym due to the large crowd that is anticipated. If you don't know about the Harlem Wizards, click [here](#) to watch a short video. **Make sure you get your tickets before they sell out!** Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets today!

I would like to thank you to the PTO for hosting a great movie night, running our school store, and making the Holiday Shoppe a success. These great experiences for our Golden Stars wouldn't happen without the great parent and community volunteers. If you want to find out more ways to volunteer, come to our next PTO meeting which is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the GR Library. They are also sponsoring our school spelling bee which will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year at Gardner Road. Please contact me if you need anything or have any questions!

Sincerely,

*Kim Malone*

Kim Malone  
Interim 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 (PK-6)**

Breakfast and Lunch: Free

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

## Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals." – Melody Beattie

# Main Office Updates & Golden Apple Awards

## Main Office Updates

### **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 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. The district uses text-messaging to alert parents/guardians about school delays, closings, and safety alerts.

Parents/guardians **must opt-in** to receive texts. To opt-in, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587. Note that your standard text/data rates apply. The alerts are also posted on the district website, social media pages, and on local TV and radio stations. [Click here](#) to learn more about school delays and closings.

### **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: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Math: Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and Wednesday May 7, 2025

### **20 Week Report Cards:**

This month brings us to the mid-year point of the school year when the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period ends on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that a mark of ‘3’ on the report card means that your child is meeting grade level expectations. A mark of ‘4’ means your child is completing above grade level work and a ‘2’ means they are making progress on grade level skills. If you have any questions about your child’s report card, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.



## WETM Golden Apple Award Recipients

Congratulations to Mr. McQuaid and Mrs. Lawas for being nominated and receiving WETM’s Golden Apple Award!

Click [here](#) to view Mr. McQuaid’s November award news clip.

Stay tuned for Mrs. Lawas’ news clip in February’s newsletter!

## Congratulations!

If you would like to nominate a teacher, click [here](#).



# December Snapshots



# January 2025

## Gardner Road Elementary School



# January Calendar



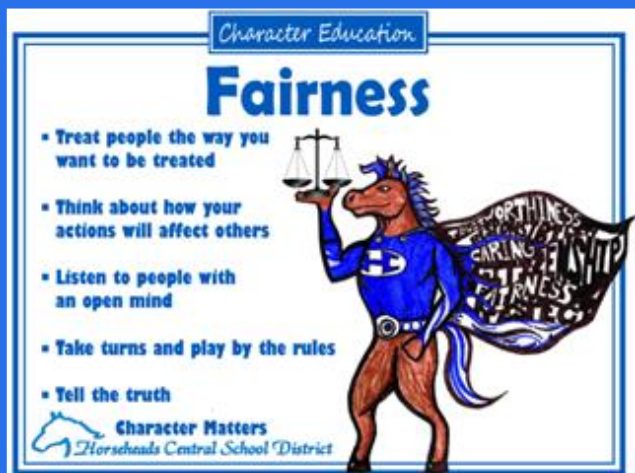
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Day 2 	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 AIMSweb Winter Screening 1/8 -1/17	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 Spirit Day ~ Wear Blue & Gold  GRPTO Bingo Night 6:00
13 Day 1 	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 Principal Chat 5:30 GR Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 GR Library 	16 Day 4 BOE Meeting RR Caf� 6:00 	17 Day 5
20 No School	21 Day 6	22 Day 1 Candid Pictures for Yearbook Harlem Wizards Assembly 9:10am PTO Harlem Wizards Event 6:30pm Middle School Gym	23 Day 2 Grade 4 Computer Based Testing Simulation	24 Day 3 End of MP 2
27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 No School ~ Lunar New Year 	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 MP2 Report Cards Sent Home Scripps Spelling Bee 5:00 GR Caf� 
<p><u>Character Education Tips for Home: Fairness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share treats at home... "I cut- you pick"</li> <li>- Discuss with your child what they think fairness is</li> <li>- Talk as a family about why games have rules</li> <li>- Act out skits about fairness</li> </ul> 				



# We Succeed Because the Stars Lead!



## January's Character Trait is:



**Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well**

## 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**

## Substitutes Needed:

The Horseheads Central School District is seeking applications for substitute teachers, 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](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)



Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus sounded amazing at their winter concert. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for conducting such a great concert. Well done Golden Stars!

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 143 Hibbard Road, 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 Kim Malone. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Kim Malone at (607) 739 – 6347.