



Horseheads Central School District



Golden Star Gazette

November 2024

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families,

Happy November to all our Gardner Road families. We are looking forward to a great month with many great experiences for our Golden Stars. Our 2nd grade students have been working hard in music preparing for the Veterans Day concert on the evening of November 6th. This month we look forward to our Career Day on November 15th – thank you to the Career Development Council for coordinating our volunteers. Towards the middle of the month, information will come home to our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders about our annual Scripps Spelling Bee.

November is also time for parent-teacher conferences. Please see more information about this on page 2 of the newsletter. You should have received an email to sign up for a conference. If not, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We love seeing all of our Golden Stars every day. Attendance is important and we hope for 100% attendance for every student. We become very concerned if a student is absent as they are missing out on learning. We monitor attendance closely and become concerned if a student becomes at risk to being chronically absent. The risk category for becoming chronically absent is defined as 5% absence which equals a total of 9 absences for the whole year or one absence a month. If a habit of absenteeism is formed, it becomes very difficult to break for a student. If the student is well, please be sure they are in 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](#) page. 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.

Sincerely,

Kim Malone

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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 and Lunch: Free

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

Proud Supporter of
School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"Never let the fear of striking out stop you from playing the game." – Babe Ruth



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Gardner Road Main Office Updates:



Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are on the afternoons of November 15th, 18th, and 22nd. We look forward to seeing all our parents visit their child's teacher to talk about their current and future learning. Just a friendly reminder that report cards are only distributed in 3rd and 4th grades this marking period. As you are meeting your child's teacher, please keep in mind what the 4,3,2,1 rating scale represents. If your child receives a '3' on the report card, that means they are currently meeting grade level expectations. A '4' would represent that your child is performing above grade level expectation. A '2' means that your child is working towards grade level expectation and a '1' represents that your child is struggling with the current grade level expectation.

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 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.

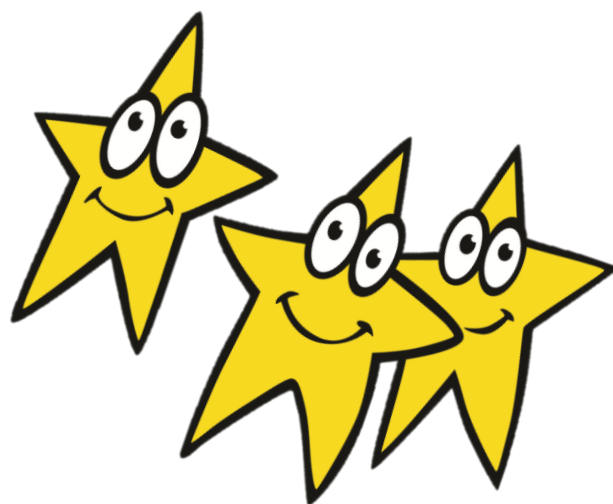
Recess:

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 29, 2025, and April 30, 2025
Math: May 6, 2025, and May 7, 2025





Thank you to the Horseheads Fire Department for teaching our students about fire safety at school and at home this past month!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship- Character Education at Home: --Take your child with you to vote. Explain the process & why it is important to you. --Thank a veteran in your family or neighborhood. --Teach your kids about the Star Spangled Banner/ Pledge of Allegiance				
4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Veteran's Day Concert 6:30	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 Picture Retake Day Report Cards Home (3rd/4th)
11 No School Veteran's Day 	12 Day 5 Science & Discover Center Assembly Grades 2-4 9:15am Grades PK-1—10:10am	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2 Career Day 1/2 Day Dismissal PK 11:00 K-4 10:30 P/T Conferences 
18 Day 3 1/2 Day Dismissal PK 11:00 K-4 10:30 P/T Conferences 	19 Day 4 Book Fair	20 Day 5 Book Fair PTO Meeting 6:00 Library	21 Day 6 Book Fair BOE Meeting BF 6:00	22 Day 1 1/2 Day Dismissal PK 11:00 K-4 10:30 P/T Conferences 
25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4 1/2 Day Dismissal PK 11:30 K-4 11:05	28 No School Thanksgiving Recess	29 No School Thanksgiving Recess



"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"

November's Character Trait is:

Character Education

Citizenship

- Help to make your community, school and world a better place
- Take responsibility for what goes on around you
- Participate in community service and help take care of the environment
- Treat others with respect and dignity

Character Matters
Horseheads Central School District



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.

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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.