



Horseheads Central School District

# Golden Star Gazette

October 2024

## Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families,

It was truly delightful to see everyone at the Open House and the Ice Cream Social this past month! We are off to a fantastic start this year, thanks to the wonderful partnership with our families and the commitment of our Gardner Road team. Thank you for your support! We kicked off the year with a concert from Jared Campbell, who encouraged us to be our best selves, show kindness, embrace the power of yet, and dream big. It's heartwarming to see our students forging new friendships and acquiring so many new skills.

We have many events going on in October. This Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is Picture Day. There will be a make-up picture day in November. The School Store is open on Fridays in the main lobby. If your child goes, they must be back to their classroom by 8:30. The first Friday of every month is always Gardner Road Spirit Day – be sure to wear your blue and gold! The PTO will be hosting the Fall Family Fun Craft night on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. See page 3 for details about the Halloween Parade.

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*

Kim Malone – Interim Principal

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#### Included in the Online Newsletter:

Lunch Menu  
Celebrating our Veteran's Concert  
Make A Difference Day



### 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 (Pre-K-6)

Breakfast and Lunch: Free

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



### Moishe's Quote of the Month:

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

Abraham Lincoln





## Gardner Road Main Office Updates:

### **Fire Drills and Lockdowns:**

Students and staff will be practicing our fire drills throughout through the fall. One question we are having students think about during our fire drills is, “what is another way out?” In October, the Horseheads Fire Department will visit us to talk about Fire Safety. We will also be practicing our lockdown procedure and other drills to assure all students know how to stay safe!

### **Substitute Teacher Expectations:**

Throughout the school year, teachers must be out of their classroom to administer assessments, attend professional learning or for other reasons. Our teachers do a great job preparing students for the change in routines and expectations for these days. It would be appreciated that you also remind your child of positive behavior expectations with the substitute on these days so they maximize their learning. Thank you!

### **Legal Notices:**

If your family has legal documentation that the school should be aware of, please bring in a copy to Mrs. Wright in the main office. Thank you!

### **Bringing Items in for your Child During School:**

To provide the most consistent learning environment for your children, we do not interrupt the classrooms during the school day. We understand that in the rush to leave the house in the morning, things are forgotten such as homework, lunches, sneakers for gym, birthday/party goodies, etc. If your child needs something during the day, please bring the item into the office, labeled with your child’s name and teacher. We will make sure they receive it.

### **Online District Calendar**

To see district/school events in 202-202, please go to <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm>

## *HCSD Annual Notifications*

Please click on the following links to learn more about each program.

[1900: Parental and Family Engagement](#)

[1900-E.1: Parental Involvement, Title I - School Level Exhibit](#)

[1900-R: Title I Parental Involvement Regulation](#)

[ESSA-Funded Programs Complaint Procedures](#)

# HALLOWEEN PARADE



OCTOBER  
31

START 1:20 PM

All parents are invited to join us for the Halloween parade. The parking lot fills up quickly so we encourage carpooling. The students and teachers will march in front of the school from the kindergarten wing towards the gymnasium. We ask that all visitors stand behind the fence in the parking lot. Please make sure that your child's costume is appropriate for our very young students to see and that it does not have any type of toy weapons, blood, etc. as a prop. We will run a normal morning schedule that is focused on academics. We appreciate that your child come to school not dressed in costume or with make-up on. All students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes prior to the parade. Because of the numbers of potential visitors and the safety concerns connected to it, we do not allow families in school after the parade. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in a wonderful event for our students.



GARDNER ROAD  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





# October 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>October Character Trait ~ RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>1</b> Day 2	<b>2</b> Day 3	<b>3</b> Day 4 School Picture Day 	<b>4</b> Day 5 GR Spirit Day Wear Blue/Gold GRPTO Family Fun Event Fall Themed Event 6:00 GR
<b>7</b> Day 6	<b>8</b> Day 1 Fire Safety Assembly	<b>9</b> Day 2	<b>10</b> Day 3	<b>11</b> Superintendent's Conference Day ~ No School for Students
<b>14</b> No School 	<b>15</b> Day 4	<b>16</b> Day 5 Unity Day—Wear Orange Principal Chat 5:30 Library GRPTO Meeting 6:00 Library	<b>17</b> Day 6 BOE Meeting at GR 6:00	<b>18</b> Day 1
<b>21</b> Day 2 Animal Shelter Collection Drive this week for Make a Difference Day on Sat.	<b>22</b> Day 3	<b>23</b> Day 4	<b>24</b> Day 5	<b>25</b> Day 6 26th: Make a Difference Day (District-wide) 10:00-12:00 at the IS
<b>28</b> Day 1	<b>29</b> Day 2	<b>30</b> Day 3	<b>31</b> Day 4 Halloween Parade 1:20 	

# "We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"



## October's Character Trait is:

Character Education

### Responsibility

- Be reliable and dependable
- Do your part at home, school and in your community
- Think before you act
- Take ownership of your actions

Character Matters  
Horseheads Central School District



This month we focus on the character trait of responsibility, which is one of our school rules as well. Our Character Education Leadership Team created a video which we will watch in our grade level town halls on ways to be responsible Golden Stars. Thank you to those 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders that helped with this. As part of our character education learning, we will have our first community service project of the year for Make a Difference Day. The week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will collect donations for local animal shelters. Drop off items in our main lobby! You can also drop off donations at our GRPTO Pumpkin Decorating event on 10/26.

**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**



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call toll free  
1-800-342-3720 or  
[ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps](http://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](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.