

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post

## Horseheads Intermediate School

Spring has officially arrived! Although the temperatures are still inconsistent, it has been decent enough to get outside once in a while. We need this especially during these times of social distancing.

With each passing day of the isolation orders, I still can't seem to find a normal feel for all of this. Although, I'm sure most of us are falling into a routine, it still feels odd because isolating from society is not part of human nature. Be sure to find ways to stay connected through phone, but the video connections of Facetime, Zoom, or some other video platform can be very warm and uplifting to our spirits.

I know many of you have lots of questions, and you're wondering what the next phase of school will look like. As you know we are closed until at least April 15<sup>th</sup> per Governor Cuomo's orders. If you're watching the news, you may be convinced it will be longer. With everything up in the air, you should know that we are working on the next steps for equipping our students with learning opportunities. Please refer to Superintendent Douglas's letter that was sent yesterday for more information. Until the new plan is fully rolled out, continue with the review activities in paper form and the additional links that were sent to keep your child's skills fresh.

The ELA and Math NYS tests for grades 3-8, have been cancelled for this school year. We still have no further information regarding High School Regents exams. We are continuing to encourage students to read toward their 25 book goal. Over 100 students have already reached this goal with new members of the "Ferocious Readers Club" being added daily. Even just 20 minutes of reading each day will help toward this goal as well as increasing their academic achievement.

Thank you for all you do to support your child in his/her education. The time you devote to reading with them, helping with homework/project, or even just ensuring their best quality work, is an investment that will pay off in the future. **Check out the article to the right about how to support your child's learning at home.** If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick  
Principal

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### Parent Article

### ATTENTION!

Parent Resources  
on IS website.

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."*

*- Benjamin Franklin*

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## Mark Your Calendars!

- Friday 4/3 – 4/10:** NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK (see letter sent home from Superintendent Douglas)
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Principal Chat – 9:00 AM Cafeteria/6:00 PM, Library, PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM  
(Cancelled)
- Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Education Budget Workshop, Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM\*
- Wed, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Board of Education Meeting, Multi-Media Center, 6:00 PM\*
- \*Subject to changed due to Shelter in Place (will likely be broadcasted using Zoom)

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **State Testing Information:** The New York State ELA Tests scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> and Math Tests scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> for all students have been suspended for this year.
2. **25 BOOK GOAL** - We are quickly approaching that time of year for the completion of reading 25 books. We will have a special recognition for those students who achieve this goal. Each teacher has a system in place for students to report that they have met the 25 book requirement. Please encourage your child to report to his or her teacher any books read so far this year.
3. **Dress Code Reminders:** With warmer weather hopefully on its way, it is time to review our dress code. Brief garments such as halter tops, spaghetti straps, net tops, tube tops, midriff bearing, or see-through garments are not appropriate. Undergarments should be completely covered with outer clothing. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed—this includes flip flops. Sandals and slip on shoes on the playground equipment also pose a safety concern. Shorts should be a comfortable length and fit appropriately. On cool days, students should dress appropriately for the temperature. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this code. Additionally, for health reasons, sprays, perfumes, etc. should not be brought to school.
4. We encourage students to bring healthy drinks rather than soda for snack or lunch. High caffeine energy drinks such as Monster, Red Bull, etc. are not permitted. Healthy snacks that are low in sugar allow students to focus better and maintain their attention span. No glass bottles please!
5. Spring Concerts – Mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Concerts:  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, HS Auditorium – 7:00 PM – Orchestra, Band, and Chorus  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, HS Auditorium – 7:00 PM – Orchestra, Band, and Chorus
6. **Presidential Service Awards:** As the end of the school year is approaching, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the criteria for the 50, 75 or 100 hours awards and wish to receive their award at the Grade 6 Awards Ceremony will need to have their final log for the school year turned into the IS office by Friday, May 1, 2020 in order to ensure the arrival of awards. Grade 5 students who meet the criteria will have their awards presented to them here at school. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to continue working toward the award may do so through June 30, 2020. These log hours need to be dropped off in the IS office by July 3, 2020. Awards will be available for students in September of 2020. Please contact the IS office should you have any questions. Click here for more information and service logs.
7. **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS! Your future 6<sup>th</sup> grade student will need to receive 2 doses of the Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination along with the Tdap vaccine. The laws are very strict, and we cannot allow students to come to school after the first 10 days of school without these immunizations.** You must provide proof that your child has received the Tdap immunization in order for your child to attend school in the fall. Your health care provider or health department will provide you with this written proof once your child receives the immunization. Please bring this proof to our Health Office or fax it to us at 795-2495. Information must be received by Tuesday, September 22, 2020. **No appointment cards accepted.**
8. **REQUIRED PHYSICAL EXAMS:** New York State has changed the grades for required physical examinations. **Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, all public school students must have a physical when they enter grades Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a child entering any of these grades this fall, please contact your physician to schedule an appointment and send a copy to the Health Office.” If you have questions, please contact your School Nurse. Thank you.
9. **SUMMER SPORTS PHYSICALS:** Summer Sports Physicals will be Wednesday, June 26, 2020, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Tuesday, July 2, 2020, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Registration for physicals will be open Wednesday, May 1, 2019 on Family ID. Due to possible construction at that time, location is to be determined.

Check out some online learning resources using our library website! There are databases, electronic book sign-out, and many learning resources for home. [Linked here](#). If you have questions, please contact our librarian, Stephanie Lewis [SLewis@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:SLewis@horseheadsdistrict.com)

## 2020-2021 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SHELTER IN PLACE)

In efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the state has postponed state-wide school budget votes until at least June 1. You may view preliminary budget information on the district website at <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm?school=District>, but please note that information does not yet include current updates on state aid or information received since the closure of schools. Information will be updated once we receive information from the state. Questions? Email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

## ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

We are always looking for interested parents who would like to help out with school events. That could be as simple as chaperoning an event or working at the Book Fair. Everyone is also welcome to join our PTO meetings listed on the district calendar.

**Please contact the school or one of the officers if interested.** We appreciate your support and value the partnership!

### Intermediate School PTO Officers (2019-2020)

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Help Wanted

The Horseheads Central School District is looking for interested individuals for several job positions: Cleaner, Bus Driver, Food Service Worker, as well as Substitute Clerical, Nurse, Cleaner and Food Service Worker. We seek candidates who are 18 or older, including retired community members. To apply, complete our District Application and submit it to Human Resources, South Wing of the High School. The District Application may be found here:

<http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploadeddocs/application.pdf> or picked up at our Human Resources Office. Questions? Email us at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

## RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools. Certified substitutes receive a rate of \$105 per day. To apply, contact the Human Resources Office at 739-5601 x 4211.

## Attention! PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 9<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, and **April 14<sup>th</sup> (cancelled)**  
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria  
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM



Keep hoarding pull tabs and thank you for your donations! **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

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## HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

### Character Trait: **Responsibility**

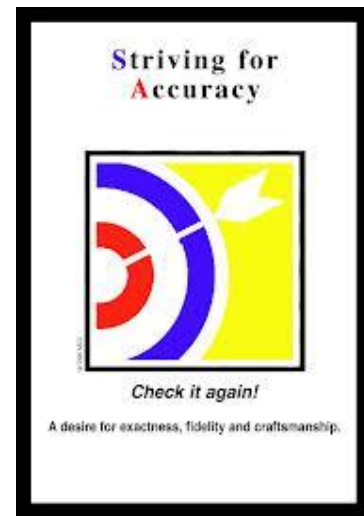
- Do what you are supposed to do
- Plan ahead
- Persevere: Keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act — consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Set a good example for others

### The Habit of Mind:

**Striving for Accuracy:** An important part of being able to Strive for Accuracy is understanding what your goals are - what quality looks like. The person who strives for accuracy has a goal in mind and checks their progress against that goal.

Successful people who strive for accuracy take time to **check** their product. They desire and value **craftsmanship!** They take **pride** in their work.

Keep **trying** and **checking...trying** and **checking...trying** and **checking**...until you make it the best you can.



The Horseheads Central School District has a Safe Schools Line for students, parents, and community to use to report rumors, tips, or other items of concern regarding District schools. The service is available twenty-four hours, seven days a week. All calls are anonymous, unless the caller wishes to leave his/her name. The tip line numbers are 795-2044 and 1-800-305-4984 (toll free).

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 Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601, x4211, or

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, 143 Hibbard Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.