

The School Connection



Principal's Post

I hope the new year has been treating you well so far. At the IS, January was an exciting month filled with many great experiences for the students.

The Strings Showcase took place in January highlighting the progression of talent from beginner fourth grade students through 6th grade. This was a great ending to our winter concert series. All of the shows were entertaining and once again showed the strength of our very talented music department.

Our Intermediate School PTO has been very active providing the students with a great deal of incredible experiences thus far. We have had many successful events such as the Ice Cream Social, Make a Difference Day, Book Fairs, and some club opportunities. We look forward to future events such as the Variety Show, STEM Night, Grade 6 Celebration and more. If you are interested in helping at an event, the IS PTO welcomes you at the next meeting on February 11th at 6:30 PM in the Library. Or you could contact a PTO Officer using the information on page 3. Your support is valued and appreciated!

Email is a very efficient, effective, and cost-savings way of staying informed. If you do not have your email address registered to receive school information, please contact the Main Office to be added to the list or email (cmaine@horseheadsdistrict.com).

Many school reminders and information are sent home via email unless you specifically request a paper copy.

Other great ways of staying informed are by following our school on Facebook. Join the digital connection! If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick

Principal

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School Hashtag: [#ISinnovators](https://twitter.com/ISinnovators)
Like us on facebook: Search Horseheads Intermediate School
Website: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

[Parent Article](#)

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." - Author Unknown.

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Horseheads Intermediate School

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ATTENTION!

[Parent Resources](#)
on IS website.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, February 6th:	Board of Education Budget Meeting, MMC, HS, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 11th:	PTO Meeting, Library, 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 13th:	IS Variety Show, High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM
Mon., Feb. 17th and 18th:	No School – Presidents' Day Recess
Thursday, February 27th:	Board of Education Meeting, MMC, HS, 6:00 PM
Friday, March 6th:	STEM Night, 6:30 PM

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Please be aware that when you are attending any after school events, you cannot park in the fire lanes, block hydrants or block exits at any of our school buildings. This includes the lanes in the front of the IS/MS complex. This is a State Education Department law in which our local enforcement officers may ticket vehicles who are in violation of it. Please adhere to the stop sign when you are exiting the rear parking lot.
2. **Ferocious Readers:** Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis. This will certainly build their reading skills, increase ability, and help them reach the 25 book goal. As students reach the goal, they are recognized on the morning announcements as a Ferocious Reader.
3. Please continue to save aluminum can pull tabs and Box Tops for Education.
4. Intermediate School Parent Information Night and Self-Guided Tour (for 4th grade students going into 5th grade) will be held on March 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.
5. **Middle School Parent Orientation:** Middle School Orientation (for 6th grade students going into 7th grade) will be held on March 16th at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria.
6. To report child abuse or neglect: Call Toll Free 1-800-342-3720 or ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps.



Office of Children and Family Services

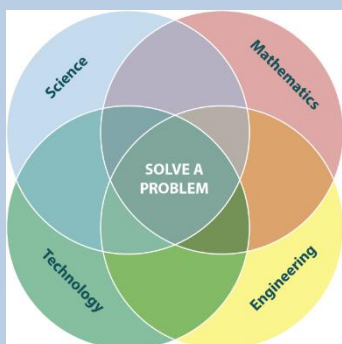
Intermediate School PTO Officers (2019-2020)

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Treasurer:	Danielle Richardson	dani0227@aol.com	425-6896
Secretary:	Christina Staight	Cstaight@aol.com	426-8597

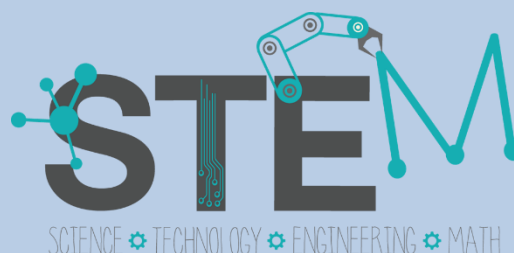


PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SIXTH GRADE

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2020-2021 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School by Thursday, April 2nd. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!



STEM NIGHT
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



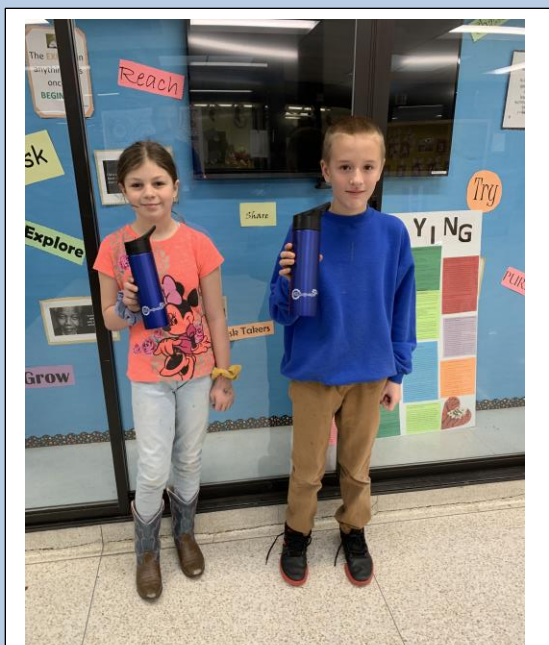
Join us in the fun of exploring math, science, and technology with demonstrations and hands-on experiments!

Launch a rocket, play the giant chess game, see live animals, learn about weather, explore scientific concepts, visit multiple displays, and much more!

Try to save your egg from its big fall in the Egg Drop Contest!

School Spirit Day!

Check the pictures from our last School Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Raider Blue once or our #ISinnovators shirts once a month. Many classrooms showed awesome school spirit. Congratulations to MaKenna Coats and James Spangler who were chosen to receive an #ISinnovators water bottle.



INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

All 6th grade students 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.

Your child may get the required immunization through your health care provider, Five Star Urgent or Walk-In Clinics or through the Chemung County Health Department, at (607) 737-2028, appointment, only if qualified.

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** or cannot attend on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**. **No appointment cards accepted.**

Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time and will not be excluded from school, but will be tracked and must be immunized upon turning 11 years old.

If you have further questions, please contact the health office at 739-6366 (Option 2). Thank you for your cooperation.



HEALTH CORNER



It is that time of the year again to remember good health practices. **Please keep your child home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.** Because there is no known cure for the common cold, prevention is the key to keeping colds away. Most of the time you acquire a cold virus by touching your eyes, nose or mouth with an object that has the cold virus on it.

Therefore, to help avoid catching a cold:

- Wash hands thoroughly and frequently with warm soapy water.
- tissue boxes)
- Don't touch your face—your hands may have come in contact with a cold virus!
- Drink 8 glasses of water daily.
- Get plenty of rest—up to 12 hours a night!!!

Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first several days that symptoms appear.

Reminders From the Art Rooms

Dear Horseheads Intermediate Family and Friends,

The school year has been flying by and we're already knee deep in the winter season. The students have been creating some really incredible projects in class and we are so impressed with their skills and creativity. We hope you're following along with them throughout the school year on Artsonia. Artsonia is a great resource for seeing what is going on in the Art Rooms, watching your student's growth over the course of the year, and it's also an opportunity to get some great mementos with your child's work on it. If you have any questions about accessing Artsonia or your child's account, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Bell or Angela Niforatos here at the Intermediate School. All the proceeds from the website directly benefit us here and help us get supplies to keep doing great work!

We also wanted to send out a reminder that Visions and Voices is coming out again this year and we want to showcase fantastic student work! It can be drawing, painting, sculpture, poetry, or written prose. Work doesn't just have to be something that they've done in class. Don't forget to bring in your best pieces to Mr. Bell to enter.

As always, we thank you for your support, and are looking forward to showing off all the great work from the students in the upcoming art show in the spring!

Thank you!

Angela Niforatos

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Art Teachers



District Website

Check out the school district's website. It's more interactive, appealing, and provides an easier way to access a variety of information. There are many resources including:

- Calendar of events
- Upcoming events
- Closing advisories
- Newsletters
- Data Center
- School links
- District information
- BOE Education resources
- ...and much more!

STUDENT COUNCIL THEME DAYS

February 7th - **Mismatch Day**
February 21st - **School Spirit Day**

Attention!

PRINCIPAL CHATS

October 4th, January 14th, and **April 14th**
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria
6:00 – 6:30 PM in the Library



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Keep hoarding pull tabs! So far we have collected far less tabs than usual. **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Substitute RNs and Bus Drivers needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching Substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Sub Bus Drivers – Training will be included

Apply in person at Human Resources

or email: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com for more information.

Apply in person at the address below:

Human Resources Office
Horseheads Central School District

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.

CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

Character Trait: **Trustworthiness** comes from personal character.

Trustworthiness involves four major qualities: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, and loyalty.



The Habit of Mind: Questioning and Posing Problems.

It means:

- Ask myself, "How do I know?"
- Develop a questioning Attitude
- Consider what information is needed
- Choose strategies to get that information and
- Consider the obstacles needed to resolve.

SAFE SCHOOLS LINE

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 cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

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.