

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post

## Horseheads Intermediate School

I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to seeing all of the students again after the winter recess. I imagine everyone is rested, rejuvenated, and ready for the long haul through the NY winter...although it has been very mild so far!

It's hard to believe we are headed into another decade. It seems like all of the hype of New Year 2000 was just a few years ago, and here we are in 2020.

December seemed to have flown by as we had some exciting events at the Intermediate School. There were two wonderful musical performances this past month. Band, orchestra, and chorus students had the opportunity to display their abilities in front of packed audiences. Both shows were entertaining and once again showed the strength of our very talented music department.

Just before break we challenged our students to 'read their heart out.' The challenge was for all students to finish at least one book (cover to cover) on their reading level. We always like to extend the challenge to include exercise each day as well. Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home throughout the year!

I'd like to end by wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Please continue to be active in your child's education. The investment of your time inquiring about their day, reading, or studying important skills, will pay enormous dividends for them in the future.

If you get a minute, check out the parent article to the right called, *How to Teach Your Kids It's Okay to Have Less Than Their Friends*. Most parents want their kids to fit in and feel socially accepted. Unfortunately today's world is full of "the next best thing" and kids are feeling the pressure of 'needing' (not 'wanting') what they think everyone else has.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Bostwick".

Michael Bostwick  
Principal

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### Parent Article

### ATTENTION!

Parent Resources  
on IS website.

*"Thanks for your help in supporting reading and exercise at home!"*

*"Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult."*



## Mark Your Calendars!

<b>Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	No School – Winter Recess
<b>Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	PTO Meeting, 6:30PM, IS Library
<b>Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Parent/Principal Chat, 9:00AM IS Café, 6:00PM IS Library
<b>Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Strings Showcase, HS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
<b>Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Board of Education Meeting, Middle School, 6:00 PM
<b>Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Field Trip to the High School for All Students, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Local Scripps Spelling Bee, 2:45 PM, MS Cafeteria

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. Winter has arrived! Please be sure that your child wears an appropriate coat, hat, gloves, and clothes. Recess and Kids In Action (KIA) will be outside when weather permits.
2. Please be sure to pick up your child promptly from school dismissal and after-school activities including clubs/intramurals. We appreciate our volunteers who give their time for these. We cannot guarantee supervision of students after 2:30 PM on full days of school or after 11:00 AM on half days of school.
3. It is important that Intermediate School students not arrive until 7:40 AM. Our supervision begins at that time.
4. The folks at the Bus Garage would like to remind students that **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR OBJECTS** of any kind should be on the bus.
5. **Reminder:** In an effort to cut costs and increase efficiency, the District consolidated some of our bus runs. As a result, due to limited space on the buses, we are no longer able to allow friends of students to ride their bus to and from school with them.
6. **Reminder:** On days when there is a Two-Hour Delay, breakfast will not be served.

### FAMILY VACATIONS

Absences due to vacation trips are not excused absences. Before making vacation plans, please consult the school calendar if possible. Parents are strongly discouraged from taking their children out of school for family vacations because valuable classroom instructional time can never be replaced by make-up assignments. If parents decide to take their child out of school for vacations, please notify your child's teacher and the office. You may request work ahead of time, but since plans change day-to-day students are expected to also check-in with their teacher about missed work upon return. An appropriate time frame will be given to return the assignments. Students should be encouraged by parents to read and write in a journal during their absence from school.







Dear Parents,

Winter weather brings the possibility of school closings. Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or buses would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed only when inclement weather conditions are expected to improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures.

If schools are closed in the morning, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, use of facilities by non-school groups, and special evening programs.

If schools are on a two-hour delay, they will begin two hours later than usual. For example, students who arrive after 10:25 AM will be marked tardy. **There will be no breakfast served on those days.**

***Let's hope the weather cooperates with us so that we have a safe winter!***

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Now that we are back from winter recess and are approaching the mid-year point here at school, we kindly ask that parents and students check the supply lists given out over the summer and replenish any pencils, pens, paper, etc. that you may be running low on!



### PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

A reminder that Presidential Service Award volunteer forms for the second marking period are due on Friday, February 7, 2020. Students may give the forms to their teacher or drop them off in the Office. As a reminder, this is an optional activity.



We are in the fifth year of our Makerspace at the Intermediate School. A Makerspace is a place for students to tap their creativity and innovation by investigating/making things they are passionate about. Students get the opportunity to explore with things such as 'making challenges,' electrical circuits, tech devices such as Makey Makey/Little Bits/Ozobots, and we even have a take apart station where students can deconstruct electrical devices to see how they work. This past month, students were able to design and create their own bookmark that was 3D printed! Be sure to follow our school hashtag on Twitter to see all of the great happenings at the IS! [#Sinnovators](#)



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## Parents and Guardians

### You can now take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Horseheads schools will soon use the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending “Y” or “Yes” by text to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!



Just send  
“Y” or “Yes”  
to 67587

#### Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*[Terms and Conditions](#) – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.





## **EDUCATION HAPPENINGS**

### **ELKS HOOP SHOOT "CLASS CHAMPIONS" 2020**

Coinciding with our Basketball Unit, students in the building took part in the Elks National Hoop Shoot program. Listed below are the age group high scorers from each class. Congratulations to all!

10/11	<b>Mrs. Bennett</b> Owen Johanson Alexxa Fairchild-Johnson	<b>Mrs. Ike</b> Cameron Newton Ashley Giammichele	<b>Mrs. Remchuk</b> Yossiff Ahmad Amelia Pronti Anthony Lynch Aubrey Howe	<b>Mrs. Walton</b> Carson Bell Kailey McCormick Wyatt McNeal Erica Bancroft
12/13				
10/11	<b>Mrs. Dotts</b> Trevor Klug Sydney Blunt	<b>Mrs. Fuller</b> Cooper Ball Claire Stevens	<b>Mrs. Smith</b> Keanan Stevens	<b>Ms. Malone</b> Keegan Harkness
12/13			Jack Starbuck MJ Hart	Pranav Ganesh Kate Rought
10/11	<b>Mr. Delgrosso</b> Jaiden Henderson Lilly Garabrant	<b>Ms. Hays</b> Peyton Fesetch Ny'Asiah Rozell	<b>Mrs. Telech</b> Breckin Sullivan Lila Miller Eli Swanson Sophia Hulslander	<b>Mrs. Wandell</b> Joe Cain Olivia Hornsby Max Williams Alexus Borek
12/13				
10/11	<b>Ms. Lewis</b> Bernard Pacella	<b>Mrs. Rial</b> Brayden Walton Rylie Reheis	<b>Mrs. Hollar</b> Hunter Matkosky CarLynn Sindlinger Santiago Lozada Alexa Lese	<b>Mr. Herman</b> Oliver Fuksman Emelia Clark Dominick Marino Madden Foster
12/13				
10/11	<b>Mrs. May</b> Mitchell Jackson Liliy Shields	<b>Mrs. Mucci</b> Blake Stuart Mya Picuch	<b>Ms. Schoonover</b> Boe Briggs Katence VanEtten Keagan Zeller Peyton Butts	<b>Mr. Durr</b> Ryan McIlwain Katie Miley Teagan Sullivan
12/13				
10/11	<b>Ms. Davies</b> Kellen O'Shell Mariah Manwaring	<b>Mrs. Gilbert</b> Ryan Ciciarelli Madison Ribble	<b>Mrs. Fravel</b> Andrew Brechner Brianna Giblin Jeffery Orbin	<b>Mrs. Privetts</b> Gabe Ferratella Tiffany Straight Tre Oldfield Lauren Kozemko
12/13				
10/11	<b>Mr. Liquori</b> Liam Kelly Gianna Greene	<b>Mrs. Smith-Nichols</b> Dominic Wood Eboni McGill		

Congratulations to these students for being the top Free Throw Shooters of their age groups in each class.

We sent fourteen students to the District Hoop Shoot Contest that took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Field House:

10/11	Ryan McIlwain 14 Owen Johanson 12 Carson Bell 11 Keanan Stevens 11	Madison Ribble 11 Sydney Blunt 10 CarLynn Sindlinger 8	12/13	Tre Oldfield 12 Max Williams 10 Jack Starbuck	Sophia Hulslander 11 Peyton Butts 11 Madden Foster 10 Lauren Kozemko 10
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We are sending three students on where they will compete at the District Level in Penn Yan this January: 10/11 CarLynn Sindlinger; 12/13 Tre Oldfield and Madden Foster.

All our students gave their best effort and we could not be happier about it! Good luck to our students moving on!



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. **No appointment cards accepted.**

**Please note: 10-year-old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Sneeze into a tissue, rather than your hands, then discard the tissue(\*Remember to please send in 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 three days that cold symptoms appear.



# STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

## Marking Period 1

The following students were teacher-selected based on the September and October character traits as well as the habits of mind.

### 5th Grade



<b><u>EXPLORERS:</u></b>	Haylee Bola, Rylie Reheis, Brayden Spier, Brayden Walton
<b><u>GO GETTERS:</u></b>	Emma Berkovich, Maria Elisha Raine Buhian, Aabid Marwat, Krutarth Patel
<b><u>INVESTIGATORS:</u></b>	Ava Nichols, Natalia Viveros, Tyson Utter
<b><u>MAKERS:</u></b>	Ava Brooks, Christopher Funair, James Hepinger, Deanna Romig
<b><u>MASTER MINDS:</u></b>	Natalie Burke, Carter Douglas, Kalyani Narula, Caroline Wilcox
<b><u>THINKERS:</u></b>	Sydney Blunt, Jeromey Eddy Jr., Danica Spencer, Tyler Ulmer
<b><u>TRANSFORMERS:</u></b>	Skyler Maynard, Nicholas Allen
<b><u>TRENDSETTERS:</u></b>	Ava Knowlton, Ellie Pagano, William Parker, Jasmine Schultz

### 6th Grade

<b><u>COLLABORATORS:</u></b>	Owen Amey, Ojas Bhushan, Krislynn Dubuque, Aylen Torrey
<b><u>CREATORS:</u></b>	Megan Hawley, Aubrey Howe, Paityn McAllister, Amelia Pronti
<b><u>GROUND BREAKERS:</u></b>	Andrew Brechner, Lauren Kozemko, Gabby Romig, Riley Strickland
<b><u>PATHFINDERS:</u></b>	Alyssa Ketter, Cheryl Peng, Gabby Romanick
<b><u>PROBLEM SOLVERS:</u></b>	Bryce Ensign, Madden Foster, Lexi Lese
<b><u>TRAIL BLAZERS:</u></b>	Katie Miley, Phoebe Moxon





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### STUDENT COUNCIL THEME DAYS

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

January 24<sup>th</sup> – School Spirit Day

### READING CORNER

Reading is an integral part of learning. The more you read, the better you read. You have heard the saying, “Practice makes perfect,” and studies support the idea that the best way to improve your reading skills is to read.

Reading is also a form of entertainment. Many genres or categories of books lend themselves to reading for fun: mysteries, historical fiction, science fiction, folklore, etc.

As parents, it is important to be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading and encourage them to read on a daily basis.

Each Intermediate School child is to read three grade level books each month for a total of twenty-five books for the year. Help your child to accomplish this by going to the Library, reading together, and discovering books your child will enjoy. “Just do it!”



*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”*

*--Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”*



**Reading Tips...**The key to maintaining focus while reading is to stop often and think about what you’re reading. Here are some tips to make you a better reader!

1. Ask yourself questions such as: *How does this relate to what I already know? Why would the character do that? What connections can I make to my own life?*
2. While reading, make a light checkmark with a pencil after each paragraph. If you start to get lost reading, you can start from the last checkmark. Don’t forget to jot down words and concepts. If you read, write and recite, you have a better chance of remembering important information.
3. Every night, read something meaningful that you enjoy for at least 15-20 minutes.



# 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](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) for more information.

**Apply in person at the address below:**

Human Resources Office  
Horseheads Central School District  
143 Hibbard Rd. Horseheads, NY

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, and April 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM in the Cafeteria  
6:00 – 6:30 PM in the Library

## CHARACTER TRAIT AND HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

**Character Trait: Fairness** is defined as just and reasonable treatment in accordance with accepted rules or principles. Parents please encourage your child to *play by the rules, take turns and share, be open-minded while listening to others, treat all people equally, and consider all opinions.*

**The Habit of Mind: Taking Responsible Risks.** It means to be adventuresome. Stretch your thinking....I think I can!

Ex. Students who step outside their comfort zone and try new strategies to solve problems, stand up for a friend, or attempt to answer a question in class when they're not exactly sure, are all examples of taking responsible risks.



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.

## 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](mailto: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.