

# The School Connection



## Principal's Post

## Horseheads Intermediate School

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### Parent Article

### ATTENTION!

Parent Resources  
on IS website.

*"I'd like to thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your child. It truly is a team effort!"*

The spring temperatures we have been craving are finally here! It's hard to believe that the month of May is already upon us.

There has been a lot that has transpired across the state and in our district since the April newsletter. As you know by now, schools will be closed through the end of the academic school year (through June). This means our online learning will continue for all students. We understand this is tough news for most people as we would also like to be back in our school setting. However, there are many supports in place to assist you and your child in doing the best you can under the unfortunate circumstances.

Now that we have three weeks under our belt using the online learning platforms, we are now moving toward graded assignments. There will continue to be understanding and flexibility throughout the remainder of the marking period, but the grades will count. As you probably saw from the district newsletter, our report card will look differently at the end of the year. Instead of number grades, there will be **H/P/F**.

**Honors** will be 85% or higher, **Pass** is 65-84.99%, and **Fail** will be for marking period grades below 65%.

I'd like to remind you to continue to utilize our technology supports we have put in place for you and our students. There are many tutorials for the tech tools we are using. You can email, call, or visit the Intermediate School for technology support as well. All information, including times for support, can be found in the district newsletters found on our district COVID-19 website. [Click here for that information.](#)

**Quick links are shared below on page 2.**

Once again, I'd like to thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your child. It truly is a team effort! I encourage you to keep a regular daily and weekly routine for academic and activities. When you get a chance, check out the article to the right about the importance of Dads in their child's education. We appreciate your support!

Yours in education,

Michael Bostwick  
Principal

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**Like us on Facebook:** Search Horseheads Intermediate School  
**Website:** <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHIS.cfm>

*"Treat a child as though he already is the person he is capable of becoming." - Haim Ginott*

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Board of Education Meeting, 6:00PM(Location To Be Determined)

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:**

No School – Memorial Day

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

1. **Presidential Service Awards:** As the end of the school year is approaching, students who meet the criteria for the 50, 75 or 100 hours awards and wish to receive their award by the end of the school year, will need to have their final log for the school year turned into the IS office by Friday, May 8, 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 7, 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.
2. **Sixth Grade End-of-the-Year Activities (these events have been cancelled, but stay tuned for more information regarding 6<sup>th</sup> grade awards).**
  - Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – **Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony** (High School Auditorium) – 7:00 PM. Invite letters will be sent home to qualifying students.
  - Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – **Sixth Grade Celebration** will be held during the school day this year from 8:40 AM to 10:40 AM.
3. **HOP – Horseheads Orientation Program** is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and is held at different times during the summer to help with the transition from the Intermediate School to Middle School. More information and dates will be posted in the June newsletter. Stay tuned!
4. **Technology Supports Quick Links** – By clicking on the link from 4b below, you will get detailed directions on how to use the platforms, checking and turning in assignments, as well as using Microsoft Office (word, excel, outlook, power point). **Every student has access to Microsoft programs through their Office 365 accounts.**
  - a. How and when to get technology help. [Click here](#)
  - b. District Tech Newsletter with tutorials on Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom. [Click here](#)

### Google Classroom Links

- c. Parents, to learn more about Google Classroom [Click here](#)
- d. Students, to learn more about this platform [Click here](#)
- e. For a basic tutorial for parents [Click here](#)
- f. For more detailed tutorials [Click here](#) and [Click here](#)

### Microsoft Teams Links

- g. Parents, to learn more about Microsoft Teams [Click here](#)
- h. Students, to learn more about Microsoft Teams [Click here](#)
- i. For a video on logging in to Microsoft Office [Click here](#)
- j. For a video on Microsoft Teams and how it will be used in your child's online learning [Click here](#)
- k. For a tutorial on Microsoft Teams created by our High School students and Ms. Hunter [Click here](#)
- l. For a parent-created video with a tip on how to access Teams from an iPad [Click here](#)

## 2020-21 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

(Subject to change due to the New York on PAUSE order)

In efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, New York State has postponed state-wide school Budget Votes until at least June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Horseheads District continues its' development of the 2020-2021 Budget as the State updates its' information. We will share updated information on the vote and budget as soon as it is available. You may view preliminary budget information on the District Website at <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm?school=District>.

Questions? Email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com) or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

### CHEMUNG COUNTY MEAL PROGRAM

*Please note: Families may participate in both the District and County Meal Programs.*

Chemung County is providing boxes of non-perishable food items for families in need of assistance. Registration is required. To reserve a meal box, please call the County Hotline at (607) 873-1813, x1. Boxes will be available Mondays and Thursdays at District Meal Sites and through delivery. Families must register for a box each time they need one.

**Questions? Call the county hotline number at 873-1813, x1.**

## 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)

<b>President:</b>	Gretchen Ferraro	<a href="mailto:gferraro2010@gmail.com">gferraro2010@gmail.com</a>	425-2603
<b>VP:</b>	Angela Sullivan	<a href="mailto:Aksullivan624@gmail.com">Aksullivan624@gmail.com</a>	518-708-4288
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Danielle Richardson	<a href="mailto:dani0227@aol.com">dani0227@aol.com</a>	425-6896
<b>Secretary:</b>	Christina Staight	<a href="mailto:Cstaight@aol.com">Cstaight@aol.com</a>	426-8597



## NEW 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. Information must be received by Tuesday, September 22, 2020. **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 two 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 10 hours a night!

Please be considerate of others—you are contagious for the first 3 days after symptoms appear.

# STUDENTS OF THE MARKING PERIOD

## Marking Period 2

The following students were teacher-selected based on the November and December Character Traits as well as the Habits of Mind.

### 5th Grade



<b>EXPLORERS:</b>	MaKenna Donovan, Jackson Loomis, Owen Osiecki, April Zheng
<b>GO GETTERS:</b>	Ivy Barr, Christian Clark, Kaedin Fox, Alexxa Fairchild-Johnson
<b>INVESTIGATORS:</b>	Kai Grow, Kamryn Kolba, Tyler Jaynes
<b>MAKERS:</b>	Emilee Beck, Peighton Ellison, Liam Kelly, Sujit Pathak
<b>MASTERMINDS:</b>	Mario Cardinale, Mya Piecuch, Owen Quick, Payton Ryan
<b>THINKERS:</b>	Cooper Ball, Brogan McLaughlin, Hannah Mattoon, Claire Stevens
<b>TRENDSETTERS:</b>	Callum Bednarek, Anthony Caporiccio, Devan Ginnan, Kate Howard

### 6th Grade

<b>COLLABORATORS:</b>	Tommy Klee, Laela Inthanongsak, Lucie McKenzie, Trent Woodward
<b>GROUND BREAKERS:</b>	Brianna Giblin, Grady Matteson, Mishal Osman, Justin Posten
<b>PROBLEM SOLVERS:</b>	Zachary Balland, Emelia Clark, Dominick Marino, Jackie Mayotte
<b>PATHFINDERS:</b>	Rayyan Abdeen, Kayla Rathbun, Lia Yenger
<b>TRAIL BLAZERS:</b>	Kegan Monahan

# Horseheads Central School District

# Technology Help

## During the 2020 Extended Student Dismissal

### Tech Office Hours

We will hold office hours for technology help for students, parents, and staff beginning April 28. Details are as follows:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Intermediate School Entrance, 952 Sing Sing Road

These office hours are for in-person tech issues including defective district equipment, general troubleshooting, and return/exchange/pick up of loaner laptops. We will have two technicians there each session.

Please wear a mask or face covering and keep social distancing requirements in mind when using this service.

Note: While we cannot assist with personally-owned devices, we can answer questions about school accounts on personal equipment. If you simply have a question, please use the Tech Support Center below rather than visiting.

### Tech Support Center

In addition to in-person office hours outlined above, technicians and librarians will assist students and families through our Tech Support Help Center.

Technicians will assist with hardware, connectivity, and network account issues. Librarians will assist students, families, and staff in their individual schools with software issues, online applications, and the basics of Microsoft teams.

In order to request assistance, please use this form:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKIY3tDEGU4Az1zjSEePHH3UhzI7lDs958K7D4\\_QIUQ0FMWEpMWjhYVEY5UIZZSUQ4TUpESIBIRi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKIY3tDEGU4Az1zjSEePHH3UhzI7lDs958K7D4_QIUQ0FMWEpMWjhYVEY5UIZZSUQ4TUpESIBIRi4u)

Families without internet can call the following number for assistance: 607-481-2850. Please leave a detailed message outlining the technology problem or issue and a phone number we can use to reach you.

A note for district staff: Please contact the GST BOCES Help Desk if you have technology issues.

For general questions, or if you need assistance in finding someone to help, please email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).



## Horseheads Central School District

# Emergency Meals Information

State and federal regulations allow districts to provide meals to lower income children during school closures. During our closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we provide meals to families in need of assistance. Here is information on our meal distribution program:

### ***Where are the locations and times for the meal sites?***

Meals are provided weekdays during the school closure at the following locations and times:

10:30-11:30am	Center Street School	812 Center St, Horseheads
10:30-10:50am	Collingwood Mobile Home Park	358 Chambers Rd, Horseheads
10:30-10:50am	Pine Valley Mobile Home Park	3600 Watkins Rd, Pine Valley
10:30-11:00am	Ridge Road School	112 Ridge Rd, Horseheads
11:00-11:30am	Millport Fire Department	2016 Crescent St, Millport
11:00-11:20am	Thunderbird Greens Mobile Home Park	391 Sing Sing Rd, Horseheads
11:15-11:35am	Erin Town Hall	1138 Breesport Rd, Breesport

*Please note: We will evaluate the program and make adjustments if necessary.*

### ***Who is eligible?***

This program is for any district family who needs assistance. Meals are available for those 18 years old or younger at no charge.

### ***What is served?***

We provide one breakfast and lunch per student. The menu items follow the typical meal pattern with grain, protein, fruit and/or vegetable, and milk. For those familiar with the Summer Food Service Program, the meals are very similar. Examples include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or yogurt and string cheese, assorted fruit, and other items. We also provide alternative food items for students who have food allergies or intolerances.

### ***How are meals served?***

Meals are provided via drive up or walk up service for recipients to take home. There is not a dining area.

### ***What should I do if I cannot get to a meal site?***

We can deliver the meals to you if you are unable to get to a site. If you are unable to get to a site, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or x4295 to order meals for the following day. Please note: For Monday delivery, please contact us on the Friday before. We will need parents to contact us each day they need delivery.

***Questions? Please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or x4295, or email [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).***

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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, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads.

The District Application may be found here: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploads/docs/application.pdf> or picked up at our Human Resources Office. Questions? Email us at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

## CHARACTER TRAIT AND

## HABIT OF MIND' OF THE MONTH

### Character Trait: **Citizenship**

• **Involvement in the community:** Citizenship also means your relationship with the community in which you are a member. In other words, your behavior and actions. It's not just following the rights and behaviors laid down by the law; it also means adhering to the social and moral behavior expected of a citizen.

#### **A good citizen is someone who:**

- cares about the feelings and rights of others
- shows concern for the safety and well-being of others
- stays informed about issues and voices their opinion
- votes
- conserves resources and follows the 3 Rs-- reduce, reuse and recycle
- uses their skills to make a better community

### **The Habit of Mind:**

#### **Metacognition: Thinking About Thinking**

**Metacognition is the understanding and awareness of one's own mental or cognitive processes.**

There are many possible examples of metacognition. These examples may help to gain a better understanding of the concept. Below are some examples of metacognition:

1. A person learns about his or her own style of learning.
2. A person learns about what things help him or her to remember facts, names and events.
3. A person becomes aware of his or her own biases in judging others.
4. A person learns about what strategies are the most effective in solving certain problems.



## RATES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

### 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.



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Learn about up-to-date information about our District on Facebook and Twitter: On Facebook, the District and each of our seven schools have pages. Please "like" them to get the information on your news feed. Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets.







Pull for the  
House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

Pull tabs are being picked up next week! **Get others involved** – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.



We are continuing to collect Box Tops which helps our school with the purchase of books.

Thank you for participating in this on-going fundraiser!



STOPit allows kids who are being cyberbullied to quickly and easily tell trusted adults and authorities that they are being cyberbullied and to seek help. The app comes with four features to support kids. More information [here!](#)

Our **SAFE SCHOOLS HOTLINE** is always available to report a concern, rumor, bullying incident, or any safety issue anonymously and confidentially, **24 hours a day. 795-2044**

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.