

Horseheads Intermediate School

Newsletter

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A message from your Interim Principal

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe it's already November! The leaves are falling, the cooler weather has arrived, and the holiday season is right around the corner. We have lots of exciting events happening this month, so be sure to check out the upcoming events on page two.

In the classrooms, our academic expectations continue to grow as we move through the curriculum. You can help support your child's success by staying up to date on the Parent Portal and checking their daily planner for assignments and notes.

Don't forget to take a look at the Parent Resources section on the Intermediate School website! It's filled with helpful tools for families—month-by-month tips, problem-solving and homework strategies, internet safety information, academic standards, bullying prevention resources, and more. Just click the Parent Resources link on the right side of our homepage to explore.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to say a heartfelt thank-you for sharing your amazing kids with us every day. Your support and involvement truly makes a difference!

Warmly,

Kim Malone
Interim Principal





- Friday, November 7th ~ Raider Blue Spirit Day
- Friday, November 7th ~ Starry Night PTO Event 6:00-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 11th ~ No School - Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, November 12th ~ Report Cards Sent Home
- Thursday, November 13th ~ Texas Roadhouse Gift Card and Rolls PTO Fundraiser Ends
- Thursday, November 13th ~ USA Spirit Day
- Friday, November 14th ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for students)
- Monday, November 17th ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences, PM only (dismissal/pick up starts at 10:30am, dismissal is at 10:40am)*
- Tuesday, November 18th ~ PTO Meeting, Library 6:00pm
- Thursday, November 20th ~ Board of Education meeting, Ridge Road at Center Street Elementary, 6:00pm
- Wednesday, November 26th ~ Half Day of School (dismissal/pick up starts at 10:20, dismissal is at 10:40am)*
- Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th ~ No School, Thanksgiving Recess

*There is a difference in dismissal start times on the 17th and 26th because the 17th is pre-k through 6th only and the 26th is the entire district.

Intermediate School PTO

Our next meeting is Tuesday,
November 18th. We hope to see you
there!



Understanding the Difference Between Conflict and Bullying

At school, students sometimes have disagreements or hurt feelings—and that's completely normal! Learning how to handle conflict in a respectful way is part of growing up and becoming a good friend and classmate.

Most of the problems we see between students are conflicts, not bullying. A conflict happens when students don't agree on something or when feelings get hurt by accident. Both students might be upset, but there's usually a balance of power—neither person is trying to control or hurt the other. Conflicts can often be solved through talking, listening, and sometimes getting help from an adult to find a fair solution.

Bullying, however, is very different. Under the New York State Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), bullying is when someone intentionally and repeatedly hurts, threatens, or excludes another person. It involves an imbalance of power—for example, one student may be bigger, stronger, more popular, or have more influence than the other. Bullying can be physical, verbal, social, or happen online.

Here's how to tell the difference:

Conflict

- Disagreement between equals
- Happens once or occasionally
- Accidental hurt feelings
- Both students want to fix it
- Can be solved with help and communication

Bullying

- One person has more power
- Happens repeatedly over time
- Purposeful and meant to harm
- One student wants to control or hurt
- Needs adult help and intervention

At our school, we help students learn how to solve conflicts respectfully and safely. If a situation ever feels unfair, unsafe, or continues even after trying to resolve it, please reach out to a trusted adult, teacher, or counselor.

By learning the difference between conflict and bullying—and how to handle both—we can make our school a place where everyone feels respected, included, and supported.



We would love to recognize student achievements outside of school (sports, dance, scouts, etc.) on our School News Program (WISH TV)! Please email your student's name, photo/videos and information about their achievement to Alyssa Fuller (WISH TV Advisor).
afuller@horseheadsdistrict.com

IS Illuminator BINGO Winners in October



Congratulations to Lillianna Farnham and Evan Woo for being our top sellers in the Believe Fundraiser! Lillianna sold over \$800.00 and Evan sold over \$500.00. Lillianna and Evan won a scooter for being the top sellers in their grade levels. Thank you to everyone who sold items to support the PTO!

Character Trait of the Month: Citizenship

How to help reinforce responsibility at home:

- Model civic responsibility ~ show students how to follow rules, vote, and positively contribute to the community
- Encourage volunteering
- Promote respect for others
- Practice teamwork at home
- Recognize and celebrate good citizenship



Classifieds

Parent Portal

Would you like to know more about your child's grades and attendance? Join Parent Portal to get access to up to date student records. To set up an account, we must have a valid e-mail address for each parent who would like access. If you haven't already signed up, visit the Main Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification.

Please note: If you checked the Parent Portal box on your child's emergency form, or if you signed up at the school's Open House, you do not need to do anything further. You should have received further information about Parent Portal via e-mail.

Pull Tabs

We will again be collecting aluminum can pull tabs this year. Thanks to all who donated pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue collecting the tabs.

Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to save their tabs, too! You can drop them off in the office anytime!

Box Tops for Education

Keep hoarding box tops! Get others involved – ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect! Pull tabs can be brought to the office.



PTO Fundraiser

The Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards and Frozen Rolls fundraiser will run from Through Thursday, November 13th. Please click on the link below to place your order. Thank you for your participation in helping the PTO provide wonderful events throughout the year for our students!

[Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Link](#)

Classifieds Continued

Help Wanted

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

Teaching substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associate's 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 and LPNs should bring in evidence of their license.

Rates for Substitute Teachers

The District needs certified teachers for day-to-day substituting opportunities in all of our schools.

1. Uncertified Teacher without Four-Year Degree ~ \$120/day
2. Uncertified Teacher with Four-Year Degree ~ \$130/day
3. Certified Teacher ~ \$140/day
4. Retired Teacher from HCSD ~ \$160/day
5. Retired Teacher from Another District ~ \$150/day
6. Additional Pay for 20 Days of Per Diem Substitute Teaching ~ \$100
7. Teaching Assistants ~ \$16.96/hr.
8. Retired TA From HCSD ~ \$130/day

To apply, contact Human Resources Office at
739-5601x 4211.

Kim Malone is the Dignity Act Coordinator at the Intermediate School. Caitlin DeFilippo is the Dignity Act Coordinator for the district. All concerns regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying should be directed accordingly.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX Coordinator, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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).