

Horseheads  
Middle School Newsletter  
June, 2020



**Governor Extends School Closure  
for the Remainder of the School Year**

Stay updated with district-related news at: <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**All NYS Assessments Have Been Cancelled. See the New York State Education Department website for COVID -19 related information at: <http://www.nysed.gov/>**

**What's Happening  
at HMS**

**Extended School Dismissal  
Through the End of the  
School Year**

**Stay tuned for any changes**

**Marking Period 4  
Grading Procedures  
See Page 3**

**Construction Update:**

Work will begin soon on the art and technology rooms. With an early start, we are hoping they will be ready for September.

Also, the front parking lot is expected to be under construction this summer.

Watch for signs.

***Need Assistance With Food?***

**CALL THE CHEMUNG COUNTY  
COVID 19 HOTLINE at 607-873-1813**

**See additional food information on page 2.**

**If You Need Support, Contact Us**

**Our Phones Are Still  
Being Answered**

**607-739-6357**

# New Grading Procedures

*Below is information on grading procedures to be used beginning May 4 and extending through June 18th, as the result of the governor's extension of his order to close schools for the remainder of the school year. If you have questions, please contact your school's principal.*



## High School, Middle School, Intermediate School (grades 5-12)

### *Assignment Grades:*

- Work will represent the essential learning for the course
- Students will receive feedback and grades on assignments
- Teachers will follow grading procedures established prior to the dismissal, adjusting as appropriate
- In acknowledgment of the current situation, assignments can be submitted within two weeks of its as-signed due date, but keep in mind the end of the school year
- Teachers, support staff, and administrators will follow up with students and families when students are not engaging with their teacher.

*A variety of supports will be made available to students and families to address barriers to their success during the dismissal.*

### *Final Marking Period Grades*

• Teachers will enter final marking period grades based on the latest and best evidence available from students in this extended dismissal. The final marking period will be converted to a letter grade based on the following:

- Honors (H): 85% or greater
- Pass (P): 65% to 84%
- Fail (F): 64% or lower

- Failing grade must represent work completed by students with proof that there are no barriers to access as detailed earlier.
- Comments will inform parents and students of new learning environment situations.

*All grades will be reviewed by building administration.*

### *Local and State Final Exams*

- There will be no local final exams or Regents (June and August 2020 Regents exams canceled by the state).
- New York State Education Department has exempted those students scheduled to take Regents Exams for June and August 2020. There is no limitation and no affect on diploma types awarded this year or in the future.

### *Overall Course Grades*

- Final course averages will also be converted to the same H/P/F system as noted in the Final Marking Period Grades section.
- High School: spring full credit classes Marking Period 5, 6, and the Final Marking Period (MP8) will be considered in the final course grade. Marking Period 7 will not be factored at all into the overall grade for a course.
- Any Middle School and Intermediate School class currently running will be converted to the H/P/F system for the final course average.
- All grades will be reviewed by building administration.

***Questions: Contact Mr. Ron Holloway, Middle School Principal: (607) 739-6357.***

Marking Period 4 ends June 18th.  
Report cards will be mailed home July 1.



Checking your student's grades on Parent Portal? The URL for a computer browser is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com>

The URL for the mobile app is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>

## **Please Note**

**Parent Portal will close down  
Monday, July 6. It will reopen  
Wednesday, September 9.**



## Horseheads Central School District

# Technology Help

During the 2020 Extended Student Dismissal

## Wi-Fi hot spots available beginning May 27

In our continued efforts to provide students with internet access during the extended student dismissal, the Horseheads district will be offering the use of internet hot spots for students who need to connect to download and/or upload assignments. These hot spots will be available **beginning Wednesday, May 27**.

Please note: These hot spots are meant for students to download and/or upload materials and then leave the area to do the assignments at home or elsewhere. Please do not stay for extended periods of time.

### Standalone hot spot in Erin

There will be a standalone hot spot at the Erin Fire Department available from 8am to 5pm. Please use the side parking lot and please **do not block** the front doors of the fire station.

### Mobile hot spots from district buses in three locations

Beginning Wednesday, May 27, the district will provide mobile hotspots from three bus locations in the farther edges of our district. Look for the Horseheads buses at the following sites:

- ➔ Park Station Fishing Launch parking area
- ➔ Millport parking area on Crescent Street
- ➔ Whitney Park parking area near Sing Sing Road and Chambers Road intersection

#### *Important Notes for bus hot spots:*

- Buses will be in these locations Monday through Friday from 8-10am and from 1-3pm.
- Park near the bus, but **do not block the front or rear of the bus**. The bus will be running so there will be exhaust.
- Depending on the strength of the signal, you can park up to 20 yards away. Please do not get closer than 15 feet to the bus. In order to get the best signal, please consider a different time if there are more than five cars around the bus.
- The buses use a cellular signal projected from the bus to provide internet access. Note that cellular signals vary, and you may experience slowness or some intermittent signals.
- The bus driver is not a technician and will not be able to assist you with the connection to the hot spot.
- No one but the driver is allowed on the bus at these hot spots.

### Network access outside buildings

The most reliable options for access are the parking lots at our four elementary schools and district office. Big Flats, Center Street, Gardner Road, Ridge Road, and District Offices (143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads) provide a signal for students to connect to our network. Connection at these locations is available from 7am to 9pm.

### Important Notes for hot spots

- We recommend using a laptop rather than a tablet or smartphone to make the best connection.
- District-owned laptops will automatically connect to the Regional Network when within range.
- If using a personal laptop, the student will connect to the BYOD-HH when in range. If not prompted automatically, please open a browser (using Chrome or Edge). The student will be prompted to enter their network credentials. These are the same credentials our students use to access school accounts (lastname-firstname and password).

*If you have questions or need assistance with hot spot access, use the online form [here](#), or contact our Tech Help Line at 607-481-2850.*



## Horseheads 2020-21 Budget Development

### Budget Vote/Board Election by Absentee Ballot This Year

In accordance with New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order, the Horseheads Central School District will hold the 2020-21 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election via absentee ballot only.

Ballots will be mailed to those eligible voters who voted in the 2019 annual vote. In addition, applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the office of the District Clerk for any qualified voter in the district who did not vote in the 2019 annual vote. Contact the District Clerk at 607-739-5601 ext. 4260 to schedule an appointment to complete the application for a ballot to be mailed to you. Such applications for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up by the absentee voter by scheduled appointment at the district office. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, not later than 5 p.m. on June 9 in order to be counted.

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, virtually at <http://Ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds>. (After June 1, a video of the hearing will be at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm).)

For more information on the proposed budget, please go to <https://horseheadsdistrict.com>.

# Horseheads Central School District Emergency Meals Information

**Update:  
New meal sites added**

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 Estates	1356 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).***

3/26/2020



It's now easier than ever to support Horseheads Middle School's PTO! We're excited to share a quick and easy way to donate to the PTO by using PayPal. Any amount can be donated, and donations are accepted at any time.

Just click this link: [paypal.me/hsdmspto](https://paypal.me/hsdmspto) or use our email address: [HorseheadsMSPTO@gmail.com](mailto:HorseheadsMSPTO@gmail.com)



The *Digital Citizenship News* is an invaluable tool for parents and students alike to learn about and protect themselves on the Internet. Follow this link to read the monthly newsletters for more information you can use to keep your family safe online.

<http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/digcitnews.cfm>



Sign Up to receive this newsletter  
in your email inbox

Scan this QR code with your phone, or go  
to <http://go.gstboxes.org/dcnews-signup> in  
your browser.



## Character Trait of the Month

### Caring

Show you care about others through kindness, caring, sharing and compassion. Live by the **Golden Rule**.

Help others. Don't be selfish. Don't be mean, cruel or insensitive to others' feelings.





# Digital Citizen News

## June 2020

Remote Learning Edition

Stay Home - Stay Safe  
Protect Yourself & Others

Volume 3 : Issue 10 - June 2020



**DIGITAL CITIZENS ARE  
REALLY SUPER CITIZENS**

**DOWNLOAD & PRINT OUR JUNE POSTER**

**THIS NEWSLETTER CERTIFIED  
100% VIRUS-FREE**

**BE #DIGITALCITIZENSTRONG**

### LET'S HAVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES - OPEN IN REMOTE LEARNING FORMATS

Many of the mainstream news sources are going on and on about how school is cancelled, NYS testing is cancelled, end of year events postponed or cancelled all together. We know better! School is not cancelled! Our Schools are working harder than ever! Educators, Administrators and Support Staff everywhere are transforming educational services in a way that they never anticipated.



To our food services workers providing daily meals and transportation drivers making deliveries.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**



To our teachers and teaching aides and assistants who are spending countless hours trying to reach each and every one of their students while still keeping in mind data security and privacy settings.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**



To our principals who are calling and driving by students houses to check on them because teachers are worried and haven't heard from them.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**



To all the students who are navigating this whole new style of learning and teaching their teachers how to use all of these new platforms.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**



To all the parents and caregivers who are all of a sudden finding themselves with a whole new role in their child's life.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**



To all the Community members who are going above and beyond to ensure that their neighbors physical, emotional, mental and digital needs are being met while bringing joy to each other.

**WE THANK  
YOU ALL!**

**TO ALL - STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY IN BOTH A DIGITAL AND A PHYSICAL WAY**

# Fighting Summer Melt using SORA by Overdrive



In a world where remote learning has taken the forefront, we cannot forget that summer vacation is right around the corner. While we look to summer vacation as time to have fun in the sun and take a break from school, students and parents should be aware of "summer-melt."

Summer-melt refers to learning lost when a student is taken out of the school environment for a pro-longed period.

To help fight summer melt, all students who receive this newsletter have a FREE subscription to SORA. Sora is your virtual library where you can access audiobooks and eBooks 24/7. You can even connect SORA to your public library!

Students can take notes, track reading progress, even get achievement badges! Books are available for all grade levels and supports all learning abilities.

You can download the SORA app through the Google Playstore, or Apple Appstore, or go to [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com). Once there, find your school by entering in your zip code. If you don't know your account information, contact your school librarian.

Happy summer reading!

<http://go.gstric.org/310-sora>



## IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BRAG ABOUT OUR 20-21 CALENDAR

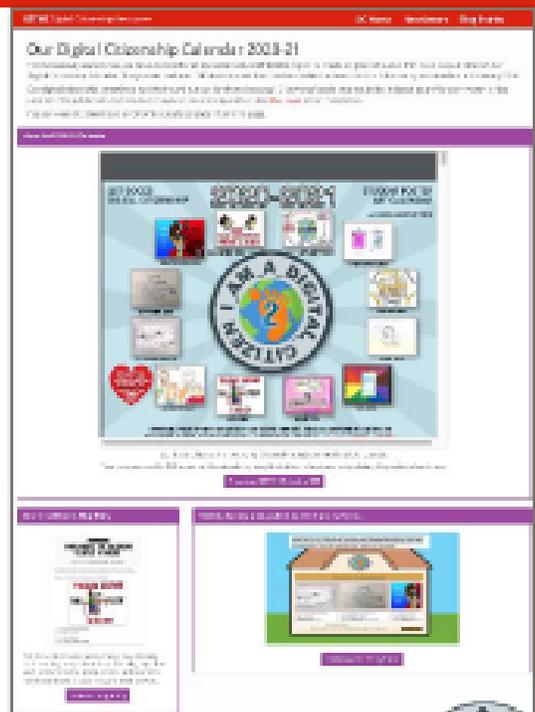
You have been hearing about it for months, and the last issue we published small previews of the winning art but we have finally released the actual calendar! You can download a PDF of it at <http://go.gstric.org/calendar2020>. Printed copies will be available during June.



You can also read more about the calendar in our blog article, and you can view all of the submitted art in our interactive gallery.

<http://go.gstric.org/310-blog>

<http://go.gstric.org/310-gallery>



# SCHEDULE SCREEN-FREE TIME THIS SUMMER

parents have to be purposeful about finding screen-free alternatives for kids

This summer unplug from technology and let your child just play! Here are some screen-free activities to try. Check out this website for more ideas. <http://go.gstric.org/310-active>



Go on a nature walk and look for different kinds of plants or flowers. If you see any wildlife stay safe.



Visit 3 or 4 local parks. Take pictures at each one and create a memory album.



Paint rocks with encouraging words and hide them around town for people to find.



Complete a summer reading challenge with all of your friends. Who can read the most?



Ask your local shelter what they need for the summer. Buy a few things and drop them off. Teach your kids to serve others.



Host a backyard art party for your kids and their friends! Have prizes for different categories.



Make treats for your local firefighters. Deliver them to your nearby fire station.



Try your hand at camping. Even if it is only in your backyard. It is totally ok!

## Some Thoughts on the Importance of Play

*"Through play, children acquire literacy, mathematical, and creative skills.*

*Make-believe play, in particular, has been linked to self-regulation skills, which in turn have been linked to greater academic success than IQ has. Self-regulation skills also help children with self-control and with managing stress while learning.*

*Moreover, if children don't learn to play as children, they aren't likely to discover its value as adults. And just think about what a dreary existence daily life will be without a playful attitude."*



### Rae Pica

an education consultant specializing in the education of the whole child, children's physical activity, and the mind/body connection since 1980

Source: <http://go.gstric.org/310-raepica>



Make a DIY bird feeder. Take a toilet paper roll, spread some peanut butter on it and roll it in seed! Hang it for the birds!



Take a family bike ride on a trail you've never explored!



Plant a garden. Near the end of the summer, bring some of your extra garden produce to a food bank.

These are only a few suggestions. Get more at <http://go.gstric.org/310-active>. Fun and Learning go hand in hand. Have a great summer with your family and friends!

# DIGITAL CITIZENS ARE GREAT CITIZENS



We keep ourselves safe online and we social distance when we are in person.



We do not spread viruses or fake news.



We protect our data and identities while we protect our health and others' with PPE.



We practice personal privacy and security.



We respect our friends and neighbors and communicate respectfully to everyone online and in our neighborhoods.



We make our communities better.



We are digitally and technologically literate, and we keep up with the latest news and information.



Our reputations are precious to us, so we strive to act according to best practices online and in real life.



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New  
York State  
Library

Summer  
Reading  
AT NEW YORK LIBRARIES

## Spring into Summer!

### Sign up for Summer Reading at Your Local Library!



Students can register online NOW for *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* if your local public library has READsquared. Check your library website to sign up!

- During the summer months, you can track all the books and e-books you read over the summer, access virtual programs, and be eligible to win badges and prizes.
- In 2019, 2.5 million New York State kids and teens participated in Summer Reading and Learning – let’s work together to make 2020 even bigger and better.
- You can find your local library here:  
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/index.html>
- And find out more about *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* here: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>

This year’s Summer Reading slogan is “Imagine Your Story.” Come join the adventure through your school and public library to learn new skills, explore great ideas and share your story! Check your local library website for information on reading and learning activities for the whole family over the summer months – don’t miss out on all the library has to offer!



Attention: Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## Middle School Reading Challenge / Summer 2020

**Challenge:** Record, this summer, your reading material in a journal log. Any kind of reading is important. Once you list all your reading material, obtain a signature from someone who can verify your reading record is accurate. Directions and logs are online at [Summer Reading Journal.docx](#)

**Read and Record** each book, article or topic, log in a title, author, place or setting you learned about and the amount of time you read in days. You must also respond with a brief thought about what you read. This isn't a review, but something you thought about after reading. You can draw or use emojis or clip art if you choose!

**Turn it in:** Save your log and bring it with you when you return to classes. The Library will collect it. You must also have a signature, even if it is your own! In this way, it will be just like a travel passport, only you are traveling through reading.

**Reward:** You will receive a small reward for participating and will be eligible for a drawing. Tell your friends about the challenge. If half our students read this summer, we will celebrate when we return to school.

Contact Middle School Librarian, Mrs. Heidrich for more information:  
[heidric@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:heidric@horseheadsdistrict.com)





# Do NOT touch the **T**Zone!



mucous membranes  
of your eyes, nose or  
mouth are where germs  
enter your body!



## The 4 Principles of Hand Awareness

1. **WASH** your hands when they are dirty and **BEFORE** eating.
2. **DO NOT** cough into your hands.
3. **DO NOT** sneeze into your hands.
4. Above all, **DO NOT** put your fingers into your eyes, nose or mouth!

## Spread the word not the germs!

Visit [www.henrythehand.com](http://www.henrythehand.com)

The 4 Principles of Hand Awareness have been endorsed by the AMA & AAFP

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# Handwashing at Home, at Play, and Out and About



Germs are everywhere! They can get onto your hands and items you touch throughout the day. Washing hands at key times with soap and water is one of the most important steps you can take to get rid of germs and avoid spreading germs to those around you.

## How can washing your hands keep you healthy?

Germs can get into the body through our eyes, nose, and mouth and make us sick. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and helps prevent sickness. Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

## Handwashing helps prevent infections for these reasons:



People often touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without realizing it, introducing germs into their bodies.



Germs from unwashed hands may get into foods and drinks when people prepare or consume them. Germs can grow in some types of foods or drinks and make people sick.



Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as door knobs, tables, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.



## What is the right way to wash your hands?

1. Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
3. Scrub all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
4. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention  
National Center for Emerging and  
Zoonotic Infectious Diseases



HMS Honors  
our Retirees

Mr. Palmer

*Choir*

&

Ms. Gould

*Science*



Farewell &  
Good Luck!

Ms. Fischer

*Spanish*

*Moving to the High School*

&

Ms. Mathieson

*Orchestra*

*Pursuing her Master's Degree*



# Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver



- **Paid training**
- **Benefits package including health insurance**
- **No weekends, holidays, or summers**

To apply, submit a completed employment application to our Human Resources Office, south wing of Horseheads High School, during school hours. Our application may be found at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com), or you may pick one up in our Human Resources Office.

Applicants must be 21 years old. Fingerprint/background check and drug testing are required.

## **Questions?**

Call the Transportation Department at (607) 739-5601, x4401, or email us at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com).



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## Pesticide Application

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff, regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Horseheads School District is required to maintain a registry of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and di-sodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.25

The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification registry.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the attached form and return it to Tony Stager, the Horseheads School District pesticide representative at: Horseheads School District, Facilities Services, 507 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. You may also fax this form to (607)795-2595.

Please note: Four times per year via newsletter or equivalent, a written announcement concerning impending pesticide applications, pesticide use, "emergency" applications and any other associated pesticide use will be provided. This will occur at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the winter recess, the end of the spring recess and the end of the school year. Please feel free to contact Tony Stager at the District Safety Office at 739-5601 ext. 4270 if you have any questions or require further information concerning these requirements.

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### Forty-eight Hour Pesticide Application Prior Notification Form

**Is email an appropriate method for notifying you of an impending pesticide application? Yes/No**

If not, you will receive a brief notification letter 48 hours prior to an impending pesticide application. Every effort will be made to ensure the notification reaches you 48 hours (or more) in advance of the pesticide application. This time may vary slightly due to postal conditions beyond the control of the district.

#### Horseheads School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

**School Building (or field)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name & Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone or Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the Main Office, or mail to Horseheads Middle School, 950 Sing Sing Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.



## Enjoy the Outdoors...Safely!



Getting outdoors to walk, jog, hike, garden, ride a bicycle or visit a park are healthy ways to stay active, spend time with your family, and reduce stress and anxiety while engaging in social distancing strategies.

These are some simple ways you can protect you and your family from COVID-19 while enjoying the outdoors.

### Everyone must:

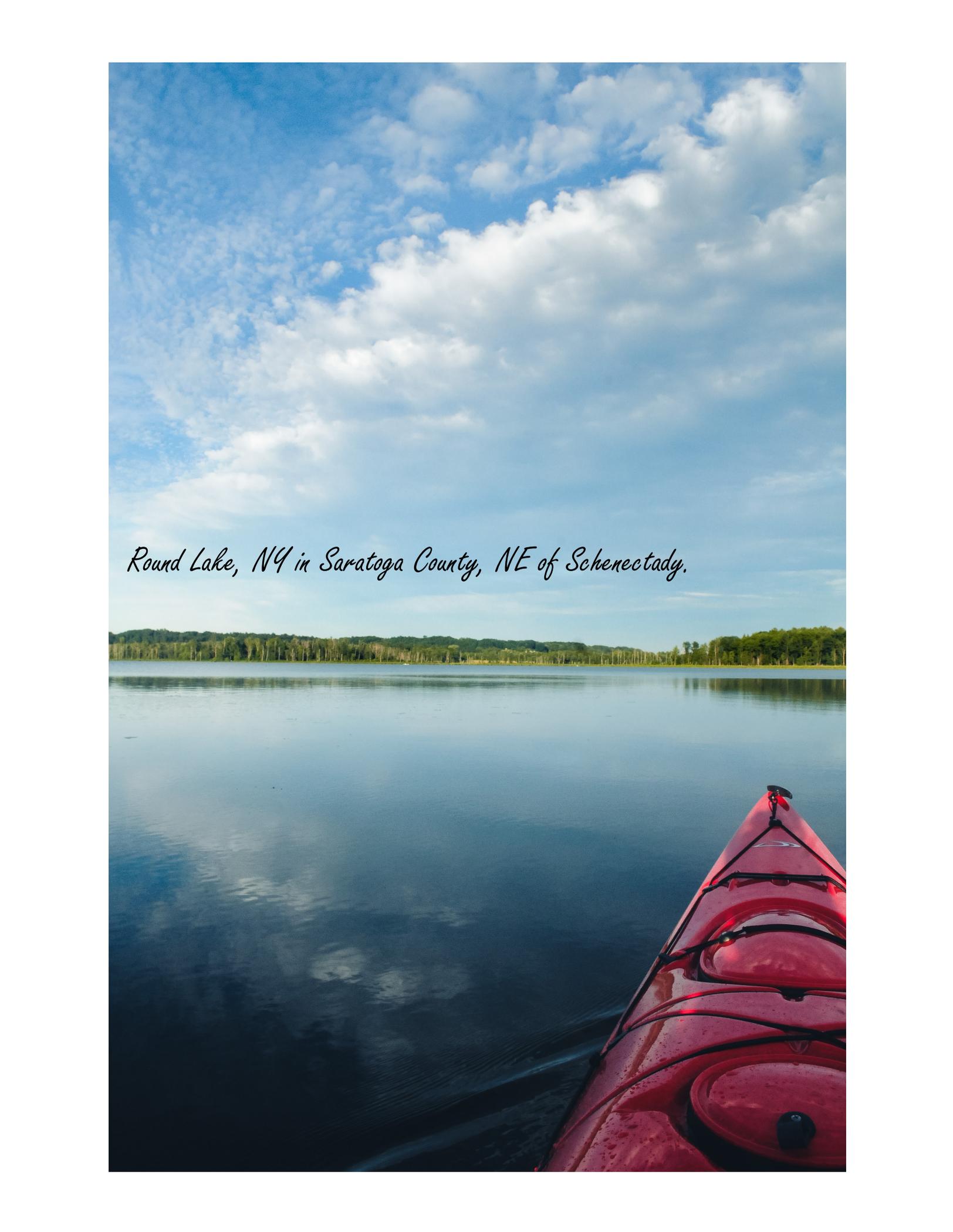
- Avoid close contact with people, even when outside. Keep a distance of at least 6 feet to help slow the spread of COVID-19
- Avoid games and activities that require close contact
- Avoid frequently touched surfaces and objects. This includes playground equipment like slides and swings
- Don't share equipment such as bicycles, helmets, balls or frisbees
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and discard the tissue in a closed container
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol in these instances:
  - When you return indoors
  - before and after eating
  - after using the restroom
  - after coughing or sneezing
  - after touching surfaces or items that may be contaminated

### If you are sick or had contact with someone who is sick in the last 14 days:

- You should **stay home**
- You may enjoy spending time in your own backyard or other personal outdoor space but should not go into public outdoor spaces

Information from: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19?>

<p><b>STAY LOCAL</b> ENJOY OUTDOOR SPACES CLOSE TO HOME. KEEP VISITS SHORT. AVOID TRAVELING TO HIGH-TRAFFIC DESTINATIONS.</p>	<p><b>STAY HOME</b> THOSE 70 AND OVER SHOULD POSTPONE VISITING. IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, STAY HOME.</p>	<p><b>GO SMALL</b> AVOID CROWDS AND GROUPS. GO SOLO OR WITH THOSE IN YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD.</p>	<p><b>BE READY</b> MOVE QUICKLY THROUGH AREAS WHERE PEOPLE CONGREGATE SUCH AS PARKING LOTS, TRAILHEADS AND SCENIC OVERLOOKS.</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL DISTANCING</b></p> <p>Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation <a href="https://parks.ny.gov/covid19">parks.ny.gov/covid19</a></p>		<p><b>BE SAFE</b> KEEP 6' FEET FROM OTHERS. IF CROWDS ARE FORMING, CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PARK, A DIFFERENT TRAIL OR RETURN ANOTHER TIME/DAY TO VISIT.</p>	

A first-person perspective from a red kayak on a calm lake. The water is still, reflecting the sky and the surrounding forest. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with soft, white cumulus clouds. In the distance, a dense line of green trees marks the shore. The red kayak's deck, with its various compartments and straps, is visible in the lower right foreground.

*Round Lake, NY in Saratoga County, NE of Schenectady.*

### **District Dignity Act Coordinator**

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 One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at [cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### **Middle School Dignity Act Coordinator**

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at [rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### **Notice**

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, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination.

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