

Horseheads Middle School

December, 2019



Winter Issue

Contact Us!

607-739-6357 ☎ <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>

What's Happening at HMS

12/9/19

MS Choirs - HS Aud. 7:30 pm

12/12/19

MS/HS Orchestras - HS Aud. 7:30 pm

12/13/19

MS Dance & Open Gym - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

12/16/19

**MS Concert Band
HS Wind Ensemble/HS Choirs
HS Aud. 7:30 pm**

12/17/19

Progress Reports Issued

12/23/19 - 1/3/20

Winter Recess - No School

1/14/20

**MS Raider White & Blue Bands
HS Concert Band - HS Aud. 7:30 pm**

1/15/20

**MS Winter Art Show
MS Café 6:00 pm**



ARCTIC LEAGUE

*"Proudly Serving Chemung County
for over 100 Years"*

Know a family in need of assistance this Christmas? Pick up an Arctic League application form in the main office. Applications are accepted up to December 22nd. Forms are also available at <http://www.arcticleague.com>

The Arctic League Mission:
To ensure that no child in
Chemung County goes
without gifts on Christmas.



Quality Students!

The first marking period Quality Students celebrated with pizza, drinks, snacks and music during their lunch/study period on November 22. Thank you to our PTO and Mr. Bruce May of the Horseheads Youth Bureau for helping make this event possible. Congratulations to our Quality Students. Keep up the good work!

School Notes

Progress Reports / Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the ten-week marking period. We encourage parents to sign-up for Parent Portal to help keep track of your student's progress between the reporting periods. Don't have Parent Portal? Stop by the Guidance Office with your I.D. and fill out the form.

Honor Roll 85.0 cumulative average

Failing Grade 64.0 or lower in any course

Progress Reports will be issued December 17.

Homework Request

Missed a day? Call the office by **10:00am** and request your student's homework assignments for the day. Materials may be picked up in the main office from **3:15 - 4:00pm**.

Lost and Found

Lost your lunchbox? Misplaced your math book? Check the Lost and Found! There are blue bins under the table in the Main Office.

Attendance Auto-call and Email

To keep you updated regarding your child's attendance, the middle school will send you an auto-call and email when your student(s) are absent from school. If a student is absent from first period, a call and email will be generated and delivered in the morning. If the student continues to be absent, another call will be generated and delivered in the evening with all of the periods the student has missed.

PARENT PORTAL

If you have not already signed up, please visit the Guidance Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification. If you have questions, please call Karen McLain at 739-5601, x4251 or email kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com.

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>



Let's Dance!

December 13 * 7-9pm

Dance and open gym will start at 7:00 pm and end promptly at 9:00 pm. Students should make certain their transportation is waiting in the front of the school at 9:00 pm.

*"After six hours of school I've had enough for the day
I hit the radio dial and turn it up all the way!
I gotta dance, right on the spot
The beat's really hot
Dance, Dance, Dance!"*

The Beach Boys

Spelling Bee

The Annual Middle School Spelling Bee will be **coming soon! Watch for the upcoming date.** Families are welcome to attend.

The top two spellers will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee held at Corn-ing-Painted Post School District in March.



Our Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign raised nearly \$400 this year. Thank you for your support!

TRICK-OR-TREAT
FOR UNICEF

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 other's feelings.



Information about Emergency School Closings and Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

If it is necessary to close or delay schools, the information will be posted on the district's website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, the district's Facebook pages, Twitter and the local television and radio stations. Horseheads schools now uses SchoolMessenger to alert you of school closings or emergencies. Opt-In from your mobile phone: Just send "Y" or "YES" to 67587.



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in the Middle School Café

"Fueling young minds to do their very best"



We're looking for substitute food service helpers.

Applications are available online or at the district office.

**[http://www.gstboces.org/ms/foodservices/newsite/
index.cfm?district=horseheads](http://www.gstboces.org/ms/foodservices/newsite/index.cfm?district=horseheads)**

Farm-2-School

Area Farms who Supply our Cafeteria Seasonally

Farm Name	Area/Town	Typical crop(s)
Red Jacket Orchard	Geneva, NY	Apples, Peaches, Pears
Wagers Cider Mill	Penn Yann, NY	Apples, Peaches, Pears, Grapes
Root Brothers	Albion, NY	Cucumbers, Tomatoes
Tassone Farms	Cicero, NY	Peppers, Cucumbers, Tomatoes
Eden Valley Growers	Eden, NY	Broccoli, Peppers, Cucumbers
Intergrow Greenhouses	Albion, NY	Greenhouse Tomatoes
Quinta Produce	Wolcott, NY	Apples

All parents/guardians are welcome

Horseheads Central School District

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Vape/E-Cigarette Information Night

Tuesday, December 3, 6pm
Horseheads High School
Multi-Media Center
(South Wing, off Center Street)

Learn more about what vaping is, what vaping devices look like, and the serious health risks of vaping/juuling/e-cigarettes. All parents are welcome.

Questions about the event? Call (607) 739-5601, x1608.



Talk with Your Teen About E-cigarettes: A Tip Sheet for Parents



BEFORE THE TALK

Know the facts.

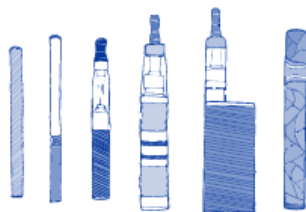
- Get credible information about e-cigarettes and young people at E-cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov.

Be patient and ready to listen.

- Avoid criticism and encourage an open dialogue.
- Remember, your goal is to have a conversation, not to deliver a lecture.
- It's OK for your conversation to take place over time, in bits and pieces.

Set a positive example by being tobacco-free.

- If you use tobacco, it's never too late to quit. For free help, visit smokefree.gov or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Many parents find that texting is a great way to reach their teens. Here are some suggestions for text messages that might catch your teen's attention. And, you can easily share pages of the website (E-cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov) with your teen.



Look for this symbol, click it, type in the message you want or use the message provided, and share with your teen via Facebook, Twitter, or email.

Connect and encourage.

- You always liked science. Check out the science about e-cigarettes and young people: E-cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov
- Getting off nicotine is hard but I'm so happy I quit. Don't make that mistake and get addicted. Smoking and tobacco use, including using e-cigarettes, are unsafe for young people.

Remind and repeat.

- Most teenagers don't use e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes with nicotine can mess with your brain, and your brain is still developing until you are at least 25.
- You might be tempted by e-cigarette flavors, but inhaling certain flavorings that have been found in some e-cigarettes can be harmful.

Share facts and resources.

- Just learned that many e-cigarettes have nicotine in them. That's the drug that makes cigarettes so addictive. Nicotine can also mess with your brain development.
- Just saw a report from the Surgeon General that e-cigarettes can mess with how your brain develops and might even affect your mood and focus. Please don't use any products that contain nicotine.
- Hope none of your friends use e-cigarettes around you. Even breathing the cloud they exhale can expose you to nicotine and chemicals that can be dangerous to your health.



Recently, numerous individuals from across the country have suffered severe lung damage linked to vaping.
Don't put off the conversation with your child .

- I don't say this to scare you, but I want you to have the facts because nothing is more important to me than your health and safety.

Are n't e-cigarettes safer than conventional cigarettes?

- Because your brain is still developing, scientific studies show that it isn't safe for you to use any tobacco product that contains nicotine, including e-cigarettes.
- Whether you get nicotine from an e-cigarette or a cigarette, it's still risky.
- Some e-cigarette batteries have even exploded and hurt people.

I thought e-cigarettes didn't have nicotine—just water and flavoring?

- I used to think that too. But many e-cigarettes have nicotine. There are also other chemicals in them that can be harmful.
- Let's look at the Surgeon General's website on e-cigarettes (E-cigarettes.SurgeonGeneral.gov) together so you can see for yourself.

I (or my friends) have tried e-cigarettes and it was no big deal.

- I appreciate your honesty. In the future, I hope you (or your friends) will stay away from e-cigarettes and other tobacco products, including cigarettes. Science shows that e-cigarettes contain ingredients that are addictive and could harm different parts of your body.
- Next time we go to the doctor, let's ask about the risks of nicotine, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products.

You used tobacco, so why shouldn't I?

- If I could live my life over again, I never would have started smoking. I learned that people who smoke cigarettes are much more likely to develop, and die from, certain diseases than people who don't smoke. This was really scary, so I quit smoking.
- Quitting was really hard, and I don't want you to go through that. The best thing is to not start at all.

START THE CONVERSATION

Find the right moment.

- A more natural discussion will increase the likelihood that your teen will listen. Rather than saying "we need to talk," you might ask your teen what he or she thinks about a situation you witness together, such as:
 - » Seeing someone use an e-cigarette in person or in a video.
 - » Passing an e-cigarette shop when you are walking or driving.
 - » Seeing an e-cigarette advertisement in a store or magazine or on the internet.

Ask for support.

- Not sure where to begin? Ask your health care provider to talk to your teen about the risks of e-cigarettes.
- You might also suggest that your teen talk with other trusted adults, such as relatives, teachers, faith leaders, coaches, or counselors whom you know are aware of the risks of e-cigarettes.
- These supportive adults can help reinforce your message as a parent.



ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS

Here are some questions and comments you might get from your teen about e-cigarettes and some ideas about how you can answer them.

Why don't you want me to use e-cigarettes?

- Science shows that e-cigarettes contain ingredients that are addictive and could harm different parts of your body.
- Right now, your brain is still developing, which means you are more vulnerable to addiction. Many e-cigarettes contain nicotine, and using nicotine can change your brain to make you crave more nicotine. It can also affect your memory and concentration. I don't want that for you!
- E-cigarettes contain chemicals that are harmful. When people use e-cigarettes, they breathe in tiny particles that can harm their lungs.

- The cloud that people exhale from e-cigarettes can expose you to chemicals that are not safe to breathe.

What's the big deal about nicotine?

- Your brain is still developing until about age 25. The Surgeon General reported that nicotine is addictive and can harm your brain development.
- Using nicotine at your age may make it harder for you to concentrate, learn, or control your impulses.
- Nicotine can even train your brain to be more easily addicted to other drugs like meth and cocaine.



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, 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.



Explore Empower Excel



Ready for your Interview?

Community Comes Together to Hold Mock Interviews For HMS Students

Several community members donated their time to conduct job interviews for our 8th-grade Family & Consumer Science (FACS) students. Students practiced essential interviewing skills they will need in the future with

teachers Ms. Oliver and Ms. Mashanic, such as resume writing, public speaking and presentation.

Thank you interviewers!

All photos courtesy of Ms. Kelly Kamas, Library Clerk.



Above:

Ms. Doubrava, IS Assistant Principal, interviews Jake Bennett.



Above:

Isabella Enright, foreground, responds to a question, while Brayden Kelly listens to Ms. Doubrava.

Left:

Nathan Crooker converses with Mr. Dylan Bennett, while Braeden Butts, background, contemplates his answer.



"Tell me about yourself!"

Mr. John Jay jots down notes as Amelia Christmas confidently promotes herself.



Peter Boris patiently listens to Mr. Richard Gafsi's question, while Ryan Hoffman responds in the background.

In the Stacks

with Librarian Ms. Heidrich



Internet Safety and Online Privacy

In today's world, where sharing is becoming the norm, there's a lot of talk about privacy and online reputation. Everything kids say or do online can affect how others view their character. These articles offer parents insight into how companies can collect and use their kids' data and personal information -- and what they can do about it.

Tip: Explain that nothing is really private online.

It's crucial for kids to guard their own online privacy by not posting and sharing things they don't want to become public. A few more tips: Ask permission before you go online. Never share passwords. Keep personal details -- name, address, phone number, how much money your parents make -- to yourself. Think before you post -- is this really something you want to share? Only communicate with people you know -- never chat with or send photos to strangers. (From "Parents' Guide to Protecting Kids' Privacy Online.")

From *A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost-Story of Christmas*, by Charles Dickens, 1843.

Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone — too nervous to bear witnesses — to take the pudding up and bring it in... Hallo. A great deal of steam. The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing-day. That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastry cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that. That was the pudding. In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered — flushed, but smiling proudly — with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quartern of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.



<https://recipes.history.org/2017/12/a-boiled-plum-pudding/>



HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

Karis Adams
Ava Aderhold
Kirafiki Alsworth
Amos Ames
Ryan Anderson
Sofia Andrus
Gavin Antes
Alivia Augustine
Makayla Austin
Jaydess Ayers
Adrian Bacon
Megan Badeau
Adam Bailey
Jenna Baker
Ian Balster
Logan Bates
Andrew Bauman
Grace Beck
Katherine Beecken
Abigail Bennett
Jacob Bennett
Maycie Bennett
Nevaeh-Angel Bennett
Jack Benton
Anthony Bifano
Joseph Biviano
Jenna Blitz
Ella Blowers
Hailee Bly
Donald Bolt
Sophia Bonnell
Peter Boris
Joseph Born

Ryan Bo
Nolan Bostwick
Mikiera Breedlove
Michael Brink
Riley Bronson
Laikyn Brown
Shannon Brown
Aubrie Burke
Ryan Burns
Julia Busch
Braeden Butts
John Cain
Adrianna Calbi
Honey Campbell
Dominic Cardinale
Raleigh Carling
Alyssa Carlson
Connor Carpenter
Lia Carrier
Owen Cassada
MadisonRose Cavanaugh
Lilia Chaffee
Anna Charbonneau
Hayden Chatlani
Zhi Chen
Amelia Christmas
Benjamin Church
Emily Churchill
Carlo Cipolla
Isabelle Clark
Lucas Clark
Jack Clate
Vincent Cole

Michael Colon
Haley Comfort
Kevin Comfort
Kaylyn Cook
Cole Cooper
Victoria Cortright
Cecilia Cowen
Colton Cox
Calvin Cragle
Kylan Craven
Nathan Crooker
Camden Crossland
Nolan Cruise
Garrett Cunningham
Virginia Curione
Cody Dale
Nikolas Darr
Aleksander Davis
Jayla Davis
Kiersten Davis
Kirsten Davis
Alexis Daw
Corinne DeFilippo
Nancy Deng
Ryan Denton
Nathan DeWeese
Hannah DeWert
Ellia Diezhandino
Brandon Dildine
Zane Dixon
Ethan Domey
Sidney Donaldson

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Alexandra Drake

Hunter Drew

Patrick Dunn

John Durr

Marney Durr

Ethan Dziennik

Jacob Edsall

Noah Edson

Amelia Ellison

Isabella Enright

Drake Ernst

Jordan Ewell

Keru Fabiny

Ava Fairbrother

Julia Faroni

Gem Fazzary

Sequoia Fazzary

James Fedele

Katelyn Fenton

Gianna Ferraro

Jack Fesetch

Kathryn Finlayson

Sean Fossaceca

Wilson Foster

Iylan Fowler

Hunter Francisco

Caiden French

Olivia French

Elijah Friend

Jayden Frycek

Arianna Fuksman

Rebecca Fullmer

Jalen Fulwood

Anthony Funair

Samuel Furney

Sara Gafsi

Patrick Gallagher

Olivia Gavin

Nathan German

Olivia Giammichele

Zachary Giammichele

Sienna Gibson

Gavin Gilbert

Devin Godwin

Elise Godwin

Casey Golden

Ethan Goliber

Grace Grantier

Ryan Green

Jordyn Gross

MacKenzie Grover

Maya Grow

Mickenzie Gryska

Olivia Haberstroh

Trent Hague

Lauren Hall

Chase Harmer

Noelle Harpster

Charles Hartman

Cadence Hartsock

Maddox Harvey

Tiara Haskell

Donald Hatch

Olivia Hatch

Karleigh Hays

Micah Hays

Christian Headley

Samuel Heffner

Olivia Hepinger

Lindsey Hess

Aiden Hickox

Savannah Hill

Katherine Hinman

Ryan Hoffman

Andrew Hollenbeck

Mason Holloway

Christian Hoskins

Sophie Houghtaling

Ayanna Howerton

Martin Huang

Dominic Hugg

Tayvon Huggins

Maddox Hughey

Dylan Hulslander

Johanna Ingerick

Nora Ingham

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HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

Gabrielle Ives
Gabrielle Janeski
Austin Janowski
Abdullah Javed
Madilyn Jerzak
Heidi Jewell
Darius Jividen
Abby Johns
Nathan Johnson
Sofia Johnson
Carter Jones
Kaitlyn Jones
Nicole Kailbourne
Mariam Kamal
Anika Kamaraju
Emma Kamas
Liam Kane
Spencer Kaschalk
Zachery Kathan
Alexandra Keller
Brayden Kelly
Reilly Kelly
Alexis Kemmer
Autumn Kemp
Kegan Kent
Jiwoo Kim
Jubin Kim
Hannah King
Nicholas Kingsley
Lilly Kintz-Smith
Ethan Kiser

Isabella Kitchin
Madison Kittle
Lukas Klee
Lainey Knapp
Alexis Knox
Michelle Koester
Meleah Kohberger
Goran Krajnik
Alexis Krohmalney
Madisyn Labuski-Logan
Alexis Lambert
Luke L'Amoreaux
Lucas Landowski
Camden Larrabee
Allison Laughlin
Marloe Laughlin
Avery Lejedal
Hayden Lenhardt
Sarah Lenhardt
Zachary Lese
Elise Levantovich
Quentin Lewis
Savannah Liddy
Ashlyn Lingenfelter
Shoonfon Li
Anneliese Little
Sophia Lorenz
Alexander Lotocky
Seth Loucks
Anna Lowe
Sibby Lowe

Isabelle Lucas
Natalie Luckette
Alivia Lunger
Jordyn Lunger
Nathan Machadapally
Delaney Majiros
Alexa Malay
Jasmine Mallow
Kristopher Marble
Jasmine Marks
Julianna Mason
Madisyn Matkosky
Jenifer Mattison
Dylan Mattoon
Mari Mayo
Kiersten McCarthy
Malorie McCarthy
Zoey McClelland
Morgan McCooley
Rylee McGann
Finnegan McInerney
Amanda McLaughlin
Logan Meisner
Ayden Mekos
Emma Michalko
Maxwell Mickley
Keira Miller
Danika Morehouse
Santiago Moreira
Kelly Morse

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Cayden Mosher
Evan Motell
Matthew Mucci
Brennan Murray
Madison Mustico
Isabella Myers
Nikolas Narsiff
Jorgeana Navarro
Dylan Nguyen
Adam Nielsen
Narayani Niraula
Laken Niver
Tabitha Oakes
Maliah Ogden
Emma O'Harra
Jacob Ortmeier
Lexie Ostrander
Emma Overdorff
Coleton Owen
Liam Paddock
Cameran Palmer
Drew Parsons
Makaya Parsons
Mallory Patchen
Avi Patel
Kris Patel
Lily Patelunas
Carder Pawlak
Dylan Pearson
Kara Pearson
Robert Peckham
Chloe Perriitt

Abigayle Perry
Alexis Peterson
Gracie Pierce
Casey Pietrzak
Logan Pike
Andrew Potter
Nadia Powers
Anthony Quaglia
Kyli Quattrini
Noah Rangstrom
Elizabeth Reed
Jada Reed
Trevor Reidy
William Reiman
Caleb Remchuk
Michael Rennells
Kaiya Rhoads
Mia Richardson
Patience Richards
Olivia Rightmire
Isabella Rivera
Shawn Robinson
Tiffany Robinson
Olivia Rose
Sydney Rose
Amelia Rouleau
Makenna Rounds
Elena Ruffer
Mia Ruggiero
Allison Ruhmel
Annalee Ruhmel
Dominick Russ

Camdyn Ryhal
Ryan Sadler
Bradock Salisbury
Sidney Sanders
Vivienne Saunders
John Savash-Acuña
Finnian Scanlon Shaw
Jacob Schanbacher
Chase Schermerhorn
Ryan Schiavone
Dylan Schrock
Jessica Schultz
Maryn Schwenke
Joel Scibek
Leah Scott
Alexander Seeley
Ashwin Senawiratne
Anna Sheahan
Jordan Sheehan
Gracie Sherman
Sam Shutter
MayAnna Sindlinger
Caitlyn Slavin
Julia Slawson
Jaebreonna Smith
Lilian Snowburg
Mia Sophia
Thomas Spencer
Jacob Staats
Griffin Stevens
Raegan Stevens
Alexis Stout

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Joshua Stout
Hunter Stratton
Tyler Strickland
Ian Suh
Devin Sullivan
Brooke Sumner
Lawson Swarthout
Logan Swarthout
Braelyn Switala
Sophia Tappan
Lucas Teets
Aubrianna Tenny
Lucy Theetge
Shaelyn Thomas
Clara Thompson
Joanne Tiberia
Jaycie Tillinghast
Sofia Toribio
Lauren Tournour
Thai Tran
Shayna Tressler
Connor Trimmer
Jeremy Truax
Miles Twomey
Elvonus Tyler
Kyra Ungvarsky
Brady Utter
Gage VanNordstrand
Joseph Veres
Lillian Walton
Ian Wandell
Isabelle Warrick

James Waters
Lincoln Watson
Nicholas Webb
Madelyn Weigand
Serenity Welch
Drue Welty
Jack West
Britney Wheeler
Maeve Wheeler
Aubreigh White
Mahlon White
Mallory White
Paislie White
Kendra Wida
Alicia Williams
Kaylee Williams
Natalie Williams
Gage Wilson
Ava Wing
Laura Wintermute
Megan Wolf
Andrew Wood
Arianna Woodard
Miles Woodhouse
Lindsey Wood
Braden Woodworth
Delanie Woodworth
Abigail Youngman
Matthew Young
Eman Zenati
Nathan Zhou
Alexis Zimmer



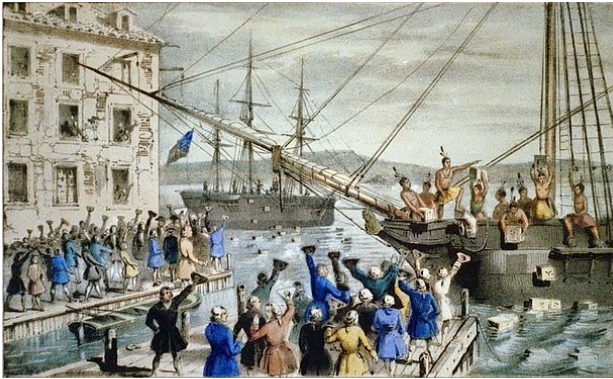
Congratulations Raiders!

Historic December

Boston Tea Party - December 16, 1773

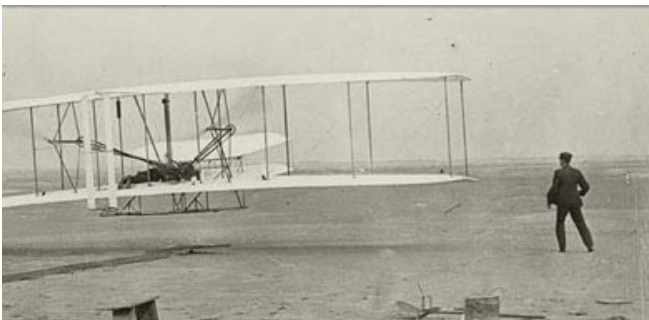
"Taxation Without Representation"

In an effort to refill their coffers after the French and Indian War, the British began imposing taxes on the colonies. The first tax enacted was the Stamp Act of 1765, which imposed a tax on all paper. The Townshend Acts (1767-68) taxed Colonials on paint, paper, lead, glass and tea. What really lit the fire of the Colonials' ire was the Boston Massacre (March 5, 1770), when a group of angry colonists threw snowballs at British soldiers, who then called for reinforcements and killed 5 colonists. The Brits eventually lifted all the taxes except for the one on tea. The Colonials refused to pay. So, on the night of December 16, they donned costumes (some disguised themselves as Native Americans), and boarded three English tea ships in Boston Harbor. In the dark of the night, they threw overboard all chests of tea in protest. Thus was sparked the American Revolution.



Wright Brothers First Flight - December 17, 1903

Wilbur won the coin toss and piloted their aircraft on its first flight at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The plane nose-dived into the sand after 3-1/2 seconds. After repairs were made, Orville flew the craft the next day, and soared over the sand dunes for 120 yards in 12 seconds. The brothers made three more flights that day. The last one, with Wilbur at the helm, lasted 59 seconds and covered 852 feet. Ironically, a feisty gust of wind off the ocean tossed the craft upside down on the sand. It never flew again.



The Battle of Wounded Knee - December 12, 1890

Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota, marked the last conflict between the U.S. Cavalry soldiers and the Lakota Nation. One hundred and fifty Native American Sioux were killed, mostly women and children.

The spread of the Ghost Dance, a spiritual dance through which Native Americans thought the world could be made new and they could live in peace without the white man, alarmed U.S. Soldiers. Mistakenly believing that Sitting Bull (who was imprisoned at Pine Ridge) was calling for the dance to be performed, he was assassinated. In the unrest that followed, Big Foot (also known as Spotted Elk, Sitting Bull's brother), led his people on the 300-mile journey to refuge at Wounded Knee. The U.S. 7th Cavalry rode out to Wounded Knee to quell unrest; instead, the infamous massacre ensued.

In 1973, another uprising occurred at Wounded Knee. The American Indian Movement (AIM) occupied Wounded Knee to protest harassment of tribal members. Two Native Americans were killed and a federal marshal was paralyzed by gunfire. Tribal members were arrested, but later acquitted due to FBI manipulation.

The protest succeeded in drawing attention to the plight of the Native Americans.

In the photo, riders recreate Big Foot's 300-mile ride from Pine Ridge Reservation to Wounded Knee.

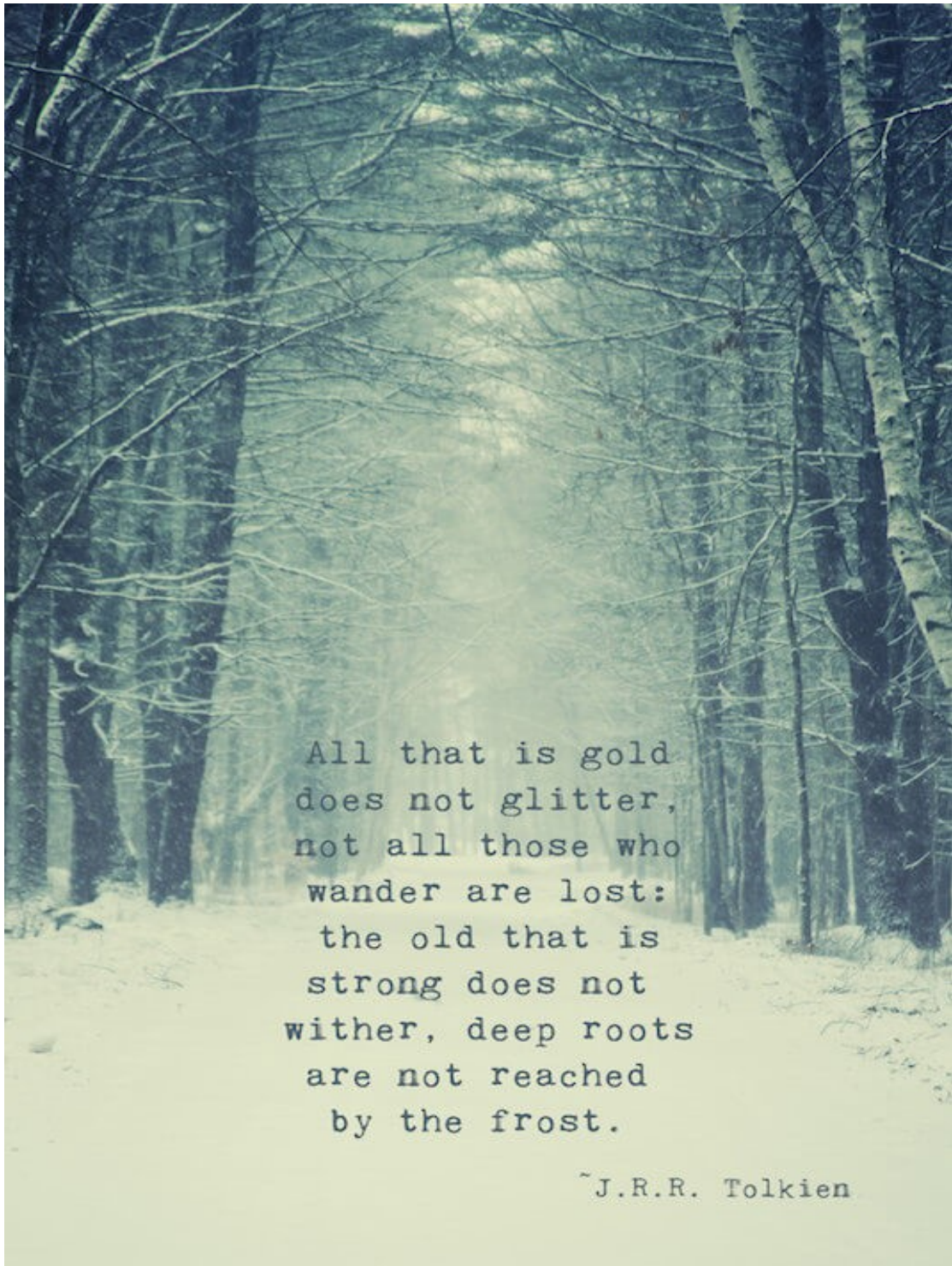
The Fall of the Soviet Union: December 25, 1991

After nearly 70 years of communist rule, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) crumbled under Mikhail Gorbachev's leadership. Gorbachev introduced "Perestroika", a policy of economic restructuring and "Glasnost", which created political openness. These policies enabled democratization to spread through Eastern Europe.



Mikhail Gorbachev

Gorbachev resigned on December 25, 1991, announcing: "We're now living in a new world. An end has been put to the Cold War and to the arms race, as well as to the mad militarization of the country, which has crippled our economy, public attitudes and morals."



All that is gold
does not glitter,
not all those who
wander are lost:
the old that is
strong does not
wither, deep roots
are not reached
by the frost.

~J.R.R. Tolkien

Note --

“All that Glitters is not Gold”, or variations thereof, was first used by 12th-century theologian Alain deLille. Geoffrey Chaucer also used it in 1380 in *House of Fame*. The phrase was popularized by Shakespeare in 1596’s *Merchant of Venice*. Tolkien used it here, along with “Not All those Who Wander are Lost”, (a popular quote) in “The Riddle of Strider” in 1948’s *Lord of the Rings*.



Snow

Much

Fun!





*...Over the river and through the wood,
trot fast my dapple gray!*

*Spring over the ground
like a hunting hound*

For this is Thanksgiving Day!



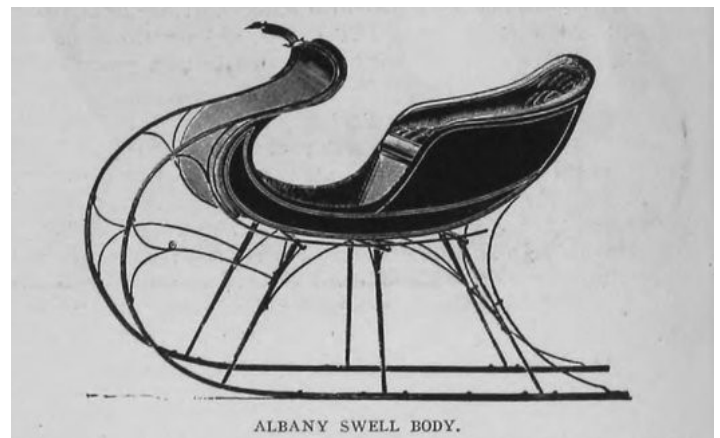
Poem by Lydia Maria Child, 1844

*-- originally titled "The New-England Boy's Song
about Thanksgiving Day"*

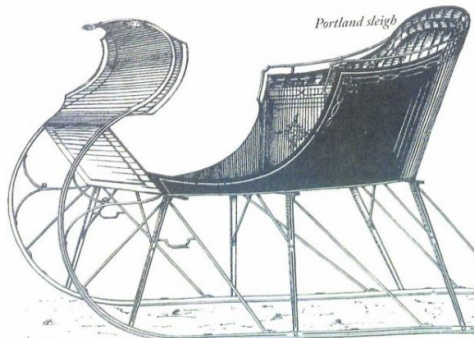
There is truly nothing like a sleigh ride on a winter's day...in the moonlight is even better! The romanticism of a sleigh ride was embodied in the Albany Cutter, first produced in Albany, New York, by the James Goold Company at the turn of the 18th century. Skilled craftsmen steamed the wood to build the swell body and delicately curved runners. Designed for two, it was the trendiest way to get around in winter.



The James Goold Co. building, on Broadway in Albany, NY. Founded in 1813, they expanded to include automobile repairs as the times were changing. Photo from the [Albany Public Library History Collection](#).



The Albany Cutter, drawing from [*The Automotive Manufacturer "The Hub"* \(1902\)](#).



The Portland Cutter, designed by Peter Kimball of Maine, had a boxy body and curved dash. It was manufactured the same time as the Albany Cutter.

The Carriage Journal, January 2006, Vol 44.

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LOGO MATCH

By Kendra Wida



1. Apple, 2. Target, 3. Snapchat, 4. Nike, 5. Adidas, 6. American Eagle, 7. Under Armour, 8. Vans, 9. Victoria Secret, 10. Gucci



Water Pollution

by Ella Blowers

There are 14 billion pounds of waste going into the ocean a year. More than 1.5 million pounds of waste goes into the ocean per hour. There are 5.25 trillion pounds of waste in the ocean now.

The marine animals are in lots of danger and so are we if we do not do something about it. Also because of the pollution 100,000 marine animals die from plastic waste every year.



So, what can you do about ocean plastic pollution?

1. Reduce Your Use of Single-Use Plastics. ...
2. Recycle Properly. ...
3. Participate In (or Organize) a Beach or River Cleanup. ...
4. Support Bans. ...
5. Avoid Products Containing Microbeads. ...
6. Spread the Word. ...
7. Support Organizations Addressing Plastic **Pollution**.



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Minecraft and Mojang

by Colton Cox

Have you ever heard of Minecraft? Well Minecraft is one of the biggest games in the world. Minecraft has 91 million players. There are three creators of Minecraft. Markus Persson, Jens Bergensten, and Stephon McManus. These designers created Minecraft on May 17, 2009. Minecraft was released on November 18, 2011. There is a total of 72 employees working at Mojang. Minecraft developer Mojang brought in a total of 240 million dollars. Microsoft said that they were going to buy Minecraft intellectual property for US\$2.5 billion.

Minecraft allows players to build explore and survive. Players can also play on the creative world where you have unlimited amount of health and blocks and objects to use and build whatever you want. The best part about Minecraft is you can play with your friends and work together to build and make whatever you want. In Minecraft you can also try different challenges and different game modes. This gives players many things to do when playing Minecraft. Many players play with friends and when you can play with friends many kids bond better when you are having fun. Minecraft is a fun game maybe you want to try?

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The National Football League History

by Casey Pietrzak

The National Football League was founded in 1920. It was started by a group of gathered men in Ohio in a show-room. Then 2 years later it became a pro football league. The first 8 franchise teams where the New York Giants, Chicago Bears, Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers. From 1944-1969 the Rams, Browns, 49ers, Vikings, Saints, Falcons, Cowboys and Colts were added and in 1969 the league merged with the AFL, adding ten new teams. Then in 1967 it was the first ever super bowl and the Green Bay Packers came out with the win. That's when the national football league became popular. Then in 2002 all 32 teams became franchise teams. No other team has been dropped since they all became a franchise team, 17 years and none of the 32 teams have been dropped. Since the first ever Super Bowls there's been 53 National Football League Super Bowls!



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Anne Frank

By Elizabeth Hicks



Have you ever heard of Anne Frank? Here are some facts about how she lived her everyday life during the Holocaust. Anne Frank was one of the most famous Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Anne Frank was a Dutch girl who wrote in her diary during her time in hiding from the Nazis. Anne Frank was born June 12th, 1929. Anne and her family went into hiding July 6th, 1942 in the backroom office and warehouse of Otto Frank's food-products business.

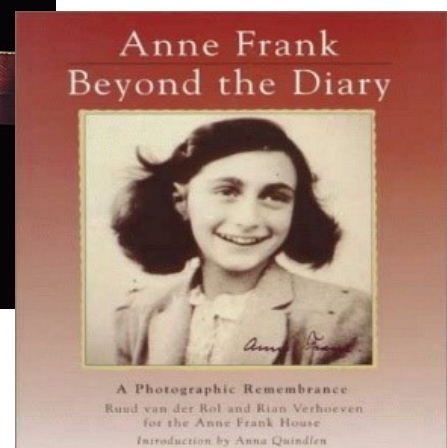
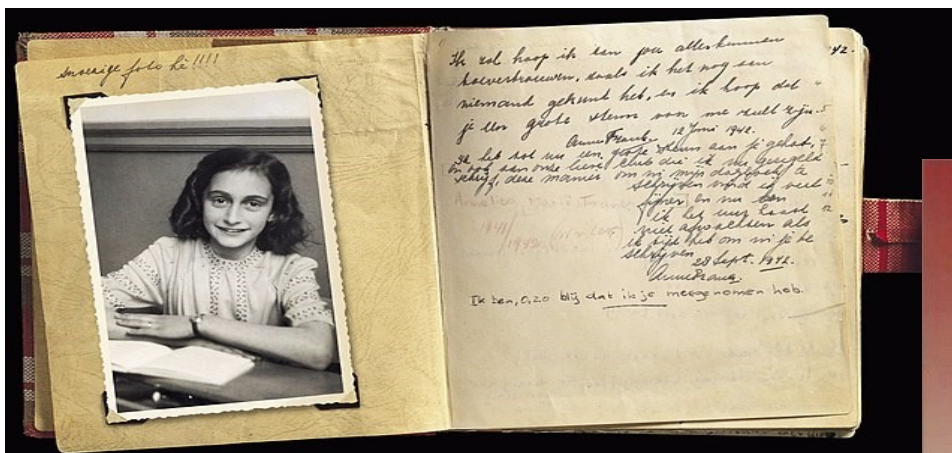
Anne Frank's parents gave her a diary on her 13th birthday. Anne Frank wrote about her daily life, her ups and downs hiding from the Nazis, and the usual changes in her life. Anne's diary was one of the most important memoirs that helped us understand a little about what her life must have been like as a Jewish girl during World War II occupied Europe.

Anne Frank and her older sister Margot died within weeks of each other in March 1945. Anne and Margot died in a typhus epidemic in March 1945. Typhus was disease when people got headaches, fever, and rash. And it was passed on very quickly. Back then there was no antibiotics, so they died. The Holocaust occurred during World War II. Hitler was the leader of Germany, and he killed people he didn't like Polish people, Catholics, Serbs, and handicapped people. Hitler hated Jewish people and blamed them for Germany losing World War II. The Nazis murdered as many as 17 million innocent people. 6 million Jewish people were murdered by the Nazis.

Ever since people found her diary, we've been able to understand and know so much about the Holocaust and how Anne Frank felt during that awful time in history.

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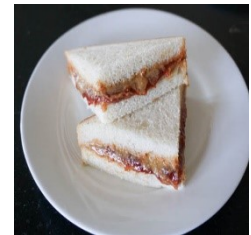
Wacky Facts About New York

By Aiden Fish

Did you know the index finger of the Statue of Liberty is 8 feet long?



George Crum, a Native American cook at a Saratoga Spring resort, one night in 1853 made fried potatoes to thin and crisp them to skewer with a fork, but diners loved them and continue to today.



There is a restaurant in New York that serves nothing but peanut butter sandwiches in 20 different varieties.



Home of the Baseball Hall of Fame and the place where people used to think Union General Abner Doubleday invited America's pastime in 1839. A good but not true story.

October 24, 1901. Retired schoolteacher Annie Taylor (age 63) became the first to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Unlike most of the people who've tried it since, she survived. She did it in order to go on a lecture tour about the experience.



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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.

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