Horseheads Middle School

January, 2020



New Year's Edition

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What's Happening at HMS

1/8/19

8th Grade FACS Field Trip to BOCES

1/14/20 MS Raider White/Blue Bands HS Concert Band • HS Aud. 7:30pm

1/15/20 MS Winter Art Show • MS Café - 6:00 pm

1/16/20 Grade 8 High School Information Night HS Aud. 6:00 pm

1/20/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

> 1/24/20 2nd Marking Period Ends

1/27/20 Instructional Planning Day No School

1/28/20 Second Semester Begins

1/30/20 PTO Meeting - Library - 5:30 pm OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 8:00 pm

1/31/20 & 2/1/20 MS Musical • HS Aud. Friday - 7:00pm * Saturday - 2:00pm

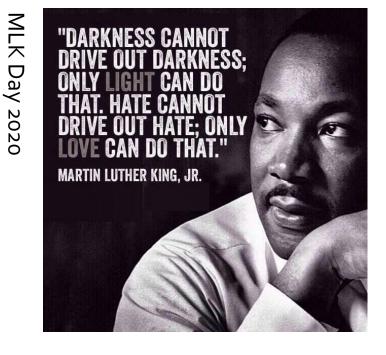
2/4/20 Report Cards & Aimsweb Reports Issued

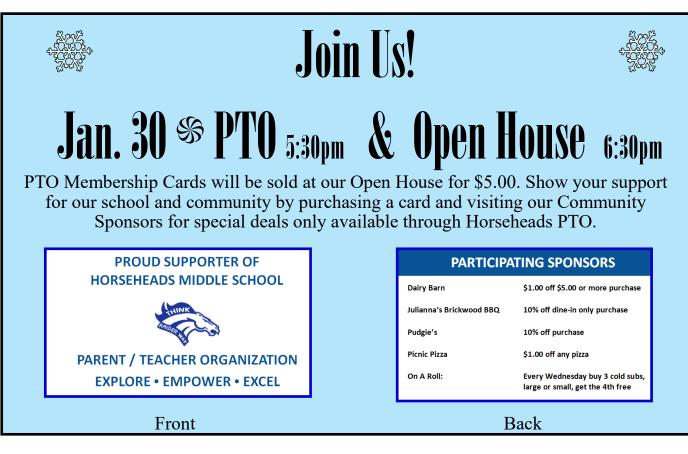
> 2/7/20 MS Group Pictures

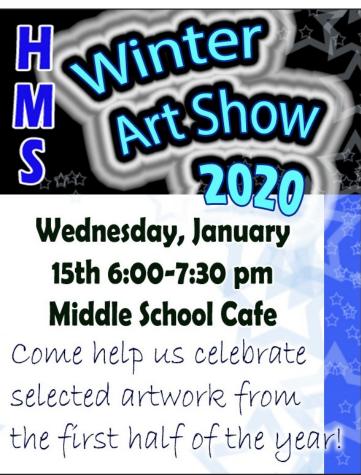
SEMESTER 2

MS second semester begins on 1/28/20. Prior to first period, students will report to homeroom to pickup their second semester schedule. First semester schedules should be discarded.









Oliver Gwist

Oliver Twist will be presented by the Middle School players January 31 at 7:00pm and February 1 at 2:00pm in the High School Auditorium.

FACS Classes to Visit BOCES

Our 8th-grade FACS students will go on a field trip to the GST BOCES Bush Campus on Philo Road in Elmira, NY. Our students will be visiting the BOCES Information Day event on January 8, 2020. This will be a great opportunity to see many of the courses that are available in high school at the BOCES campus.

Students in Mrs. Mashanic's class will go in the morning, approximately 9-11 AM. Mrs. Oliver's students will be going in the afternoon, approximately 12:00-2:00 PM. School busses will provide transportation.

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 Roll85.0 cumulative averageFailing Grade64.0 or lower in any courseReport Cards Issued February 4, 2020

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 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 <u>kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>.

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



Health Unit Notification

During the last marking period of each semester, seventh grade health classes will be studying the Human Physiology Unit. This is an abstinence-based unit which will include the male and female reproductive systems, conception and birth, the risks of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS prevention.

You have the option of exempting your child from the HIV/AIDS prevention information. However, we strongly encourage your child to participate. HIV information must be presented to every child by State mandate. Therefore, it is the parent's responsibility to provide this information which will be included in the Health final. If a student is exempted, he/she is assigned to a study hall and required to do an independent study unit in health.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your concerns before making your decision, call your child's health teacher during school hours at 739-6357.

RETURN THE FORM BELOW IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIT.



<u>Return this portion by January 10, 2020</u> to the Middle School Health Teacher to exempt your child from instruction in the classroom.

(student name)

Does not have my permission to participate in the Human Physiology Unit and/or HIV/AIDS prevention.

Student: _____

Parent Signature:

Date: _____



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.



Eighth Grade Information Night for High School

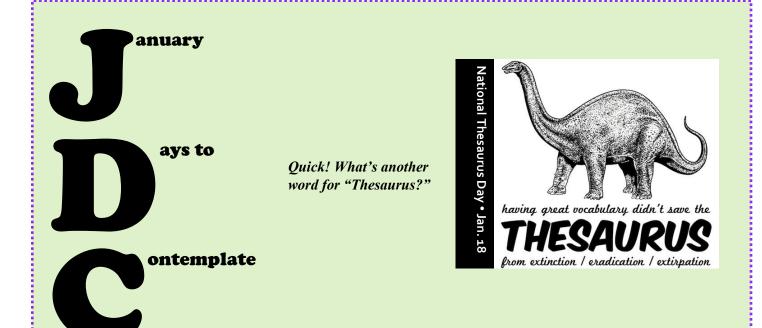
An informational presentation for 8th graders heading to high school next fall will be held Thursday, January 16 at 6:00pm in the high school auditorium. School counselors and administrators will be on hand to answer your questions.

Prevention Needs Assessment Survey

Our 8th grade students will participate in an anonymous Prevention Needs Assessment Survey during 10th period on January 16th. More information and the option to decline participation will be sent in a letter using our auto e-mail system the week of January 6th. If you do not receive the letter prior to January 16th and would like to decline, please notify Ron Holloway at

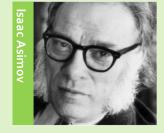
rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com no later than January 15th.





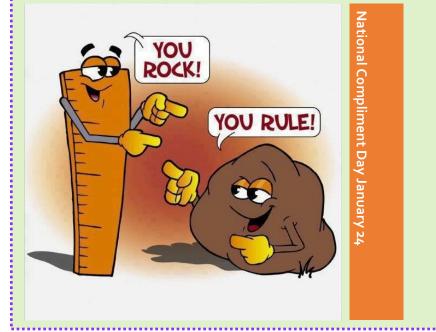
"Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent."





January 2 is **SCIENCE FICTION DAY**, and also Isaac Asimov's birthday. The Russian-born author was famous for his science fiction books as well as his works in popular science. He was also a professor of biochemistry at Boston University.







National Bird Day • January 5 Shown is Bluebird, state bird of NY.

HMS Food Drive

Our middle school students collected more than 3,000 items in this year's BackPack Program Food Drive. The 8 White team topped the school with 1,218 items donated! A total of 3,260 items were collected by the students.

The leading two teams chose teachers to participate in the school-wide Food Drive Assembly, and had the chance to be chosen to participate with their teachers in the Food Drive Assembly games.

Many thanks to our families for supporting this worthy cause. All items were donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

8th Grade Totals:

1st Place: 8 White	1,218
2nd Place: 8 Blue	786
3rd Place: 8 Red	407
7th Grade Totals:	
1st Place: 7 White	560
2nd Place: 7 Blue	193
3rd Place: 7 Red	96

Way to Go

Raiders!



More than 3,000 items were collected for the BackPack Program for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier!

What is the BackPack Program? Organized by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, the BackPack Program provides schoolchildren with healthy food over the weekend. Items include fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains to provide nutritional meals when school is not in session. To sign up for the program, or to volunteer, visit the Food Bank's website: https://www.foodbankst.org

Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School



DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy incentives and penalties.
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

Please Note:



Students enrolled in Algebra I, French, Spanish or

Studio in Art at the middle school, must meet the 85% attendance rate established by the Board of Education Policy 5100. The full policy can be viewed at our district website under the Board of Education tab or at this link: <u>http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/index.cfm</u>.

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The Trusted Platform for School Community Engagement

Parents and Guardians

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

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

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

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



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the <u>Student Privacy Pledge</u>, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

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

"Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



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The DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP Pledge

I will keep myself SAFE on the Internet I will keep my information PRIVATE and SECURE I value my IDENTITY I will develop a good REPUTATION online I will COMMUNICATE respectfully I am not a CYBERBULLY I am digitally and technologically LITERATE I will give CREDIT to others for their work

I am a DIGITAL CITIZEN

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 <u>http://go.gstboces.org/dcnews-signup</u> in your browser.

What is TikTok?

TikTok is a short-form, video-sharing and social media app that allows users to create and share 15second videos, on any topic.

The app has simplified video creation and sharing and taken it to the next level. All users can record anything from their daily routines and post it instantly. Neither the video-creation nor the watching process takes much time or effort.

When a user opens the app, the videos start playing one-by-one and a viewer gets lost in a sea of addictive video content.

As for the content itself, all the inappropriate words and sexual lyrics that go along with popular music are obviously part of the app, and some of the clothing and dance moves in videos can be a little risqué.

Parents can access the privacy settings though there are no actual parental controls. Be aware that it is still possible to watch videos from the app without ever creating an account.

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Some Popular Apps That Parents Should Know About

Do you what apps your children are using? Chances are that your children have used one or more of these apps. Know what apps are on your kids' phones, what they do, and how they work.

SNAPCHAT	О ТКТОК		MEETME
One of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features, including "stories", allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. It also allows users to see your location.	A new mobile device app popular with kids. It's used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content	This app is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails,and make calls and video chats.	This is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. App users are encouraged to meet in person.
BUMBLE	LIVE.ME	CISK fm ASK.FM	GRINDR
Similar to "Tinder." The dating app requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to create fake Bumble accounts that falsify their age.	A live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.	This app is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions and make comments.	A dating app geared towards the LGBT community. The app gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet up based on a phone's GPS.
kik.		HOLLA	+ - × % CALCULATOR%
Allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.	An anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.	An"addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Users say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.	Only one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.



Taking Care of Your 1-to-1 Device

Our Best Tips and Practices



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So your district has provided a 1:1 device for you to take care of? While this is a big responsibility, you can do it!

Here are some tips to help you keep your device in top shape!

- Transport the device with care.
- Always support a device from its bottom with lid closed.
- 3. Devices should always be closed and tightly secured when moving about the building.
- 4. Heavy objects should never be placed on top of your device.
- No food or drink should be next to your device at any time.
- 6. Cords, cables, and removable storage devices must be inserted carefully into the device.
- 7. Never leave your device in an unlocked locker or any unsupervised area.
- 8. Take care to protect your password. Do not share your password.

Taking care of your screen deserves some extra special tips because screens can be easily damaged!

To protect your screen:

- Do not lean or put pressure on the top of the device when it is closed.
- Do not store the device with the screen in the open position.
- Do not place anything near the device that could put pressure on the screen.
- 4. Do not place anything in a carrying case or backpack that will press against the cover.
- 5. Do not poke the screen with anything that will mark or scratch the screen surface.
- Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils, or disks).
- 7. Clean the screen with a soft dry cloth only.

These tips should help you in taking care of your 1:1 device. Also, remember that if you ever have trouble with your 1:1 device, make sure you report it to the school's IT Help Team.

TIPS FOR BATTERY LIFE - <u>http://go.gstric.org/304-battery</u>

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Frequently Asked (Guidance) Questions



Q: How do I get in touch with my child's teachers?

A: You can call the office and ask to speak to the teacher(s) you're looking for OR you can call your child's counselor and he/she can help connect you.

Q: When can I meet with my child's teachers?

A: Teachers meet as a team 2-3 days/week. This time is used for curricular planning and parent conferences. Call your child's assigned counselor to make an appointment.

Q: How do I find out what my student's homework is when he/she is absent?

A: You can call the Main Office before 10:00 am and request work. Work can be picked up between 3:05-3:30.

Q: How are students placed on teams?

A: Teams are created with a careful balance of academic and behavioral needs.

Q: Do you offer tutoring after school?

A: No, but all students have a study hall at the end of the day. They can get pre-signed passes and meet with their teachers for extra help.

Q: My son/daughter is being bullied at school. What can I do to help?

A: The first thing you need to do is report the problem to your child's school counselor. He/she will meet with your child to discuss the situation and determine an appropriate (agreed upon) plan of action. As the parent, you should continue to discuss the situation at home and inform the school of any continuation of the problem. The student will continue to meet with the counselor until the situation is resolved. PLEASE do not hesitate to inform the counselor of any concerns pertaining to this situation, or any other problems. We are a team!

Q: My child is refusing to follow rules at home and at school. Are there programs that can address these issues?

A: CIS (Children's Integrated Services) - Provides assistance to families struggling at home with various issues. Referrals to appropriate agencies are made, as needed. This is a voluntary program involving collaboration between home, school and CIS. Their number is 737-5582.

Contact Us!

Horseheads Middle School Main Office- 739-6357 **Counselors see students by their last name:**

A-K Mr. Micknich 739-6359 x3652 **L-Z Mrs. Clark** 739-6359 x3650

Student Contributions from Ms. Schiefen's Reading Class





ALLIGATOR GARS

by Sidney Sanders

Have you ever heard of an Alligator Gar? If you have not, then I will tell what these strange creatures are. The Alligator Gar is part fish and well, part alligator. The Alligator Gar lives in wa-

terways along the Atlantic coast from Canada to part of Florida. Did you know that Alligator Gars have two rows of teeth? Could you imagine having two rows of teeth? The Alligator Gar has a thin body with hard scales. For example, the Longnose Gar has a long slender jaw that can grow to about 5 feet. Did you know that the shortest Alligator Gar is about 2 to 3 feet long? The largest Alligator Gar is about 10 feet long. Wow! That must be big and heavy. Did you know that you can eat Alligator Gar meat? It is not very common. Wow! I didn't know you could even eat Alligator Gar meat! Did you know that the word gar comes from needlefish? Alligator Gars are very interesting as you can see.

Work Cited: Hocutt, Charles H. "Gar." *World Book Student*, World Book, 2019, worldbookonline.com/student-new/#/article/home/ar216700. Accessed 9 Oct. 2019.

Great White Shark Facts

By Aiden Sullivan

Great White Sharks they have some of the biggest teeth in the world.

Great White Sharks have good senses, they can smell a drop of blood from about 0.53 kilometers away. That's crazy!

Great White Sharks live in the Atlantic, Pacific, India, Arctic and Southern Oceans.

When a Great White Shark is born it immediately swims away from its mother.

Baby Great White Sharks are on their own from the start. Their mother may think of them as prey if they get in her way.

When a Great White Shark is born it is about 5 feel long. Also, it grows about four times that size until it's an adult shark.

Great White Sharks are very interesting animals!

Work Cited:

Great White Sharks http://nationalgeographic.com/Great-White-Shark. Accessed 8 October 2019.



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from Ms. Schiefen's Reading Class





Paintball

by Brayden Weed

Paintball is a relatively new sport where you mark people with a ball of paint. That means when you get hit with a paintball you're out. The aver-

age game cost is anywhere from \$50 to \$100 a game, depending on how much paint and air you use for the paintball equipment.



You should wear long pants, boots, long sleeves, mask, gloves, and a hat. You also should wear knee pads of some sort and elbow pads so when you slide on your knees or elbows you don't get rub burn or cut yourself.

The game started in America in June of 1981 on a 125-acre wooded forest in Henniker, New Hampshire where 12 people played. Paintball now is very popular and played all over the United States.

I think you should go play sometime. A place to play paintball near us is called Ithaca Paintball. You can rent a paintball gun, 2 pods with a belt ,and a face mask. You also get 500 paintballs and free tank refills all day for \$38 a person. Paintball is definitely something I like to do in my spare time.

Work Cited : Paintball History : The First Paintball Game Ever

https://nicolpawn.ca/paintball-blog.php/2011/05/27/history-of-paintball-markers. Accessed 16 October 2019

CAN YOU FIND IT ?

by Liam Paddock

This is a White Spotted Desert Beetle.

It is in the Gobi Desert and nowhere else in the world.

The reason it uses camouflage is to escape from predators such as the toads and lizards.

It eats plants and meat scraps left over from animal carcasses.

It comes out in the day because most of the predators are asleep or in hiding.

If it gets too hot it can burrow under the sand for shade.

It also makes burrows to have as a home.

DID YOU FIND IT ?

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Accessed 8 October 2019.



Student Contributions

from Ms. Schiefen's Reading Class

What is Humidity?

by Tiara Haskell

Everyone complains about humidity, but do we really know what it is? Humidity is the amount of water in the air. The term humidity generally refers to the amount of water in the air. The cause of the humidity is heat, heat energizes all molecules. Humidity usually occurs in the summer time and in the south. As water heats up it is converted into water vapor. The main source of heat comes from the sun, sun rays hit many bodies of water, this causing the water cycle. Most places in the south are hot and humid because of the ocean and all the bodies of water, New York's humidity comes from all the bodies of water around us. For example New York has the Finger Lakes. No matter where you choose to live you can't escape the humidity in the air.



What can humidity do to your home? Humidity can wreck your house, humidity could damage your whole house, mostly if it's high humidity. High humidity is usually a cause of bacteria, mold, and mildew. The drips that get on your windows could drip on wood, which would then cause wood in your home to be damaged. Humidity is a health risk too. Humidity also causes rotten food.

Work Cited:

"What Causes Humidity & What Is It?"

https://www.eva-dry.com/what-causes-humidity/ accessed 7 October 2019



by Rhiannon Costley
Domestic cats purr





Cats are royalty



Student Contributions

from Ms. Schiefen's Reading Class

Learning About Greek gods and goddesses

by Emily Churchill

A long, long time ago there were two different time lines for gods and goddesses. There were Greek times and Roman times. When they were in Greek form, they had different names and personalities than when they were in Roman form.

Zeus: god of whether/lightning Roman name is Jupiter

Hera: goddess of marriage/mothers and families Roman name is Juno

Poseidon: god of the sea, ocean, and all bodies of water Roman name is Neptune

Demeter: goddess of agriculture her Roman name is Ceres

Ares: god of war Roman name is Mars

Athena: goddess of wisdom/war/useful arts her Roman name is Minerva

Apollo: god of archery/music/poetry/prophecy/ medicine/sun Roman name is Apollo

Artemis: goddess of moon/the hunt/young maidens

Hephaestus: god of blacksmiths/ fire Roman name is Vulcan (no star trek relation)

Aphrodite: goddess of love/beauty Roman name is Venus

Hermes: god of roadways/travelers/merchants/thieves' Roman name is mercury

Dionysus: god of wine roman name is Bacchus

Hades: god of the underworld Roman name: Pluto

Hypnos: god of sleep Roman name is Somnus

Nike: goddess of victory her Roman name is Victoria

Janus: god of beginnings/choices/doorways he has no Greek name

Nemesis: goddess of revenge Roman name also Nemesis

Iris: goddess of the rainbow messenger of the gods her Roman name is Arcus

Hecate: goddess of magic/crossroads/ghosts Roman name is Hecate as well

Tyche: goddess of good luck/fortune Roman name is Fortuna

Work cited: Rick Riordan meet the Greek gods http://rickriordan.com/extra/meet-the-greek-gods/





TOP 5 MOST POWERFUL MUSCLE CARS

by Zach Thomas

Do you wonder why they call Muscle Cars, Muscle Cars? Muscle Cars were originally called "Super Cars". A Muscle Car, by the strictest definition is an intermediate sized, performance-oriented model, powered by a large V8 engine at an affordable price.

Model Name	Year	Horsepower
Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat	2015	707 hp
Ford Mustang Shelby GT500	2018	662 hp
Chevrolet Camaro Z06	2018	650 hp
Ford GT	2017	647 hp
Dodge Viper	2017	645 hp

Work Cited: Muscle Car Definition. Muscle Car Club.com <u>https://musclecarclub.com/muscle-car-definition/</u> Accessed 7 October 2019.



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.

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

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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 Ro	oad, Horseheads, NY



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.

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 <u>rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>.

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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