



Ridge Road Reporter April 2025



Happy April Everyone!

Class Placements for 2025-2026

I will soon be meeting with the staff members from each grade level, PK-3, to begin making classroom placements for the 2025-2026 school year. Our goal is to provide the best possible educational environment for all students. To reach this goal, each grade level team works to create balanced classroom sections with a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs.

We are unable to honor specific requests for individual teachers, but we do value your input from a parent’s perspective. If you have specific information, about your child that you would like our team to take into consideration when creating the class lists, please put this information in writing and send it to my e-mail (ambailey@horseheadsdistrict.com) **by Thursday, April 10th**. Information about your child’s learning style, strengths, growth areas and personality would be most valuable to us during the placement process.

Please note that all parent input received by the deadline of **April 10th**, will be reviewed during the classroom placement process. However, we cannot guarantee that special requests will be honored. **Once class lists have been distributed, no requests to change classroom placement will be accepted.**

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

Character Education

The Character Education virtue for the month of April will be **Responsibility**. Please take a few minutes to discuss with your child about ways they can show responsibility in school and at home.

New York State ELA & Math Testing

The 3rd and 4th grade students will be participating in the **New York State ELA Assessments on April 29th and 30th**. The 3rd and 4th grade students will also participate in **New York State Math Assessments on May 6th and 7th**. Again, this year, the students will be participating in the computer-based assessments from the state. Please reach out to your child’s teacher or call Mrs. Bailey in the school office if you have any questions about the state tests.

Report Cards

Progress reports will be coming home on Friday, April 11th for all students in **1st – 4th grade**. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held for students in grades Pre- K and Kindergarten this marking period. If you have a child in Pre-K or Kindergarten, please make sure you have connected with your child’s teacher on your conference date and time.

Grade Level Music Concerts

Tuesday, April 8th - 2nd grade concert at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road Cafeteria.
Friday, May 16th – 4th grade concert at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium

We hope your family can join us for these events!

PTO News

The PTO will meet on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6:00pm in the Ridge Road Library. We have begun planning our Annual Spring Carnival and need many hands to make this possible! Our PTO is thrilled that we are able to provide so many wonderful opportunities and events for our students. Please consider signing up to help plan our Carnival or volunteer to work a shift at the Carnival on Friday, June 6th.

School Store

Our PTO school store is still open each Friday morning for students. The store is in the school lobby from 7:45-8:15. The store carries inexpensive items such as pencils, erasers, notebooks, crayons, and other fun school-type items. All items are under \$2.

Attention Parents of 4th Grade Students

Grade 4 Intermediate School Presentation and Self-Guided Tour

The Intermediate School will be hosting a presentation and self-guided tour for all current 4th graders. The presentation will be held on **April 9th**, in the Intermediate School cafeteria beginning at **6:00 PM**. Immediately following, students and families will have the opportunity to take a self-guided tour around the Intermediate School.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the IS

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2025-2026 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and **send them to the Intermediate School no later than April 21st**. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you!



Spring Break Week

School will not be in session from Monday, April 14th -Friday, April 18th.

2025-26 Budget Information

Budget vote and Board of Education Election will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

The Board of Education and administration began the development of the 2025-26 school year on February 13. The board will continue budget development and discussion until the final adoption of the budget is offered to voters at the budget vote on Tuesday, May 20. Meetings are open to the public and are livestreamed. Visit www.horseheadsdistrict.com to access the presentations and recordings.

2025-26 Board of Education Budget Meeting Schedule:

April 10	Board Budget Workshop	6:00 p.m.	High School Multimedia Ctr
April 23	Board of Education Regular Meeting	5:15 p.m.*	High School Multimedia Ctr
May 8	Public Hearing	5:15 p.m.	High School Multimedia Ctr

*The Board may immediately adjourn to Executive Session, with the intention to reconvene for the Public Session agenda at 6:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

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

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any Ridge Road student should be referred to Mrs. Bailey at 607-739-6351.

P.E. WITH MR. 'R': 2024-25

Mr. Romanski

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Ext. 7703

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Upcoming Events

APRIL –

**3rd & 4th Grade
RPS Tournament**

**Fourth Grade
Intramurals:
Dodgeball Activities**

**The Return of
FLAT
FRANKIE!!!**

APRIL NEWS

Hey parents,

Here are some reminders to make our year easier for your students, teachers, and you.

IN MARCH: Students focused on proper form and improvement when throwing and catching. They also learned the difference between "offense" and "defense" while displaying the correct footwork.



APRIL UNITS: Dance/Dance Revolution
Obstacle Course -Kidnastics

April 7th is **WORLD HEALTH DAY.**

In 1948, countries of the world came together to promote health so everyone can attain the highest level of health and well-being.

And always remember: RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!





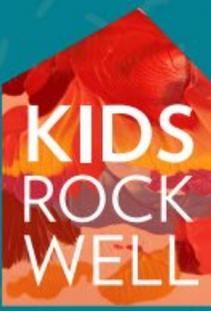
RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NURSES NOTES

- **PHYSICALS & IMMUNIZATIONS** – In preparation for the 2025-2026 school year I am reviewing students records to check for those in need of meeting the requirements for those entering Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, & 5th grades. **Per NYS and the district, a physical exam dated 9/4/24 or after will be needed. Kindergarten students will need to have completed their required immunizations.** I will be sending letters home over the next few weeks to those in need. I want to give ample time for appointments to be made as I understand some primary care provider offices are booking well out into the summer.
- **RECESS** – The children will continue to have outside recess weather permitting. As the weather may vary daily, please send in appropriate coats and boots as the playground will be wet/muddy. A complete change of clothing is encouraged to be kept in their backpacks as the health office's supply closet has limited sizes available. The health office does **NOT** have a supply of shoes.
- **DONATIONS** – Thank you to those who have sent in donations. They are greatly appreciated. We currently need pants/shorts sizes 4-16 for boys and girls. Pull on pants/shorts and leggings are preferred. We are also in need of boys & girls short sleeve shirts, also sizes 4-16.
- **PARTY TREATS** – All treats need to be in their original sealed packaging as well as have an ingredient label easily visible for me to check for student allergens.

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN
Kbifano@horseheadsdistrict.com 607-739-6351 opt. #3





FAMILY PASSES

Use the Family Pass from your child's school tour for free admission for the whole family!



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your child's birthday at the Art Lab! To book, visit RockwellMuseum.org/birthdays.



THANK YOU

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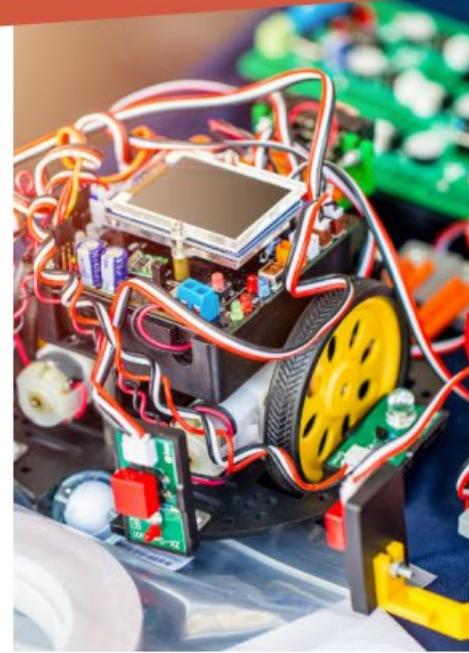
SPRING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND

KIDS ROCKWELL FAMILY DAY: ROBOTS INVADE THE ART LAB!

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free with regular Museum admission, Family Passes accepted
Location: KIDS ROCKWELL Art Lab

This event is perfect for families who love art and technology. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind day of robot fun with the help of the Corning Area Robotics Club!



LIL ROCKWELL

Thursday, April 3 | 10 – 11 a.m.

Story Hour: Earth Day

Thursday, May 2 | 10 – 11 a.m.

Project: A Rainbow of Flowers

Free for children and their caregivers
No registration required
Location: KIDS ROCKWELL Art Lab

Held monthly on first Thursdays, Lil Rockwell is designed for our littlest visitors and their caregivers to view and make art.



ART LAB HOURS: SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 14 – Sunday, April 20
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Open to the public | Open all week



LEARN MORE AT ROCKWELLMUSEUM.ORG/KIDS

THE ROCKWELL MUSEUM

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KIDS ROCKWELL ART LAB

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