

Ridge Road Reporter



2025

Dear Parents,

Happy February Everyone!

The students have just completed the second marking period for the 2024-2025 school year and brought their report cards home on Friday, January 31st. Please take a few minutes to review the progress reports with your child. This is the perfect time to celebrate his/her growth and make plans on how to build strength in other skill areas for the second half of the school year.

Our Character Education trait for the month of February is **Trustworthiness**. Our students will be involved in many learning activities geared around trust. Please take some time to talk about this wonderful virtue with your child at home.

Tips for Parents

- Have a family game night
- Model honesty in everyday life
- Focus on the “Fun” of participating in something instead of winning
- Point out characters from books and movies that display trustworthiness

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Anne Marie Bailey".

Anne-Marie Bailey

Principal

Ridge Road PTO

Our next PTO meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 12th in the Ridge Road Library.** The Carnival planning meeting will start at 6:00 and the General PTO meeting will start at 6:30. Please join us at Ridge Road for the meeting. We would love extra help planning the wonderful Ridge Road Carnival! Free babysitting provided!

Talent Show

Come one, come all to the Ridge Road Talent Show. Our fabulous Ridge Road performers have put together sensational acts to entertain you! The Talent Show is on **Thursday, February 6th, 2025 at 6pm** at the High School Auditorium.

No School President's Day and Winter Break



School will not be in session from Monday, February 17th -Friday, February 21st. Wishing all of our students and family a wonderful winter break.

PTO Candy Sale

The Ridge Road PTO is hosting the annual Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale **February 9-26th**. All orders **MUST** be turned in by **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**. Funds raised from this sale will support all of the wonderful PTO activities. The Ridge Road PTO thanks you for your support!

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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

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FEBRUARY NEWS

Hey parents,

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

Upcoming Events

4TH GRADE

INTRAMURALS:

Basketball

BOYS:

Feb. 3rd, 5th, 10th

Coming in March:

FLOOR HOCKEY

FEBRUARY UNITS: Basketball (basic skill progression) – jump skills - ball skills - jump rope – defensive sliding - throwing.



SPRING REGISTRATIONS

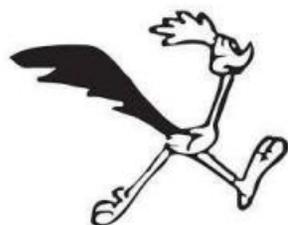
HORSEHEADS YOUTH LACROSSE CLUB for both boys and girls.
www.horseheadsyouthlax.com

HORSEHEADS GIRLS SOFTBALL for ages 5-19. www.hgsainc.org

HORSHEADS LITTLE LEAGUE for ages 4-12.
<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/horseheadsll>

Cold weather continues! Please remind boot wearing students to pack sneakers.

And always remember: RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!





RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NURSE'S NOTES

RECESS – The children will continue to have outside recess weather permitting and a winter coat as well as hats, snow pants, boots and gloves will be needed.

- **DONATIONS** – Thank you to those who have sent in donations. They are greatly appreciated. We currently are in need of boy and girl pull on pants & leggings sizes 4-14.
- **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.
- **SREENING REFERRALS** – reminder to those who have received hearing and vision referrals for your student to return the form to me once you have been seen by an audiologist or ophthalmologist.
- **MEDICATIONS** – Per NYS/District protocols a provider order is required for all over-the-counter medications (cough drops). Please do not send these items in with your student.
- **FLU SEASONS** – Flu symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Please keep your student home, consult their primary care provider and contact the health office for return to school protocol.
- **TWO-HOUR DELAY** – Medications scheduled for 8am can **NOT** be given at school at 10am. Please plan to give your student morning medication at home. **Breakfast is also NOT available.**

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

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Fight Flu at Home and School

Influenza (flu), spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it altogether.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Make sure people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, are also vaccinated.
- The vaccine is especially important for young children and people of all ages with certain health conditions like asthma, diabetes, and heart or lung conditions. The flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- Young children and those with certain medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes, and heart or lung disease, are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu.
- If your child gets flu symptoms, call their health care provider and ask if antiviral treatment is right for them.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

health.ny.gov/flu

