

Ridge Road Reporter

March 2025



Happy March Everyone!

Ridge Road students and staff will have the opportunity to chase away the winter blues, by participating in some fashion fun activities before Easter Break! We will be holding some fashion fun theme days for all to enjoy. Students are encouraged to come up with creative “fashions” to match the themes. Students may wear their “Fashion Fun” clothes all day, but they will need their sneakers for Physical Education and recess.

✂ Friday, March 7th – [Fashion Fun Friday School Spirit Day](#)

Zeke will greet students in the morning at arrival time. Students are invited to wear their favorite Ridge Road or Horseheads Raiders gear.



✂ Monday, March 10th – [Fashion Fun Headwear Day](#)

Show your creativity with your favorite hat, headband, bow, or hair accessory!



✂ Friday, March 14th – [Country Western Day](#)

Boots, flannels, jeans and cowboy hats. Break out your version of country and yee haw all day!



✂ Monday, March 17th – [Everything Green Day](#)–

Show your St. Patrick’s Day spirit with clothing, shamrocks, and hats or headbands to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!

✂ Friday, March 21st – [Fashion Fun Crazy Hair Day](#)

Hair color, crazy braids, unicorn hair, mismatched hair accessories...anything goes on crazy hair day!



✂ Monday, March 24th - NO SCHOOL

Superintendents Conference Day

✂ Friday, March 28th – [Fashion Fun Scrabble Day](#)

Every student will be given a letter at school to wear, classes will try to create new words throughout the day.



- ✂ Monday, March 31st – [Grade Level Color War Day](#)
- ✂ PreK wears White!
- ✂ Kindergarten wears Green!
- ✂ 1st Grade wears Purple!
- ✂ 2nd Grade wears Blue!
- ✂ 3rd Grade wears Red!
- ✂ 4th Grade wears Black!



- ✂ Friday, April 4th – [Fashion Fun PJ & Slippers Day](#)
Get comfy, but don't forget sneakers for Physical Education and Recess!



- ✂ Monday, April 7th – [Fashion Fun Crazy Sock Day](#)
Wear your wackiest, zaniest, most fun socks!



- ✂ Friday, April 11th – [Desk Pet & DEAR Day](#)
Bring your favorite small stuffed animal to school to be your desk pet for the day! The whole school will have a DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) this day.



Please take a few minutes to review the newsletter and March calendar to see all the great events happening at Ridge Road this month.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

4th Grade Play

Come one, come all! Please join us on **Thursday, March 6th and Friday, March 7th** to enjoy our wonderful presentation of **The Emperor's New Clothes**. The play will be at 7:00 pm, in the Ridge Road Cafeteria. Many of our 4th graders have been staying after school twice a week since October to practice their lines, songs, and choreography with Mrs. Proulx and Mrs. McGrain. It is sure to be a very enjoyable show!



Character Education



The Character Education virtue for the month of March is **RESPECT**. The students will be involved in classroom projects and activities geared around being respectful. Please support our theme by asking your child to share with you about the Character Education focus in school this month. Also, to support our theme of respecting all living things, **Our Second Grade Students will be facilitating a school-wide drive to support one of our local Animal Shelters.** Please look for their flyer coming home soon and consider donating a couple items to support this very important community service project.



Conference Day



Monday, March 24th is a Superintendent's Conference Day for Staff. School will not be in session for all students on the 24th.

PTO Meeting

On Wednesday, March 12th, please join us in the Ridge Road Library to help plan the Carnival at 6:00 pm. Our general meeting starts at 6:30. All Ridge Road Parents are invited to participate in the PTO! Free babysitting will be provided!





St. Patrick's Day Parade

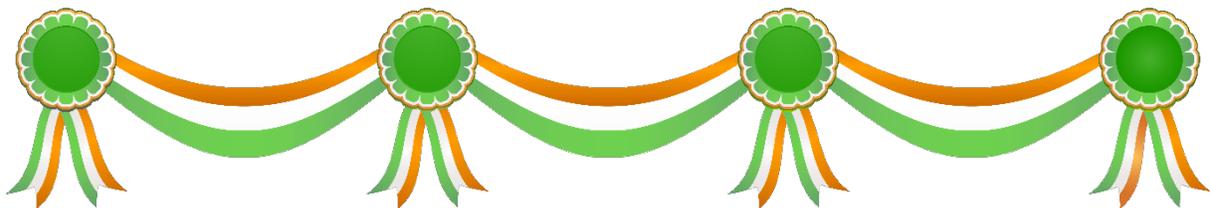


Our school has been invited to participate again this year. This is a fun activity for the Ridge Road students, a great way to show community spirit, and a fun way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! The parade will be held on **2:00 pm on Saturday, March 8th**. If you are interested in having members of your family participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with other members of our Ridge Road School Community, please review the following information and hand in the permission form that was sent home with your student, by **Tuesday, March 4th**. The only requirements from the parade committee members are that we wear green, incorporate a Saint Patrick's Day theme, and have fun!

Decorating the Float: Any parent and student wishing to help decorate our float, can meet us at **Ridge Road Elementary School from 10:00-11:00 on Saturday morning**. We will have the decorations ready for Saturday morning, we will just need volunteers to help us attach these decorations to our float and sort the candy in bags that the kids can hand out along the parade route. We are using a pick-up truck and small trailer as our float. The kids can take turns riding on the trailer and walking in the parade to hand out candy. We will stop two or three times during the parade for the students to change spots.

Parade: We will meet at the High School by 1:15pm. Please enter the lot at the Center Street School Entrance. You will be directed to the Ridge Road Float by a parade volunteer. The Parade will start at the corner of Fletcher Street and Center Street. We will move down Fletcher Street to Main Street, left on Main Street through Hanover Square, and end just past the Horseheads Fire Department. **All students must have an adult present for the entire parade, with the float. We will finish the parade at the parking lot just past the Horseheads Fire Department.**

Candy: Our PTO will purchase some candy for the kids to hand out in the parade. We would also appreciate any candy donations from parents for the parade. You can drop it off at school the week of March 3rd -7th.



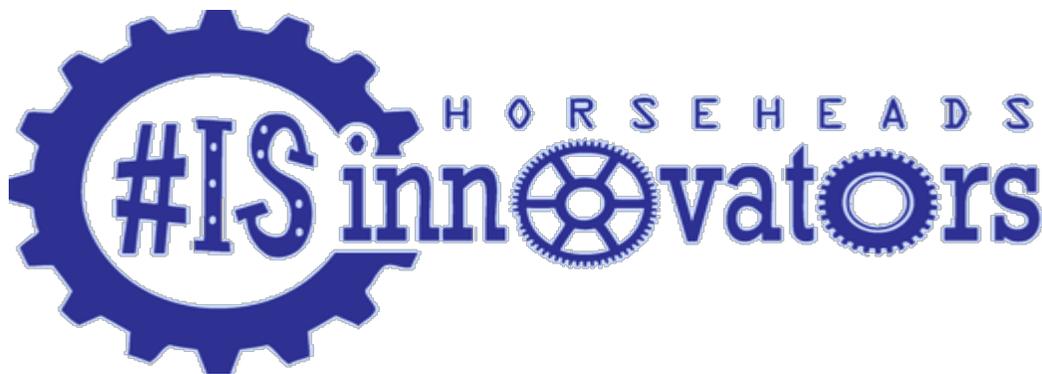
The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlyn DeFilippo, Title IX Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, 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.

Attention Parents of 4th Grade Students

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!



MARCH



RIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NURSE'S NOTES

- **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 pull-on pants sizes 4-14 for both boys and girls.
- **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.
- **SCREENING REFERRALS** – reminder to those who have received hearing or vision referrals for your students to return the form to me once you have been seen by an audiologist or ophthalmologist.
- **PHYSICALS & IMMUNIZATIONS** – In preparation for the **2025-2026** school year, I am reviewing student records to check for students 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 scheduled as I understand some primary providers are booking well out into the summer.

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

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MARCH NEWS

Upcoming Events

**4TH GRADE
INTRAMURALS:
Floor Hockey**

Boys – March 10th, 13th
18th, 19th, 20th



Hey parents,

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

MARCH UNITS: Throwing – Catching – Defensive sliding – The Obstacle Course



SPRING REGISTRATIONS

HORSEHEADS GIRLS YOUTH SOFTBALL www.hgsainc.org

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

SWIMMING LESSONS: <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/pool.cfm>

GIRLS ON THE RUN: www.GOTRST.org A great program!

HORSEHEADS YOUTH LACROSSE for boys and girls grades K-6:
www.horseheadsyouthlax.com

March is **NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**. Three quick tips:

1. Never skip breakfast. 2. Snack Smart! 3. Eat more grains, fruits and vegetables.

And always remember: **RIDGE ROAD ROCKS!!!**



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