


HORSEHEADS ART SHOW



The Horseheads Central Schools' Annual Student Art Show will be displayed throughout the Arnot Mall from May 6th – May 19th. Many quality art projects created by our Ridge Road students will be on exhibit.



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

May 12th -16th



We will be conducting screenings on all incoming Kindergarten students May 12th - 16th. If you have a student starting Kindergarten in September, you will be receiving your child's screening date and time soon. If your child attends Pre-Kindergarten at Ridge Road, you do not need to bring your student in for the screening.



4th GRADE SPRING CONCERT

Friday, May 16th - 7:00 pm

High School Auditorium



Our fourth-grade students are ready to showcase their musical talent and demonstrate the progress they have made this year with their music lessons. Please join us on Friday, May 16th at 7:00pm. The fourth-grade band, chorus, and orchestra members will all perform for us in the High School Auditorium. All are invited to come and enjoy this wonderful night of music.



3rd GRADE – MUSIC CONCERT

Friday, May 30th

6:30 pm at Ridge Road Café



Please join our 3rd grade students on Friday, May 30th, at 6:30 for a delightful night of music. The students will be sharing songs and rhythm activities that they have learned in music class this year as well as performing on their recorders.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

May 21st



We will be welcoming our newest members into our school on Wednesday, May 21st.

All incoming Kindergarten students and their parents will be joining us from 9-11:00am that morning. The parents will be meeting with the Kindergarten Teachers to get a preview of the Kindergarten curriculum and the students will be rotating to the different learning centers. It should be a great morning for all involved!



DRESS CODE

As the children start to dress for the sunny and warmer days, please remember to check with your child to make sure that the shorts and shirts they are choosing to wear meet the Code of Conduct requirements.

- Short shorts, spaghetti straps and crop tops are not permitted for school attire.
- Sandals need to have straps and students must be responsible for bringing sneakers for playground and gym.
- Flip-flops do not provide enough support or protection for feet in the school setting.

Important Dates- Mark your Calendars!



Friday, May 23rd, Monday, May 26th and Tuesday, May 27th - No School!

In honor of Memorial Day, School will not be in session on these dates.

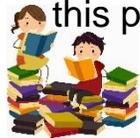
(Provided we do not have another snow or emergency closing day before May 23th)

New York State Testing

The 3rd and 4th grade students will participate in New York State Math Assessments on May 6th and 7th. The 3rd grade students will also be participating in the NYS ELA Field Test on May 22nd. 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.

PTO News

The PTO will meet on Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:00pm in the Ridge Road Library. We are in full swing planning our Annual Spring Carnival and need many hands to make this possible! Our PTO is thrilled that we are able to provide so much fun for our school community, and many hands make light work!



- June 6th - Annual Spring Carnival -6:00 pm
- June 3rd – 7th – Ridge Road Spring Book Fair

Varsity H Summer Camps

Varsity H Summer Camps are here! From lacrosse to football, tennis and more, there is something for every athlete looking to sharpen their skills, stay active, and have fun this summer! These camps are run by Horseheads coaches and athletes. Check out the full schedule and register today: <https://ow.ly/8vtP50VCtfJ>

The [2025-26 Bus Form](#) is now open. Please be sure to complete this for all students, even if they will not need transportation.



2025-26 BUSING FORM



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Please complete the 2025-26 School Year Busing Form to help Transportation determine the schedule and routes.

- ✓ Complete a form for each student.
- ✓ You will need your student's ID number.
- ✓ Complete the form, even if your student does not need busing.





Vote

Tuesday, May 20 | 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Horseheads High School North Gym

2025-26 Budget Information

The Public Hearing for the 2025-26 Board-approved Budget will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The meeting will be live streamed and recorded. To learn more about past budget presentations and the 2025-26 Budget, [click here](#).

The 2025-26 Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the High School North Gym. Voters should park and enter near the pool entrance (off Center Street). [Click here](#) to learn more.

If you can, please included one of the attached graphics.

Candidate Forum

The district will host a Board of Education Candidate Forum on Wednesday, May 14 at the High School Auditorium. Candidates running for the Board of Education will introduce themselves and answer questions presented in a forum format. All are welcome. The forum will be [live streamed](#) and recorded. More information can be found on the [district's website](#).

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.

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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MAY NEWS

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

Upcoming Events

4TH GRADE

INTRAMURALS:

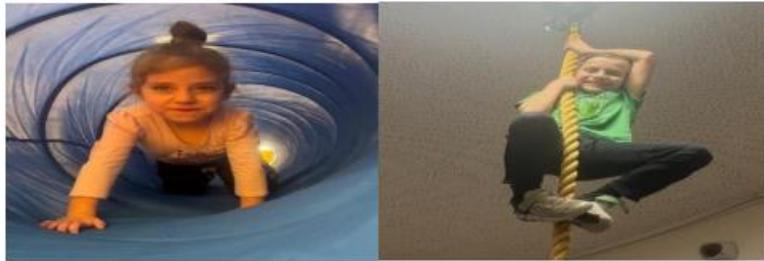
Dodgeball Activities

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Girls: May 5th, 7th

Boys: May 6th, 15th

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OBSTACLE COURSE & KIDNASTICS



MAY UNITS: Dance-Dance Revolution - Hitting/Fielding - Lacrosse Skills

THE RETURN OF FLAT FRANKIE!!!

Did you know that May is **National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**? An annual observance, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month is a time to highlight the importance of staying active through sports and other fitness activities. Celebrate this observance by promoting the importance of 60 minutes per day of physical activity for kids (and 30 minutes per day for adults) and providing opportunities to be physically active at school and at home.

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 9/4/2024 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 shorts/pull-on pants sizes 4-16 for boys and girls. We are also in need of 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.
- **WATER BOTTLES & SNACKS** – Please send in a plastic refillable water bottle & healthy snack daily with your student. Students who are well-hydrated tend to perform better in school, have improved focus and increased energy to learn and play.

Please feel free to contact me: Karena Bifano MSN RN

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