



Ridge Road Reporter



June 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all of our Ridge Road families that have worked closely with the teachers to continue the on-line learning. I know this has not been an ideal situation for learning and I truly appreciate all your support with keeping your children connected with their teachers and helping them complete all of their assignments.

Friday, June 12th, will be the last day for any new lessons and assignments for all students. The students will still be able to connect with their teachers and classmates for zoom meetings and different activities on Microsoft Teams through the week of June 15th -18th. Please know that all missed work must be finished and submitted by Tuesday, June 16th. Teachers will be participating in a Conference Day on June 19th, and all progress reports will be mailed out to students that afternoon.

Included in this newsletter, you will find important information about the plans for June 16th and 17th being the selected days for Students' Materials Pick-up. Please take a few minutes to review the scheduled time for your family and also review the procedures for the pick-up. If you have any questions about getting your child's materials on the 16th or 17th, please call the Ridge Road Office.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Ridge Road, I wish all of you a very relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

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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.

Ridge Road Elementary School
Students' Materials Pick-up Plan
June 16th and 17th

Ridge Road Families!

Tuesday, June 16th and Wednesday, June 17th, will be the scheduled pick-up days for all students to get their materials from Ridge Road School. Each homeroom and grade level will be assigned a time for pick-up. However, please know that you will be able to pick-up the materials for all students in your family at one time based on the oldest child in the school's assigned classroom time.

***Example-** The Jenkins' family has three students that attend Ridge Road - Josh in 3rd, Kelly in 1st and Jonny in K. The family would pick up materials for all the children at the assigned time they are scheduled to pick up materials for Josh (oldest child in school).*

Note for Parents-

We will have a drive-up system and staff will bring your child's bags to your car. No family members will need to get out of the car at any time. Staff will be wearing masks and gloves. Children are welcome to be in the car's back seats or on the passenger side of the car, so the staff can wave at them, hold up signs for them and wish them a happy summer!

4th Grade Students-

We especially want to celebrate with our 4th grade students as this is their last year with us at Ridge Road. When you come to pick-up their materials, we would love to have them in the passenger side of the car to be handed their 4th grade certificate and a small treat with their bag of materials. Ridge Road Staff will be there with signs and banners to wish them well. We would also love to see them wearing their t-shirts they just recently received from the goodie bags.

Pick-up Procedures-

All cars will pull in the back-parking lot and drive up the lane next to the sidewalk and school building main entrance as if they were dropping off students in the morning drop-off lane.

We ask that the name of the oldest child in your family that attends our school be put up in the back-passenger car window for staff on the sidewalk to be able to quickly read. The Ridge Road welcome point staff will be out on the sidewalk with radios. They will call in your family's name to their partner staff member inside the cafeteria with all of the materials.

That staff member will ask you to pull up to one of the designated parking spaces to have your child's/children's materials brought to your car. The partner staff member from inside the cafeteria will be exiting the steps by the café to immediately bring the materials to your car.

Once, you receive the materials, you will be able to pull out of the space moving forward and exit the parking lot by the normal exit that is closer to the ball field and tennis courts.

Yearbooks

Unfortunately, Lifetouch has also been hit with delays and other issues from Covid-19. I had been waiting to schedule the materials pick-up for after the yearbooks had arrived so each student could also get their yearbook with their bag of materials. It now looks like our yearbooks will not be arriving until the end of June or early July. I will reach out to all parents and will schedule a yearbook distribution after their arrival.

District Technology

If you have borrowed laptops or iPads from the district, they will be collected the week of June 22nd. The District Technology Director is setting up the return procedures for all technology and will be reaching out to all parents soon. Please know that we will not be able to accept any returns of technology equipment at Ridge Road on the 16th or 17th.

Schedule for Pick-up

Tuesday, June 16th

9:00-10:00 -Mrs. McGrain-	4 th Grade Students-and all younger siblings
10:00-11:00- Mrs. Janeski-	4 th Grade Students- and all younger siblings
11:00-12:00-Mrs. Brackley-	4 th Grade Students- and all younger siblings
12:30-1:30- Mrs. Murray-	3 rd Grade Students- and all younger siblings
1:30-2:30- Mrs. Calzaretta-	3 rd Grade Students- and all younger siblings
2:30-3:30- Mrs. Wolf-	3 rd Grade Students- and all younger siblings
3:30-4:30- 3 rd and 4 th grade families that were not able to make their scheduled pick-up time.	

Wednesday, June 17th

8:00-9:00- Mrs. Cady's and Mrs. Bower's 2nd Grade Classes and all younger siblings

9:00-10:00- Mrs. Sevey's and Mrs. Alexander's 2nd Grade Classes and all younger siblings

10:00-11:00- Mrs. Conklin's and Mrs. Rathbun's 1st Grade Classes and all younger siblings

11:00-12:00- Mrs. Pronti's and Mrs. Romanski's 1st Grade Classes and all younger siblings

12:30-1:30- Mrs. Nelson's and Mrs. Palmer's K Classes and all younger siblings

1:30-2:30- Mrs. Beeman's K Class, Mrs. Fullmer's Pre-K and Mrs. Cavanagh-Wheeler's 12-1 Class and all younger siblings

2:30-3:30- Mrs. Stoltzfus' Pre-K Class and Mrs. Fazzary's Pre-K Class

3:30-4:30- Any Pre-K- 2nd Grade Family that missed their pick-up time

***** We will have bins located on the sidewalk next to the school for families to drop-off library books and the classroom readers at this time if they have not already done so.***



Budget Vote/Board Election by Absentee Ballot This Year

In accordance with New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order, the Horseheads Central School District will hold the 2020-21 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election via absentee ballot only.

Ballots will be mailed to those eligible voters who voted in the 2019 annual vote. In addition, applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the office of the District Clerk for any qualified voter in the district who did not vote in the 2019 annual vote. Contact the District Clerk at 607-739-5601 ext. 4260 to schedule an appointment to complete the application for a ballot to be mailed to you. Such applications for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up by the absentee voter by scheduled appointment at the district office. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, not later than 5 p.m. on June 9 in order to be counted.

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, virtually at <http://Ideas.gstboces.org/hhds>. (After June 1, a video of the hearing will be at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/Budget2020-21.cfm.)

For more information on the proposed budget, please go to <https://horseheadsdistrict.com>.

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LET'S HAVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES - OPEN IN REMOTE LEARNING FORMATS

Many of the mainstream news sources are going on and on about how school is cancelled, NYS testing is cancelled, end of year events postponed or cancelled all together. We know better! School is not cancelled! Our Schools are working harder than ever! Educators, Administrators and Support Staff everywhere are transforming educational services in a way that they never anticipated.



To our food services workers providing daily meals and transportation drivers making deliveries.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**



To our teachers and teaching aides and assistants who are spending countless hours trying to reach each and every one of their students while still keeping in mind data security and privacy settings.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**



To our principals who are calling and driving by students houses to check on them because teachers are worried and haven't heard from them.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**



To all the students who are navigating this whole new style of learning and teaching their teachers how to use all of these new platforms.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**



To all the parents and caregivers who are all of a sudden finding themselves with a whole new role in their child's life.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**



To all the Community members who are going above and beyond to ensure that their neighbors physical, emotional, mental and digital needs are being met while bringing joy to each other.

**WE THANK
YOU ALL!**

TO ALL - STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY IN BOTH A DIGITAL AND A PHYSICAL WAY

Fighting Summer Melt using SORA by Overdrive



In a world where remote learning has taken the forefront, we cannot forget that summer vacation is right around the corner. While we look to summer vacation as time to have fun in the sun and take a break from school, students and parents should be aware of "summer-melt."

Summer-melt refers to learning lost when a student is taken out of the school environment for a pro-longed period.

To help fight summer melt, all students who receive this newsletter have a FREE subscription to SORA. Sora is your virtual library where you can access audiobooks and eBooks 24/7. You can even connect SORA to your public library!

Students can take notes, track reading progress, even get achievement badges! Books are available for all grade levels and supports all learning abilities.

You can download the SORA app through the Google Playstore, or Apple Appstore, or go to soraapp.com. Once there, find your school by entering in your zip code. If you don't know your account information, contact your school librarian.

Happy summer reading!

<http://go.gstric.org/310-sora>



IT'S ABOUT TIME TO BRAG ABOUT OUR 20-21 CALENDAR

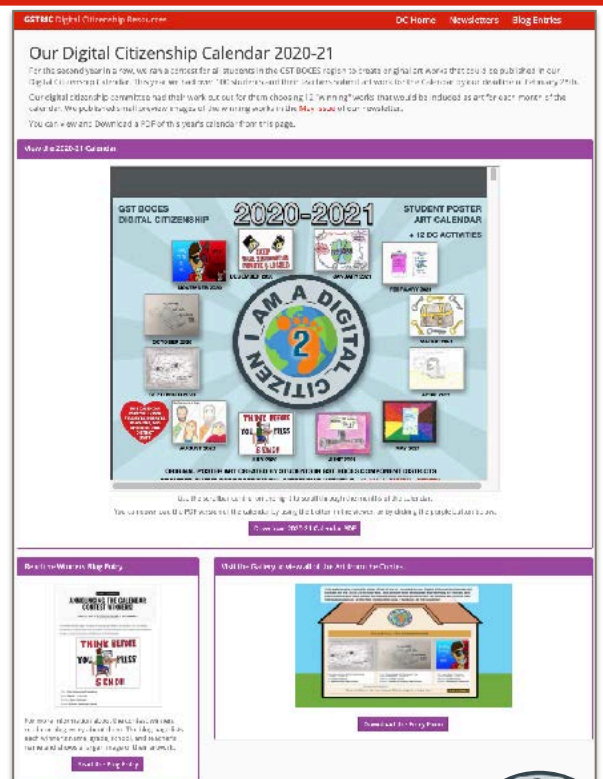
You have been hearing about it for months, and the last issue we published small previews of the winning art but we have finally released the actual calendar! You can download a PDF of it at <http://go.gstric.org/calendar2020>. Printed copies will be available during June.



You can also read more about the calendar in our blog article, and you can view all of the submitted art in our interactive gallery.

<http://go.gstric.org/310-blog>

<http://go.gstric.org/310-gallery>



SCHEDULE SCREEN-FREE TIME THIS SUMMER

parents have to be
purposeful about
finding screen-free
alternatives for kids

This summer unplug from technology and let your child just play! Here are some screen-free activities to try. Check out this website for more ideas. <http://go.gstric.org/310-active>



Go on a nature walk and look for different kinds of plants or flowers. If you see any wildlife stay safe.



Visit 3 or 4 local parks. Take pictures at each one and create a memory album.



Paint rocks with encouraging words and hide them around town for people to find.



Complete a summer reading challenge with all of your friends. Who can read the most?



Ask your local shelter what they need for the summer. Buy a few things and drop them off. Teach your kids to serve others.



Host a backyard art party for your kids and their friends! Have prizes for different categories.



Make treats for your local firefighters. Deliver them to your nearby fire station.



Try your hand at camping. Even if it is only in your backyard. It is totally ok!

Some Thoughts on the Importance of Play

"Through play, children acquire literacy, mathematical, and creative skills.

Make-believe play, in particular, has been linked to self-regulation skills, which in turn have been linked to greater academic success than IQ has. Self-regulation skills also help children with self-control and with managing stress while learning.

Moreover, if children don't learn to play as children, they aren't likely to discover its value as adults. And just think about what a dreary existence daily life will be without a playful attitude."



Rae Pica

an education consultant specializing in the education of the whole child, children's physical activity, and the mind/body connection since 1980

Source: <http://go.gstric.org/310-raepica>



Make a DIY bird feeder. Take a toilet paper roll, spread some peanut butter on it and roll it in seed! Hang it for the birds!



Take a family bike ride on a trail you've never explored!



Plant a garden. Near the end of the summer, bring some of your extra garden produce to a food bank.

These are only a few suggestions. Get more at <http://go.gstric.org/310-active>. Fun and Learning go hand in hand. Have a great summer with your family and friends!

DIGITAL CITIZENS ARE GREAT CITIZENS



We keep ourselves safe online and we social distance when we are in person.



We protect our data and identities while we protect our health and others' with PPE.



We respect our friends and neighbors and communicate respectfully to everyone online and in our neighborhoods.



We are digitally and technologically literate, and we keep up with the latest news and information.



We do not spread viruses or fake news.



We practice personal privacy and security.



We make our communities better.



Our reputations are precious to us, so we strive to act according to best practices online and in real life.