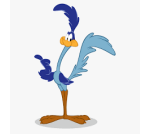


RIDGE ROAD REPORTER



JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful break filled with fun activities and some time for relaxation. I am looking forward to having our cohort A students join us on Monday, January 4th and our cohort B students join us back at school on Thursday, January 7th.

Our Ridge Road **School Picture Days** are scheduled for **Friday, January 8th for cohort B students and Tuesday, January 12th for cohort A students**. If your child is an 100% remote student and you would like school pictures, please call Melissa or Tracy in the main office by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 5th to schedule a picture time for either the 8th or 12th.

We are looking forward to holding the Parent /Teacher Conferences on the afternoons of Tuesday, January 26, Wednesday, January 27th and Friday, January 29th. Students will be dismissed from school early on the 26th and 29th.

Dismissal Schedule for the 26th and 29th

- Pre K Students Dismissed at 10:30
- K-2nd – Parent Pick-ups at 10:40
- 3rd and 4th Parent Pick-ups at 10:50
- Bus Students Dismissed at 10:50- Busses Depart at 11:00

Wishing you the best in 2021,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Elementary Principal

Character Education Trait for January

Our Character Education Trait for the month of January is Fairness. Students will be focusing on activities that teach about fairness for everyone and will also be learning about people that represent this trait in history. Please also discuss about fairness with your child at home.

Ideas for Discussing Fairness:

- Sharing treats at home... "I cut- you pick"
- Acting out skits about fairness
- Talking as a family about why games have rules
- Discussing with your child what they think fairness is

In-Person Learning- In Session for Cohort A on Wed, January 20th

Please note that because of the observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday, we will not have school on Monday, January 18th. Students in cohort A will attend school on Tuesday, January 19th and also on Wednesday, January 20th that week.

Outside Activity Time

The students at Ridge Road go outside for physical activity and socialization on a regular basis. We try to go out if the **temperature is at 20 or above**. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and snowy conditions. Please don't forget to send **boots, hats, gloves and snow pants with your child to school daily**.

PTO News

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, starting at 6:30 pm. This Meeting will held be via zoom. All Parents are welcome to join our PTO meetings. Please e-mail Mrs. Bailey or call the Ridge Road Office, if you would like to be sent a zoom invite for the meeting.

Our PTO will be brainstorming some ideas for hosting a fun virtual Family Night on Friday, January 22nd. If you have any ideas on a fun activity the students would enjoy for a virtual family night, please share them with us at the meeting on the 12th.

Message from Food Services

The District Food Services Office would like to remind all families in need that by way of special funding from the USDA, all school meals will be served at no charge. This includes breakfast and lunch served at school as well as meals delivered home. Every child under 18 is entitled to receive one breakfast and one lunch per day. Additional food items beyond the breakfast and lunch meals in the cafeteria will continue to be available for sale. Questions? Call (607) 739-5601, x3671 or email dobrian@gstboces.org.

Cohort B Students- Consent Forms

If your child is returning to school on January 7th and you have not already done so, please make sure to send the covid-19 testing consent form to school with your child. A blank consent has been linked to this e-mail for anyone needing a new form.

Returning to Hybrid

We had some families that had students originally in the hybrid model request to stay 100% remote until the older children in their family were returning to school at the IS, MS or HS. With the HS students starting back on January 4th and the rest of the student population starting back on January 7th, we are asking these families to reach out to Melissa and Tracy in our office, so we can be prepared for your child's return to the hybrid model.




The district is still discussing the return of the students that have started out in the 100% remote model and are now requesting to move to the hybrid model. The district does not have a complete plan in place at this time. However, as soon as I have any additional information, I will share that with the families that have reached out and requested to move to the hybrid model.

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.

Ridge Road Elementary 2021 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 	4 Cohort A– Day 1	5 Cohort A—Day 2	6 1:00– Wednesday As- sembly	7 Cohort B—Day 1	8 Cohort B– Day 2 Picture Day	9
10	11 Cohort A– Day 3	12 Cohort A– Day 4 Picture Day 6:30 pm—PTO Meet- ing VIA Zoom	13 1:00– Wednesday As- sembly 2:30– Faculty Meet- ing	14 Cohort B– Day 3	15 Cohort B– Day 4	16
17  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 No School	19 Cohort A– Day 1	20 Cohort A– Day 2	21 Cohort B– Day 1 6:00– BOE Meeting	22 Cohort B– Day 2	23
24	25 Cohort A– Day 3	26 Cohort A– Day 4 1/2 Day– K-4th Stu- dents Dismissed at 11:00 Pre K– Dismissed 10:30 Parent /Teacher Con- ferences in the pm	27 1/2 Day Parent Teacher Conferences in the PM	28 Cohort B– Day 3	29 Cohort B– Day 4 1/2 Day– K-4th Students Dismissed at 11:00 Pre K– Dismissed 10:30 Parent /Teacher Confer- ences in the pm	30
31	Feb 1st— No School— Conference Day	Feb 2– Cohort A– Day 1	Feb 3– Cohort A– Day 2	Feb 4 Cohort B– Day 1	Feb 5– Cohort B– Day 2	