



# **Ridge Road Reporter**

## **October 2021**



Happy October Everyone!

Thank you to all of our Ridge Road staff, PTO, and parents that helped with planning, setting up, and chaperoning events at the Fun Run and Fall Festival on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a beautiful Saturday to celebrate being back at school and all of our students and families appeared to be having an amazing time.

Our Character Education virtue for the month of October is **Responsibility**. We will be focusing on the following in school:

- Do what you are expected to do
- Persevere: keep on trying
- Always try to do your best
- Use self-control, be self-disciplined
- Think before you act: consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices/actions

Please help support our focus on Responsibility by also discussing this trait with your child at home.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Bailey*

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey



**SMILE**

**The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>!**



## **No School for Students – Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

School will not be in session on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for students, as all staff will be participating in trainings and meeting for the Superintendent's Conference Day. Also, on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, all Horseheads Schools will be closed in honor of Columbus Day.

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### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2021**

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, is National Make A Difference Day! This year, our Ridge Road Community would like to make a positive difference for a couple of our nearby smaller rescue and pet shelters. We will be holding a Pet Supply Drive the week of October 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. The items will be boxed up and delivered to the shelters on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A main focus for our drive this year will be **Rescue Pups**. They are a small shelter, located in Friendship, NY, focused on rescuing and caring for dogs and puppies. Please look for more information coming home soon about the pet supply drive. Thank you for supporting our campaign to make a positive difference for shelter pets.

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### **Fire Prevention**

The Horseheads Fire Department has partnered with our staff to provide lessons on fire safety for our students. Although we are not able to hold a large assembly with members of our Fire Department this year, our students will be engaged in Fire Safety lessons this week.

Please help to support our fire safety focus by reviewing your individual safety plans with your child at home. Also, please remember to change your batteries in the smoke alarms at your homes.

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## **Halloween Parade**

Our Halloween Parade will start outside at **1:30 sharp on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. **If it is not raining, parents may attend the outside part of our parade.** Please know that no parents will be allowed in the school building. You will need to park in the back lot and walk around the school to the front lawn. Please socially distance along the front of the school from the flag pole area down toward the art room and up toward the primary playground. **We respectfully request that all visitors wear masks while watching the parade.** We will have the students start inside at 1:20 and they will go through the school to pick-up each class and go out the door near the south end of the building. The students will walk along the front of the school and re-enter the building at the north end. **If it is raining, the parade will be cancelled.**

Please make sure that your child's costume is appropriate for our very young students to see and that it does not have any type of toy weapon as a prop. We plan to run a normal morning schedule that is focused on academics. Please do not allow your child to come to school dressed in costume or with make-up on. All students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes prior to the parade.

Because parents will not be allowed in the school building and we want to make sure dismissal will be safe and go smoothly, **we respectfully ask that all students follow their normal dismissal procedures for the 29<sup>th</sup> and that parents do not request to pick them up early.**

**Halloween Family Night- Friday Night October 29, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 pm.**

As most of you are aware, we always host a Halloween Dance for the students on the last Friday in October. Because of Covid safety protocols, we are unable to offer our inside Halloween Dance this year. Our PTO and staff members are working on a Covid-safe plan

to offer an outside dance activity for our students and families from 6:00-7:00 pm on the School grounds on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more information about this event coming home soon.

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### **PTO Meeting on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our PTO will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road library**. All parents are invited to attend the meeting and we are looking for some parent volunteers to take on officer roles as covid stopped many of our events that past year and many of our officers moved on to the Intermediate School this past year. So, if you can volunteer just a little or really want to be highly involved, we would love for you to be a part of the Ridge Road PTO!

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### **Educational Programs**

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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### **HORSEHEADS MISSION STATEMENT**

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

**EXPLORE**

**EMPOWER**

**EXCEL**

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<b>Dignity Act Coordinator</b>
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The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Anne-Marie Bailey at 607-739-6351 x 7600.




The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.



# Ridge Road Student Calendar

## October 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 6
4 Day 1 Ridge Road CSE Meetings	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 School Picture Day 	7 Day 4 PM CIM PTO Clothing Sales Begins (10/7-10/22)	8 Conference Day– No School for Students
11 No School 	12 Day 5	13 Day 6 504 Meetings Faculty Meeting 2:35pm in Library PTO Meeting 6:30pm In Library	14 Day 1 Board Of Education Meeting 6pm HS Aud.	15 Day 2 Make A Difference Day
18 Day 3  Site Team 2:35pm in Library	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22 Day 1  PTO Clothing Sale Ends
25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Day 4  Faculty Meeting 2:35pm in Library	28 Day 5	29 Day 6 1:30pm Halloween Parade  6-7pm Family Halloween Dance & Activities