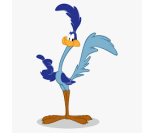
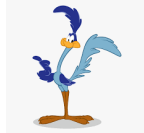


# RIDGE ROAD REPORTER



## JANUARY 2023

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

From January 6<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup>, our entire school will be participating in the One School-One Book Reading Initiative. Thanks to the support of our PTO, this program allows us to have each child and staff member receive a copy of the same book for all of us to focus on and enjoy together. Students will be able to celebrate and explore the novel with their classmates and will also be able to read chapters at home with their families. This essential strategy reinforces reading instruction, bridges the home school connection, and builds a true community of readers.

If you have older children that attended Ridge Road, you may remember some of our other One School-One Book Initiatives, such as **The World According to Humphrey**, **Only One You**, and **Friendship According to Humphrey**. These were all very successful and fun reading initiatives that incorporated some great hands-on learning activities and included the adoption of our school pet hamsters, Humphrey, and Hank, that we all were able to enjoy for a couple years.

The new book and our theme for this year will be shared with all students at our **Kick-off Assembly on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. We are keeping the title a secret until that time. However, we know the students and families will love this book and the theme. Please look for more information about our One School-One Book Initiative coming home with your child on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you the best in 2023,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey  
Ridge Road Elementary Principal

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# PTO NEWS

January Meeting: Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm in RR Library  
Please consider joining us! Free babysitting!



Talent Show: January 27<sup>th</sup>!  
6:00pm HS Aud.



We are collecting Box Tops for Education  
(Both virtual and physical), as well as  
Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald!



President: Melissa Gillette  
Vice President:  
Secretary: Britney Sprute  
Treasurer: Veronica Holden  
Fund-Raising Coordinator:  
Desirae Kelly



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## Important Dates

- Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> -Kick-Off Assembly for our One School-One Book Program**
- Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert at 7:00 pm in the RR Café**
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>- All Talent Show Permission Forms Due**
- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – No School- Martin Luther King’s Birthday**
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show Auditions After School – RR Cafe**
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>-Ridge Road Talent Show- 6:00 pm- HS Auditorium**
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Report Card Day**
- Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – No School- Conference Day**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert New Date

Our Fourth-Grade Concert had to be rescheduled from the original December date. Please join our chorus students as they share their musical talent with us on **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please join the fourth-grade chorus students in the **Ridge Road Café at 7:00 pm for the performance.**

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## 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

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### 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**.

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### Toys in School

**Please take a minute to remind your child that items such as toys, trading cards, cell phones, game boys, and DS's are not allowed in the cafeteria or at school. We ask that children save these items for home use.** We truly appreciate your support with this issue. In the past, we used to allow these items and teachers ended up spending much of the instructional time searching for lost or “borrowed” toys and games. We promise that the children will still have fun and rewarding days at school without bringing their toys from home.



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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.

# JANUARY

## 2023 Student Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	<b>3</b> Day 5	<b>4</b> Day 6	<b>5</b> Day 1	<b>6</b> Day 2 1:15-4th Chorus Concert for Students and One School-One Book Kick off Assembly  7:00- 4th Chorus Concert for Parents in the RR café.
<b>9</b> AIMSWEB Screenings 9th-20th CSE MTGS	<b>10</b> Day 3	<b>11</b> Day 5 2:30pm Faculty Mtg Library  RR PTO 6:30pm RR Library	<b>12</b> Day 6 CIM Mtgs PM  * All Talent Show Applications due to school office	<b>13</b> Day 1
<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> Day 2 AIMSWEB Screenings 9th-20th	<b>18</b> Day 3 2:30- Talent Show Auditions- (See individual time slot)	<b>19</b> Day 4 CBT Practice Testing-3rd and 4th grades BOE 6pm HS MMC	<b>20</b> Day 5 PK-4 Marking Period Ends Grade level Data Review Mtgs
<b>23</b> Day 6 Special Area Grades Due	<b>24</b> Day 1 Classroom Grades Due	<b>25</b> Day 2 2:30pm Faculty Mtg Library	<b>26</b> Day 3	<b>27</b> Day 4 PK-4 Report Cards  RR Talent Show 6pm HS AUD
<b>30</b> SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL	