

Ridge Road Reporter

March 2023



Happy March Everyone!

Ridge Road students and staff will have the opportunity to chase away the winter blues, by participating in some fashion fun activities before Spring Break! We will be holding some fashion fun theme days for all to enjoy. Students are encouraged to come up with creative “fashions” to match the themes. Students may wear their “Fashion Fun” clothes all day, but they will need their sneakers for Physical Education and recess.

✂ Friday, March 3rd – [Fashion Fun Scrabble Day](#)

Every student will be given a letter at school to wear, classes will try to create new words throughout the day.



✂ Monday, March 6th – [Magnificent Monday Positive Affirmation Day](#)

Share what makes you special and unique!



✂ Friday, March 10th – [Fashion Fun Favorite Team Day](#)

Show your spirit for your favorite team by wearing shirts, jerseys, hats or other gear from your favorite team!



✂ Monday, March 13th – [Magnificent Monday School Spirit Day](#)

Zeke will greet students in the morning at arrival time. Students are invited to wear their favorite Ridge Road or Horseheads Raiders gear.



✂ Friday, March 17th – [Fashion Fun Everything Green Day](#)

Show your St. Patrick’s Day spirit with clothing, shamrocks, and hats or headbands to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!



✂ Monday, March 20th – [NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS](#)–

Superintendent’s Conference Day



✂ Friday, March 24th – [Fashion Fun PJ & Slippers Day](#)

Get comfy, but don’t forget sneakers for Physical Education and Recess!



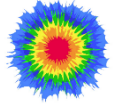
🦋 Monday, March 27th – Magnificent Monday Desk Pet & DEAR Day

Bring your favorite small stuffed animal to school to be your desk pet for the day! The whole school will have a DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) this day. This will also be the kick-off for our week long community service collection for the local Animal Shelters.



🦋 Friday, March 31st – Fashion Fun Rainbow Day

Make our school super colorful on the last day before Spring Break! Wear tie-dye or as many different colors as you can! (Sorry Parents & Guardians, our outfits may not match!)



Please take a few minutes to review the newsletter and March calendar to see all the great events happening at Ridge Road this month.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey
Ridge Road Principal

4th Grade Play

Come one, come all! Please join us on **Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th** to enjoy our wonderful presentation of **Zombies: The Musical**.

The play will be at 7:00 pm, in the Ridge Road Cafeteria. Many of our 4th graders have been staying after school twice a week since October to practice their lines, songs, and choreography with Mrs. Proulx and Mrs. McGrain. It is sure to be a very enjoyable show!

Character Education

The Character Education virtue for the month of March is **RESPECT**. The students will be involved in classroom projects and activities geared around being respectful. Please support our theme by asking your child to share with you about the Character Education focus in school this month.





St. Patrick's Day Parade



Our school has been invited to participate again this year. This is a fun activity for the Ridge Road students, a great way to show community spirit, and a fun way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! The parade will be held on **2:00 pm on Saturday, March 11th**. If you are interested in having members of your family participate in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with other members of our Ridge Road School Community, please review the following information and hand in the permission form that was sent home with your student, by **Wednesday, March 8th**. The only requirements from the parade committee members are that we wear green, incorporate a Saint Patrick's Day theme, and have fun!

Decorating the Float: Any parent and student wishing to help decorate our float, can meet us at **Ridge Road Elementary School from 10:00-11:00 on Saturday morning**. We will have the decorations ready for Saturday morning, we will just need volunteers to help us attach these decorations to our float and sort the candy in bags that the kids can hand out along the parade route. We are using a pick-up truck and small trailer as our float. The kids can take turns riding on the trailer and walking in the parade to hand out candy. We will stop two or three times during the parade for the students to change spots.

Parade: Please meet us at the **High School Field House on Division Street to line up for the parade by 1:15 pm**. This year the parade will be coming from Thorne St. down Broad Street. We will walk from the Field House down Division Street and filter into the parade as it comes by. The parade will start on Broad Street at the east side of the railroad tracks in front of the Historical Society (depot). The parade will then proceed down Broad Street, turn right on Grand Central Avenue to Fletcher Street, left on Fletcher Street to Main Street, left on Main Street through Hanover Square, and end just past the Horseheads Fire Department. **All students must have an adult present for the entire parade, with the float. We will finish the parade at the parking lot just past the Horseheads Fire Department.**

Candy: Our PTO will purchase some candy for the kids to hand out in the parade. We would also appreciate any candy donations from parents for the parade. You can drop it off at school the week of March 6th.

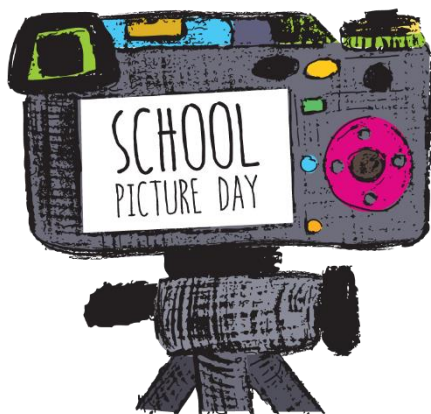


Conference Day

Monday, March 20th is a Superintendent’s Conference Day for Staff. School will not be in session for all students on the 20th.

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture day is **Tuesday, March 7th**. Picture forms were sent home before President’s Day Recess with students, please contact your student’s teacher or the main office if you need a new form.



PTO News

PTO Meeting

On Wednesday, March 15th, please join us in the Ridge Road Library to help plan the Carnival at 6:00 pm. Our general meeting starts at 6:30. All Ridge Road Parents are invited to participate in the PTO! Free babysitting will be provided!



School Store



Our PTO is sponsoring a school store each Friday morning for students. The store is in the school lobby from 7:45-8:15. The store will have inexpensive items such as pencils, erasers, notebooks, crayons, and other fun school-type items. We are looking for more parent volunteers to assist, please email mgillette@horseheadsdistrict.com or call the main office, if you are available Fridays, in March!

Attention Parents of 4th Grade Students

Grade 4 Intermediate School Presentation and Self-Guided Tour

The Intermediate School will be hosting a presentation and self-guided tour for all current 4th graders. The presentation will be held on **April 12th**, in the Intermediate School cafeteria beginning at **6:00 PM**. Immediately following, students and families will have the opportunity to take a self-guided tour around the Intermediate School.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the IS

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2023-2024 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School no later than **April 10th**. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you!



Canvas Learning Management System

Throughout the fall semester, our district has been transitioning to a new Learning Management System (LMS) called Canvas. Canvas allows teachers to provide a personalized learning experience through instructional support, class calendars, messages, notifications, assignments, collaborative activities, and course resources in one platform. Parent/guardian Canvas accounts will allow you to view assignments, due dates, and calendars. These accounts will become active on Thursday, March 2. To access your Canvas parent/guardian account, you will need to use the same email you use for your Schoology/Parent Portal login, and then set up a password for Canvas. For more information and help using Canvas, as well as the login link, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDCanvasHelpforParentsGuardians.cfm>

Remote Learning Plan

The district is developing a remote learning plan as required by the state to be used in an emergency. This would be a plan we could call upon in emergency conditions such as adverse weather conditions, utility issues, or a communicable disease outbreak. This remote plan would allow the district to keep the calendar intact during years when winter weather is particularly challenging, or we face other reasons for school day closures. The state requires districts to post their remote plans and provide a means for parents/guardians to comment on the plan. You may read the plan here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDRemoteLearningPlan.cfm>, and comment using the links found within the plan.

As you know, we have used three of the four snow days built into our 2022-23 calendar. If the district must use more than one more snow day this year, this plan could be used to remain in session and therefore meet the state requirements for days of instruction.

February 7 Safety Presentation

On Tuesday, February 7, the district held a safety presentation and discussion for parents and guardians. We recorded the presentation for those who were unable to attend. To view the recording, click here: <https://youtu.be/jQC2L7ndI9U>

2023-24 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The first budget presentation is Thursday, February 16. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 2 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 30 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 13 (if needed) – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4 – Public Hearing on 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.

For more information on the budget process, schedule, and vote click here: [Horseheads CSD Budget 2023-24 \(horseheadsdistric.com\)](https://horseheadsdistric.com).

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.

Horseheads Central Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

^ Early Dismissal Drill

BOE approved 2/16/23

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School Not in Session:

- Labor Day 9/4
- Columbus Day 10/9
- Veterans Day (observed) 11/10
- Thanksgiving Recess 11/22-11/24
- Winter Recess 12/22-1/2
- Martin Luther King, Jr Day 1/15
- President's Day Recess 2/19-2/23
- Good Friday Recess 3/29-4/1*
- Spring Recess 4/22-4/26*
- Memorial Day Recess 5/24-5/27*
- Juneteenth 6/19

* Pending days utilized for school closures.




Parent/Teacher Conference

- 11/17/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)
- 11/21/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)
- 11/29/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)

1/2 Days (AM)

- 6/21/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/24/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/25/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/26/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)

LEGEND

	Conference Days (8/29, 8/30, 10/20, 1/29, & 3/18)
	Schools Closed*
	Regents Exams

The district will communicate to residents and staff about any calendar adjustments needed due to excessive closure days by April 19, 2024 (per contractual obligations). Please be aware, if the district needs to make up school days**, the priority of make-up days will be as follows, unless modifications to the below schedule are needed:

- 1st Make Up Day 4/1/24
- 2nd Make Up Day 5/24/24
- 3rd Make Up Day 4/26/24
- 4th Make Up Day 4/25/24
- 5th Make Up Day 4/24/24
- 6th Make Up Day 4/23/24
- 7th Make Up Day 4/22/24

**The district has the potential for closure days built into the calendar (all pending total # of hours and Days required by NYSED and state attendance regulations).

First Day of School PreK - 12th:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Last Day for Students:

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Last Day for Teachers:

Friday, June 28, 2024

THE HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL GREENROOM PLAYERS
PROUDLY PRESENT



Disney THE LITTLE
MERMAID

MARCH 16 & 17
7 PM
MARCH 18
2 PM & 7 PM

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

To purchase tickets:



hhsgrp.booktix.com

Tickets will be available at the door
\$15 for adults & \$12 for students/senior citizens



DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

MARCH

Ridge Road Elementary School 2023 Student Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 27 Day 6 Grade Level Community Meeting in Cafe 9:10am-3rd Grade 9:40am- 4th Grade 10:10am- 2nd Grade	Feb. 28 Day 1 Grade Level Community Meeting in Cafe 9:30am-1st Grade 10:15am- Kindergarten	1 Day 2 1:10-2:10pm BOE Tours at Ridge Road	2 Day 3 CIM Mtgs afternoon BOE Budget 6pm HS MMC	3 Day 4 Dental Health Assembly's 9:10am-3rd & 4th 10:00am- K,1st & 2nd Fashion Fun Scrabble Day
6 Day 5 Magnificent Monday Positive Affirmation Day!	7 Day 6 CSE Mtgs RR Conf Room PK Reg 9am-2pm HS MMC 	8 Day 1 Faculty Mtg 2:35pm PK Reg 4pm-6pm HS MMC 3rd Grade to Cornell-Calzaretta	9 Day 2 4th Grade Play 7pm Café 4th Grade Play School Assembly @ 9:30am RR Cafe	10 Day 3 4th Grade Play 7pm Café St. Patrick's Parade 3/11 10am Decorate 2pm Parade Fashion Fun Team Day!
13 Day 4 Site Team Mtg 2:30 Lib. 4th Grade Girls Intramurals Magnificent Monday School Spirit Day! 1st & 2nd Grade to HS for Play	14 Day 5 4th Grade Girls Intramurals	15 Day 6 PTO 6pm RR Library 3rd Grade to Cornell-Murray	16 Day 1 BOE Mtg. 6pm HS MMC 4th Grade Girls Intramurals 3rd Grade to Cornell-Wolf	17 Day 2 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Everything Green & shamrocks!
20  Superintendent's Conference Day	21 Day 3 PK Reg 9am-2pm HS MMC 4th Grade Girls Intramurals	22 Day 4 Faculty Mtg 2:35pm PK Reg 4pm-6pm HS MMC	23 Day 5 Half Day CIM Mtgs PM 4th Grade Boys Intramurals	24 Day 6 Fashion Fun PJ & Slippers Day!
27 Day 1 CSE Mtgs RR Conf Room 4th Grade Boys Intramurals Magnificent Monday Desk Pet and DEAR Day!	28 Day 2 4th Grade Boys Intramurals 2nd Grade to Clemens Center	29 Day 3 4th Grade Boys Intramurals	30 Day 4 BOE Budget 6pm HS MMC 504 Mtgs RR Conf Room	31 Day 5 Fashion Fun Rainbow Day!