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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please see below for a reminder about our Make a Difference Day event this Saturday and information about our upcoming district-wide census.

***Make a Difference Day is this Saturday***

Here's a final reminder about our district-wide Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 28, at Ridge Road Elementary School to do good works for our community. All students, families, and staff are welcome. Please join us for an hour session (10-11am or 11am-noon). We'll pack and sort donations collected this week (10 to 11am only), make dog biscuits for animal shelters, create decorations and cards for residents of local nursing homes, make cards for veterans, decorate placemats and making cards for Meals on Wheels, and tie blankets for animal shelters. You can stay with one station for the hour or rotate among the activities. Please note that children in grades PreK-4 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sign up here:** <https://forms.office.com/r/rV9vuCYRxj>

As a reminder, this week we're collecting items for area food bank/pantries and animal shelters. Send items to school with your child or deliver them to the main office during school hours this week:

- Big Flats, Ridge Road, Intermediate School, Middle School – Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Horseheads and Big Flats food pantries
- Center Street, Gardner Road, High School – Chemung County SPCA and Horseheads Animal Shelter

Wish lists for the organizations are included in this message.

If you have questions, please contact us at [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com). We hope to see you Saturday!

***Census mailer sent this week***

Please check your mail this week for information on the district-wide census. The district is conducting a census of the entire district to provide us with important demographic information to assist us with redrawing elementary boundary lines, as we prepare to move to three PK-4 schools (Big Flats, Gardner Road, and Ridge Road) in the 2025-26 school year. **This census is for all residents of the district, so please submit your information and encourage neighbors to do the same, even if they do not have children in the district.** The mailer includes the link and QR code for the census form, and they are also here: [www.Horseheads.fyi/Census](http://www.Horseheads.fyi/Census) or



If you have questions about the census, please email [hts@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hts@horseheadsdistrict.com).

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas  
Superintendent of Schools



**H**orseheads Central School District

# ***Make a Difference Day 2023***

*Help us support the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Horseheads and Big Flats Food pantries by donating needed items*



## **Collecting October 23 to 27**

*Here's a list of suggested items, but please feel free to donate any non-perishable food items:*

- Canned items (in pop-top cans if possible so a can opener is not needed):
  - Fruit
  - Vegetables
  - Soup (regular and cream soups)
  - Ready to eat meals (ravioli, beefaroni, stews)



- Pasta sauce
- Boxed pasta
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Cereal
- Crackers



***Thank you!***



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SPCA and Horseheads Animal Shelter  
by donating needed items*



## **Collecting October 23 to 27**

*Here's a list of suggested items:*

- **Iam's puppy food (in the yellow bag)**
- **Bagged dry cat and dog food**
- **Dry puppy and kitten food**
- **Wet puppy and kitten food**
- **Meat based human baby food**
- **Pork based dog chews**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Dog toys**
- **Leashes**
- **Collars**
- **Spray cheese (human food)**



Monetary donations are also appreciated.

***Thank you!***