

DECEMBER 2023

From the Principal's Desk



HERKIMER ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all the students for working hard and doing their best the first marking period! I hope everyone was able to have a conference with your child's teacher. It's important to hear how your child is doing and establish the home/school relationship.

►PTA

We would like to thank PTA for being such an integral part of our school! PTA provided all classroom teachers with \$40 Scholastic vouchers to use at the Book Fair to add to their classroom libraries. Every day for a week, random students received \$10 Scholastic money in which to spend at the Book Fair. Thank you!

►STUDENT COUNCIL - BATTLE OF THE SILVER

Help support Student Council in raising money to purchase items and assemble care packages for U.S. soldiers serving in other countries.

►NURSE

Please send in a change of clothing for your child if you have not already done so.

Remember to check your child for lice routinely as this is an ongoing concern. It's not feasible for our office to check 500 children daily.

►HOLLY JOLLY SPIRIT WEEK

December 18: Mistle-Toes Monday: Wear your favorite holiday socks!

December 19: Tree Topper Tuesday: Top yourself with your favorite holiday head gear!

December 20: Grinch Day: Get out your Grinch shirt or wear green!

December 21: Holiday Sweater Day: Wear your favorite holiday sweater or holiday shirt!

►UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

December 12: 6:30 PM – Grade 1 “T’was The Night Before Christmas” Play

December 14: 7:00 PM – Grades 3-5 Chorus Concert at the MS/HS Auditorium

December 19: 6:30 PM – Mrs. Knowlton & Ms. Kirkpatrick’s Grade 2 “The Year Santa Forget Christmas”

December 22-January 2: Winter Recess (No School)

We would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

We look forward to the start of the new year!

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Renee Vogt,
Building Principal

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CONTACT US



Parents are encouraged to contact teachers with classroom questions or concerns. Teacher contact information is found online at herkimercsd.org.

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PROGRAMS &
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Grade 5 Honor Roll and High Honor Roll

Mrs. Denton's/Mrs. Macri's Class

Honor Roll:

- Mia Chamoun
- Aryanna Farrington
- Collin Filipczuk
- Adelaide Hammond
- Brooklynn Jackson

High Honor Roll:

- Sofia Donets
- Damien Mihevc
- Leo Osterhoudt
- Julian Piccione

Mr. Johnson's Class

Honor Roll:

- Derek Martin
- Winry Reed
- Charleigh Staring

High Honor Roll:

- Anthony Scalise
- Enapay Shenandoah
- Meah Wessinger

Mr. Schoff's Class

Honor Roll:

- Hunter Balderston
- Irelynn Brandt
- Gavin Chandler
- Emily Ellis-Jeck
- Brianka Flannagan
- Christien Hansen

High Honor Roll:

- Sofie Burns
- Eve Nasso
- Korbin Noble

Mrs. Spence's Class

Honor Roll:


- Charity Buckley
- Kaydence Doxstader
- Alexander Fay

High Honor Roll:

- Isacc Leon
- Mei McLean
- Avalina Verenich

A-F Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>This schedule is subject to change due to any unscheduled closing of school. For example, if school is closed on Monday and it is a "D" day, this "D" day would NOT be skipped. "D" day would be pushed to the day we return to school. This means that the rest of this schedule would continue to change as well.</p> <p>Early Release (students will be released at the following times): * Pre-K: 10:30 AM * Grades K-5: 11:15 AM</p>					1 C Beginner Band 5/Concert Practice Battle of the Silver	2
3	4 D 4/Concert Practice	5 E 5/Concert Practice	6 F Intermediate Band	7 A Intermediate Band	8 B Beginner Band 5/Concert Practice	9
← Battle of the Silver →						
10	11 C 3/Art Club 4/Newspaper Club 5B/STEM Club	12 D 3/Concert Practice 4/Library Club 5/Student Council Grade 1— Play 6:30 PM HES	13 E Early Release	14 F Winter Concert Grades 3-5 7 PM HHS	15 A Kindergarten Parent Holiday Concert 8:45 AM HES Cafetorium	16
17	18 B	19 C 4/Library Club 5/Student Council Mrs. Knowlton/ Miss Kirkpatrick Play 6:30 PM HES	20 D 3/STEM Club 4B/STEM Club 5/Yearbook Club	21 E	22 No School— Winter Recess	23
24	25 No School—Winter Recess 	26 No School—Winter Recess	27 No School—Winter Recess	28 No School—Winter Recess	29 No School—Winter Recess	30
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HOLLY JOLLY SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY
12/18

MISTLE-TOES
MONDAY



Wear your
favorite
holiday
socks!

TUESDAY
12/19



TREE TOPPER
TUESDAY

Top yourself
with your
favorite
holiday head
gear.

WEDNESDAY
12/20

GRINCH DAY



Get out your
Grinch shirt
or wear
green.

THURSDAY
12/21



HOLIDAY
SWEATER DAY

Wear your
favorite
holiday
sweater or
holiday shirt!

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT ALL WEEK LONG! 12/18-12/21



Dear Families,

- During the **Dec. 22-Jan. 2** winter break from school, we are grateful to everyone for helping to restore a routine for showing up to school while supporting students and families.

We appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off during the winter break. **As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.**

Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect to their peers and teachers.

We thank:

- Our students and their families who do their best to show up daily even when it isn't easy.
- Our teachers who go above and beyond to make school a welcoming and safe place for all students to learn.
- Our administrators who help us work together to ensure we create a physically and emotionally safe and engaging learning environment.
- Our many, many healers and helpers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

We appreciate each one of you. May these days off be restful and healing.

- **If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to us for help:**

Mrs. Farrington School Nurse

Mrs. Lamanna School Counselor

Mrs. Cruikshank School Social Worker

We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on **January 3, 2024!**

Thank you for partnering with us!

Reasons to keep me home from school and what needs to happen before I can return

What is my symptom?	When should I stay home and when to seek medical care?	When can I return to school?
Fever	I have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. Seek medical care if I have fever and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.	If I have not had a fever overnight without the use of fever-reducing medication and I am feeling better.
Vomiting and/or diarrhea	If I have vomited 2 or more times in the last 24 hours. If my stool is watery and I may not make it to the toilet in time. Seek medical care if I have stomach cramping and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am showing signs of dehydration (tired and sleepy, dry mouth and not urinating at least once in the last 8 hours).	If I did not vomit overnight and I am able to drink liquids without throwing up. If my diarrhea has improved.
Persistent cough or trouble breathing	Seek medical care if I have a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching my breath or if I develop a fever with the cough. These symptoms may be signs of Covid-19 or flu and should be evaluated by a health-care provider.	Once I am feeling better and I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider. If my symptoms were due to asthma, please make sure that I have permission to use breathing medication at school.
Rash	Seek medical care if the rash has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises and/or if I develop a fever.	Rash has healed or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider.
Eye irritation	Seek medical care if I have eye swelling, eye pain, trouble seeing or an eye injury.	Once I am feeling better.
Sore throat	Seek medical care if I have drooling, trouble swallowing or a fever and/or rash.	Once I am feeling better. If I was prescribed an antibiotic by my health-care provider, then I can return 12 hours after the first dose, if I am without fever and I am feeling better.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's health-care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse.

Breakfast Menu


Herkimer Elementary School

BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast is Free | Menu is subject to change | For more information, email hmielnicki@oneida-boces.org

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				01 Nature Valley Oatmeal Round
04 Whole Grain Bagel with Cream Cheese	05 Snackin' Waffles	06 Assorted Whole Grain Muffins	07 Breakfast Sandwich	08 Mini Cinni
11 Zee Zee Bars	12 Mini Cinni	13 Whole Grain Bagel with Cream Cheese	14 Fruit Frudel	15 Yogurt Parfait
18 Nature Valley Oatmeal Round	19 Pancake Sausage Stick	20 Whole Grain Bagel with Cream Cheese	21 Snackin' Waffles	22 WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL
25	26	27	28	29
WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL!				




Available Daily:

- Whole Grain Toast (1 or 2 slices as an entrée)
- Yogurt – 1 with or without toast as an entrée
- Assorted Cold Whole Grain Cereals
- Fresh Fruit
- Chilled Fruit Juice
- Ice Cold New York State Milk

Local Items this Month:
Milk, Yogurt, Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Corn, Rainbow Carrots, Carrots, Green Beans, Black Beans, Cauliflower, Pears, Miss Milla's Cookies.

HELP WANTED:
Food Service Helpers and Substitutes needed – call 315-223-6068 for more information!



Lunch Menu

Herkimer Elementary School

LUNCH MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
04 Chicken Parm or Chicken Patty on a Bun Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans	05 Beef Tacos Deli Turkey Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Cup Corn	06 Mozzarella Sticks with Dipping Sauce Deli Ham Sandwich Broccoli	07 Baked Pasta with Dino's Meatballs Mixed Deli Sandwich Maple Glazed Carrots Grape Slush!	01 Cheesy Cheese Pizza Buffalo Chicken Pizza Green Salad
11 Buffalo or Original Boneless Chicken Bites Bologna Sandwich Steamy Rice Broccoli	12 Nachos with Queso Deli Turkey Sandwich Street Corn Salad	13 Early Dismissal- Bagged Lunches Available!	14 Deluxe Hamburger Cheeseburger on a Bun Mixed Deli Sandwich Green Beans Miss Milla's Chocolate Chip Cookie	08 Cheesy Cheese Pizza Garlic Pizza Green Salad
18 Garlic Parm or Original Chicken Tenders Tuna Salad Sandwich Buttered Noodles Green Peas	19 Warm Chili with Corn Bread Deli Turkey Sandwich Turneric Roasted Cauliflower	20 French Toast Sticks Deli Ham Sandwich Sausage Patty Hashbrown	21 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Mixed Deli Sandwich Green Beans	22 WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL!
25	26	27	28	29
WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL!				



Available Daily

- Entrée Salads
- Party Plates
- Assorted Subs & Sandwiches
- Assorted Fresh Fruit & Fruit Juice
- Vegetable Cruncher Cups
- Ice Cold New York State Milk

Local Items this Month

Milk, Yogurt, Meatballs, Peas, Hot Dogs, Corn, Rainbow Carrots, Carrots, Green Beans, Black Beans, Cauliflower, Pears, Miss Milla's Cookies, Grape Slushie, Corn on the Cob.

Local items are indicated in bold on the menu

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