

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



DECEMBER 2021-2022

A Holiday Message from The Superintendent

This holiday season is special as we look forward to celebrating with friends and family after a most unforgettable time. As we reflect on a year filled with both memorable achievements and unprecedented challenges, we find ourselves more grateful than ever to share with those we love. I want to express my sincere appreciation for the members of our Trinity Area community, who work diligently all year long to keep a positive spirit alive. Your support of our efforts to grow and maintain rigorous academic programs in a safe educational environment has allowed us the opportunity to thrive. We are so fortunate to work with you, and we are honored to serve you.

To our teachers and support staff members, I extend to you the warmest wishes and hope you take time over the holiday break to rest and laugh with those dearest to you. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our shared goals. Your hard work makes us who we are. As we close out the year and welcome in the new, know that I feel privileged to have you as part of our Hiller family. Let's make 2022 our best year yet!

On behalf of the Trinity Area School Board Directors, administrators, and staff members, I wish you a festive holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. May your homes be filled with the spirit of the holidays, and may peace and joy abound.



Dr. Michael P. Lucas
Superintendent

Thank You!

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Image 360 graciously donated all the decals for our Trinity Police Department vehicle!



Awesome job by Trinity East student, Gavin Swick, who collected over \$500 from family and friends for our Toys for Tots fundraiser. We were able to fill all 6 boxes of new toys for Toys for Tots! Way to go Gavin & Trinity East students & staff!

WHO WE ARE

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Tiffany Daniels
Music Teacher

Tiffany Daniels is our K-5 general music teacher at Trinity East and West Elementary Schools. Tiffany graduated from Slippery Rock University in December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education and Trombone Performance. She participated in Slippery Rock's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble. She was a 4-year member of the SRU Marching Pride. As a student at The Rock, she taught private lessons to pre-school students. Upon graduation, Tiffany became the long-term sub in the West Middlesex and Butler Area School Districts. Her experiences include teaching K-6 general music and show choir. Ms. Daniels teaching expertise is not limited to music as she also taught 4th-grade Science and Social studies. Our Trinity students look forward to her music class. Tiffany brings energy and kindness to her classroom while making her lessons fun and challenging.

Cool Facts: Tiffany's skills are versatile in the fine arts. She enjoys scrapbooking, crafting, playing the trombone, and taekwondo. She thrives in the outdoors while camping and kayaking. Tiffany loves spending time with her family and friends as well her Calico Cat, Piper. Her favorite holiday is Halloween and believes that you are never too old to dress up for the occasion.

One more thing: As a student at Slippery Rock University and a member of the SRU Marching Pride, Tiffany traveled to Ireland to perform in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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Kayla Coughlin
Learning Support Teacher

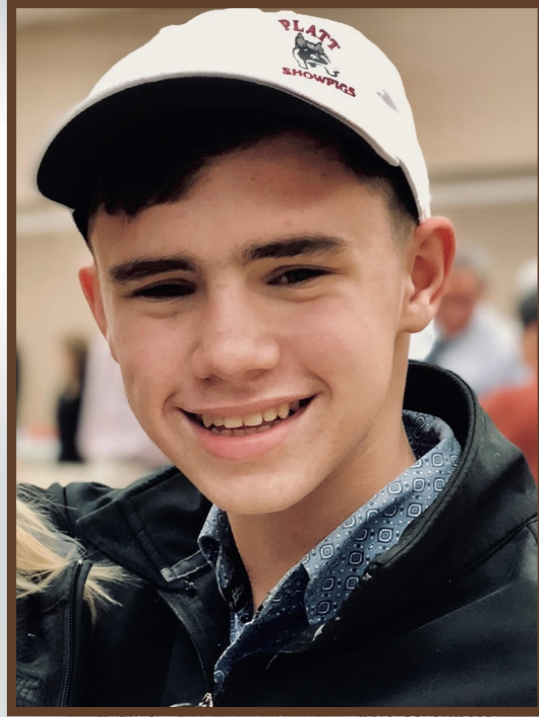
Kayla Coughlin is the Learning Support teacher at Trinity East and West Elementary Schools. She graduated with a BA in Education from Waynesburg University and a Master of Arts in Counseling from the California University of Pennsylvania. She currently holds certifications in PreK-4, Special Education PreK-8, and School Counselor PreK-12. In 2018-2019, Kayla was named the Vice President of the Kappa Delta Pi, Upsilon Sigma Chapter. She was a member of the Dean's List for 8 consecutive semesters. It comes as no surprise that Kayla was named the 2019 Class Valedictorian at Waynesburg University! She started working as a substitute at Trinity South during her Master's Internship. She is currently a member of the SAP team at Trinity West as well as volunteers for after-school tutoring in ELA/Math at West. Kayla has a passion for learning which has made an immediate impact on her students. She loves coming to work each day, sees the wonder in every student, and is very knowledgeable in her subject matter.

Cool Facts: Kayla married her best friend, Ryan, on November 14th, 2020, and became Mrs. Kayla Lemmon. She was born and raised just outside of Los Angeles, California. Kayla enjoys traveling and loves the outdoors. Her favorite place to hike is Yosemite National Park. She has many talents, she can sing, play the ukulele, as well as the piano. As an undergraduate, Kayla played Ariel in Waynesburg's production of The Little Mermaid.

#trinitypride



Congratulations!
December
Students of the Month



Calvin Hrutkay
HIGH SCHOOL



Jonah Williamson



Meredith Ashby

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hydroponics

Two of Mrs. Gojmerac's students - Cam & Max - from Trinity South have been learning about hydroponics through the use of the SuperNova Grow Cabinet! The plants are now in the vegetative stage and will soon begin producing vegetables.



Way To Go!

Trinity East has been awarded an Innovation Grant in the amount of \$4,974! This funding was secured through a grant written by Heather Gojmerac & Kelly Shaw. The funding will be used to purchase engaging STEAM books and corresponding educational kits for the bookroom at Trinity East. The teachers are excited to use literature to introduce and support STEAM concepts throughout the curriculum. Thank you to the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, EQT, & the Equitrans Midstream Foundation for making this grant possible and supporting education in our area!



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Showcasing the Student Musical Talent at Trinity





By participating in this year's holiday Giving Tree program, Trinity East Elementary School teamed up with the Washington Area Humane Society throughout this holiday season to help spread the cheer to an animal that will not be home for the holidays.



Trinity North Checking It Twice!

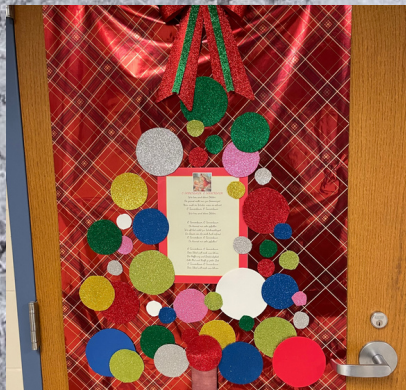
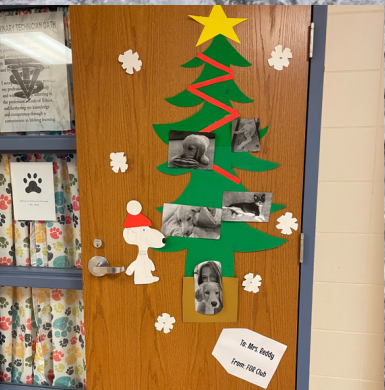
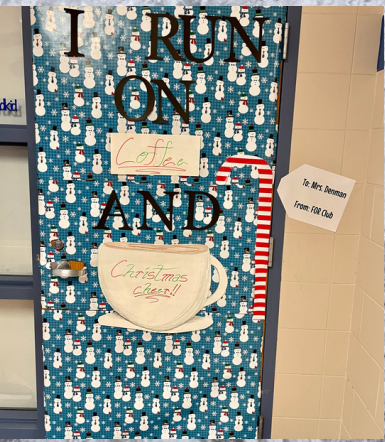
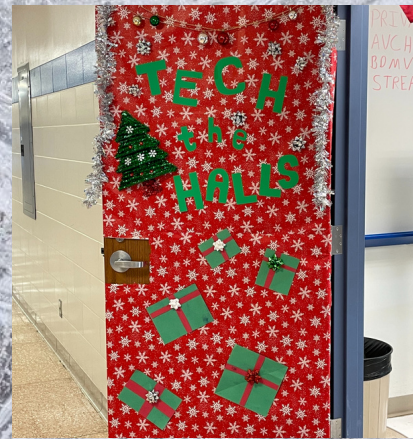
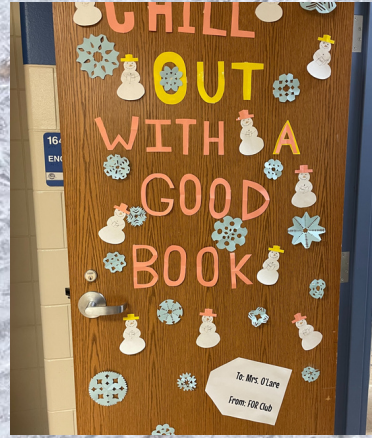


Trinity North students participated in a letter writing campaign to help Macy's Make a Wish Project. For every letter written to Santa, Macy's will give one dollar to the Make a Wish Foundation. In two weeks, they earned \$1,183.00 for Macy's to give to Make a Wish. The second-grade students wrote the most letters, and won a movie afternoon. Santa will be busy reading all these letters! Way to go, Trinity North students!

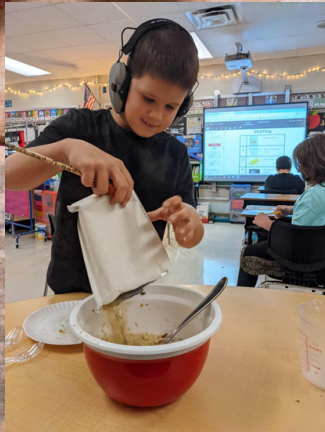
All Aboard the Polar Express with 2 Special Conductors...



Members of the F.O.R. (Friends of Rachel) Club wanted to spread holiday cheer at the high school by decorating classroom doors over the last two weeks. Their time, effort, and talent were greatly appreciated by faculty and staff!



Thanksgiving Feast



Before the Fall break, students in Mrs. Grandstrand, Mrs. Chovan, and Miss Kubatka's classrooms participated in a Thanksgiving Feast. To help prepare for the meal, Miss K's students used their weekly skill of setting the table.

They cooked stuffing as their weekly recipe. The students all sat down and ate together, working on their social and communication skills, while trying new things.

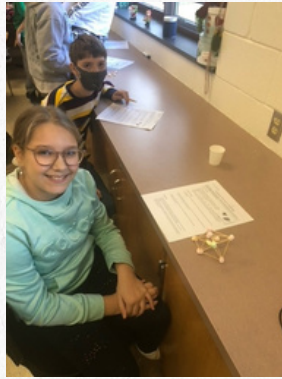
We love when we get to create awesome experiences like this. Everyone had a blast!

Congratulations Mrs. Walz!



Trinity is saying goodbye to a very special part of our Hiller family. Mrs. Judy Walz has dedicated 21 years to Trinity and we are going to miss her! We wish her all the best in her retirement

Merry Christmas from Trinity Area School District



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Dates to Remember

December:

23-31 Winter Break

January:

3- Staff Development Day/No
Students

4- Students return to school

17- MLK Day/No school

22 - End of 1st Semester



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