

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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



DECEMBER 2020-2021



On behalf of the Trinity Area School Board Directors, staff, and administration, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday season filled with good health and happiness. We appreciate the steady partnership and commitment made by our parents and staff during this pandemic of 2020. This year has been a significant challenge and we will remain hopeful that 2021 will bring better days for our students, families, and staff.

Thank you for supporting our many efforts to deliver a safe educational program. We appreciate the countless sacrifices all of our families have made to accommodate learning at home.

We hope all Trinity families take this opportunity to be mindful of our many blessings in this era of a pandemic and are able to find some silver linings. Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season!

Dr. Michael Lucas
Superintendent

Important Information: Extension of Remote Instruction

Winter Break:
December 24 - January 1

January 4 through January 15:

- Grades K-12 continue remote instruction

January 18:

- No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

January 19:

- Elementary students may attend school Monday through Friday in-person
- Students 6-12 may attend Monday through Thursday in-person and Fridays remotely
- Trinity K-12 cyber students continue in their remote instructional model

Due to the constantly changing nature of the pandemic, this schedule is subject to change.

Congratulations!
December
Students of the Month



Tyler Ashmore
HIGH SCHOOL



Braeden Knight

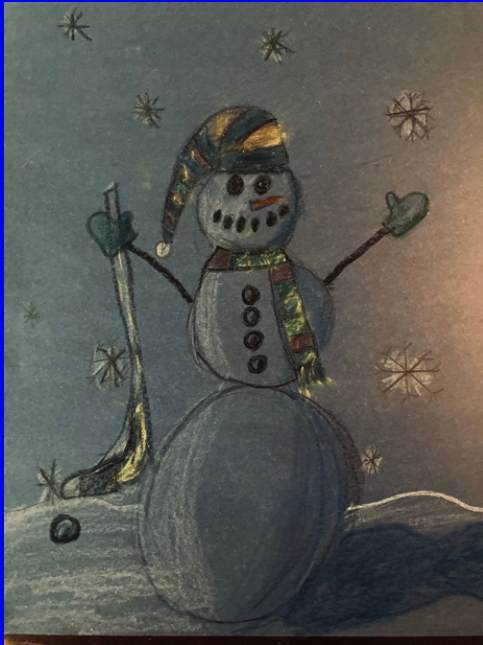


Silvia Cardenas

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Artists of the Month



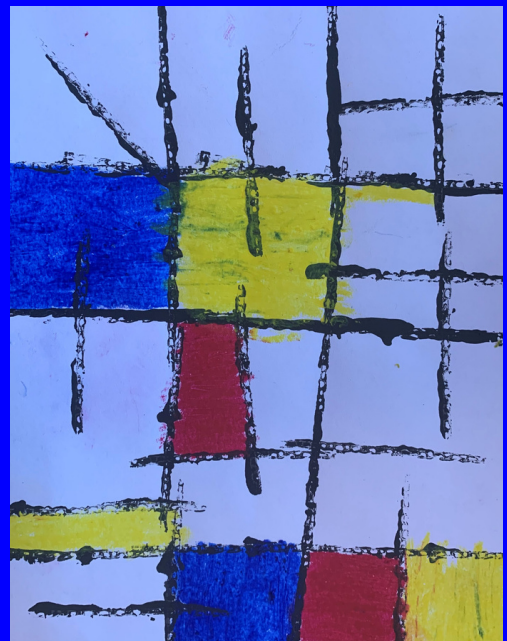
Luke Wade
Shadow & Highlight Snowman
3rd Grade Cyber (East)



Landon Emph
Ugly Sweater Bear
3rd Grade West



Jackson Hoy
"The Grinch" Ink on Paper
5th Grade South



Gretchen Paul
Piet Mondrian Inspired
Kindergarten North



Elaina Ashby
7th Grade
Found objects



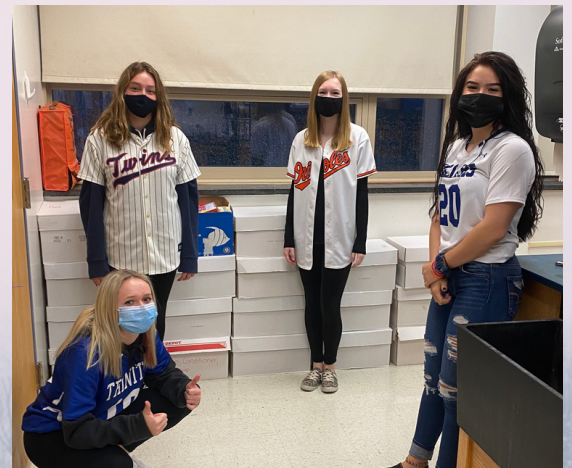
Forrest Havanis
12th Grade
Ceramics I Slab Box



Kaitlyn Pierrard
11th Grade
Ceramics III Luminary

Trinity Pride!

The Trinity High School National Honor Society has been collecting donations throughout the fall season to give back to the community during these strenuous times. In September, teachers and students came together to collect & donate over 770 items to the Greater Washington County Food Bank. The Greater Washington County Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides nonperishable food to the less fortunate in Washington County. In October, in order to participate in the national Make a Difference Day, donations were made to the Domestic Violence Services of Southwest Pennsylvania. Over 1200 personal care & food items were donated by the teachers and students to this organization. In the month of November, students collected distributed Christmas and Thinking of You cards to residents of local Washington County nursing homes.



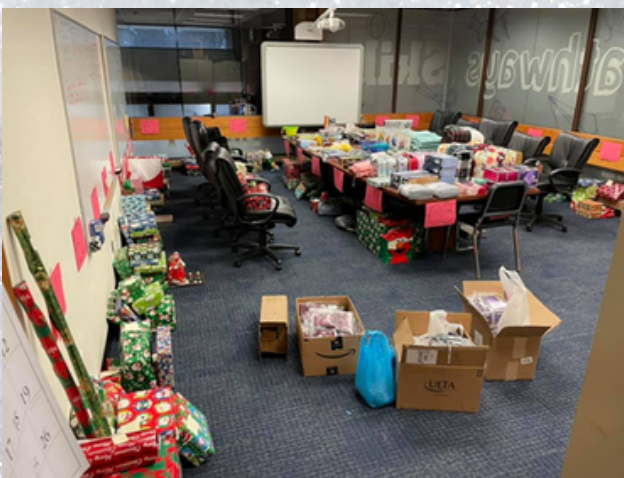
Some information regarding AP Scholars was inadvertently omitted from the November edition of *Hiller Highlights*. Those names are listed below. Click on the link to see the updated edition: [November Hiller Highlights](#)

We congratulate the following AP Scholars with Honor (Scoring an average of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and earning scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams): Isabelle Carney, Kady Caruso, Elizabeth Cowden, Ryan Custer, Abigail Gottschall, Anna Grimes, Noah Heffner, Nathaniel Orr, Joseph Romano, Mariah Ryan, Colton Vogel, Kyle VonScio, Marin Williamson, & Brett Wrubleski and the following AP Scholars (Scoring 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams): Conner Alder, Lena Bartoe, Marlaina Bozek, Connor Bull, Peyton Celani, Skylar Clawson, Megan Geer, Benjamin Hardy, Jeremy Hurd, Avery Kern, Dylan W. King, Kaleb Koot, Ty Kress, Aden Lin, Charles McIlvaine, Bayli Miles, Lynzee Morris, Jacob Paez, Taylor Riegle, Josh Sheppard, Jacob Snyder, Taylor Staub, John Trapuzzano, Tiffany Xiao & Allen Zheng.



It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!

TMS Principal Lindsay Benzenhoefer and TMS teachers Brenda Kovacicek and Amber Muschick are going the extra mile for our children this holiday season, as they do every year! The Hiller Holiday Helpers make sure all families have a memorable holiday. We are so appreciative of their leadership!



To help support their efforts, donations may be made at
Go Fund Me <https://gf.me/u/yqbzxw>



Trinity North students participated in a Pennies for Patients fundraiser to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Top prizes were awarded to the brother-sister team of first grade student Norah Johnson and her Middle School brother Chett.

Trinity Teachers are Awesome!!!

The kindergarten teachers at Trinity West worked hard this year to write grants in an effort to obtain extra supplies and items to make teaching during the pandemic easier. The teachers were very successful and were awarded three grants totaling over \$2,500. The money was used to purchase math and ELA tool kits for each child, a color printer, laminating sheets, a writing & reading center easel, and much more. The grants awarded were:

- Walmart Local Community Grants - \$1,200.00
- Donors Choose (Fulfilled by donors and matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) - \$685.00
- Donors Choose-(Fulfilled by community donors and Osh Kosh B'Gosh (B'gosh Jeanius Campaign) - \$692.00

Thank you to all of you who support our kindergarten classes at Trinity West Elementary!



WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Ms. Ninalee Dunn
Trinity West Elementary

Ms. Ninalee Dunn is a proud graduate of Trinity High School. She attended Duquesne University where she received her Bachelor's Degree and Certification in Early Childhood Education. On the Bluff, she made her mark with the distinction of making the Dean's List every semester. Upon graduation, Ninalee decided to take her talents overseas and expanded her resume as she began her student-teaching in Ireland. She credits that experience, and the opportunity to travel to other countries, in allowing her to incorporate other cultures into her classroom. Before becoming a full-time teacher at Trinity West, Ninalee also had the pleasure of working with so many amazing teachers and students as a student-teacher at Trinity East. Ms. Dunn has the blue and white in her blood and will be a Hiller for life!

Cool Facts: Family is everything to Ninalee. She's the daughter of Mr. Joe Dunn, our high school teacher, interim Assistant Principal, and basketball coach for the Hillers. She enjoys spending her free time cheering on her siblings; Michael, who plays basketball and volleyball for Trinity High School and Mary, who plays basketball for Youngstown State University. Ninalee is a huge Pittsburgh Pirates fan and looks forward to returning to her tradition of attending the games in person with all of her cousins. Her passion is experiencing other cultures. She has been blessed with the opportunity to travel all over the United States & Europe. Facing the challenges of today, reading has become her way to expand her knowledge and her new way of traveling. Ninalee's dream is to become an ESL teacher!

Message to her students: Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something. You are capable of so much more than you know!

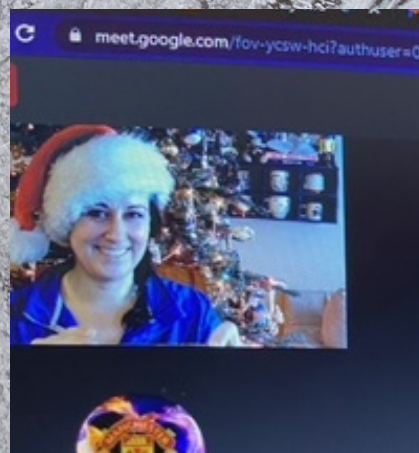
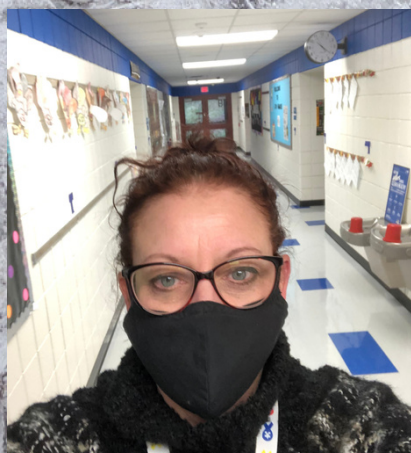
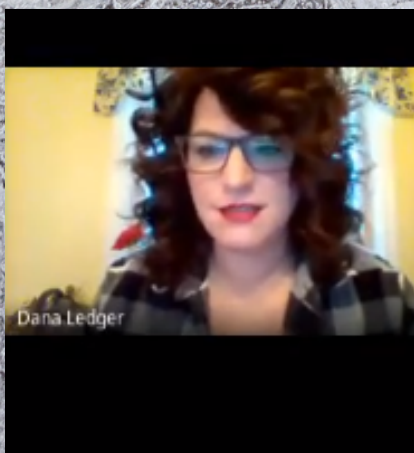
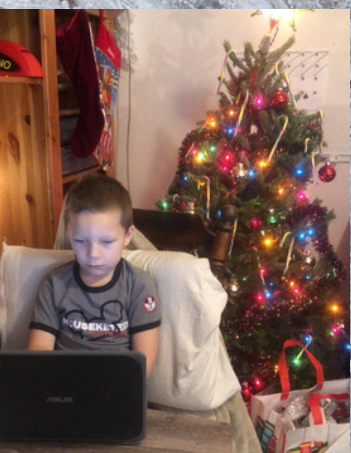
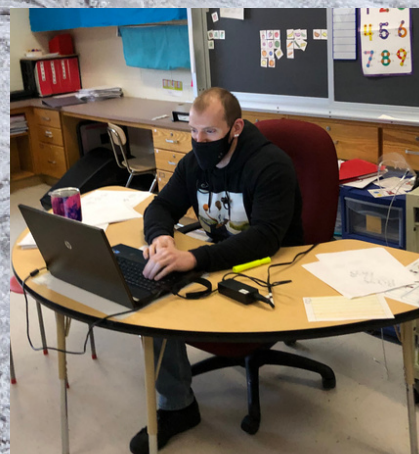
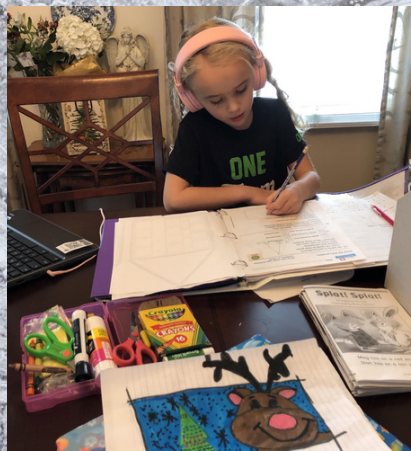
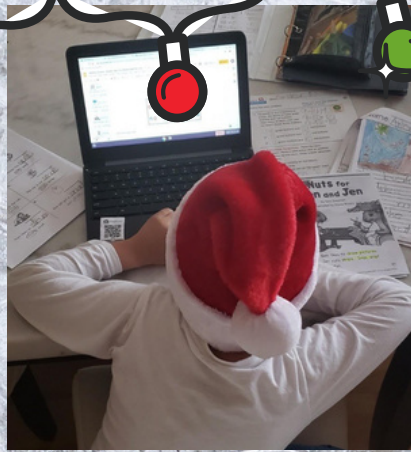
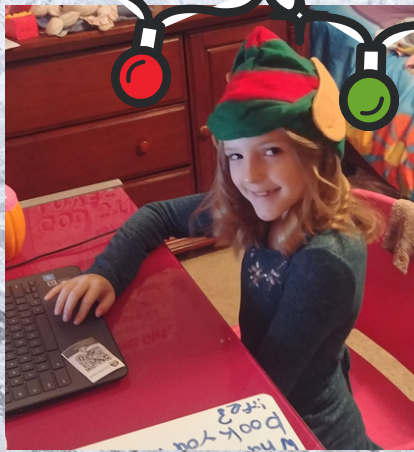
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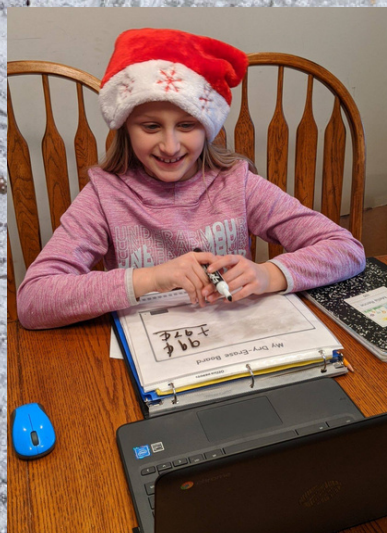
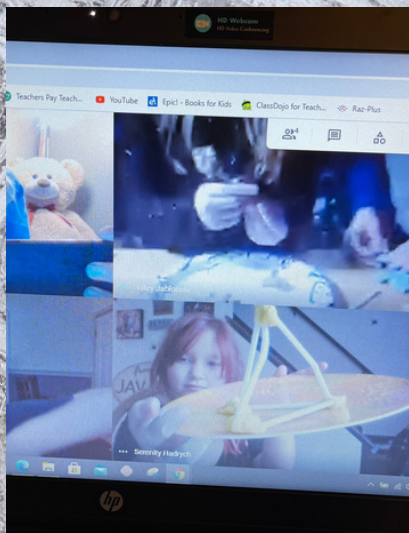
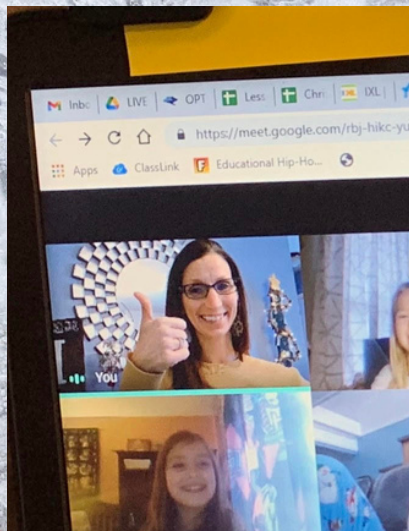


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THANK YOU PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!





Would you like to give back to your school and earn some extra money at the same time? The HR Department is looking for “Emergency Status” substitute teachers. No teaching degree necessary. If you have a four-year degree and are interested in working with our students, Contact the Human Resources Department for more information
724-223-2000 ext. 7114



Dates to Remember

December:

24-Jan. 1 Winter Break

January:

4-15 Grades K-12 continue remote instruction

18 – MLK Day/No School

19 – Return to in-person instruction

22 – End of 1st Semester

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Articles may be submitted in the body of the email or attached as a Word document.

Documents in .pdf format will not be accepted.

Corresponding pictures must be attached to the same email in .jpg format.

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for ALL Students

