

# HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

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HOME OF THE HILLERS!



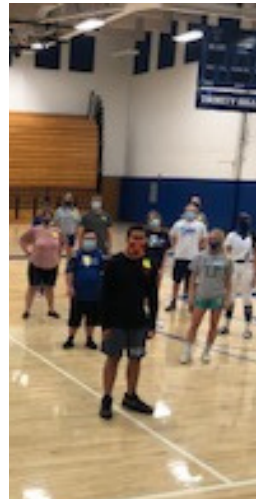
APRIL 2020-2021

## UNIFIED SPORTS DAY APRIL 9

Qualifiers for the 2020-2021  
Trinity Area Unified Sports Team  
was a great success! Members  
are:

Lauren Chisholm  
Michael Dunn  
Tyler Dicks  
Felicia Hetzel  
Ben Kozak  
AJ Knight  
Jackson Knight  
Lauren Lukas  
Cody Lowther  
Bayleigh McCullough  
Madison McKay  
Emma Morgan  
Ruby Morgan  
AJ Pacconi  
Abby Reynier  
Tommy Ross  
Bryson Tarpley  
Emily Venick  
Kaylin Venick  
Christopher Yeager

A big thanks to coaches  
JoMarie Giorgi, Bobbi Belleville,  
Kathy Underwood,  
Sherrie MacKinney, Carrie Lauso,  
Ricci Rich, and Kathy McConnell-  
Miller



*It's a Great Day to be a Hiller!*

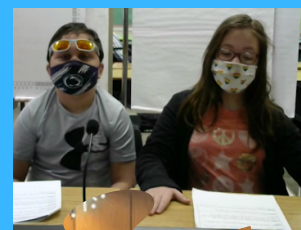


# Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to all of our amazing teachers!

May 3 - 7, 2021



**AUTISM  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**



During the month of April, Trinity West Elementary School shined a light on autism in honor of Autism Awareness Month, which supports those individuals who are on the autism spectrum within our district, community, nation, and world. Autistic Support teachers, Ms. Kubatka and Mrs. Chovan, worked alongside parents and staff promoting awareness, kindness to all, and acceptance of differences. The school building was decorated with colorful messages, true/false facts were displayed throughout the building to promote understanding of autism, students created puzzle pieces that were displayed in the cafeteria, and a door/bulletin board decorating contest was held. In addition to the decorated hallways and lighting it up "Blue for Autism Awareness" on Friday's, students and staff participated in a spirit week. Students were given autism stickers to wear, and teachers proudly wore autism ribbons and buttons throughout the month. To spread even more awareness, acceptance, and understanding, students from Mrs. Giorgi's High School Autistic Support classroom read to some of the classrooms through Google Meets throughout the month.

# Trinity's Pride!



*Trinity Middle School students were able to thaw even the coldest of hearts  
with their virtual production of Disney's Frozen Jr.!  
Congratulations to our amazing performers and  
Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Helinski!!*

## Congratulations!

Senior  
Bayleigh McCullough  
TRICADA Scholar-Athlete  
Scholarship Award Winner



**TRICADA**  
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE  
AWARD  
WINNER

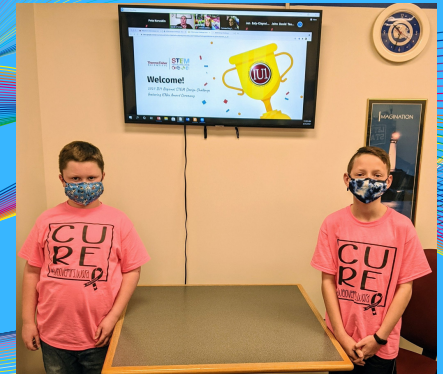
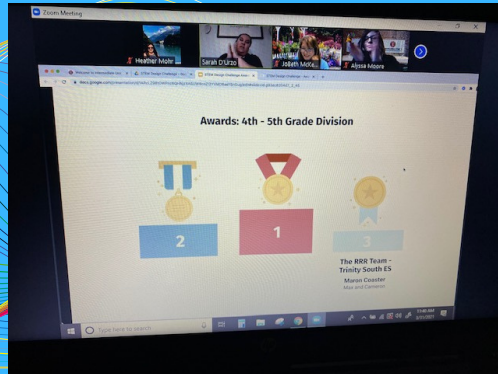
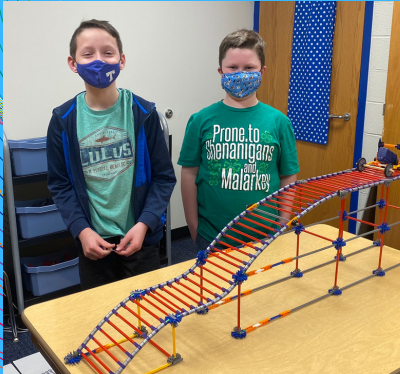


# STEM

## DESIGN CHALLENGE



Cameron Rockwell and Max Rosati, both 4th graders at Trinity South, came in third place at the IU1 STEM Design Challenge! The 2021 Challenge required students to rethink a product that you would find in your home or create one that you should find in your home. While they were working, they followed the steps of the Engineering Design Process and maintained a design journal. After they were finished building, they created blueprints and designed a video presentation. Their teacher, Mrs. Gojmerac, is so proud of their Hiller work ethic!



The Trinity Youth and Junior High Wrestling teams concluded their season at the Keystone State Championships in Monroeville April 1st through 3rd. Qualifying for the state tournament this year were Braedon Welsh, Behr Bruckner and Hunter Martin from the junior high team, and Jake Wright, Gavin Brand, Brooks Bruckner, Reese Hoover, Gavin Bricker, Jaxson Gillis, and Brady Layhue from the youth team.

Two Hillers placed in the top eight of the state. Braedon Welsh finished third in the junior high 157 pound division and Gavin Brand finished fifth in the 10 and under 60 pound division.

Congrats also go out to the three Hiller Wrestlers that were named to the Observer-Reporters all District second team: Ty Banco, Tyson Brophy, and Blake Reihner.





The Trinity Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club, sponsored by Mrs. Aliveto, was recognized at the 2021 Pennsylvania State Virtual Leadership Conference. Trinity members worked hard to compete and earn a variety of state and national awards.

Trinity's Chapter earned the following state awards:

- Gold Outstanding Chapter Award
- Outstanding Young Chapter Award
- Completion of State Outreach Project
- Completion of State Membership Campaign



Club member Joie Engle competed virtually at states and obtained a Silver Medal. Joie was also awarded National Team Honors allowing her to continue on to the National FCCLA Competition, named Pennsylvania State First Vice President Officer and was recognized for completing State Officer Requirements for the 2020-21 school year, as well as Chapter Member of the Year.

The Club also earned the following national awards:

- National Program for Community Service  
The Community Service program guides members to identify local concerns and carry out projects to improve the quality of life in their communities. Through their projects, members experience character development and improve their critical and creative thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.
- National Program for Power of One Award  
The students listed have submitted an application for Power of One Award national recognition. Power of One helps members to find and use their personal power. Students are required to complete a five part program which includes Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Take the Lead, and Speaking Out for FCCLA. Students set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results in each of the five areas.

Alliyah Borchert  
Joie Engle  
Abby Gottschall  
Madison Lorenzo  
Danielle Manning  
Bayleigh McCullogh  
Emma Morgan  
Skye Sabatasse  
Emily Schmitt  
Hannah Waychoff  
Emily Venick  
Ella Young

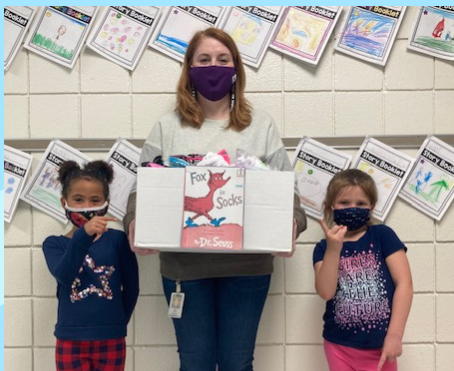


Well Done!

# elementary news.....



The Silly String Challenge is over, and Mr. Lauver has lost his bet! He thought the students at Trinity North wouldn't be able to meet his challenge of reading 5,800 books for the month of March. Boy was he wrong! In fact, the students read 6,252 books in one month. First grade read 2,650 books with Mrs. Quinn's class (pictured) reading 1,022! The students will have the Silly String Challenge Assembly in May to celebrate. Congratulations to all the readers!!



Trinity North students participated in a community service project by collecting socks in honor of Dr. Seuss's book, *Fox in Socks*. Dozens of socks were donated during the national reading month of March and were given to the Women and Children's Shelter of Washington in April. Pictured with kindergarten teacher Mrs. Heimberger are students Addison and Brooke.

Mr. Lauver is shown with kindergarten students Amelia and Nora and their teacher Mrs. Heimberger, whose class raised the most donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Hero Squad Program (also called Pennies for Patients). This fundraiser helped to raise critical funds for those who are stricken with blood cancer, along with their families. The virtual assembly challenged students to become part of the hero squad and help those children who are ill.

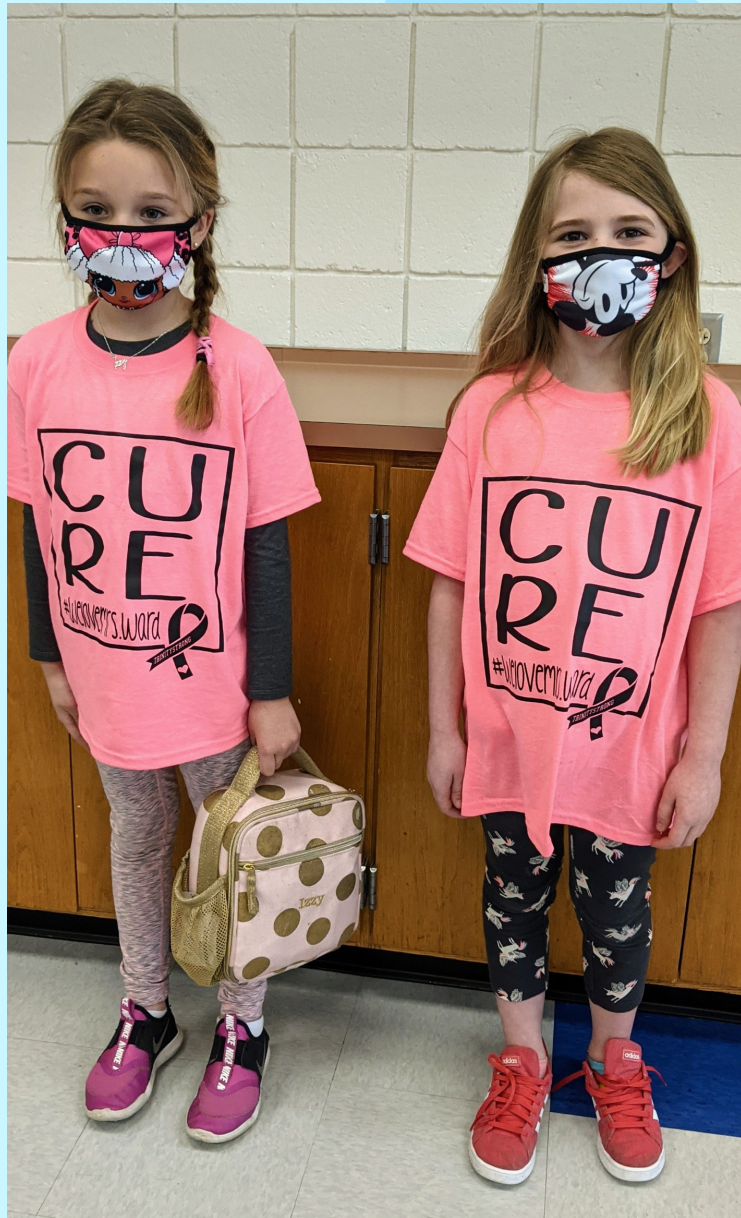


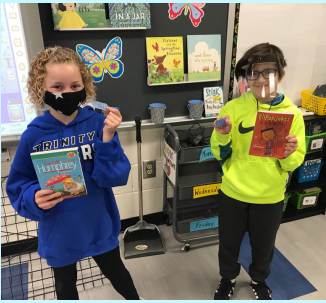


Trinity South staff, students, and the PFC are busy organizing events and fundraisers to support kindergarten teacher Sherie Ward who is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Proceeds from the sale of paper hearts to the homeroom teachers, tee shirts, meal and gift card donations have all been collected to help support Mrs. Ward.

Our best wishes go out to Mrs. Ward for a full recovery!

# #welovemrs.ward



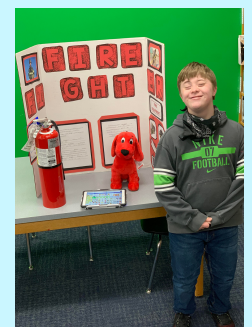
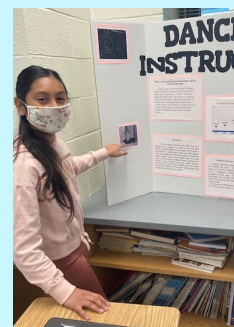
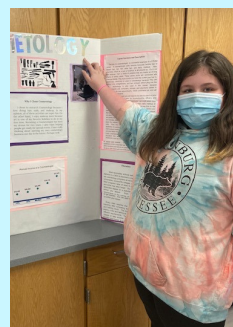
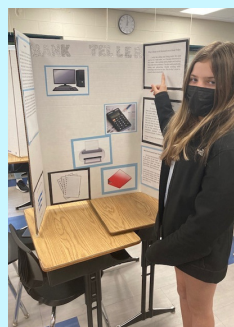
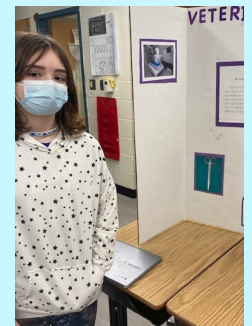
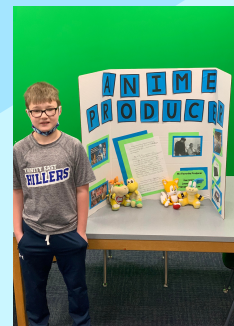
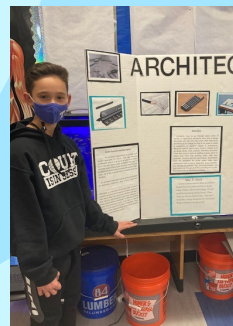
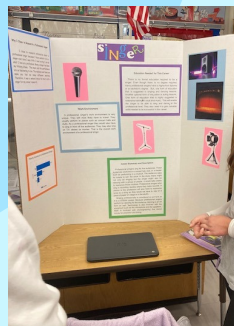
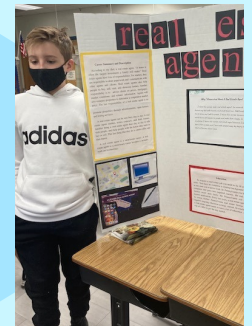
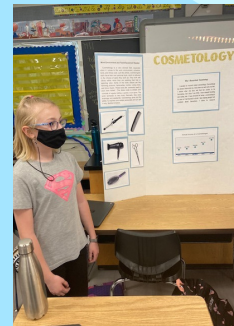
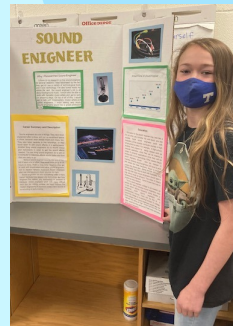
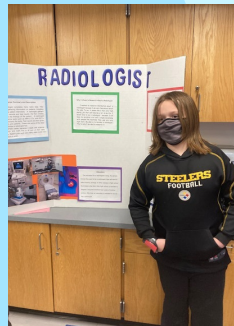


Each month in Ms. Shaw's third grade at Trinity East, students are recognized for showing kindness to others and displaying extra effort in their daily work. They are given a blue smiley ticket for each recognition and are entered into a book raffle to earn a new book to enjoy reading and keep as their own. Four students are selected each month. April's book raffle winners are Avery Evans, Max Vettorel, Mason Rush, and McKenna Nonack. Congratulations to all! In May, titles from favorite authors Jarrett Lerner, Phil Bildner, Shelly Johannes, and Crystal Allen will be featured. Great work, third grade writers!



Although Career Fairs were canceled this year, that did not stop our fifth graders!

Pictured are some of Trinity East's students with their career fair boards, a state mandated requirement for Pennsylvania's Career Readiness Program. Through Flip Grid, students demonstrated their knowledge about the career they chose to research with a short presentation.

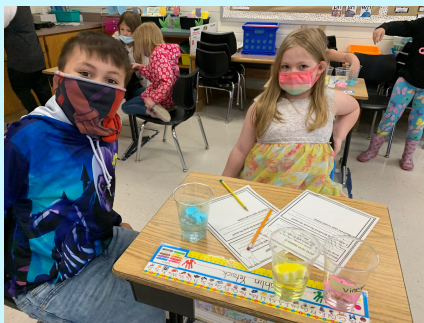
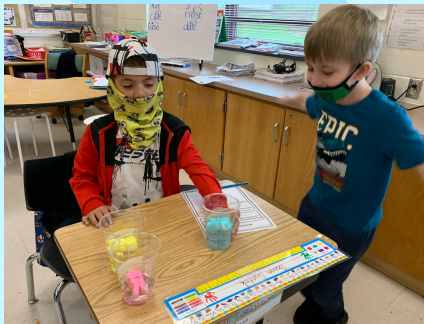
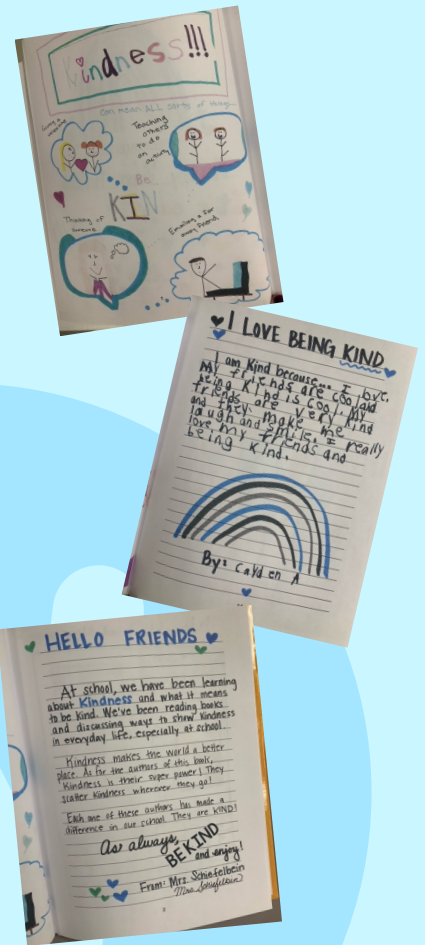




"This year has been a challenging year for many of our students due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Taking steps to support students is essential during this challenging time, whether they're learning remotely or in classrooms. For Trinity West, that means helping students learn to be kind to others, especially when dealing with conflict or stress. It doesn't take much to lift someone up—a few kind words can change everything. This kindness book has helped many students see each other through a kindness lens and appreciate what each other is feeling. The discussion was amazing during the book's creation as we talked about what kindness looks like in a classroom, in the hallway, and outside of school. Getting kids involved in bettering the world around them helps develop both perspective and empathy—and the knowledge that we can all help change the world for the better. I hope you enjoy this book as much as the students enjoyed creating it. Now, are you willing to take the challenge - what can you do to be kind today?"

Mrs. Michelle Ostrosky, Trinity West Principal

Kindness Matters is a book that was published through Studenttreasures Publishing.



Mrs. Ricker's first grade students had fun doing jellybean graphing and a peeps science experiment.

Miss Dunn's students were excited to participate in a Book Madness contest.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

April

Students of the Month



**Michael Dunn**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Kelsey Flynn**



**Luke Thornburg**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



# Artists of the Month



Selah Taggart, 10th Grade  
2 Point Perspective House



Samantha Dames, 11th Grade  
Watercolor Painting  
Moonlit Lake



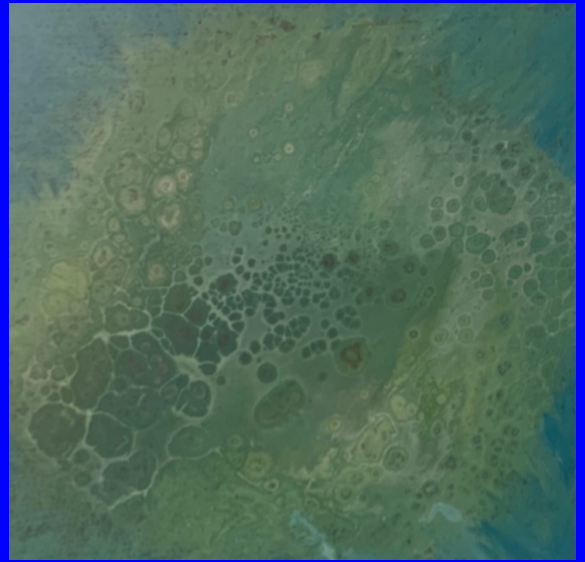
Fionna Barry, 3rd Grade  
Trinity North  
Roy Lichtenstein Inspired Onomatopoeia Word



Brooklyn Shreyer, Kindergarten  
Trinity East  
Solomon Crocodile Painting



Isaac Ikach, 7th Grade  
Op Art



Riley Pegram, 5th Grade  
Trinity West  
Abstract Paint Pour



Ethan Martin, 6th Grade  
Digital Collage



Maya Day, 4th Grade  
Trinity South  
Zebra Mask from Plaster



Abigail Parsons, 1st Grade  
Cyber  
Panda Bear



# Congrats

*Trinity FFA students who participated in FFA Public Speaking Competitions and placed in the following categories:*

Washington County FFA

Isabella Jobses - Jr. Prepared Public Speaking (5th Place)

Isabella Jobses - FFA Creed (3rd Place)

Kalvin Hrutkay - Sr. Prepared Public Speaking (4th Place)

Zachary Snedeker - Conservation Sr. Prepared Public Speaking (3rd Place)

Zachary Snedeker - Extemporaneous Public Speaking (2nd Place)

Area (Washington/Greene Count)

Zachary Snedeker - Conservation Sr. Prepared Public Speaking (3rd Place)



Kalvin Hrutkay



Isabella Jobses



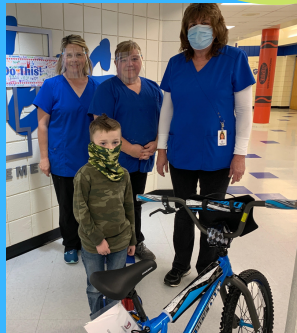
Zachary Snedeker

# Trinity Food Service Department Coloring Contest and the winners are.....



## East

Summer McKnight - bicycle  
Adalyn Buckley - gift card  
Beckett Dietrich - gift card



## North

Kayden Zavada - bicycle  
Kylie Foye - gift card  
Logan Spencer - gift card



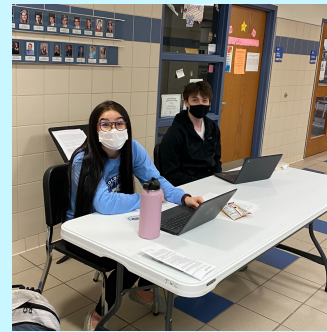
## West

Alan Hoffman - bicycle  
Elora Work - gift card  
Adelyn Wolf - gift card



## South

Locklyn Miller - bicycle  
Carsyn Miller - gift card  
Landry Migyanko - gift card



Throughout the school year, students are given many opportunities to donate blood at Trinity High School. This school year, with the help of Vitalant, Trinity held three blood drives. In total, 56 successful donations were made. The donations this year were particularly appreciated.

We encourage students to continue to donate in the future as a single donation will save three lives.

Thank you to Lou Majoris and Abby Gottschall for overseeing the Blood Drives for the National Honor Society.

# WHO WE ARE

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## #TRINITYFAMILY



What a great addition to Hiller Nation! Kelsey is in her first year as a teacher at Trinity Area High School. Kelsey graduated from North Allegheny High School in Wexford, PA. She attended Slippery Rock University and majored in Grant Writing and Accounting for Non-profit Organizations. Upon graduation, she transitioned to La Roche College where she received her Bachelors Degree in Special Education, pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup>. For the past 6 years, she has worked as an instructional aide and teacher at Watson Institute, a Special Education and Resource for Children. She brings a wealth of experience to Trinity High School. Her love and passion for her students light up the classrooms and hallways.

**Cool Facts:** Let's just say Aunt Kelsey has become her two new favorite words. She enjoys spending time with her family especially the newest addition, her niece, Cecilia. She has brought such joy to their lives. Ms. Moberg is known for her creativity as she designs her own jewelry. During the 2020 shutdown, Kelsey has gone from limited cooking skills to an adventurer in the kitchen. She credits the FOX Series Master Chef for her inspiration. When the weather breaks she looks forward to camping trips with her dog, Baxter. Sleeping in a tent by a campfire is her happy place.

*"Look for something positive each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder."*

*~Ms. Kelsey Moberg*



**TRINITY AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

### May

28 Two Hour Student Early Release/  
Staff Development

31 Memorial Day Holiday/No School

### June

4 Graduation/Last Student Day

7 Teacher Clerical Day

### INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:

All flyers are available on the district [website under About](#)

<https://www.trinitypride.org/Content2/district-flyers>

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:  
[jwalz@trinityhillers.net](mailto:jwalz@trinityhillers.net)

To submit an article for consideration email:

[jwalz@trinityhillers.net](mailto:jwalz@trinityhillers.net)

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.



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TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST '21						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

19-20 New Teacher Orientation  
 19-20 KinderCamp  
 23-24 Staff Development  
 25 Teacher Clerical Day  
**26 First Student Day**

Teacher Days: 7  
 Student Days: 4

FEBRUARY '22						
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27	28					

7 In-Service/No School  
 21 Presidents' Day/No School

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

SEPTEMBER '21						
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6 Labor Day  
 24 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

MARCH '22						
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25 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 23  
 Student Days: 23

OCTOBER '21						
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29 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

APRIL '22						
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14-18 Spring Break/No School

Teacher Days: 18  
 Student Days: 18

NOVEMBER '21						
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1 In-Service Day/No School  
 25-29 Fall Break

Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

MAY '22						
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27 Two Hour Early Student Release/Staff Development  
 30 Memorial Day/No School

Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 21

DECEMBER '21						
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23 In-Service Day  
 24-31 Winter Break

Teacher Days: 17  
 Student Days: 16

JUNE '22						
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1 Last Student Day  
 2 Teacher Clerical Day  
 3 Graduation  
 Teacher In-Service Day

Teacher Days: 3  
 Student Days: 1

JANUARY '22						
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3 In-Service Day/No School  
 17 M.L. King Day/No School

Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 19

Teacher Days: 189  
 Student Days: 180

BOARD APPROVED:  
 February 18, 2021



End first 9 weeks -  
 October 28, 2021  
 End first semester -  
 January 19, 2022  
 End third 9 weeks -  
 March 25, 2022