



2019

“ Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2019

### Saying Good-Bye

Congratulations and best wishes to four Ferndale Area School District employees who will be leaving the hive at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.



*Left to Right: Elaine Metzler, Title I Aide, 10 years; Susan Varga, Elementary Special Education Teacher, 28 years; Sandra Basile, Elementary Cook, 5 Years. Absent: Thomas Thompson, High School Cleaner, 11 years*

### Graduate Drafted by Pittsburgh Pirates



Trey McGough, Ferndale Area graduate, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 24th round, pick number 724 in the Major League Baseball draft. Congratulations to Trey!

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Mrs. Rachelle Hrabosky



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## **District Adopts 2019-2020 Budget**

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget on June 19, 2019. Real estate millage was set at 87 mills, which was an increase of 3 mills. After review, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the tax rate. The increase was less than the 2019-2020 index of 3.6% which was required by Act 1 participating districts.



### **School Board Meetings**

The Ferndale Area School District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Elementary School Board Room at 6:00 p.m. except for the months of May and December, unless otherwise advertised. Meetings are not scheduled for the month of July.

## Congratulations Class of 2019

Serena Nicole Allison  
Brandon Kai Anderson  
Ryan Jordan Anderson  
Abigail Rose Bartis  
Damien Michael Bartis  
Drew Patrick Berkebile  
Jamie Alexander Berkebile  
Amanda Lynn Boyle  
Emily Marie Buksa  
Makenna Jo Chuha  
Corrine Nicole Custer-Grassmyer  
Morgan Gabrielle Davis  
Gabrielle Mara Dodson  
River Joseph Dorn  
Zachary Thomas Findley  
Abigail Lynn Gerber  
Micah Nicole Haney  
Sydney Marie Helsel

Jacklyn Dawn Himes  
Kyler Matthew Kinsey  
Makenna Ann Nicole Klucker  
Korina Lee Lopresti  
Chariti Lynn Madigan  
Aleksander Rani Magi  
Erica Marie McCombie  
Katie Bre McGough  
Carly Renee Mihalaki  
Annalee Brealle Moore  
Matthew Aron Morgart  
Jacob Matthew Moyer  
Megan Nicole Moyer  
Cynthia Louise Norman  
Michael Jacob Page  
Meshawn Renee Puryear  
Brandon Scott Rogers  
Ty-Rique Dupree Rozier

Robert James Seigh III  
Alexis Megan Short  
Ciawna Lamara Simms  
Carrianna Alyssia Marie Snyder  
Jenna Renee Stancombe  
Jordan Randall Stiles  
Kaitlyn Marie Strosco  
Hunter Elias Thomas  
Steven Thomas Varner  
Tyler Christopher Wilson  
Robert Bryan Zettle



## 2019-2020 K-12 School Calendar



The calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on February 27, 2019. The first day of school for students is August 26, 2019; the last day is June 1, 2020. Teacher In-Service days and Act 80 days are

scheduled for August 21, August 22, September 27, November 11, January 20, March 23, and June 2.

Scheduled make-up days are February 17 and April 9. If additional days are used for emergency reasons, the make-up days will be added at the end of the school term in June.

August 21 .....In-Service Day (No School)

August 22 .....In-Service Day (No School)

**August 26.....First Day for Students**

August 27 .....Meet the Teacher Night (HS)

August 28 (K4-2).....Meet the Teacher Night (Elem)

August 29 (Grades 3-6) ..Meet the Teacher Night (Elem)

August 30 - September 2 .....Labor Day (No School)

September 27.....Act 80 Day (No School)

October 14 ..... Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)

November 11 .....In-Service Day (No School)

November 28 - December 2... Thanksgiving (No School)

December 23- January 1 .....Christmas (No School)

January 20.....Act 80 Day (No School)

February 17.....Make-Up Day (No School)

March 23 .....In-Service Day (No School)

April 9 .....Make-Up Day (No School)

April 10 - April 13.....Easter (No School)

May 25.....Memorial Day (No School)

June 1.....**Last Day of School**

June 2.....In-Service Day (No School)



### Marking Period Ends

October 30	(45)
January 17	(45)
March 23	(44)
June 1	(46)

## Spreading Kindness Like It Is Confetti!

*Rachelle Hrabosky, Elementary Principal*

Our elementary school has always taken the idea of kindness seriously. From being welcoming and accepting of new students and families, to helping our fellow students when we see the need, and being there for each other as faculty and staff; we are glad to lend a helping hand.

This year we poured kindness out in many ways. From our participation in the Cambria County Backpack project, to helping our families through tragedies, we come together as a family because that is what we are: FAMILY. It is evident that when someone in our Ferndale Area family hurts, we as a whole hurt too.

Our PTO has demonstrated kindness by all of their generosity of time and volunteerism. From helping with the book fairs, to dances, movie dates, holiday events and field day fun, our PTO spreads kindness to all in our school district.

Our students have also spread kindness by participating in the NED Adventure, book shares, 6th grade mentors, 6th grade chaperones for K4 students at dismissal and our new annual "143 Day". Students know that they are loved and that school is one place for kindness. That is why it is not out of the ordinary for each child to wish people good morning, wrap their arms around the legs of adults for a bear hug or create small artistic pieces to show their appreciation. We hope that this kindness spreads and flourishes throughout the lives of our little ones making the world a kind place to be.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our kindness with you.

With much affection,

Mrs. Hrabosky



*Senior Walk at the Elementary School on May 24.*

## National School Breakfast Week

National School Breakfast week was March 4-8, 2019. Ferndale Area Elementary School participated in week long activities culminating in breakfast with Senator Wayne Langerholc and Representative James Rigby on Friday, March 8. Shown holding a banner signed by all students and participants are: (first row) Tristan Sanchez, Representative James Rigby, Aniah Keith, Mercedes Parrish, Miasia Morris, Ashlynn Locher, (second row) Senator Wayne Langerholc, Superintendent Carole Kakabar, and Elementary Principal Rachelle Hrabosky.



## Our Future Looks Bright

First Graders finished the year studying about different careers. As an extension to learning, several parent and community volunteers were willing to share their expertise with our young learners. First graders listened intently to the wide range of professions as they gained a better understanding about workers in our community.

Each guest speaker discussed daily responsibilities, job training, college experience, challenges, and most importantly the determination and work ethic needed to succeed in their chosen path. It is our hope that this experience provided knowledge of career paths and inspired our students to work hard to achieve their goals. Thank you to our presenters for helping us to engage our young learners in a meaningful way while learning about COOL JOBS!



## Fourth Grade Prepares for PSSAs

Students in fourth grade actively prepared for the PSSAs by engaging in the latest craze — escape rooms. Each themed escape room challenged and encouraged students to apply teamwork, problem solving skills, and time management. Some of the escape rooms that our kids participated in are as follows:

“Stuck on Mars” which was used to practice Operations and Algebraic Thinking

“Escape the Monsters” which was used to practice Numbers and Operations—Fractions

“Save the Circus” which was used to practice Geometry.

There were other math escape rooms in addition to reading and science escape rooms. The students had a great time solving each of the problems presented to them and following the clues to find the next set of problems. Sometimes it seemed like they didn’t even realize how much they were working! We found this to be a very exciting way to review what they learned in fourth grade.

## Fernstock 25th Anniversary



Music classes are designed to be hands-on learning experiences. Students created music, sang, and played a variety of musical instruments. We also took a long journey into the world of STEAM! Students explored the science behind pitch with ooblock on a sub woofer speaker, as well as identifying pitches with water-filled glass jars. We even made flutes and pan flutes.

The culmination of all we've learned is the Fernstock Festival, where students create, produce, and perform a work for peers, families, and friends. The 25th Anniversary of Fernstock was held on Friday, May 24, 2019. This year alumni participated in the National Anthem and the Alma Mater!



## Busy Year for Fifth Grade

Fifth grade had a very busy year. We have welcomed many new “Yellow Jackets” by way of new students entering our grade level and a great substitute teacher (Miss Gibson) taking the helm for Mrs. Riffle while she had her newest baby.

Our schedule was changed to represent a “middle school” setting in which students exchanged teachers for social studies, science and writing classes. It was an adjustment at the beginning of the year, however everyone got comfortable with the schedule and will be pros when they get to the high school.

Our math curriculum had lots of new material introduced but at the end of the year the students got to pull it all together for a project based on learning activities. Some students created their own taco truck, menu, and logo in order to apply real world math concepts to run a food truck business. Other students created an escape room which correlated with their classroom novel.

In our reading classes all of the students were read *Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary Downing Hahn in order to prepare for our One Book field trip. This book focused on what it was like to live during WWII and how children of their own age dealt with siblings fighting in the war. There was great interest in the novel and many students really enjoyed learning about life during this era.

Finally, in order to bring social studies and writing to life, the students visited Fort Ligonier. They toured and learned about life during colonial times. They made crafts, practiced marching with the militia and viewed artifacts all dealing with the French and Indian War.

## Music Education

This year we had a good number of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students involved in Beginning Band, Band, and/or Chorus. Five 6th Grade Ferndale Area students participated in the PMEA District 6 Band Festival; John Custer on trumpet, Paige Cenko on clarinet, Aubrey Schlosser on Sax, and Kalee Bell and Alex Lushko in the Percussion ensemble.

Four of our FAEA 5th graders took part in the PMEA District 6 Song Fest on May 10 at Central Cambria. They were Caitlyn McKendree, Lexia Sanders, Mackenzie Beach, and Heaven Hernandez.

Another yearly tradition for the Music Department is our annual “Salute to our Veterans” unit. Each grade level is given a patriotic/military song to learn. This means not only learning the lyrics and melody of the song, but its origin and place in history; the circumstances under which it was written. The students are then filmed singing their song, and it is played for our military friends and family during the annual Veteran’s Day luncheon event.

## What's Happening at the High School Hive...

*Travis Robison, Jr-Sr HS Principal*

Community Members of Ferndale Area School District,

I am hoping that this edition of the Ferndale Area School District's newsletter finds us in warm, dry weather to make up for the cold wet weather we have had to endure last winter. With the emergence of summer weather, many activities and events are beginning to take shape and are scheduled to occur in the upcoming months.

As we put behind us the activities of the past spring, such as Prom, state assessment testing, and graduation, we will definitely miss those memories and students, but we will be looking forward to the next school year and the new, exciting challenges and expectations that a new school year entails. However, I would like to recap a few items of note that occurred in the 2018-2019 school year that will affect the district for years to come.

One of those categories is School Safety. The Ferndale Area School District has developed and initiated numerous protocols and equipment upgrades to keep our students and staff safe and secure in our schools. We have upgraded our security camera systems, we have upgraded our door locking system, and we have placed other upgrades and equipment into the buildings to enhance the safety of our students and staff. Most of these upgrades were paid for by grant monies that were obtained by the district.

State-wide, the Safe2Say Something anonymous tip line was created and implemented through partnership with the Sandy Hook Promise organization. This tip line provided training to recognize warning signs and signals about individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others. Tips may be reported anonymously online through a web page, through a downloadable app, and through telephone calls to a Crisis Center Hotline that is staffed 24/7.

Lastly, the school district is working with the Ferndale Borough to provide and staff a School Resource Officer (SRO) that will enhance the safety and security of the district's facilities. Through collaboration and joint effort, the Borough was able to secure a grant that will provide monetary compensation to begin the process of identifying, training, and employing a SRO in partnership with the Ferndale Area School District.

Contact Travis Robison, District Safety and Security Coordinator with any questions at 814-288-5757.

Academically, the Ferndale Area Junior Senior High School is anxiously awaiting the results of our student's state assessment scores to identify where our efforts and changes from the school year have increased our student's achievement. From the 2017-2018 school year until the 2018-2019 school year, our overall School Performance Profile increased an amazing 22.7 points; the 2016-17 SPP was 58.7 and that climbed to 81.4 in the 2017-2018 school year! This climb in scores is due to the diligent work of the faculty and staff, while also emphasizing the importance of the state assessments and the students accepted the challenge. To reward the students for their dedication and hard work, the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team has developed a criteria to enable these students to participate in activities and events that helps them to unwind and to give immediate feedback from their teachers to reinforce the positive traits that the students developed.

Through the Guidance Department, we continue to provide a rigorous and challenging schedule of courses that the students may enroll in for the upcoming school year. The courses and specific schedules are being worked on and will be published on or about August 1, 2019.

Lastly, I would like to encourage the incoming students to participate and become involved with their school community. Our extracurricular activities and clubs are open to all students and offer comradery and social experiences that allow our students to grow personally which translates into academic success. Our sports and athletics offerings are available to all students, whether it is junior high, varsity/junior varsity, or club sports. Students are encouraged to receive their PIAA approved physical if they are interested in sports. Please see the website, [www.fasdk12.org](http://www.fasdk12.org) for information regarding clubs and activities, as well as Athletics.

As always, please feel free to contact myself or any of the staff for further information or details. Have a great and safe summer break, and we will see you next school year.

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### Ferndale Area School District is a Smoke-Free District

**It is the policy of the Ferndale Area School District that all buildings, property (including sidewalks and parking areas), outdoor fixed seating areas, vehicles owned or contracted and other designated areas of the Ferndale Area School District are designated to be tobacco free environments. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

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## Cheerleaders Donate



The Junior High and Varsity Cheerleaders presented a check for \$1000 to the Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center. The Squads hosted our 6th Annual Pink Out Game and held a bake sale, sold t-shirts, and held a raffle for pink items to raise the money for the donation.

## Disney Band Trip

31 members of Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School Band and Color Guard traveled to Orlando, Florida April 10-15, 2019. Under the direction of Mr. Rainey, the band director, the students performed in the Disney Parade on April 12 along with members from five other local school districts. While there, the students had opportunities to tour Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios.



## Drama Club

The Ferndale Area Drama Club presented a love story - about a man and his money. This year's performance, "The Skinflint of Shickshinney" gave audiences a hoot and a holler as several cast members tried to separate Horace Harpagon - the stingiest old codger in the town (played by River Dorn) - from his precious cashbox. Actors donned a lot of flannel and jeans for this one! Thank you Mr. Manack and crew for an incredible job with the set design.



## Quebec 2019

Melissa Henderson, French Teacher

In March, nine French students bundled up and made a trip to Québec. We spent three days touring, eating local foods, and learning about the history of Québec. Students spent time exploring the old city and seeing many amazing sites. Some of the more popular sites were le Chateau Frontenac, the St. Lawrence River, the Plains of Abraham, Place Laurier, Atalier Paré, Ste -Anne shrine, Montmorency Falls, and the Hôtel de Glace. We spent time at a Cabane à Sucre, where we learned about harvesting and the process of making maple syrup. Students were able to try some samples and some of the more adventurous students participated in dog sledding. At the Huron Village, we were able to learn about the lives of the Indians, past and present. A student favorite was inner tubing at Village des Sports. The students were able to see firsthand how the Canadians enjoy the snow and cold! Everyone had a memorable trip.



## Window Painting

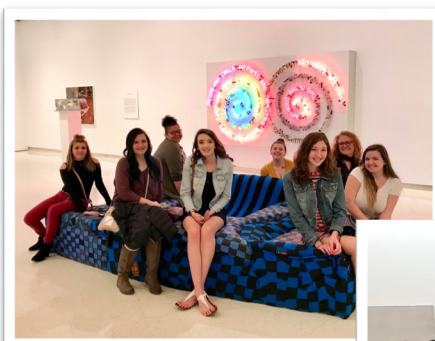
In the spring, the Art Club was out and about in the community again, painting windows at the Cambria County Library in preparation for the Little Night of Music benefit. Our designs were inspired for the band that is playing on the first floor for the benefit, "Felix and the Hurricanes."

Picture: Left to right: *Serena Allison, Emily Buksa, Kainat Quraishy, Jada Bifano, Corrine Custer-Grassmyer, Katie McGough.*

## Art Club

Sonya Kowatch, Art Teacher

Junior and Senior members of the FAHS Art Club, received a grant to visit the Carnegie Museum of Art. They went on a tour through the museum titled, "Crossroads", in which artists have responded to our times, pre and post World War II. The artwork reflected on social, political, and artistic ideas. The tour is designed to promote critical thinking skills and deep engagement with artwork. In these photos you see students discussing and interacting with the art work.



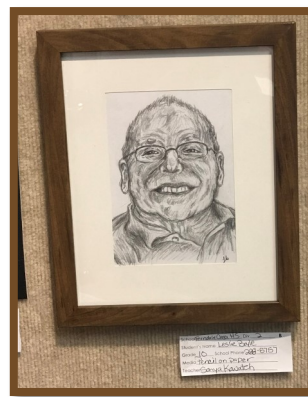
## Forensics

We had a “3-M” Forensic Team for 2018-2019! This was Morgan Davis’ last year and to make it memorable she won a Fourth Place ribbon in Poetry. Morgan Hudy, also competing in the Poetry Division, won First Place and Sixth Place ribbons and qualified for the Semi-Finals for Regionals State Qualifier. New member, Makenzie Jerin, competing in Poetry, won a Fifth Place ribbon! Congratulations Ladies!!



## Community Arts Center Award

Congrats to Morgan Davis for the Community Art Center Volunteers Choice Award at the Greater Johnstown Young Artists Exhibit at the Cambria County Community Arts Center. We had five Students exhibit work in this art show, Amaya Brougher, Avonna Brown, Leslie Boyle, Emily Buksa and Morgan Davis.



## FASD Esports

### What are Esports?

Currently taking the world by storm, Esports is a competitive gaming scene that puts players from around the globe against each other in a myriad of games. Ferndale Area dove right in with our first Esports team this year, competing in HSEL's Spring Major Season for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

### Swarm' of Activity

It was that belief in camaraderie through gaming that helped launch an Esports program at Ferndale Area High School, believed to be the first of its kind on the scholastic level in this region.

Karl Hofmann, the Esports coach at Ferndale Area and BCIT (Business, Computer and Information Technology) Teacher at the school, saw the good in gaming and what it could mean for today's students. "It is a passion of mine, and I know it's an outlet for a lot of the kids."

Despite some early delays, Mr. Hofmann was able to launch what eventually became the "Swarm" at Ferndale Area with big results for the small school. "I worked with our IT person, Toby Bialas, he's actually my assistant coach as well. We presented it to the school

board. Gave them the idea. Told them about how the community is building and getting bigger. The school board was good with it and supported us."

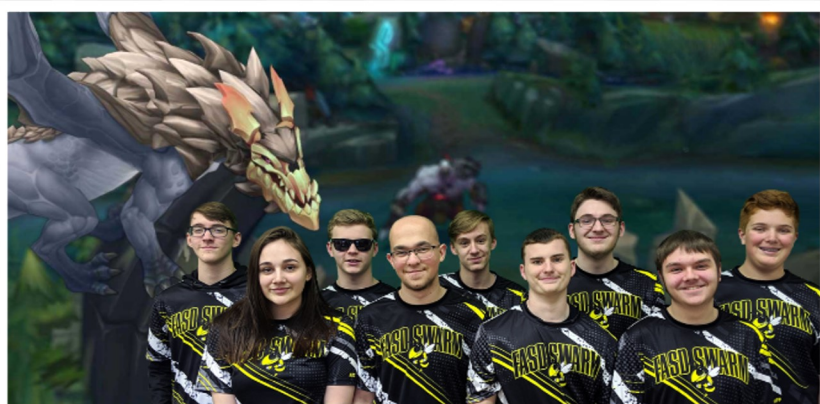
### What games do we play?

We chose League of Legends for our first Esports team. League of Legends (or LoL for short) is a 5v5 Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) where players choose champions and fight for control of the map. The ultimate goal is to destroy your opponent's base (Nexus) while defending your own. There is an immense amount of strategy, communication and teamwork needed to accomplish this.

### How can I join?

Stop up to Mr. Hofmann's room (35) and see us during a morning or afternoon practice and we will get you set up! Even if you don't have any experience with League of Legends or games in general, we will get you started with the basics and you will be winning in no time!

We hope to add additional games as the Tech Club grows! Let us know what your suggestions are, stop by and support the team on stream, and we will see you in the Rift!



### Current League of Legends Roster

Top - Kai Gorzelsky (Kaqeed)  
 Mid - Brady Snyder (Faust)  
 ADC - Kyler Kinsey (Diggy)  
 Support - Shane Chandler-Christie (Zupermon)  
 Jungle - Lance Watson (Prayz)  
 Flex - Justin Pavic (JP)  
 Flex - Alex Mills (RedZone)  
 Flex - Morgan Davis  
 Flex - Ben Vuckovich (Womble)

### Coaches

Head Coach - Mr. Karl Hofmann  
 Assistant Coach - Mr. Toby Bialas

## National Honor Society

The Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society was pleased to induct new students into our Chapter on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Students were selected by a faculty committee because they exemplify the Four Pillars of the NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Those students were Juniors Madison Myers and Kainat Quraishy. Sophmores Mckinley Colgan, Abigayle Geisel, Morgan Hudy, Libby Kinsey, Jalynn McGilvery, Justin Pavic, Kailyn Ribaric, and Trey Saylor.



## Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

### Presidential Academic Excellence Award

Abby Barley	Nevaeh Hiltabidel
Paige Cenko	Delanie Kiser
Loryn Geisel	Lucien Watson

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### Senator Langerholc Citizenship Award

Delanie Kiser	Audrey Murray
David Lenhart	Adeline Rudge
Dominic Mackey	Lucien Watson

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### Presidential Academic Achievement Award

Ethan Bagley	Affiniti Mason
Delaney Conway	Audrey Murray
Daniel Fesko	Caci Polenik
Emma Hendershot	Molli Polenik
Madison Hofecker	Keira Turner
Alex Lushko	

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### Met My Goal Award

<b><u>Grade 1</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>
Logan Clevenger	Peyton Bailey
Alaiila Coleman-Harvey	Libby Bennett
Annabella Cooper	Nate Denhard
Luke Denhard	Brady Ferenchik
Zion Harris	Brynn Hyland
Sidney Horner	Levi Keith
Mae Lushko	Jurnee Heard
Edward McKendree	Lilly Kinsey
Allison Mihalcik	Brody Lepley
Loralei Thomas	Ian McClucas
Mia Rivera	Delaney McKendree
Gracin Wagner	Cadence Murray
Macie Wagner	Jordan Novotny
Selena Washington	Sabrina Sharp
	Olivia Tallari

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### The American Citizenship Award

<b><u>K4</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>
Amelia Hammer	Nate Denhard
Spencer Rager	Chance Killinger
	Andrew Lepley
<b><u>K5</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>
Miles Drahos	Aiden Conway
Sienna McClain	Baylie Moschgat
Sophia Meyer	
<b><u>Grade 1</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>
Luke Denhard	Kara Bagley
Troy Lewis	Mackenzie Beach
Jackson Volocko	David Hicks
<b><u>Grade 2</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 6</u></b>
Layl'a Berkey	Haley Hern
Jalynn Hern	Audrey Murray
Ava Stiles	Adeline Rudge

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**Grade 2**  
 Lay'la Berkey  
 Landyn Felosky  
 Danica Leverknight  
 David Taylor  
 Keelie Turner  
 Lilly Sidor  
 Skyler Wattman

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### Year Honor Roll

<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>
Brenna Beckman	Lukas Davis
Alexis Bough	Maddox Dickert
Aiden Conway	David Hicks
Donovin Corson	Lydia Hyland
Jackson DeWitt	Caitlyn McKendree
Ronald Felosky	Joseph Prave
Casmon Gorzelsky	Ethan Prisk
Nathan Hendershot	Harlie Rager
Alyssa Kordell	Lexia Sanders
Asher Kosakowski	Olivia Stirling
Baylie Moschgat	Chance Washington
Justin Robine	
Mason Sapienza	<b><u>Grade 6</u></b>
Hayden Stiles	Abby Barley
Julian Usrey	Tyler Bennett
Michael Zahurak	Paige Cenko

### Principal Award

<b><u>K5</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 2</u></b>
Zaike Corson	Cecelia Berkofsky
Jaxon Howrylak	Jayden Ferpas
Zaebian Harris	Alyssa Rager
Arya Livingston	Noah Sharp
Isabella Michaels	Angelo Toney
Madison Zahurak	Keelie Turner
<b><u>Grade 1</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>
Logan Clevenger	Peyton Bailey
Delaney Henry	Levi Keith
Troy Mardis	Teegan McGough
Raiden Merberger	Cadence Murray
Mia Rivera	Keira Nemeth
Gracin Wagner	Jacob Wenban

**Grade 6**  
 Abby Barley  
 Tyler Bennett  
 Paige Cenko  
 Loryn Geisel  
 Nevaeh Hiltabidel  
 Aubrielle Leverknight  
 Caci Polenik  
 Adeline Rudge  
 Lucien Watson

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## Sixth Grade Awards

### Leadership

Tyler Bennett  
Loryn Geisel  
Joshua Mitchell  
Caci Polenik  
Adeline Rudge

### Service

Kalee Bell  
Tyler Bennett  
Delaney Conway  
Caleb Fenton

### Good Character

David Lenhart  
Aubrielle Leverknight  
Joshua Mitchell  
Molli Polenik

### Special Recognition

Ethan Bagley  
Angel Brown  
Emma Hendershot  
Ashlynn Locher  
Affiniti Mason  
Gavin Smith

### Most Improved

Tyler Bennett  
Angel Brown  
Madison Hofecker  
Ashlynn Locher  
Justin Midile  
Joshua Mitchell  
Abigail Rhoades  
Brennan Stricker

### Reading

Logan Davis  
Loryn Geisel  
Audrey Murray  
Abigail Rhoades  
Adeline Rudge  
Lucien Watson

### Writing

Emma Hendershot  
Lucien Watson  
Mason Zabala

### Math

Paige Cenko  
Loryn Geisel  
Zackery Moore  
Adeline Rudge  
Alexis Shaffer  
Lucien Watson

### Social Studies

Ethan Bagley  
Adeline Rudge

### Science

Adeline Rudge  
Lucien Watson

### Computer & Technology

Joshua Mitchell  
Caci Polenik

### Art

Emma Hendershot  
Lucien Watson

### Music

Kalee Bell  
Alex Lushko

### Physical Ed

John Feathers  
Maisen Sechrengost

### Science Fair

Alex Lushko

### Design and Engineering at the Maker 'Faire

John Custer

### Perfect Attendance

Delilah Beltz  
Maddex Chuklochak  
David Hicks  
Alaina Keiper  
Kennedy Orris

Ethan Prisk  
Patience Ronk  
Serenity Ronk  
DeVaughn Smith

### Peer Leaders

Ethan Bagley  
Tyler Bennett  
Delaney Conway  
Loryn Geisel  
Emma Hendershot  
Nevaeh Hiltabidel  
Madison Hofecker  
Delanie Kiser

Aubrielle Leverknight  
Keira Lux  
Dominic Mackey  
Joshua Mitchell  
Adeline Rudge  
Alexis Shaffer

## Peer Mentoring

The Senior High offers a voluntary Peer Mentoring Program to our students that allows older students (grades 9-12 MENTORS) an opportunity to work with younger students (grades 7-9 MENTEES). The purpose is to give the younger students a peer connection that helps them transition through Junior High. The mentors have been carefully selected, have met certain criteria and have been trained for this leadership role. Some of the areas of focus are: Positive Behaviors, Good Decision Making, School Work/Homework, Social Skills, Getting mentees to feel connected and involved in school activities, inviting them to school functions.

It's exciting to see the positive interactions taking place between these students. Our peer leaders are taking their role seriously and are doing a fabulous job with their mentees.

This year we are recognizing one of our Senior Peer Mentors for her outstanding work. She offered to change her schedule in order to assist with our 7th grade Peer Mentor class. Kudos to Corrine Custer-Grassmyer for her dedication and desire to Make A Difference. Thanks for having a Positive Impact on our students.

Corrine's Goal: "Always be Kind and Compassionate – Be the change I wish to see"

## Scholarships and Awards

American Legion.....	Gavin Olshewsky Robert Zettle	Speicher Award.....	Ty-Rique Rozier
American Red Cross Blood Services HS Scholarship ....	Alexis Short	Hamer Award.....	Robert Zettle
California University of PA Scholarships .....	Erica McCombie Katie McGough	District 6 Sportsmanship Awards.....	Jenna Stancombe Hunter Thomas
Challenge Program Senior Awards		WestPAC All-Conference Teams	
Academic Excellence .....	Jenna Stancombe	Varsity Golf .....	Drew Berkettbile
Academic Improvement .....	Damien Bartis	Varsity Volleyball .....	Makenna Chuha
Attendance .....	Brandon Rogers	Varsity Football .....	Noah Korenoski Tajahi Thomas
Community Service.....	River Dorn	Varsity Boys' Basketball .....	Seth Coleman
S.T.E.M. ....	Kaitlyn Strosco	Varsity Girls' Basketball.....	Micah Haney
Chatham University Scholarship.....	Morgan Davis	Varsity Baseball.....	Seth Coleman Ty-Rique Rozier
Community Foundation Scholarships		Varsity Softball .....	Jacklyn Himes Holly Wilson
Journey Award .....	Erica McCombie	Outstanding Male Athlete .....	Ty-Rique Rozier
Sergeant First Class Raymond Richard Buchan		Outstanding Female Athlete.....	Katie McGough
Memorial Scholarship .....	Gabrielle Dodson	District VI Band .....	Kaitlyn Strosco
Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship .....	Kaitlyn Strosco	District VI Band and Regional III Band.....	Abigayle Geisel Carly Mihalaki
FAEA Scholarship .....	Katie McGough	Band (Outstanding Member) .....	Carly Mihalaki
First Commonwealth Bank.....	Gabrielle Dodson	District VI Chorus.....	Mackenzie Taylor
Good Citizenship Award.....	Brandon Anderson	Chorus (Outstanding Member) .....	Kaitlyn Strosco
Hannah Noel Chuha Memorial Scholarship.....	Kyler Kinsey	Drama Awards .....	Serena Allison River Dorn
Indiana University of PA Scholarship .....	Alexis Short	Student Council Award.....	Carly Mihalaki
USSCO Scholarship .....	Micah Haney	Art Award .....	Emily Buksa
Wildlife Leadership Academy.....	Gabrielle Dodson	Art for Art's Sake Award.....	Makenna Klucker
Johnstown Rotary Club Recognition and Scholarships .....		Biological Sciences Award .....	Jenna Stancombe
	Gabrielle Dodson	Chemistry Award.....	Kaitlyn Strosco
	River Dorn	English Award .....	Alexis Short
	Kaitlyn Strosco	Mathematics Award .....	Kaitlyn Strosco
Lion's Club Scholarship.....	Gabrielle Dodson	Social Studies Award .....	Brandon Anderson
Mercyhurst University Scholarship.....	Kaitlyn Strosco	Citizenship Awards.....	Brandon Anderson Sydney Helsel Carly Mihalaki Alexis Short
Penn State Altoona Scholarship .....	Kyler Kinsey	Peer Mentoring Award.....	Corrine Custer-Grassmyer
Penn State Mont-Alto Scholarship .....	Corrine Custer-Grassmyer	Valedictorian.....	Kaitlyn Strosco
Polish National Alliance Citizenship Scholarship .....	Carly Mihalaki	Salutatorian .....	Jenna Stancombe
Richland Rotary Club.....	Morgan Davis		
Robert Morris University Scholarship.....	Hunter Thomas		
Ronald Reagan Leadership Medal.....	Brandson Anderson		
Saint Francis University Scholarship .....	Michael Page		
Seton Hill University Scholarship .....	Emily Buksa		
Shippensburg University Scholarship .....	Jenna Stancombe		
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Scholarship ....	Carly Mihalaki		
Waynesburg University Scholarship .....	Gabrielle Dodson		
West Virginia University Scholarship.....	Brandon Anderson		

## Class of 2019 Scholarships

The Ferndale Area School District is very proud to announce that the Class of 2019 has received full and partial Scholarships totaling \$636,691.



## Prom

Prom 2019's Theme: "Tonight, Tonight" – was held at the Holiday Inn Downtown where students dined and danced to music provided by D.J. Jack Labarko Inc. As always, the last song and dance of the evening was the Senior Class song. This year it was "Five More Minutes" By Scotty McCreery. Colors: Black and Silver. Class Motto: "Chase your dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again." - Tim McGraw



## Senior Exit Survey Results

During graduation practice, seniors take an exit survey. Questions on the survey are meant to provide information about services, programs, and preparedness for life after graduation. Following are some results of this year's survey:

- 38% will continue schooling at a 2 year college or trade school (14 students)
- 44% will continue schooling at a 4 year college (19 students)
- 15% will enter the job market (11 students)
- 3% are entering the military (1 student)
- 87% report getting their 1st choice in what they want to do after graduation
- 67% felt supported and respected by their teachers and principals
- 69% felt safe and secure at school
- 54% felt their time at school was well spent
- 49% said if we could get rid of just a few people (bullies), our school climate would be much better

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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Ferndale Area School District is to be **“Big Enough To Challenge”** all students, but **“Small Enough to Care”** about each student. To accomplish this mission, the Ferndale Area School District will strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for excellent teaching and learning experiences where students prepare for a life of continual learning, and acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to solve problems, communicate effectively and be a responsible citizen.