

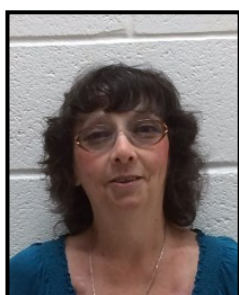
SUMMER

“ Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2018

### Saying Good-Bye

Congratulations and best wishes to two Ferndale Area School District employees who will be leaving the hive at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.



*Darlene Ashcom  
Elementary Cleaner  
14 Years*



*Kathryn Petrosky  
Elementary Cook  
6 Years*

### Archery Competition



*Tashaun Moore stands with trophies and prizes after winning the state archery competition. (Please see complete story on Page 9)*

### Diploma Awarded



Jeanne Schech of Dale Borough celebrated her 90th birthday and received an honorary Ferndale Area High School diploma from Wayne Meekins, Past Board President of Ferndale Area School District. Mrs. Schech was one of 17 children who had to quit school in the eighth grade to help at home. Also pictured above are Pauline Schech Saternow of Fort St. Lucie, Florida and Tracey Schech Berkey of Windber, both Schech's daughters.

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## **District Adopts 2018-2019 Budget**

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget on June 13, 2018. Real estate millage was set at 84 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 2018-2019 index of 3.8% 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 2018

Hannah Elizabeth Anderson  
Hannah Alyssa Bailey  
Nathaniel Charles Barrett  
Haley Rae Bennett  
Kayla Dawn Bier  
Adam Michael William Blasko  
Ashley Nichol Boyle  
Derrick Tobias Chandler-Christie  
Joseph Andrew Chobany Jr.  
Matthew Stephen Clawson  
Jordan Issac Coyle-Malzi  
Savannah Rae Deutsch  
Erin Elizabeth Eichelberger  
Michael Andrew Ferut  
Brittany Marie Fitz  
Abrielle Sabrea Furfari  
Ethan Richard Gawlas  
Cheyenne Desertray Gilpatrick

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Bethany Diane Hartline  
Izabella Macy Hauger  
John Taylor William Herring  
Devon Joseph Hill  
Jaivon Dimeir Johnson  
Hunter William Kinsey  
Carrigan Leigh Koontz  
Paige Audjuline Leftwich  
Noah Scott Lowman  
Alexandria Renee McClain  
Anthony Sebastian McFeaters  
Brennan Tyler Mitchell  
Tashaun James Moore  
Alexandria Maria Mort  
Noah Michael Sarver Moschgat

Eva May Myers  
Devon Garrett Newcomer  
Sean Nicholas Norman  
Jared Joseph Ohler  
Nicole Lynn Pellow  
Nathaniel Lee Pudliner  
Muhammad Noor Quraishy  
Hayley Noelle Richards  
Selena Maria Russell  
Blake William Sarver  
Faith Marie Shaffer  
Chastity Marie Shirey  
Maxwell Ian Speicher  
Elizabeth Ann Szekeresh  
Tyler Nicholas Tomechak  
Dylan Joseph Valinsky  
Samuel Gregory Varner  
Jenny Rose Wallace



## 2018-2019 K-12 School Calendar



The calendar for the 2018-2019 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on May 9, 2018. The first day of school for students is August 27, 2018; the last day is May 31, 2019.

Teacher In-Service days and Act 80 days are scheduled for August 22, August 23, October 5, November 12, January 21, March 22, and June 3.

Scheduled make-up days are February 18 and March 18. 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 22 ..... In-Service Day (No School)  
 August 23 ..... In-Service Day (No School)  
**August 27 ..... First Day for Students**  
 August 31 - September 3 ..... Labor Day (No School)  
 September 11 ..... Meet the Teacher Night (HS)  
 September 12 ..... Meet the Teacher Night (Elem)  
 September 13 ..... Meet the Teacher Night (Elem)  
 October 5 ..... Act 80 Day (No School)  
 October 8 ..... Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)  
 November 12 ..... In-Service Day (No School)  
 November 22 - Nov 26 ..... Thanksgiving (No School)  
 December 24- January 1 ..... Christmas (No School)  
 January 21 ..... Act 80 Day (No School)  
 February 18 ..... Make-Up Day (No School)  
 March 22 ..... In-Service Day (No School)  
 April 18 ..... Make-Up Day (No School)  
 April 19 - April 22 ..... Easter (No School)  
 May 27 ..... Memorial Day (No School)  
 May 31 ..... **Last Day of School**  
 June 3 ..... In-Service Day (No School)



### Marking Period Ends

October 31	(45)
January 18	(46)
March 22	(43)
May 31	(46)

## Another One for the Books

*Rachelle Hrabosky, Elementary Principal*

As I sit at my desk, I close the cover on one more year of school as a principal. This year was a real page-turner! We enjoyed each other's company every day and looked forward to the next twist in the plot. We enjoyed the chapters on learning and doing our best, but let us not forget the chapters on Kindness and Friendship. Trying to guess the next assembly or fun activity was always a nail biter, and we couldn't wait to turn one more page. We met many new "characters" as the year went on, and we said goodbye to some dear ones as well. The main idea each and every year here at FAES is to leave feeling content, glad that we took the time, and to look forward to the next part of the series. For our sixth graders, they leave us knowing the ending of this text, but hopefully will anticipate the new book that opens for them next year. To be continued....

## Time to Read

*Lori Beck, Reading Specialist*

What is at the top of your "to do" list? Is reading somewhere in the top five? Taking time out to read great books and articles was at the top of the list for our students here at Ferndale Area Elementary School! A block of time was set aside each day for students to read books of their choice, and for many of our students, this independent reading time was a daily favorite! Students in all grade levels took time out to immerse themselves in great stories, allowing the stress of the day to just slip away. These well-written books had the power to transport them to other realms where they met amazing new characters and lost themselves in plot twists.

## Sending "Cuddles" to Our Community

*Sarah Riffle, Fifth Grade Teacher*

Ferndale Area Elementary School once again collected toys, books, coloring books, crayons, and stuffed animals for Cuddles for Kids. Conner and the rest of the Cuddles for Kids team were very thankful for our donations. Please follow Cuddles for Kids on Facebook to see the good our donations are doing throughout our community and state!



## Teaching Compassion and Love Through Service

*Jennifer Priest, Fourth Grade Teacher*

We love and appreciate our veterans here at Ferndale Area Elementary School! In November, we hosted a luncheon for all veterans, active military, and their spouses so we could celebrate Veterans' Day with them. Our staff graciously donated money to pay for the meals for all in attendance. Each honored guest ate for free! We had a wonderful turnout, and we are looking forward to doing it all again next year.

We also participated in Jeans for Troops in November. Participating staff each donated a minimum of \$5.00 to wear jeans on the designated day. We met our goal of \$300, which all went to help veterans with employment, healthcare and housing. We participated in Jeans for Troops again for Memorial Day, and the day just happened to fall on Fernstock day, May 24. This allowed us the opportunity to invite our families to donate when they came to enjoy our day of music. Finally, our fourth-graders made their annual trip to Grandview Cemetery on May 9 to place flags on veterans' graves. This is always a humbling and rewarding experience for our kids and teachers. The kids learn more about our U.S. history while paying it forward and honoring our veterans. The lessons they gather from this experience will last a lifetime!

## A "Wonder"ful Year

*Stephanie Mino, Fifth Grade Teacher*

Mrs. Mino's fifth-graders have had a "Wonder"ful year. The entire year was centered on the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. We started off the year by reading this book daily. Many activities throughout our year were centered around this book, from Bullying Meetings to lessons on theme, setting, and character traits in reading, guidance lessons and even decorating our classroom door with a "Wonder" theme for the Christmas Door Decorating contest. Each student was also given his or her own hardback copy made possible through Donor's Choose. Finally, we set aside an evening right after Thanksgiving to go to the Richland Cinemas and had a family night. So many fifth-graders and their family members showed up at the theater. We talked for days about the differences between the movie and the book and decided that we liked the book so much better. On January 3, we continued using "Wonder" as our theme as we read a daily precept from another one of R.J. Palacio's books called "365 Days of Wonder." Each day, until the last day of school, we would discuss the meaning of the precept in hopes that all of us would continue to CHOOSE KIND!

## Elementary Unified Arts

Unified Arts is made up of the Library, Art, Music, Physical Education and Computer & Technology Departments. While we have our own curriculum, we also work closely together to provide differentiated, cross-curricular activities for all students in grades K4-6.

This year we had eight days of Differentiated STEAM activities for the students. These were held on different days throughout the year, and included activities like "Candy Cane Package Challenge", "Angry Bird Catapult", "Weather Unit", and more!

Here are some highlights of our year:

Library classes are built around nurturing the love of reading. To help support this at home, we continued our free book give-away. Third grade even started a Reading Club. Reading is essential to everything we ever do, so we encourage YOU to keep reading every day!

Other Library sponsored events included the fall Artsy Smartsy Maker Faire and the spring Science Fair.

Music classes are designed to be hands-on learning experiences. Students created music, sang, and played a variety of musical instruments. Students were exposed to different genres of music, learned about the evolution of music through the years, and discussed the impact historical and cultural events have on music. The culmination of all we've learned is the Fernstock Festival,

where students create, produce, and perform a work for peers, families, and friends. Fernstock 2018 was held on Thursday, May 24.

Looking ahead: next year will mark the 25th Anniversary of Fernstock! If you are alumni, keep your eyes and ears open, we are hoping to include YOU!

This year we had a good number of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students involved in Beginning Band, Band, and/or Chorus. Three 6th grade Ferndale Area students participated in the PMEA District 6 Band Festival; Jonathan Huffman on trumpet, and Kyla Sidor and Mattie Lushko on flute.

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 Veterans' Day luncheon event.

This year we were glad that we could include K4 into the unified arts cycles! K4 learned all about colors, shapes, various types of lines, how to draw through direct instruction (step by step), how to properly use scissors, glue sticks, etc. We really tried to work on our fine motor skills and most importantly have fun!!

Continued Unified Arts

The Art Department focuses its curriculum on a number of cross-curricular topics. We cover Science through the study of animals and their habitats, Geography and Social Studies through the study of other countries and traditions, Reading by basing our artwork on a particular story, Math by incorporating various math skills into our artwork by measuring, finding the area of an object, using fractions, creating agamographs, radial relief origami, optical illusions, and much more! We also focus on Artists and learn a little about Art History. We have covered artists such as Vincent van Gogh, Henri Rousseau, Henri Matisse, George Rodrigue, Wassily Kandinsky, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Keith Haring, Grant Wood and many more!

This year we really tried to incorporate more STEAM based thinking. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Students competed in challenges in the art room such as cup stacking, straw rockets, marshmallow toothpick towers, paper airplanes, marble runs, angry bird catapults, tin foil towers, and much more! Some students even got to compete in the First Lego Team competition! These students worked hard and had to think creatively on how to solve problems to achieve a particular outcome. We look forward to next year and creating more STEAM like approaches for art class!

The Health and Physical Education Department continued its commitment to providing more activity time during the school day. "Jump Rope For Heart", a fundraising school event for the American Heart Association was held again this year. Mrs. Babik was out for the end of the school year, as she welcomed a son, Reid Michael to the world! Miss Eisenhuth filled in for Mrs. Babik, and "kept the ball rolling".

We are not done yet! On Friday, May 25 the kids participated in Field Day. Field Day is an all day event where students get to participate in fun relay games and team challenges. Ferndale Area Elementary "likes to move it, move it!"

Computer Education: Computer class curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all elementary students from K-4 through sixth grade. This is our first year integrating the K-4 students into the Unified Arts curriculum. During the school year the K-4 students developed basic computer skill while exploring the ABC Mouse website. In this way, K-4 students were given the opportunity to learn skills that will help them as they move from grade level to grade level.

The remainder of the students at the elementary explored curriculum that covers up to date important topics of today's constantly changing, technology driven world. This school year students have learned about Internet Safety issues, explored gaming with ABC Mouse and ABCYA, researched different countries and cultures

during Ethnic Fest, and completed coding puzzles. Students participated in the "Hour of Coding Challenge" using the code.org website.

Working with the Art department, the computer department helped develop a First Lego Team that competed in the 2018 Robotics competition held at the Greater Johnstown Vocational and Technology Center.

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The Unified Arts Department held its fourth annual Ethnic Fest. Ethnic Fest is a cross-curricular social studies unit. Students learned songs, singing games (in the culture's native language!) and dances. They also created cultural art projects, participated in national sports of each country studied, and learned about folktales from each culture. Some highlights include a 6th grade's Native American Pow Wow, 3rd grade's Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, 2nd grade's Scotland Highland Games, the 4th grade's English Renaissance Faire, and much more.

The Unified Arts also continued with its annual Earth Fest education unit. This unit allowed students to learn about the different biomes, habitats, and animals of Pennsylvania. They also learned about human habits and behaviors that negatively AND positively impact our state's flora and fauna! This interdisciplinary/cross-curricular approach included songs, singing games, art, audio-visual collaborations, PowerPoint presentations, and hands-on activities, as well as presentations by guest environmental specialists.

Finally, to all of our graduating 6th grade students, we wish you success, joy, fulfillment, and continued growth both educationally, and personally. We are so proud of the fine young ladies and gentlemen you are becoming, and we look forward to hearing more about you as you continue on life's amazing journey! It has been our honor to have this time with you all!



***"Unified Arts, All for One,  
and One for All"***



## Elementary Collage





## Math Counts

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, a team of seven students went to the University of Pittsburgh Campus to participate in the annual math counts competition. The students were Mykayla Barley, Emma O'Neil, Leah Grassa, Tranise Hill, Riley Maldet, Samantha Himes, and Makenzie Jerin. They competed in three rounds of mathematics competition, the sprint round, target round and team round.



## Peer Leaders

This year the Senior High offered a voluntary 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, and inviting them to school functions.

We currently have approximately 22 active mentors working with 1 or 2 mentees each. They meet in the auditorium during homeroom at the availability of the mentor/mentee and are always supervised by an adult.

We are thrilled 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.

## Window Painting

This year Art Club members went to Suppes Ford to paint Windows for the Christmas Parade. Over the winter, Senior Nate Pudliner was a finalist in a Photography contest and will be published in the Photographer's Forum Magazine, Best of High School and College 2018. In the spring, the Art Club was out and about in the community again, this time painting windows at the Cambria County Library in preparation for the Little Night of Music benefit.

Picture: Alexis Glana, Makenna Klucker, Jenny Wallace, Brittany Fitz, and Nicole Pellow of Art club painting windows at the Cambria County library for the Little Night of Music fundraiser.



## 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.



## Senior High Reading Team

The Senior High Reading Team had another successful year. In the fall, we traveled to Bellwood-Antis. Even without our seniors, who were on a field trip, we won a third place ribbon. With the team back together, we traveled to Forest Hills in the spring and once again walked away with a third place ribbon. We say good-bye to six of our members as they graduate. Best wishes and Good Luck in the future.



## Forensics

2017-2018 was another exciting year for the Forensics Team of Ferndale Area. There was a lot of "Girl Power" this year as we had 3 Seniors, 1 Junior and 2 Freshmen participating. We may be losing our seniors, but there is a lot of talent ready for next year. Members include (left to right) Hannah Bailey, Morgan Hudy, Paige Leftwich, Haley Bennett, Morgan Davis, and Abigayle Geisel.

This year, Hannah Bailey won a Fifth Place ribbon in Prose and Haley Bennett won a Third Place ribbon in Poetry. Morgan Davis won a Fifth Place ribbon in Poetry and qualified for the Prose Semi-Finals for Regionals State Qualifier. Morgan Hudy won a Fifth Place ribbon in Poetry and qualified for the Semi-Finals for Regionals State Qualifier. Hannah, Haley, Morgan, Abigayle, and Morgan all participated in the Regionals competition at St. Francis University.

Congratulations to all members of the Forensics Team!



## Archery Competition

*Arthur McClucas, Health & Physical Ed Teacher*

Tashaun Moore started shooting archery on January 15 in the high school's elective archery class. After 3 weeks of shooting at the tournament distances, 10 meters and 15 meters, Tashaun shot 284/300. At this point, I had a feeling that Tashaun had a special talent when it came to archery. After a little tweaking of his shooting mechanics, Tashaun improved his personal best to 293/300.

A few short weeks later the archery club/team participated in a qualifying tournament at Windber Area High School, which was necessary for the club/team to do in order to qualify for the state tournament. Tashaun shot a 286/300 at the Windber qualifier and that score was high enough to qualify him for the state competition at Penn State University.

On March 9, Tashaun, Nate Pudliner, Hunter Kinsey, and I departed from Ferndale Area for Tashaun to compete in the state tournament. This day was not an ordinary day. The school day started off with a 2-hour delay, which made things interesting. We left for State College at 9:15 a.m. (supposed to leave at 9:00 a.m.) and arrived at Penn State at 10:48 a.m. Tashaun's shooting time was 10:50 a.m. At this point, I told Nate Pudliner (since he was on two previous trips to State College) to take Tashaun and the bows and get him to the registration table and tell the people in charge I would be right in that I was parking the car. The boys ran in, got Tashaun registered and got him to his assigned target. Once he arrived at his target, Tashaun was then moved about 20 targets away because they put two students from the same school together. After this chaotic and stressful start, Tashaun finally got to shoot and did not disappoint. He completed his flight and shot 297/300. After a few hours of waiting for the rest of the flights to be completed, Tashaun ended up winning the individual high school male championship out of 409 archers and the top overall high score out of 799 archers.

Tashaun's first place finish at the state tournament qualified him for the NASP National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. At the national tournament, Tashaun competed in two tournaments, an IBO 3D animal tournament and the bulls-eye tournament. In the 3D tournament he shot a 289/300 (first time ever shooting this type of tournament), which earned him a 26th place finish. In the bulls-eye tournament he shot a 295/300, which earned him an 11th place finish. By placing in the top 30 in both tournaments, Tashaun earned a trip back to the NASP World tournament in June, in which he will compete against the top 30 archers from the United States.

Finally, Tashaun's 11th place finish earned him an invite to be part of the 2018 NASP All-Star Team, which takes the top 16 archers from the U.S., and they will compete against Canada and South Africa. This All-Star tournament will take place July 8-11 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

## Prom

Ninety-seven students attended “Golden Greek Romance”, prom 2018, which was held Friday, May 4 at This Is It Banquet Hall. Colors were Emerald Green and Champagne. Students enjoyed a buffet dinner provided by Anthony’s Restaurant and danced to music from D.J. Jack Labarko Inc.



## Stop the Bleed



*Teachers practice skills learned in the Stop the Bleed refresher provided by Conemaugh Memorial Hospital.*

## Post Prom

Many thanks to administration, teachers, staff, the community, students, and all who helped to make Post-Prom 2018 a fun and safe environment for students. This year it was held at the high school. Students were able to participate in a variety of events, which included two Escape Rooms, drunk driving goggles, karaoke, a photo booth, inflatable slides and obstacle course, a nerf battlefield, and a velcro wall! Of course there was food, too.



## Drama Club

This year’s performance, “Murderous Night at the Museum” engaged not only the actors, but also the audience! The show was a “who-done-it” which included a variety of zany characters all trying to solve the murders and a food fight. Fortunately, the mummy Aepep came to life and asked the audience to help solve the crimes. Yes, there was a sarcophagus! Mr. Manack and his crew did an incredible job creating it.

Although the club said farewell to 10 Seniors, the talent in the wings is outstanding, and we look forward to next year!





## Student Council

2017-18 proved to be a very active year for the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Council. Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Council conducted many events and fundraisers this year. The members of Student Council have held activities for the benefit of the school and the community throughout the year.

In the fall, Student Council held the 2017 Homecoming as our biggest, most elaborate project of the year. The theme for the 2017 Homecoming was "Harvest Moon". With autumn-themed decorations such as a harvest moon cut-out, pumpkins, gourds, and fall foliage, the décor gleamed with brightly colored orange, yellow, and red hues. But before we reached dance time, we had the big homecoming game and the coronation of the king and queen for the year, voted by the students. The game was played against Berlin Brothersvalley with Ferndale Area taking a loss. During halftime of the game, we recognized the court and announced the 2017-2018 King and Queen, Joseph Chobany Jr. and Abrielle Furfari. The following night, 180 FAHS students attended the Homecoming dance.

During the fall, the school also participated in the 24th annual Easter Seals Penny Drive. A total of \$434.55 was raised with Mrs. Baumbaugh's homeroom, comprised of seniors, raising the most. For their efforts, they were treated to a pizza party. Also in the fall, Student Council held a Fall Blood Drive and raised 28 units.

During the last week of February, Student Council members helped to raise money for the Johnstown Area Heritage Association. Ferndale Area students proved to be generous with their extra change as \$64.41 was raised to donate to JAHA.

In the spring, Student Council again became very active in the community. We held a second Blood Drive in which 31 units were donated. A \$250 American Red Cross Blood Services High School Scholarship was received via the Red Cross and awarded to Joseph Chobany Jr.

Also planned was Student Council's participation in "The Walk of Hope," which took place on June 2 at the Trojan Stadium from 9 am to 6 pm. The district walked again as a team in honor of Hannah Chuha, a beloved and dearly missed Class of 2017 student. The team name is "Hannah's Hive" and the Hive was in attendance in large numbers. Many school and community members walked alongside of us during this event.

Upcoming in the next school year are the 2018 Homecoming Festivities, which will take place on Saturday, October 6. The game will be played Saturday afternoon at the Hive. Coronation of the 2018 King and Queen will take place during halftime of the game. As usual, the dance will take place Saturday night. We are happy to announce the theme of this year's homecoming will be "Red Carpet."

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## National Honor Society

The Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society was pleased to induct 12 new students into our Chapter on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. 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: Corrine Custer-Grassmyer and Carly Mihalaki. Sophomores: Morgan Bennett, Jada Bifano, Tyler Cenko, Loghan Furfari, Chance Kelly, Brooklyn McKendree, Ellie Puryear, Tyler Reighard, Makenzie Taylor, and Holly Wilson.

Picture: Ellie Puryear, Holly Wilson, Jada Bifano, Morgan Bennett, Brooklyn McKendree, Carly Mihalaki, Makenzie Taylor; Tyler Cenko, Chance Kelly, Tyler Reighard, Loghan Furfari.





## Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

### Presidential Academic Achievement Award

Alex Deskevich	Kaydence Killinger
Kyara Gillin	Gage Smith
Jonathan Huffman	Paige Tokay

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### Presidential Academic Excellence Award

Emily Holsopple	Mattie Lushko
Aedan Hrivnak	Kyla Sidor
Sade James	Ethan Usrey

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### 35th Senatorial District “Good Citizenship Award”

Mackenzie Beach	Aedan Hrivnak
Kenneth Bryner	Ailani Jacobs
Izabel Chuklochak	Isaiah Kring
Milan Cohen	Mattie Lushko
Alaiila Coleman-Harvey	Natalya McFeaters
Zaike Corson	Allison Mihalcik
Lukas Davis	Cadence Murray
Grace Dill	Keira Nemeth
Madison Edwards	Maggie O’Neil
Ronald Felosky	Caci Polenik
Loryn Geisel	Molli Polenik
Emily Holsopple	Angelo Toney

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### Principal Award

Laylah Beltz	Levi Keith
Tyler Bennett	Lilly Kinsey
Deajah Chatman	Allyssa Kordell
Lyric Cohen	Andrew Lepley
Aidan Conway	Alex Lushko
Luke Denhard	Keira Lux
Nathaniel Denhard	Alex Martin
Ava Deskevich	Jacob Meyers
Landyn Felosky	Josh Mitchell
Brady Ferenchik	Audrey Murray
Tucker Furfari	Ryan Pfeil
Gabriela Gonzalez	Alyssa Rager
Lincoln Gutteridge	Addason Reffner
Nathan Hendershot	Emma Regan
Jalynn Hern	Lily Rex
Heaven Hernandez	Patience Ronk
David Hicks	David Taylor
Dezmond Hicks	Gracin Wagner
Connor Hrivnak	Tessa Wenban
Lydia Hyland	Joseph Zahoran
Jamir Keith	Olivia Zahoran

### All Year Honor Roll

#### Grade 1

Lay’la Berkey  
 Angelina Bingham  
 Tanner Dunbar  
 Landyn Felosky  
 Logan Fuska  
 Gabriela Gonzalez  
 Lincoln Gutteridge  
 Carter Killinger  
 Oren Kosakowski  
 Danica Leverknight  
 Cooper Ludwig  
 Stacy Mervine  
 Ayanna Mock  
 Alyssa Rager  
 Chase Sanders  
 Noah Sharp  
 Lilly Sidor  
 Ava Stiles  
 David Taylor  
 Keelie Turner  
 Arianna Usrey

#### Grade 2

Izabel Chuklochak  
 Nathaniel Denhard  
 Ava Deskevich  
 Brady Ferenchik  
 Brynn Hyland  
 Levi Keith  
 Lilly Kinsey  
 Michael Martin  
 Ian McClucas  
 Ivy McIntosh  
 Delaney McKendree  
 Cadence Murray  
 Jordan Rager  
 Olivia Tallari  
 Olivia Zahoran

#### Grade 3

Brenna Beckman  
 Laylah Beltz  
 Nathan Hendershot  
 Asher Kosakowski  
 Michael Zahurak

#### Grade 4

Kira Calpin  
 Maddox Dickert  
 Sara Forgas  
 Evan Lozar  
 Caitlyn McKendree  
 Ethan Prisk  
 Harlie Rager  
 Lexia Sanders  
 Chance Washington

#### Grade 5

Abigail Barley  
 Paige Cenko  
 Logan Davis  
 Loryn Geisel  
 Nevaeh Hiltabidel  
 Delanie Kiser  
 Adeline Rudge  
 Lucien Watson

#### Grade 6

Alex Deskevich  
 Emily Holsopple  
 Aedan Hrivnak  
 Mattie Lushko  
 Kyla Sidor  
 Paige Tokay  
 Ethan Usrey

### Perfect Attendance

John Custer	Patience Ronk
Sara Forgas	Olivia Stirling
Madison Hofecker	Madison Zahurak

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### Peer Leaders

Alex Deskevich	Mattie Lushko
Emily Holsopple	Evan Mardis
Aedan Hrivnak	Jacob Morack
Jonathan Huffman	Faith Murray
Sade James	Kyla Sidor
Kaydence Killinger	Ethan Usrey

## Sixth Grade Awards

### Leadership

Aedan Hrivnak  
Jonathan Huffman  
Kaydence Killinger  
Mattie Lushko

### Service

Alex Deskevich  
Sade James  
Evan Mardis  
Kyla Sidor

### Good Character

Dalton Hileman  
Aedan Hrivnak  
Evan Mardis

### Special Recognition

Kenneth Bair  
Ethan Davis  
Faith Murray

### Most Improved

Cheyenne Andrews  
Kenneth Bryner  
Derrick Buchkoski  
Hailee Chuklochak  
Alex Deskevich  
Emily Holsopple

### Reading

Emily Holsopple  
Jonathan Huffman  
Brandin Locher  
Paige Tokay  
Ethan Usrey

### Writing

Landon Gray  
Aedan Hrivnak  
Mattie Lushko

### Math

Randy Andrews  
Kyara Gillin  
Dalton Hileman  
Aedan Hrivnak  
Mattie Lushko

### Social Studies

Aedan Hrivnak  
Paige Tokay

### Science

Kyara Gillin  
Ethan Usrey

### Computer & Tech

Kenneth Bryner  
Hailee Chuklochak

### Art

Faith Murray  
Ethan Usrey

### Physical Ed

Aedan Hrivnak  
Kaydence Killinger

### Lego League Recognition

Mattie Lushko  
Kyla Sidor  
Ethan Usrey

### Music

Jacob Morack  
Paige Tokay

### Band Members

Chelsea Bloxsom  
Honesty Brown  
Hailee Chuklochak  
Trevor Emerick  
Lucas Hammers  
Jonathan Huffman  
Sade James  
Rayann Joyner  
Kaydence Kegley  
Kaydence Killinger  
Mattie Lushko  
Jacob Morack  
Kyla Sidor  
Sadie Smith  
Ethan Usrey

### Chorus Members

Honesty Brown  
Kenneth Bryner  
Emily Holsopple  
Mattie Lushko  
Jacob Morack  
Faith Murray  
Kyla Sidor  
Paige Tokay

## Rotary Club

Congratulations to Brittany Fitz and Joseph Chobany Jr. for being awarded Rotary Club Scholarships at the annual Rotarian Banquet on Wednesday, May 2, at Sunnehanna Country Club.

Brittany received a Service-Above-Self Scholarship and Joseph received the Arthur Hagadus Memorial Scholarship. Students receiving awards are in the top 8% of their class, had to submit an application and essay, attend an interview in front of a panel of business leaders in the area, and ultimately be selected from among eight high schools in the Rotary Club of Johnstown geographic area.



## Scholarships and Awards

Challenge Program Senior Awards	
Academic Excellence .....	Izabella Hauger
Academic Improvement .....	Noah Lowman
Attendance .....	Hannah Bailey
Community Service .....	Brittany Fitz
S.T.E.M. ....	Anthony McFeaters
Senator Citation .....	Tashaun Moore
Senatorial Good Citizenship Award .....	Brittany Fitz
American Association of University Women .....	Izabella Hauger
Lion's Club Scholarship .....	Hannah Bailey
Geneva College Scholarships .....	Hunter Kinsey Nathaniel Pudliner
Mount Aloysius College Scholarship .....	Hayley Richards
Seton Hill University Scholarship .....	Derrick Chandler-Christie
Shippensburg University Scholarship .....	Haley Bennett
Saint Francis University Scholarships .....	Hannah Bailey Kayla Bier Carrigan Koontz Anthony McFeaters Jared Ohler Elizabeth Szekeresh Tyler Tomechak
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Scholarship .....	Blake Sarver
FAEA Scholarship .....	Anthony McFeaters
Ronald Reagan Student Leader Awards .....	Joseph Chobany Jr. Gabrielle Dodson Chance Kelly Morgan Hudry
U.S. Air Force Awards (Math and Science) .....	Anthony McFeaters
U.S. Air Force Awards (Technology) .....	Michael Ferut
Rotary Club Awards (Academic) .....	Hannah Bailey Haley Bennett Joseph Chobany Jr. Izabella Hauger
Rotary Club Awards (Service) .....	Kayla Bier Joseph Chobany Jr. Brittany Fitz
Chatham University Scholarship .....	Izabella Hauger
Duquesne University Scholarship .....	Joseph Chobany Jr.
Kutztown University Scholarship .....	Jenny Wallace
Slippery Rock University Scholarships .....	Brittany Fitz Paige Leftwich
Theil College Scholarship .....	Brennan Mitchell
Youngstown State University Scholarship .....	Alexis Glana
Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship .....	Haley Bennett
Hannah Noel Chuha Memorial Scholarship .....	Kayla Bier
Journey Award Scholarships .....	Erin Eichelberger Jared Ohler
Polish National Alliance Citizenship Scholarship .....	Izabella Hauger
Rotary Club Scholarships .....	Joseph Chobany Jr. Brittany Fitz
Lee Initiatives Scholarships .....	Hannah Bailey Joseph Chobany Jr. Paige Leftwich
American Red Cross Blood Services High School Scholarship .....	Joseph Chobany Jr.
Speicher Award .....	Hunter Kinsey
Hamer Award .....	Nathaniel Pudliner
District 6 Sportsmanship Awards .....	Abrielle Furfari Brennan Mitchell
WestPAC All-Conference Teams	
Varsity Golf .....	Joseph Chobany Jr.
Varsity Volleyball .....	Izabella Hauger
Varsity Football .....	Hunter Kinsey Nathaniel Pudliner
Varsity Boys' Basketball .....	Devon Hill
Varsity Girls' Basketball .....	Izabella Hauger
Varsity Baseball .....	Seth Coleman Nathaniel Pudliner
Varsity Softball .....	Corrine Custer-Grassmyer Katie McGough
Outstanding Male Athlete .....	Hunter Kinsey
Outstanding Female Athlete .....	Izabella Hauger
Drama Award .....	Hannah Bailey Paige Leftwich
Student Council Award .....	Paige Leftwich
District VI Band and Regional III Band .....	Haley Bennett Joseph Chobany Jr. Paige Leftwich Carly Mihalaki Nicole Pellow
PMEA All-State Band .....	Paige Leftwich Carly Mihalaki
Band (Outstanding Member) .....	Nicole Pellow
District VI Chorus .....	Paige Leftwich Nicole Pellow
Chorus (Outstanding Member) .....	Paige Leftwich
Accounting Award .....	Hunter Kinsey
Art Award .....	Jenny Wallace
Biological Sciences Awards .....	Izabella Hauger Elizabeth Szekeresh
Chemistry Award .....	Hannah Bailey
Computer Programming Award .....	Michael Ferut
Computer Science Award .....	Adam Blasko
English Award .....	Haley Bennett
Family and Consumer Science Award .....	Eva Myers
Mathematics Awards .....	Anthony McFeaters Jared Ohler
Social Studies Award .....	Jared Ohler
Citizenship Awards .....	Abrielle Furfari Izabella Hauger Tashaun Moore Elizabeth Szekeresh
National Honor Society Awards .....	Joseph Chobany Jr., President Carrigan Koontz, Vice President Nathaniel Pudliner, Secretary Brittany Fitz, Treasurer
Valedictorian .....	Haley Bennett
Salutatorian .....	Izabella Hauger



## Class of 2018 Scholarships

The Ferndale Area School District is very proud to announce that the Class of 2018 has received full and partial Scholarships totaling \$1,153,950. FASD students will be attending the following post-secondary institutions: Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, Penn Highlands Community College, Rosedale Tech, Altoona Beauty School, Conemaugh School of EMS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Saint Francis University, Shippensburg University, Seton Hill University, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Slippery Rock University, Youngstown State University, Lock Haven University, Chatham University, Geneva College, Thiel College, Mount Aloysius College, St. Vincent University, University of Valley Forge and Kutztown University. Additionally, 4 seniors are enlisting into the United States Armed Forces.



Congratulations Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School  
2018 U.S. News and World Report Bronze Medal Winner  
for academic excellence!

## 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:

- 13% will continue schooling at a 2 year college or trade school
- 59% will continue schooling at a 4 year college
- 15% will enter the job market
- 7% are entering the military
- 89% report getting their 1st choice in what they want to do after graduation
- 90% felt supported and respected by their teachers and principals
- 85% felt safe and secure at school
- 87% felt their time at school was well spent
- 59% said if we could get rid of just a few people (bullies), our school climate would be much better
- 22% felt the discipline policy needs updated/some revisions.

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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.