



# BUZZ FROM THE HIVE

A newsletter of the Ferndale Area School District

SUMMER

“Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2013

## 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.

## Saying Good-Bye

Four Ferndale Area School District employees will be leaving the hive at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees.



Barbara Freeman  
Spanish Teacher  
11 years



Larry Illig  
HS Custodian  
28 years



Valerie Kasper  
Reading Specialist  
7 years



Margaret Weinzierl  
Personal Health  
Care Assistant  
11 years

## "Nice Matters"

Eileen Zankey, Elementary Guidance Counselor

Students at Ferndale Area Elementary celebrated this school year’s “Nice Matters” Anti-Bullying campaign as part of their Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Each Wednesday students wore their “Nice Matters” t-shirts sponsored by local businesses and had classroom meetings to review anti-bullying behavior.

The 7’ x 14’ banner, “Yellow Jackets BELIEVE Nice Matters”, sponsored by Children’s Behavioral Health, is displayed in the school cafeteria.



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**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.

**Save the Date**

2013 - 2014 Fall School Pictures

October 9, 2013 - Elementary Picture Day

September 26, 2013 - Jr.-Sr. HS Picture Day,  
 Senior Portraits for Yearbook Picture Day

**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.

 **Congratulations Graduates**

Ryan James Albus  
Joshua Charles Alt  
Jordan Marie Bodenschatz  
Samantha Nicole Boyle  
Katelynn Rose Bruner  
Elizabeth Ann Chobany  
Ashley Lynn Clites  
Autumn Lee Quynn Cunningham  
Phoenix Michael Durst  
Chad Henry Eisenhuth  
Timothy John Fitz  
Brandon Todd Geiser  
Ava Marie Genovese  
Ashley Lynn Grego  
Samantha Rose Grow  
Ronald Thomas Hagans  
Garrett Leighton Harrison  
Ashley Lorraine Herring

Tyler Lee Hileman  
Devin Arthur Hoffman  
Nathaniel Wayne Hoffman  
Emilee Lynne Horner  
Jacob Robert Humphreys  
Carl Thomas Jeske, Jr.  
Matthew Richard Johns  
Kayla Ann Keiper  
Michaela Marie Litterine  
Brenden Wesley Lovejoy  
Erin Amanda Maher  
Carlos Anthony Mason, Jr.  
Robert Lee Maticic III  
Alicia Anne McClafferty  
Chelsea Lynn Middler  
Ashley Dawn Murphy  
Tanner Carl Murphy  
Lauren Marie Natta

Katie Jo Orris  
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Cody Tyler Ramsdorfer  
Jillian Frances Ratliff  
Haley Mae Reighard  
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Genevie Nischelle Shaffer  
Adam Benjamin Small  
Sage Tyler Smith  
Tyler William Smith  
Courtney Paige Stewart  
Stephen Robert Thompson  
Tyler David Thompson  
Devin Anthony Vickroy  
Shawna Beverly Woodlin  
Dylan Thomas Zelenski



## 2013-2014 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2013-2014 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on March 20, 2013. The first day of school for students is August 26, 2013; the last day is June 3, 2014.



Teacher in-service days and Act 80 Days are scheduled for August 20, August 21, August 22, October 14, January 20, May 2 and June 2.

Scheduled make-up days are April 17 and May 23. 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 20 ..... In-Service Day for Faculty
- August 21 ..... In-Service Day for Faculty
- August 22 ..... In-Service Day for Faculty
- August 26..... First Day for Students**
- September 2 ..... Labor Day (No School)
- September 10..... Open House (HS)
- September 25..... Open House (Elem)
- September 26..... Open House (Elem)
- October 14..... Act 80 Day for Faculty
- November 11 ..... Veterans Day (No School)
- November 12.. Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
- November 28 - Dec 2 ..... Thanksgiving (No School)
- December 23 - January 1 ..... Christmas (No School)
- January 20 ..... Act 80 Day for Faculty
- February 17 .... Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
- April 17 ..... Make-Up Day (No School)
- April 18 - April 21..... Easter (No School)
- May 2 ..... In-Service Day (No School)
- May 23 ..... Make-Up Day (No School)
- May 26 ..... Memorial Day (No School)
- June 2 ..... In-Service Day (No School)
- June 3 ..... Last Day of School**



### Marking Period Ends

October 25	(44)
January 10	(42)
March 10	(40)
June 3	(54)

## Happy Summer!

*Dr. William Brotz, Elementary Principal*

As the school year ended, we had a lot of memories that were made and still a lot of memories to come. We enjoyed our Open House, Fall Festival, our Christmas Program, many exciting classroom antics, visitors to the classrooms and yes, even PSSAs! (We will all remember those songs!) We enjoyed our field trips, our walks, Fernstock, and all that May had to offer. We will remember and think fondly about our students growing into the young men and women they are becoming. We hope that we have instilled in them the passion to read and the desire to calculate and explore. We hope that in the coming summer months they will pause for a moment to “play school”, perform an experiment or sit on a porch with a good book. The summer goes fast, and soon the students will be back to school, and we will be eager to spend the days with them once again. Thank you to all who make this possible. Happy Summer!

## Fourth Grade

*Jennifer Priest, Fourth Grade Teacher*

Fourth grade has had an awesome year! The students worked extremely hard all year, and many fun activities were done in May to reward the students for their hard work. On May 8, we walked to Grandview Cemetery and placed flags on the graves of our US military veterans. There were stories about this activity both on the television and in the newspaper. We received many positive comments from parents and people throughout the community. It is so nice for our kids to get positive recognition.

Other fun activities included a mile run at the track organized by our PE teacher, Ms. Velmar. All of our students gave it their best shot and did a great job. We also went on a nature walk to Stackhouse Park to observe some of the things we learned about in science and a walk to the Inclined Plane to learn more about the Johnstown Flood of 1889. All three classes also dissected owl pellets. Finally, our field trip to the Railroaders Memorial Museum and Horseshoe Curve were a lot of fun. We enjoyed showing our talent at Fernstock.

We wish all of you a very happy, safe, restful summer!

## Special Request



11-year-old Danelle (Dani) Rhodes made a very special request for her most recent birthday. When it came time for her birthday party, instead of concentrating on her own needs, she asked her friends to make a donation instead of bringing her a present. The Ferndale Area fifth grader then used the money to purchase bandanas and blankets for cancer patients. Dani's generosity stems from the loss of her grandmother who was a breast cancer patient. Dani and her mom Patricia, who works at Conemaugh Memorial's Outpatient Lab, recently presented some of the donated items to a very appreciative staff at the Conemaugh Cancer Care Center. Dani also made donations to other area cancer programs.

## One Book, One Community

*Stephanie Mino, Fifth Grade Teacher*

The fifth grade students attended the One Book, One Community field trip sponsored by Penn Highlands. This is the second year that the students attended and it is based on a novel that the Dean of Learning Resources, Barbara Zabrowski, chooses each year.



This year's novel was "90 Miles to Havana" by Enrique Flores-Galbis. All of the fifth grade students were provided a copy of the novel, and they read it during their reading classes. The field trip provided experiences dealing with the era of the novel, which was the 1960's. Classrooms were set up throughout Penn Highlands and a guide and the students' teacher took the students from station to station.

The most exciting station was getting to meet and talk to the author. Mr. Flores-Galbis was wonderful to listen to, as he was actually a part of the Operation Pedro Pan experience. He, like the main character in the novel, were shipped to Miami without their parents

for fear of the new ruler, Fidel Castro. The students were amazed to learn that he went through many of the same things that the main character went through as a young boy. We also had stations that focused on rockets (yes, we actually made our rockets fly) and a station about space and the first landing on the moon. We played twister on a giant board that all the students could fit on at once, and we also made love-bead necklaces. There was also a big Vietnam tent set up in the Penn Highlands library and a soldier that talked to the students about the war and why the U.S. was fighting.

This historical fiction novel really created a wonderful learning opportunity for the students. They learned many valuable lessons that

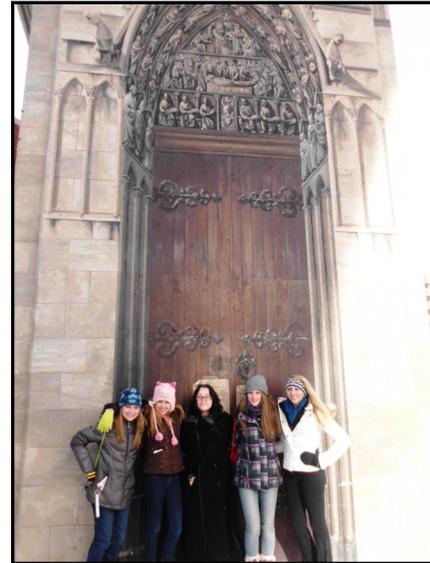


will stick with them for years to come. One of the most important lessons was directly from the author when he said, "Believe that you can do ANYTHING!"

## Au Canada 2013

*Melissa Henderson, French Teacher*

January 24-28, 2013, five Ferndale Area French students adventured to Canada. We spent three days touring and exploring Quebec City. We ate lots of French Canadian food like croissants, poutine and sirop d'érable and saw some beautiful sites like the Montmorency waterfall, St. Anne Basilica, a Huron Village, the Quebec Aquarium, and the Chateau Frontenac. Our favorite spots were the Village de Sports, where we snow tubed; Chenil la Poursuite, where we dog sledged; La Cabane a Sucre, where we had a 17<sup>th</sup> century meal, dancing, and taffy pull. The girls had a wonderful time being in a magical place and had an opportunity to use the French they have learned. We appreciate the School Board supporting our trip to Canada.



## Hockey for Hope

*Joshua Mottillo, Business Ed Teacher*

Once again, the Ferndale Area community came out in big numbers and set another new record for how much was raised at this year's hockey game. Unlike the last two years, this year's game had a lot more on the line. Not only was the team playing Conemaugh Valley, who is one of Ferndale Area's fiercest rivals and featured arguably the league's best player, but the two teams were vying for the final playoff spot with the winner having the inside track.

Once again, the Ferndale Area community braved a snowstorm to make their way to the War Memorial for the game. Another 800 fans filled several sections of the War Memorial, along with a fair contingent of fans from Conemaugh Valley. This year, the team was pleased to have independent recording artist Noel McLeary perform the National Anthem.

Once the teams got over the initial nerves of playing before such a large crowd, the Jackets struck first to take the early lead. The Jackets later went up 2-0 thanks to another goal. The teams were locked in a defensive struggle throughout the game as neither team was able to put the puck in the net with any regularity. Leading 2-1 late in the game, the Jackets scored again to give themselves some breathing room as the game was coming to an end. Conemaugh Valley was able to score in the last 30 seconds to close to 3-2 but time ran out and the Jackets secured the victory.

During the game, fans packed the party pit area for the basket raffle and generously donated money to the event. Over \$7,500 was raised for Chelsea's Hope. This was the third year of the game and in three years, the Ferndale Area Community has donated over \$21,000 to Chelsea's Hope for Lafora research.



## Hoops for Hope

Joshua Mottillo, Business Ed Teacher

On Friday, January 11, 2013, the Ferndale Area Boys' Basketball Team hosted a game against Turkeyfoot Valley. Most seasons, this game would mean just another conference game, but on this night the game meant so much more. Led by seniors, Garrett Harrison and Matt Johns, the game was turned into a Cancer Awareness Night and the game's MVP was Ferndale Area fifth grader Amber Mardis.

The Ferndale Area community came out in large numbers to pack the gymnasium for this game. T-shirts were sold to go along with a basket raffle that was organized with about 15 baskets being raffled off. The team wore the t-shirts for warm-ups this night, and the student section was louder than usual. The cheerleaders presented Amber with flowers and a card before the game and Amber got the honor of starting the game with an honorary jump ball.

With the energy of the crowd behind them, the Jackets came out flying and never let up the entire game and rolled to an 85-41 victory. The game also raised \$1,695.60 which was donated to the American Cancer Society. Amber admitted before the game that she had never been to a basketball game before but enjoyed her experience at the game. Amber was diagnosed with brain cancer in June of 2012 but is back at Ferndale Area Elementary where she is an honor student.

The game also drew the attention of the Tribune Democrat and WJAC Channel 6 who both featured stories on the game. The Tribune-Democrat named Garrett and Matt their "Persons of the Week" for their efforts in organizing the game, which was part of their senior project. WJAC featured a story on the game as part of the 11 o'clock news broadcast and later showed highlights of the game as well. It was overall a great event and Ferndale Area really showcased what a caring school district and community they are.



## National Honor Society

*Loraine Dodson, Guidance Counselor*

Twenty-one students in grades 10-12 were inducted into the Ferndale Area National Honor Society this year. The Induction Ceremony was held in the High School Auditorium on May 20, 2013. NHS Advisor, Lori Dodson, initiated the ceremony and current officers, Samantha Boyle, President, Courtney Stewart, Co-Vice-President, Dylan Zelenski, Co-Vice-President, Katie Orris, Treasurer, and Elizabeth Chobany, Secretary, hosted the ceremonious event. The number of students inducted this year surpasses the number of students inducted over the past several years, proving the ambitious nature of the students.

The National Honor Society is more than just an honor roll. Each Honor Society Chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built. New members were chosen by a selection committee after demonstrating excellence in the four criteria—Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Newly inducted 2013 members include seniors: Ashley Clites, Jillian Ratliff, Ashley Murphy, Haley Reighard, Lauren Natta, and Kayla Keiper. Newly



inducted juniors include: Scott Blasko, Courtney Cornell, Aubrey Ernest, Hannah Morris, Hannah Richards, Lindsay Olschewsky, Carrie Rager, Taylor Harrison, Kennedy Hess, and Tara Barbarich. Newly inducted sophomores include: Ariel Ansell, Brianna Cornell, Charis Biancuzzo, Michael Fellow, and Jaiden Locher.

This year, the National Honor Society hosted a Post Prom that was open to all students in grades 9-12, providing a safe outlet for students following prom on May 10. The celebration included a DJ, interactive inflatable games including a jousting ring, an obstacle course, bungee run, football toss and basketball hot shot, door prizes and an elaborate amount of food. Some door prizes included Curve and Pirate tickets,

bowling and golf outings, gift cards for many local restaurants and all day passes to DelGrosso's and Lakemont Park. Junior, Aaron Tomak, was the lucky grand prize winner. He took home a digital camera and accessories.

In all, the event turned out to be a wonderful celebration with many local businesses, organizations, alumni and community members contributing to a very worthwhile cause. The event could not have been possible without the generosity of the Ferndale Area community!

## 2012-2013 Gifted Program Update

*Daniel Burket, Gifted Teacher*

For the 2012-13 school year, the gifted program at the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School has increased the incorporation of technology by utilizing video conferencing equipment and Robotics into the program. In the early part of the second semester, four gifted students at the Ferndale Area Jr-Sr HS had the opportunity to visit the Bronx Zoo in New York. Grace Bailey, Hannah Bailey, Haley Bennett and Xavier Mann participated in a 40 minute interactive presentation directed by a member of the educational department at the Bronx Zoo. During the presentation, the participants had the opportunity to learn about Lemurs and their habitat. A Lemur is a small primate found on the island of Madagascar. There are over 100 different species of Lemurs and each live in a diverse environment. During the presentation the students were given the opportunity to learn about the differences in each species and their struggle to survive in a dangerous environment. Although short in time frame, all students found this video conference to be very informative and entertaining. We are planning on using the

video conferencing equipment to explore at least one other field trip provider before the end of the school year.

Additionally, the members of the gifted program have been exploring the use of Robotic technology provided by Mr. Brandon Manack, the Ferndale Area High School Industrial Arts instructor. Mr. Manack was kind enough to loan us one of the district's Lego Mindstorms Robotics kit, and for the past several weeks the students have been working on the construction of a battery driven robot. The objective of the course is to design a robot capable of performing a series of designated tasks. For the first task the gifted students are using computer technology to program their robot to sort a series of marbles by color. For their next challenge, the students will program the robot to mirror the actions of an alligator. Additional challenges were explored during the remainder of the school year. The students found this robotic challenge a lot of fun and very educational. The members of the robot design team are Grace and Hannah Bailey, Haley Bennett, and Xavier Mann.

## Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

### American Citizenship Award

#### K4

Colton Livengood  
Chance Washington

#### Kindergarten

Brooke Esposito  
Lily Mohrbacker  
Kacie Morgan

#### Grade 1

Jonathan Huffman  
Kaydence Killinger  
Mattie Luskho

#### Grade 2

Noah Hendershot  
Julia Hillegass  
Ryan Stancombe

#### Grade 3

Zoey Feathers  
Abigail Havener  
Samantha Himes

#### Grade 4

Ryan Dickert  
Madison Esposito  
Kailyn Ribaric

#### Grade 5

Andre Reid  
Danelle Rhodes  
Holly Wilson

#### Grade 6

Tamara Brown  
Delfon Chatman  
Kaylin Schrock

### Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Brandon Anderson	Alayna Plaza
Makenna Chuha	Jenna Stancombe
Abigail Gerber	Kaitlyn Stroschio
Kyler Kinsey	Casey Titus
Annalee Moore	Robert Zettle
Michael Page	

### Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Ryan Anderson	Erica McCombie
Jordan Cochran	Katie McGough
Nicholas Godunov	Megan Moyer
Madison Lowman	Alexis Short
Chariti Madigan	

### 35th Senatorial District "Good Citizenship Award" from Senator John N. Wozniak

Kyler Kinsey	Megan Moyer
Katie McGough	Alayna Plaza
Jacob Moyer	Jacob Richards

### Perfect Attendance Award

Leslie Boyle	Madison Myers
Abigail Havener	Codi Norman
Nolan Havener	Cynthia Norman
Bruce Moore	Kailyn Ribaric

### Outstanding Peer Tutor Award

Alayna Plaza	Kaitlyn Stroschio
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## Scholarships and Awards

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athletes .....	Ashley Clites Tyler Hileman	National Honor Society .....	President Samantha Boyle Co-Vice President Courtney Stewart Co-Vice President Dylan Zelenski Secretary Elizabeth Chobany Treasurer Katie Orris Ashley Clites Kayla Keiper Ashley Murphy Lauren Natta Jillian Ratliff Haley Reighard
U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award .....	Katie Orris		
U.S. Marine Corps Award for Musical Excellence .....	Ashley Clites		
U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athletes .....	Scott Blasko Cassandra Vivis		
Challenge Program Senior Awards:			
S.T.E.M. ....	Ava Genovese		
Academic Excellence .....	Katie Orris		
Community Involvement .....	Haley Reighard		
Academic Improvement .....	Michaela Litterine		
Attendance .....	Tim Fitz		
Sutton Scholarship to Indiana University of PA .....	Ava Genovese Courtney Stewart	Drama Award .....	Ashley Murphy Jillian Ratliff
Mount Aloysius Merit Scholarship .....	Erin Maher	Band Award .....	Dylan Zelenski
Alice W. Thomas Art Scholarship .....	Brenden Lovejoy	Chorus Award .....	Genevie Shaffer
Allied Artists Scholarship .....	Brenden Lovejoy	Director's Award .....	Ashley Murphy
Brad Wess Memorial Scholarship .....	Tanner Murphy	PMEA District 6 Band .....	Ariel Ansell Jakob Hollis
The Calvert Ellis Scholarship to Juniata College .....	Katie Orris	PMEA Regional III Band .....	Ariel Ansell
Slippery Rock University Silver Scholarship .....	Dylan Zelenski	Accounting .....	Samantha Grow
Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship .....	Elizabeth Chobany	Business, Computer and Technology .....	Autumn Cunningham
2012-2013 Making a Difference Educational Scholarship (Provided by the American Red Cross) .....	Lauren Natta	Biological Sciences .....	Dylan Zelenski
Speicher Award .....	Chad Eisenhuth	Chemistry .....	Katie Orris
Hamer Award .....	Devin Hoffman	English .....	Dylan Zelenski
District VI Sportsmanship Awards .....	Courtney Stewart Patrick Palmer	Mathematics .....	Katie Orris
		Social Studies .....	Katie Orris
		Citizenship .....	Elizabeth Chobany Garrett Harrison Courtney Stewart Devin Vickroy
WestPAC All-Conference Team Selections			
Varsity Golf .....	Jacob Humphreys	Salutatorian .....	Dylan Zelenski
Varsity Volleyball .....	Elizabeth Chobany	Valedictorian .....	Katie Orris
Varsity Football .....	Chad Eisenhuth Carlos Mason		
Varsity Boys' Basketball .....	Chad Eisenhuth		
Varsity Girls' Basketball .....	Elizabeth Chobany		
Varsity Baseball .....	Isaiah Sajatovich Chad Eisenhuth		
Varsity Softball .....	Lauren Olshefsky Taylor Yuhas		



## Athletic Highlights

*Stephen Clawson, Interim Athletic Director*

### FALL SPORTS

The varsity football team finished the season with a 1-9 record this past fall. Chad Eisenhuth led the team in passing yards (1,227) and rushing yards (557), Isaiah Sajatovich led the team in receiving yards (570), and Carlos Mason led the team in tackles (98). Also, Chad Eisenhuth was chosen for the honor to participate in the 2013 Ken Lantzy game.

The Ferndale Area junior high football team had a rebuilding year during the 2012-2013 season. It was the largest team Ferndale Area has seen in years with the majority of the roster being 7th graders. Even though the Jackets finished 0-7, the coaching staff is optimistic about the upcoming season with so many players returning.

The varsity volleyball team finished with an overall record of 10-7 this year (JV 12-5). The team also qualified for District 6 playoffs where they were 1-1. Carly Baumbaugh led most statistical categories with 186 Kills, 34 Service Aces, and 67 Blocks. Cassandra Vivis led the team in Digs with 136. Carly was also named to the Second team of the District 6 Class A All-Stars for her accomplishments.

The junior high girls' basketball team has made great strides this year. After a rough season, the girls pulled together and worked very hard throughout the winter. We will be playing in the Westmont Summer League and working hard at Open Gyms over the summer. We are looking forward to a productive 2013-2014 season and seeing our hard work pay off!

The Ferndale Area golf team completed the 2012 season with a 5-3 record. Senior Jacob Humphreys led the team and garnered All WestPAC honors. He placed 1st in the Inter-County Tournament with a 78 and placed tied for 5th in the PIAA District 6 Western Sectional tournament at Summit Country Club with an 85.

### WINTER SPORTS

This year's boys varsity basketball team finished with an overall record of 12-10. We were fortunate enough to make the playoffs before losing in the second round to the eventually D6 champions. Chad Eisenhuth was able to reach the 1,000 point mark and was also selected to play in the Tribune Democrat All-star game. Chad will also be playing college basketball at Mount Aloysius next season under Coach Lance Loya. Rakwon Hinton led all WestPAC Freshman in scoring averaging 12.4 pts. per game.

The 2012-2013 season was a transition year for the Lady Yellow Jackets who went 3-17 under new head

coach Mae Altman. The team handled a lot of injuries and difficult times to come together by the end of the season. Elizabeth Chobany played in Ameriserv Financial Hoops Showcase marking the first time in 3 years that a female player from Ferndale Area was on the team. Elizabeth also eclipsed the 1,000 point mark for her career.

The boys junior high basketball program had a total of 22 student athletes participate, seven 8th graders and fifteen 7th graders, which is a great improvement over past years. This year's 2-10 record does not reflect what this group is capable of, but more of a new coaching staff, instilling fundamentals, teamwork and balancing academics and athletic competition. As the program grows, so will the number of wins.

### SPRING SPORTS

The varsity baseball team posted a 4-12 record this spring. Chad Eisenhuth led the team with 17 hits, 11 runs scored, and 10 RBI's on the season. Isaiah Sajatovich had the team's highest batting average (.389). Being that the team is only losing one senior, the future is looking bright for Yellow Jacket baseball.

The softball team finished with a 12-5 regular season record. Lauren Olschewsky led the team with a .404 batting average, 21 hits, and had the only homerun for the team this season. Taylor Yuhas chalked up all 12 wins for the Lady Jackets while accumulating 145 strikeouts along the way. The team also qualified for the District VI playoffs, something that hasn't been accomplished in quite a few years.

The Ferndale Area junior high baseball team saw its most successful season in its short three year existence. The Jackets went 8-3 behind very strong pitching and hitting. During two of the final three games, Jacket pitchers threw a no hitter and a shut out respectively.

The junior high volleyball team finished with a record of 2-13. This is the first time the girls learned how to play organized volleyball. As the season went on, they showed great improvement in their skills and knowledge and teamwork. We are very proud of these girls and look forward to next season.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the cheerleaders for always being at the varsity football and varsity boys and girls basketball games to show support for our athletes. Everything you do to raise our SCHOOL SPIRIT has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!!!

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## Senior Exit Survey Results

For the past three years, during graduation practice, seniors have taken 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:

- 28% will continue schooling at a 2 year college or trade school
- 47% will continue schooling at a 4 year college
- 12% will enter the job market
- 12% are entering the military
- 75% report getting their 1st choice in what they want to do after graduation
- 81% felt supported and respected by their teachers and principals
- 84% felt safe and secure at school
- 86% felt their time at school was well spent
- 37% said if we could get rid of just a few people (bullies), our school climate would be much better
- 37% felt the discipline policy needs updated/some revisions

We are doing a great job, but there is always room for improvements, as the survey results indicate.