



# BUZZ FROM THE HIVE

A newsletter of the Ferndale Area School District

SUMMER

“Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2007

## Welcome to the Hive

We would like to welcome five new staff members to the Ferndale Area School District family. First of all, we welcome our new **Junior/Senior High School Principal, Mr. Steve Brown**. Mr. Brown comes to FASD with 27 years of experience. Initially an industrial arts teacher in Mercersburg, PA, Mr. Brown left to become an assistant principal at Spring Grove Senior High School. In 1998, he was promoted to principal of the same school. He received his bachelor's in industrial arts education from Millersville University, and his master's in educational administration from Shippensburg University.



Steve Brown



Bob Boyle

**Bob Boyle**, of Lorain Boro, has been hired as the **junior high math teacher**. Mr. Boyle, a Ferndale Area graduate, earned his math degree from

Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has also earned a master's in education/leadership from St. Francis University. Mr. Boyle has worked in the field of alternative education for the last 17 years, and is well-known in the Ferndale Area community as well as the Greater Johnstown educational community.

**Mrs. Mary Clawson**, a Ferndale Borough resident, has been hired as the elementary **dishwasher**. A graduate of Greater Johnstown School District,

Mrs. Clawson has had the privilege of spending the last seven years as a stay at home mom.

**Ms. June White**, a graduate of Windber Area High School, was hired as an **elementary cleaner**. Also, a graduate of Penn Highlands Community College, Ms. White has an associate's degree in manufacturing technology.



Mary Clawson



June White

**Mr. Charles Baldauf** was also hired as a **cleaner**. With 20 years experience as a maintenance supervisor for Penneco Associates, Mr. Baldauf is now working at the junior/senior high school.



Charles Baldauf

## Cafeteria Guidelines

The cafeterias of Ferndale Area School District serve breakfast and lunch daily. All meals comply with the USDA Meal Pattern requirements. The requirements specify that a student take three of the five components for the district to be reimbursed for all or part of the meal served. The five components are milk, meat/meat alternate, vegetable, fruit and bread/grains.

At the junior/senior high school, extra or ala carte food may be purchased in addition to the full meal. Bottled water and a selection of iced teas are also sold in the cafeteria.

The cafeterias use a debit meal counting system that allows parents to pay in advance for meals and extras. If your child has a medical condition that requires special food, please contact the school so that you can receive the proper form for your physician to sign.

Applications for free and reduced meals will be distributed on the first day of school. Please fill out and return the forms as soon as possible.

Congratulations and best wishes to our four retirees:

<b>Mrs. Sharon Baumgardner</b>	Family & Consumer Science Teacher 25 years of service
<b>Mr. Gary Burnheimer</b>	Federal Programs Coordinator 31 1/2 years of service
<b>Mrs. Patricia Reinbold</b>	Grade 1 Teacher 22 1/2 years of service
<b>Mr. Thomas Smith</b>	Industrial Arts Teacher 29 years of service

## ***Ferndale Area School District***

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#### **Assistant High School Principal**

Ms. Jennifer Gamble

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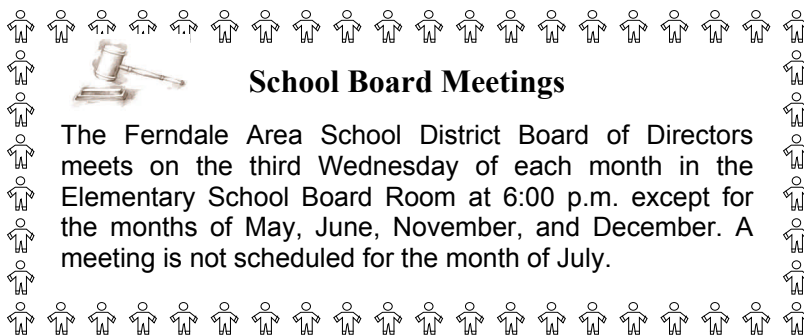
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#### **Elementary Principal**

Mr. Edward Moran

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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, June, November, and December. A meeting is not scheduled for the month of July.

## **District Adopts 2007-08 Budget**

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2007-08 fiscal year budget on June 13, 2007. Real estate millage was set at 55.75 mills, which was an increase of 2.75 mills. After review, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the tax rate. The increase was less than the 2007-08 index of 5.2% which was required by Act 1 participating districts.

### **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

Chardonnay Allen  
Stephen Budash  
Brandon Burkett  
Andrew Dorchak  
Jason Dunbar  
Nicole Folta  
Jeremiah Garfoyle  
Krista Geyer  
Richard Grech, Jr.  
Joseph Halapia  
Edward Hamilton  
Richard Henry

Beau Herbert  
Jessica Jung  
Luis Kassner  
Rune Kjelseh  
Andrew Koplin  
Taylor Kring  
Devin Krouse  
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Micheal Leverknight  
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Ryan McDonald  
Matthew Meyers  
Heather Michaels  
Ryan Mikolic  
Samantha Mikulsky  
Adam Miller  
Michael Moore  
Samantha Myers  
Shannon Penrod  
Kary Roberts

Mats Rongved  
Brock Rummel  
Daniel Russell, Jr.  
Jessica Slusser  
Kayla Smith  
Sara Smith  
Kristina Strosco  
Kylee Taylor  
Codey Vargo  
Daniel Weaver  
Ashley Williams  
Steven Wilson

## Ferndale Area School District Receives AYP Recognition

The Pennsylvania Department of Education honored both Ferndale Area Elementary School and Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School with a Keystone Achievement Award for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) for two consecutive years. In fact, both schools have made AYP for the last three years!

“Educators, school officials, students and parents have worked hard and worked together to achieve at this

participation in math and reading as required by the state’s accountability system under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Additionally, schools have to meet targets for attendance or graduation rates in order to meet AYP.



*Dr. Christine Oldham, Superintendent and Mr. Edward Moran, Elementary Principal*



*Dr. Christine Oldham, Superintendent, Ms. Jennifer Gamble, Assistant High School Principal, Mr. Steven Brown, High School Principal, Richard Henry and Kristina Strosco, Student Board Representatives*

level,” acting Secretary of Education Gerald L. Zahorchak said. “We have set our expectations high, and the response has been tremendous. We must build on this momentum to achieve even better results for our students in the years to come.”

Schools earn Keystone Achievement Awards when their students have met targets for performance and

To meet AYP in the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years for performance, and receive a Keystone Achievement Award, schools must have met proficiency targets of at least 45 percent of the students scoring proficient or advanced in math and 54 percent scoring proficient or advanced in reading.

Ferndale Area School District is receiving its third Keystone Achievement Award. Since inception, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has given Keystone Achievement Awards to 2,491 schools.



## Challenge Program

On June 1, 2007, five tenth grade students were selected to attend the Challenge Program's Student Networking Program. **Rachel Dorchak, Katie McMullen, Breanne Miller, Lindsey Thomas, and Cayla Zahoran** joined other Challenge Program members throughout the county at the Showcase for Commerce event, held in downtown Johnstown.

The students began their day by having a photograph taken with Congressman John Murtha and Dan Perkins, Challenge Program founder, on the steps of the Frank Pasquerilla Conference Center. The students then moved across the street to the War Memorial where they began touring the Showcase. The students learned about the many business opportunities offered here in Johnstown. They were also able to observe demonstrations of the latest technology being used in business and industry.

Following the morning tour of the Showcase, the students walked to the Holiday Inn to participate in a luncheon. During the luncheon, student leaders acknowledged the participating business sponsors and presented their business ambassadors with a thank you gift.

## Highmark Healthy High 5 Grant

Ferndale Area Elementary School has been awarded a Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge grant of \$3,000 to implement an outdoor exercise station program aimed at addressing the growing issue of childhood obesity. In the United States, 30 percent of children ages 6-19 are overweight and 15 percent of those children are obese.

Ferndale Area Elementary School will be using the grant to create a walking trail around the playground, complete with a variety of stopping points designed to promote individual physical activities. The program is expected to reach 486 in grades K4-6.

The Department of Health has indicated that childhood obesity is a growing concern in schools as it continues to be one of the nation's top health threats. This grant will provide us with the resources to implement programs to help our children adopt healthier habits.

The Highmark Foundation, through the Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge, awarded in June 2007 a total of over \$800,000 in grants to 172 schools within the 49 counties it serves for programs that improve nutrition education, nutrition choices or improve opportunities for physical activity.

## National Honor Society

Seven students from Ferndale Area High School were inducted into the National Honor Society during a ceremony held in the school auditorium on May 2, 2007 at 6:00 in the evening. Ms. Lynne Hood was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Members were chosen by a Selection Committee after fulfilling four criteria: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Excellent standing in these four categories is required for election into the National Honor Society.

The new inductees for 2007 are: **Michael Blue, Matthew Boast, Alyse Callihan, Brittany Horvath, Alexandra Russell, Kayla Smith (Senior), and Eric Wentz.** Graduating senior members who were elected last



year include: **Richard Henry, Jessica Jung (Treasurer), Jolene Mattis (Co-President), Kristina Stroschio (Co-President) and Kylee Taylor (Secretary).**

During the year, members of the Ferndale Area National Honor Society sponsored two bowling days for underclassmen, with half of the proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis. A day was spent at the Atrium in Johnstown doing landscaping and spreading mulch around the perimeter of the property. Some additional activities by the Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society include serving dinner at the Salvation Army, selling Angels for the Women's Help Center, and holding a food drive for Food for Family.

## 2007-2008 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2007-2008 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on May 9, 2007. The first day of school for students is August 29, 2007; the last day is June 6, 2008.



Teacher in-service days and Act 80 Days are scheduled for August 27, August 28, September 21, January 21, March 3, April 21, and June 5.

Scheduled make-up days are February 18, March 20, March 24, 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 27 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 28 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
<b>August 29 .....</b>	<b>First Day for Students</b>
September 3 .....	Labor Day (No School)
September 21 .....	Act 80 Day for Faculty
September 25 .....	Open House (HS)
September 26 .....	Open House (Elem)
September 27 .....	Open House (Elem)
October 15 .....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 12 .....	Veterans' Day (No School)
November 22 - 26 .....	Thanksgiving (No School)
December 24 - January 1 .....	Christmas (No School)
January 21 .....	Act 80 Day for Faculty
January 28 .....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
February 18 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
March 3 .....	In-Service Day (No School)
March 20 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
March 21 .....	Good Friday (No School)
March 24 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
April 21 .....	In-Service Day (No School)
May 23 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
May 26 .....	Memorial Day (No School)
June 5 .....	In-Service Day (No School)

Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Go Home
November 1 January 18 April 1 June 4	November 7 January 28 April 7 June 6



## Federal and State Grant Programs

The Ferndale Area School District participates in several state and federally funded grant programs to enhance our educational programs.

Consistent with most other school entities in Pennsylvania, federal monies generally represent the smallest portion of revenue for the Ferndale Area School District. In order to be eligible for grant funds, the district must complete the various applications each year and adhere to numerous mandates imposed with the grants. Historically, the amount of revenue has fluctuated over the years. A review of our federal and state entitlement grant programs follows. 2007-08 amounts are projected amounts, dependent upon passage of the governor's budget.

**Title I** monies in the amount of \$227,672, an increase of \$15,331 for the 2007-08 project year, are used to improve the educational environment of the entire elementary school. The schoolwide Title I program uses the money to support the salaries and benefits of a Reading Specialist and a Federal Programs Coordinator/Math Specialist. Title I funds are also used for instructional supplies, pupil personnel services, staff, and community support services.

**Title IIA**, also known as Improving Teacher Quality, is the classroom size reduction initiative. The grant amount of \$44,938 pays the salary and benefits of one teacher. It also funds professional development for district administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals. This grant program has level funding for the 2007-08 project year.

**Title V**, Innovative Education funds, are used to supplement the Title I schoolwide program at the elementary school. The allocation of \$721 represents a 33% cut in funding for the 2007-08 project year.

The **Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities** grant amounts to \$4,510. This money is used primarily for the Student Assistance Program and health education, with the focus being the prevention of drug and alcohol use and abuse by students. This grant program shows a \$104 increase funding for the 2007-08 project year.

This is the fourth year of the **Accountability Block Grant** in the amount of \$136,982. The funds are used for salaries and benefits of two teachers and two paraprofessionals in the four-year-old kindergarten program. It also funds the after school tutoring program at the elementary school, as well as instructional supplies, staff support and community services.

**Project 720** grant of \$77,000 is used to transform academic programs by providing all students in grades 9 through 12 with a rigorous high school curriculum in a small learning environment. Activities under this grant develop the college and career readiness of students.

## Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

### Presidential Gold Award - Outstanding Academic Excellence

<b>Joshua Alt</b>	<b>Ashley Grego</b>
<b>Hannah Chilcot</b>	<b>Brenden Lovejoy</b>
<b>Elizabeth Chobany</b>	<b>Courtney Stewart</b>
<b>Ava Genovese</b>	<b>Dylan Zelenski</b>

### Presidential Silver Award - Outstanding Academic Achievement

<b>Bradley Bixel</b>	<b>Matthew Johns</b>
<b>Savannah Durant</b>	<b>Erin Maher</b>
<b>Garrett Harrison</b>	<b>Tanner Murphy</b>
<b>Jacob Humphreys</b>	<b>Devin Vickroy</b>

### Senatorial Good Citizenship Award

Given by State Senator John N. Wozniak

<b>Ashley Clites</b>	<b>Ashley Murphy</b>
<b>Savannah Durant</b>	<b>Genevieve Shaffer</b>
<b>Garrett Harrison</b>	<b>Courtney Stewart</b>
<b>Matthew Johns</b>	<b>Devin Vickroy</b>

### American Citizenship Award

<u>K4</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>
<b>Tyler Cenko</b>	<b>Erica McCombie</b>
<b>Noah Korenoski</b>	<b>Saige Nelson</b>
	<b>Allie Schiffhauer</b>

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>
<b>Kameron Eck</b>	<b>Alexia Bier</b>
<b>Carrigan Koontz</b>	<b>Kaitlin Louder</b>
<b>Alec Miller</b>	<b>Alexis Schiffhauer</b>
<b>Emily Spisak</b>	

<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
<b>Christopher Bevec</b>	<b>Genevieve Anderson</b>
<b>Hannah Korenosky</b>	<b>Chad Cameron</b>
<b>Emily Szekeresh</b>	<b>Michael Pellow</b>

<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>
<b>Cody Cooper</b>	<b>Ashley Clites</b>
<b>Michael Miller</b>	<b>Savannah Durant</b>
<b>Carrie Rager</b>	<b>Devin Vickroy</b>

## Artist in Residence

Our Artist in Residence this year was Jim McDowell. Jim is a local and popular artist that lives nearby, in the Moxham section of Johnstown. Jim is a sculptor, potter and musician. Jim worked with the high school art students using clay. The students made hand-built African Face Jugs and wheel-thrown pottery while he was here. They were also able to take a field trip to Jim's studio where the art students participated in a Raku firing pottery process. The Raku process is historically used to make Japanese tea sets. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience for all!

## Project ClickSafe

Empowering parents and young children with the internet and digital safety knowledge was the vision of Eileen Zanke, Ferndale Area Elementary School Guidance Counselor.

With the green light from Ferndale Area administration, Eileen relied on some of her professional ties at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown to make the vision a reality. Bob Knipple, Director of the Office of Professional Outreach and Development pursued the idea with UPJ administrators and the ball has continued to roll. In addition to UPJ, the project is being developed by five partner school districts: Ferndale Area, Greater Johnstown, Richland, Westmont, and Windber.

Project ClickSafe will address issues relating to a number of digital technologies and applications including: the internet, chat rooms, blogs, instant messaging, electronic communities (i.e., "MySpace.com"), and text messaging. Electronic bullying is one of the issues that will be addressed.

The activities of the group will focus on three specific goals:

1. Awareness: Informing parents and other community members of the ways technology is used and the dangers that exist.
2. Education: Offering practical solutions on how to minimize the risks associated with technology usage and what to do if it is suspected that a child has been put at risk.
3. Resources: Providing community members with resources to minimize the risk of technology usage.

A "schools" working group will focus on developing educational programs and student advisory groups in local schools. To date, Mrs. Zanke has held two student advisory board meetings that addressed potential internet safety materials that can be integrated into the curriculum, and potential internet safety awareness events that will be student driven by the ClickSafe Student Advisory Board. Ferndale Area School District representatives include: Seniors: **Brock Rummel and Jessica Jung** and Juniors: **Eric Wentz and Jessica Tighe**.

The first Project ClickSafe community event was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. The program was held at the UPJ Living and Learning Center and deemed a huge success.



The project has been expanded to include a web presence, [www. Projectclicksafe.com](http://www.Projectclicksafe.com).

## SADD 2nd Year Event Highly Successful

On May 18, 2007, the Ferndale Area SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Post Prom Party. This event was highly successful with 56 students and 21 chaperones in attendance at Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School. Starting at 11:00 p.m., the activities included a Velcro wall, climbing wall, sumo suits, touch screen machines, ping pong, video games, movies and more. Food and drinks were provided throughout the night and concluded with breakfast in the morning. There was tremendous school spirit as parents, students and teachers worked together to provide a fun, safe, and very decorative atmosphere.

Fundraisers were held throughout the year to assist with the cost of the Post Prom. For instance, the two dodge ball tournaments were a huge hit, with teams consisting of students, teachers and alumni. The tournaments were quite entertaining and helped to promote school spirit. In addition,

generous monetary contributions from local businesses and a \$500 grant from the Cambria County Drug and Alcohol Agency helped to fund many Post Prom events. Several area businesses also donated various gifts for prize giveaways to students attending Post Prom.

Thank you to the parents, students, staff, and businesses for joining forces and providing this wonderful opportunity to our school district. We are looking forward to next year's Post Prom and intend on making this a tradition that will be an exciting and safe alternative on Prom Night.

Also, this year SADD sponsored a Charity Volleyball Event on April 27, 2007. This brought back alumni from all different graduating classes and gave them an opportunity to play against other alumni, high school students and teachers. The proceeds from this event benefitted Beginnings (affiliate of United Way).

## Career Linking Academy

This year, our seniors participated in a tremendous opportunity that was provided through Goodwill Industries' Southern Alleghenies Career Education Partnership for Youth (led by Pam Evans-Hartland) and FASD's Project 720 Committee. During the "PSSA Week" 51 seniors headed to the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, for a week of career based activities designed to promote, and in some cases inspire, their post-high school plans. Each day, students had an opportunity to hear stories of success, and sometimes failure, from a number of business representatives from the Greater Johnstown area. These business men and women represented the main industry clusters from our area: Health, Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Construction.

Throughout the week, students focused on a number of career awareness activities including preparing job applications, and writing resumes, cover letters, and thank you letters. They also learned about surviving their first year in college, as well as received information on financial issues, including credit card traps, that they might encounter once they are on their own.

Without a doubt, there were two highlights to the week. Fifteen human resource managers conducted interviews of all students. They provided them with feedback on their interviewing strengths and weaknesses, helping students to identify ways to sell themselves to potential employers.

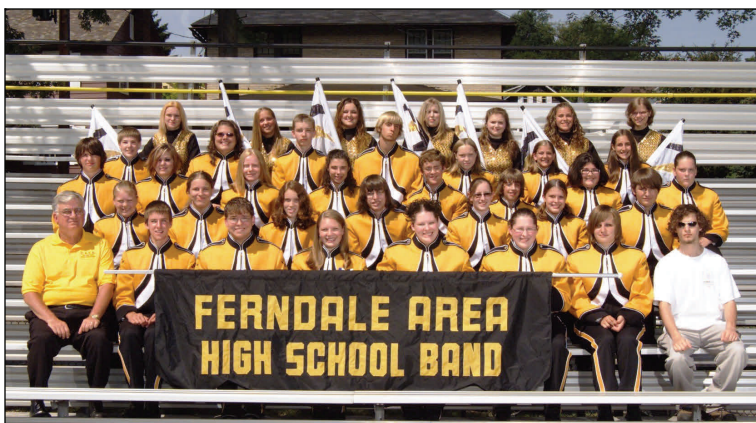
The other highlight was the job shadowing component of the program. Each student submitted three career fields they would like to job shadow. Students were then accompanied to one of 21 local employers who opened their doors to share their careers. Employers included: HF Lenz, Attorney Linda Fleming, UPJ, Melius & Hockenberry, Tribune Democrat, WJAC, Conemaugh Medical Center, Coroner's Office, CTC, Lockheed, Phoenix Rehabilitation, Penelec, JARI, Red Lobster, Sears Optometry, East Hills Medical Center, Crichton Center, PA Academy of Cosmetology, Ohiopyle State Park, and Ferndale Area Elementary School.

Next year we plan on continuing the Career Linking Academy. In addition, our Project 720 monies will help to provide on-site career fairs, and an on-site college fair. We're excited about the future of career awareness at Ferndale Area!



## Marching On

On May 4 through 6, the Ferndale Area Band went on their trip to Winchester, Virginia to march in the 80th annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Fireman's Parade. The band marched the mile and a half parade on Friday and was **awarded second place in their division**. The following day the band spent the day at Paramount Kings Dominion riding roller coasters, driving bumper cars, and for some, buying sweatshirts due to the cold and rainy weather. On the final day, the band arrived to a bright sunny day in Inner Harbor Baltimore to discover marine life at the National Aquarium. Arriving home at around 8:00 p.m., everyone was exhausted from an incredible and memorable trip.



## Art Show

The Community Arts Center and Allied Artists of Johnstown sponsored the Greater Johnstown Young Artists show this year. The exhibit was on display during the month of April. Art teachers from Cambria County schools were each permitted to enter 10 pieces created by different students. The following students had artwork included in the show:

Seniors: **Krista Geyer, Luis Kassner, Taylor Kring, Sara Smith**

Juniors: **Dan Davidson, Brittany Horvath, Heather Koehler**

Grade 9: **Lori Niederhut**

Grade 8: **Jocelyn Mattis**

Grade 7: **Chelsey Steeves**

The Ferndale Area Art Department is thrilled to announce that three of our students won ribbons:

**Luis** won a *blue ribbon (Achievement Award)* for his Pop Art painting of Marlon Brando,

**Lori** won a *red ribbon (Merit Award)* for her Pen & Ink illustration, and

**Chelsey** won a *red ribbon (Merit Award)* for her leaf Monoprint.

Congratulations, we are very proud of your achievements!

## Musical Melodies

Our local musicians have really excelled this year. We are so proud of their efforts! The following band members were selected through audition for the 2006 Cambria County Band which performed at Cambria Heights High School on December 6 and 7.

### Senior High

**Catherine Bennett**

**Bradley Brosig**

**Dominick Carnevali**

**Elizabeth Griffith**

**Jolene Mattis**

**Sara Smith**

**Kaylee Tomak**

**Eric Wentz**

### Junior High

**Chelsea Chobany**

**Hannah Genovese**

**Ryan Sweeney**

**Brittney Wiesheier**

**Bradley Brosig** was selected to participate in the District 6 Jazz Band which took place at Hollidaysburg High School on February 1 through February 3.

The following band members were selected through auditions to District 6 Band held at Meyersdale High School on February 7 through February 10.

**Bradley Brosig**

**Dominick Carnevali**

**Elizabeth Griffith**

**Kaylee Tomak**

**Eric Wentz**

Three students were selected to go on to Region III Band at Clearfield High School:

**Bradley Brosig** - trombone

**Elizabeth Griffith** - oboe

**Kaylee Tomak** - bass clarinet

This is one of the largest groups to ever be accepted to District Band.



# YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

**We would like to know what you think about Ferndale Area School District. Please jot down your thoughts, place in a stamped envelope, and return to our Administrative Office.**

What are we doing that we should continue doing?

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What are we doing that we should stop doing?

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What aren't we doing that we should start doing?

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**Ferndale Area Administrative Office  
100 Dartmouth Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15905**

## Scholarships and Awards

Students from the Class of 2007 have been awarded the following scholarships:

McKelvey Foundation Gold Scholarship .... **Kristina Stroschio**

Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship ..... **Jolene Mattis**

Red Cross Scholarship..... **Stephanie Makin**

In-Shore Technology Scholarship ..... **Richard Henry**

U.S. Air Force Math and Science Awards..... **Brock Rummel**  
**Steven Wilson**

U.S. Air Force Outstanding Achievement  
in Technology Awards ..... **Chardonnay Allen**  
**Amanda Levergood**  
**Ryan McDonald**  
**Daniel Weaver**

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athletes..... **Sarah McAteer**  
**Ryan Mikolic**

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence ..... **Richard Henry**  
**Kristina Stroschio**

U.S. Marine Corps Musical Excellence..... **Jolene Mattis**

Speicher Award..... **Devin Krouse**

Hamer Award..... **Kary Roberts**

Outstanding Male Athlete..... **Kary Roberts**

Outstanding Female Athlete..... **Sarah McAteer**

NOCTI Certificate..... **Ashley Beck**  
**Amanda Levergood**  
**Samantha Mikulsky**

Outstanding Speaker..... **Amanda Pribulsky**

Outstanding Forensics Member..... **Sara Smith**

Art ..... **Krista Geyer**  
**Sara Smith**

Outstanding Band Member..... **Jolene Mattis**

Most Improved Band Member ..... **Steven Wilson**

Director's Awards ..... **Sara Smith**  
**Kayla Smith**

English ..... **Richard Henry**

Mathematics ..... **Richard Henry**

Shop ..... **Adam Miller**

Spanish ..... **Brock Rummel**

**Kristina Stroschio**

Latin Magna Cum Laude Certificate..... **Richard Henry**

Citizenship..... **Richard Henry**

**Jolene Mattis**

**Brock Rummel**

**Kristina Stroschio**

Academic Scholarship - Rochester Institute  
of Technology ..... **Richard Henry**

Academic Scholarship - UPJ ..... **Brock Rummel**

Academic and Athletic Scholarship  
Carlow University..... **Sarah McAteer**

Thomas Wood Baldrige Scholarship

Jaycees..... **Shannon Penrod**

Excellent Nurse Aide Award ..... **Amanda Levergood**

Outstanding Vocational-Technical Award

Diesel Mechanics..... **Daniel Weaver**

PA Skills Certificate and Governor's Skills

Certificate Recipients

Health Assisting..... **Ashley Beck**

**Amanda Levergood**

**Samantha Mikulsky**

Other awards were presented to:

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athletes..... **Michael Blue**  
**Alexandra Russell**

Outstanding Actor..... **Dominick Carnevali**

German Certificate of Excellence Award ..... **Eric Wentz**

PA Department of Education, Bureau of Career and Technical  
Education Week Participant..... **Amanda Pribulsky**

Skills USA District Competitors

Commercial Baking ..... **Lauren Borgan**

Culinary Arts..... **Heather Weeks**

Fire Fighting Team ..... **Brent Emerick**

Skills USA Fall District Leadership Participant

..... **Amanda Pribulsky**

Thank you to our Challenge Program Business Sponsors, **Concurrent Technologies and Somerset Trust**, for providing performance and monetary awards to the following students:

### Challenge Program Awards:

Highest GPA: Senior, **Richard Henry**; Junior, **Eric Wentz**; Sophomore, **Bradley Brosig**

Most Improved: Senior, **Samantha Mikulsky**, Junior, **Chelsie Maschak**; Sophomore, **Anthony Zungali**

Most Improved in Shop Grade: Sophomore, **Miles Glessner**

Attendance: Senior, **Adam Miller**; Junior, **Jesse Gary**; Sophomore, **Sean Davis**

Community Service: Senior, **Shannon Penrod**; Junior, **Christopher Mattis**; Sophomore, **Kaitlyn McMullen**

## 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.

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## Athletic Highlights

### Junior High

- The junior high football team, under the leadership of Coaches Ambroe, McClucas, and Endler, compiled a record of 6 wins and 1 loss during the fall season.
- For the second season in a row Coach Eisenhuth's girls' basketball team had an outstanding season, winning 12 games and losing only 4 times.
- In the spring, Coach Mostoller's junior high volleyball team produced a winning record of 10 wins and 8 losses against some very strong competition. The J.V. team finished with an impressive 15 wins and 3 losses.

### Varsity

- In the fall, Coach Reighard's varsity volleyball team had a successful season and qualified for the District 6 playoffs. The J.V. team produced an impressive 16 wins. Of special note was the **District 6 Sportsmanship Award** presented by the District 6 volleyball officials. This speaks highly of our girls, the coaches, and the fans of FAHS volleyball.
- Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams had successful seasons. The boys, under the direction of Coach Wissinger, qualified for the District 6 playoffs for the first time in several years. The girls, with Coach Crisafulli in charge, won 2 playoff games in District 6 and advanced to Inter-District play before falling to Union at Clarion University. The girls ended the season with 20 wins.
- **Kary Roberts** became the 5th student to score 1,000 points in Ferndale Area boys' basketball history. He finished with 1,002 points which tied him for 4th place on the career list.
- **Sarah McAteer** finished her career with 1,420 points, moving her into 2nd place on the girls' basketball list. Additionally, it should be noted that Sarah completed her senior year with 12 varsity letters --- the maximum possible to receive at Ferndale Area.
- Kary and Sarah plan to continue their basketball careers at their respective colleges next season.

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