



BUZZ FROM THE HIVE

A newsletter of the Ferndale Area School District

SUMMER

“ Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2012

Ferndale Area Receives \$100,233.42 Check

Barbara Penna, School Board Vice President, and Carole Kakabar, Superintendent, at Ferndale Area School District received a certificate for future credit in the form of a check for \$100,233.42 from the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center as the result of another successful year in the Adult Education Program. Money earned through the adult programs is used to offset tuition costs for high school students. This money, \$100,233.42, will be put toward tuition costs for students in the 2012-2013 school year! Forty-eight grade 10-12 Ferndale Area students are scheduled to attend the Career & Technology Center programs next year.



Senior Exit Survey Results

For the past two 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:

- 36% will continue schooling at a 2 year college or trade school
- 41% will continue schooling at a 4 year college
- 17% will enter the job market
- 6% are entering the military
- 74% report getting their 1st choice in what they want to do after graduation
- 91% felt supported and respected by their teachers and principals
- 89% felt safe and secure at school
- 89% felt their time at school was well spent
- 44% said if we could get rid of just a few people (bullies), our school climate would be much better
- 34% 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.

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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 month of December. A meeting is not scheduled for the month of July.

District Adopts 2012-2013 Budget

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget on June 20, 2012. Real estate millage was set at 69.05 mills, which was an increase of 1.8 mills. After review, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the tax rate. The increase was less than the 2012-2013 index of 2.7% 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

Anthony Richard Allison
 Jessica Nicole Ambroe
 Elizabeth Marie Ballow
 Brittney Jeannine Benard
 Travis Andrew Bendick
 Dustin Wayne Berkey
 Jonathan David Bobak
 James Michael Boyle, Jr.
 Paul Alfred Bremer
 Robert Paul Bunnell
 Dustin Tyler Burkett
 Jeffrey Scott Burns
 Ashly Marie Catalfamo
 Samuel John Clinger
 Kristina Marie Collins
 William Michael Devlin
 Michael Joseph Dorchak
 Kimberly Michelle Dorn
 Colton Micheil Dull
 Elizabeth Jean Eck
 Larry James Eisenhuth, Jr.
 Patrick Reinhart Erb

Brady Steven Gates
 Ashlee Rose Grow
 Michael Clay Harrison
 Jeffrey Wayne Held, Jr.
 Ian Michael Helsel
 Brittani Marie Hileman
 Jeremy Alexander Hoffman
 James Dominic Hollis
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 Victoria René Jakab
 Quaylynn Jenkins
 Nathan Allen Kornprobst
 Eric Vincent Kowalewski, Jr.
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 Gabrielle Elyse Kull
 John Dwyer Kurchak
 Samantha Renee Larson
 Kristie Lynn Lepley
 Alethea Nicole Locher
 Heather Marie Louder
 Desarae Brooke Margucci
 Brandon Lee Mascuch

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 Courtney Marie McClain
 Joseph John Morris
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 Allyson Rae Null
 Brett Ryan Pribulsky
 Ashlee Nichole Ragan
 Myranda Lynn Reffner
 Joshua Robert Reighard
 Nicolia Marie Rouser
 Brittany Nichole Shawley
 Tyler Eugene Smith
 Jacob William Peter Stefan
 Ashley Marie Stiffler
 Joshua William Thomas
 Jacob Thomas Toth
 Gregory James Walters
 Walter Max Warne, Jr.
 Christine Ada Weaver
 Megan Elizabeth Wilson
 Danyé Leigh Woodlin
 Daniel Jordan Wozniak



2012-2013 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2012-2013 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on March 21, 2012. The first day of school for students is August 27, 2012; the last day is May 31, 2013.



Teacher in-service days and Act 80 Days are scheduled for August 22, August 23, August 24, October 8, January 21, March 18, and May 30.

Scheduled make-up days are March 28 and May 24. 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 for Faculty
August 23	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 24	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 27.....	First Day for Students
September 3	Labor Day (No School)
September 25.....	Open House (HS)
September 26.....	Open House (Elem)
September 27.....	Open House (Elem)
October 8.....	In-Service Day for Faculty
November 12.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 22 - 26.....	Thanksgiving (No School)
December 24 - January 1.....	Christmas (No School)
January 21	Act 80 Day for Faculty
February 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
March 18	Act 80 Day for Faculty
March 28	Make-Up Day (No School)
March 29 - April 1.....	Easter (No School)
May 24	Make-Up Day (No School)
May 27	Memorial Day (No School)
May 30	In-Service Day (No School)
May 31.....	Last Day of School



Marking Period Ends

October 31	(46)
January 11	(41)
March 15	(44)
May 31	(49)

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Mary Storer-Clawson, Food Service Director

The Elementary School Cafeteria is proud to announce... For the fourth year we have been approved for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Division of Food and Nutrition. Our students in the elementary school have been introduced to fruits and vegetables from all over the world. Fruits have included apples, starfruit, pomegranates, and kiwi. Vegetables have included asparagus, cauliflower, zucchini, and peppers. There are also a lot of fruits and vegetables that the students have tried. The students of our elementary school really enjoy this program.

This year at the high school I was able to see the affects of the program first hand. The seventh grade class came through the line when we were serving kiwi, and they said "I remember when we had this for snack!" They also said "I remember how good kiwi was from the elementary school!" I was happy to see that the students remembered from the elementary how good something was, all because of a snack time that they had in their class.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the support of the school meal programs at Ferndale Area School District. It is always nice to see the smiles on our students' faces when we have their favorite meals. If there are any questions or concerns about our food services, I can be reached by e-mail at mstorer-clawson@fasdk12.org.

Life Skills Program Provided by ACRP

Laryssa Bremer, Guidance Counselor

This year the 7th & 8th grade students got a chance to experience the Life Skills Program headed by ACRP. The Life Skills Program is a 15-week education program which focuses on topics such as drugs, alcohol, tobacco, communication/social skills, anger, anxiety, decision making, self image, and violence in the media. The Life Skills Program was held in conjunction with the 7th & 8th grade guidance classes.

This program was very well received by all of the students, and they all enjoyed their teacher "Miss Roz" very much. Miss Roz was in class every Tuesday and Wednesday, and the majority of the class was discussion based. This worked out well since all of the middle school students really love to talk!

As part of the program, each student received a workbook in which they completed activities related to each lesson. Upon completion of the program, each student received a certificate as well as a treat bag from Miss Roz. The Life Skills Program was a very beneficial program for all of the middle school students, and we cannot wait for Miss Roz to come back next year!

Elementary School Pay It Forward

Inside every school building across the United States, there are conversations taking place that are not only about standardized testing, homework or the Friday night football game. “I miss my bed.., I miss blow drying my hair... I used to take a bath in the tub every night, but now I can only shower-sometimes.” Homelessness is an issue that impacts all of our area schools, Ferndale Area included.



Our district was aided by the ARIN IU 28 Pa Homeless

Children’s Initiative to assist Ferndale Area children during incidents of homelessness. In an effort of appreciation for that support, a PAY IT FORWARD guidance activity to collect personal hygiene products and school supplies was coordinated by elementary school counselor, Eileen Zanke. Mrs. Zanke spearheaded the activity for students in grades K4-6. Items collected were sent to other area schools or agencies that assist homeless children in our area.

The activity closure was completed on May 15 when students in grades K-6 worked together making several flannel knotted blankets along with Andrea Sheesely, and Regional Coordinator of the ARIN IU 28 of the Pa



Homeless Children’s Initiative. The blankets were then shared with families in need. Mrs. Zanke explained, “This large scale guidance activity was based on the notion of service learning. Service learning provides the critical missing

link for many students, an opportunity to apply academic learning to real human needs and to make what we teach in the classrooms or our homes apply beyond the situation into true life experiences.” “We can teach the importance of being helpful, but when a child is engaged in doing hands on activities of service to others that



learning impacts their own emotional development and assists in their own resiliency.” The outpouring of donations from our Ferndale Area families was tremendous. “Learning begins with a positive feeling of worth, a sense of belonging, safety and security...anything we can do to help meet those primary needs will have a positive impact on learning.” Mrs. Zanke was asked by a reporter that covered the story, “Were you surprised by the huge turnout of donations?” of which Mrs. Zanke replied, “Not at all! The parents in our district are always quick to say, what can I do or how can I help.” To that, Mrs. Zanke would like to again thank all the families and teachers that sent donations to their child’s classroom and made this activity a great success not only for the recipients of the donations but for our children as well.



Mrs. Zanke and Dr. Brotz were presented with a plaque of appreciation of volunteerism from Andrea Sheesely in recognition of the guidance activity.

Fourth Grade Had a Busy Year

Jennifer Priest, Fourth Grade Teacher

Fourth grade had a wonderful and busy year! Mrs. Eash, Mrs. Hrabosky, Mrs. Priest, and Mrs. Riffle had four SM4SP (Science and Math for Students and Parents) evenings where they conducted fun science experiments or had math challenges with the students and parents. Everyone in attendance had a great time and enjoyed the relaxed learning environment. Four more are being planned for next year.

The students also made four different crafts for their families for Christmas. Each teacher chose a different craft to make with the children. Eggnog and ginger snaps were served as a delicious snack while they enjoyed Christmas carols.

The fourth grade also showed their patriotism in several ways. PFC Michael Priest came to visit the students during his leave from Afghanistan. He presented a slide show to the students, showing them Army trucks and tanks as well as the terrain in Afghanistan and some of the local children. He also had a question and answer session with the kids. The students made welcome home cards to be distributed to military personnel returning from deployments. Their final patriotic act was placing flags on the graves of veterans in Grandview Cemetery. This was a very moving experience for students and teachers alike, and we hope to make it an annual event.

In March, the four fourth grade classes participated in World Math Day. They competed against students throughout

the world on math problems. The computer lab and laptop computers were utilized for this project, and our students did very well and loved it.

In addition to the computers, the fourth grade teachers made good use of their iPads and the SmartBoards during their instruction this year. The students enjoyed this innovative way of learning. Sometimes they have so much fun that they don't even realize they are learning!

In the spring, the fourth grade students went to Stackhouse Park and enjoyed nature while learning even more about science. Also in the spring, Mariann McCowan, the district's athletic trainer, met with the fourth graders and talked to them about nutrition and having a healthy, active lifestyle. She gave the students the opportunity to win a Western PA Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic tee shirt by answering questions. Then the kids were given a workout that included group exercises and circuit training. A good time was had by all.

These are the highlights of the 2011-2012 school year for fourth grade. The teachers had a wonderful time with the students and will miss them, however we are looking forward to a great year next year with our new students. It promises to be another busy, exciting year!

Art Field Trip

Michelle Sendek, Art Teacher

On April 18, 2012, Mrs. Sendek and her art students went on a field trip to the Cambria County Library to paint windows. This was Ferndale Area's fourth year to have been invited to showcase their art skills for an event that the library holds called "A Little Night Music at the Library." Their event was held on April 27, 2012. Every corner of the library was filled with music with each floor having a different genre. Ferndale Area was on the main floor with the group Swing City. Greater Johnstown was the other school district that participated, and their group was Tree, an Irish-Celtic band. All proceeds from this event goes to help the library underwrite expenses and ensure that much needed funds are invested in library programs and projects.

Jill Held, Tyler Geiser, Michael Pellow and Angela Cameron were the four students chosen to go on the field trip. They worked very hard developing concepts for this project and determining how they were going to execute them. The staff at the Cambria County Library were impressed with both the behavior and talent of our students. Many onlookers visiting the library commented on how nice the artwork looked and how it really made a difference. We received a thank you letter from the library hoping we can continue to come and beautify their space.

Students learned how to work in teams and collaborate on ideas. This event is so wonderful because our students have the opportunity to do something for the community. They were extremely enthusiastic about helping the library and the arts. It truly is a fantastic event, and we love being a part of it and knowing we can make a difference.



Left to right: *Michael Pellow, Angela Cameron, Tyler Geiser, Mrs. Sendek and Jill Held*

National Honor Society

Loraine Dodson, Guidance Counselor

Seven students were inducted into the Ferndale Area National Honor Society this year. The Induction Ceremony was held in the High School Auditorium on May 21, 2012. Current members of the NHS, **Courtney McClain**, President and Treasurer, and **Christine Weaver**, Vice-President and Secretary, hosted a banquet for the new inductees and their families in the cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. Members were chosen by a selection committee after achieving four criteria—Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students who were selected were: **Sam Clinger**, **Alethea Locher**, **Elizabeth Chobany**, **Courtney Stewart**, **Katie Orris**, **Samantha Boyle** and **Dylan Zelenski**.

This year, the National Honor Society hosted a Post Prom open to all juniors and seniors which provided a safe outlet for students following prom on May 4. The celebration included a DJ, interactive inflatable games including human bowling, jousting, an obstacle course and a bungee run, gaming consoles, 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. Senior, **Megan Wilson**, was the lucky grand prize winner. She took home a Kindle Fire along with some other certificates.

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 community!



Left to right: *Christine Weaver*, *Alethea Locher*, *Sam Clinger*, *Courtney McClain*, *Samantha Boyle*, *Dylan Zelenski*, *Elizabeth Chobany*, *Courtney Stewart* and *Katie Orris*

Ferndale Area Music Department 2011 - 2012: Year in Review

Jonathan Freidhoff, Music Teacher

It's hard to believe that this school year has come and gone. It has been a very special year for me because it was my first year as a full-time band and chorus teacher. Looking back, I am very proud of what all of the students have accomplished in the music department.

In the fall, the marching band put on an excellent half-time show featuring current music such as "I Gotta Feelin'" by the Black Eye Peas, "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay, and "Wake Me Up When September Ends/Homecoming" by Green Day. The band performed at all football games and several parades, receiving many compliments from parents and spectators.

This year also featured a revival of the chorus at Ferndale Area Jr-Sr High School. What started with 2 or 3 students quickly grew to over 15. Students who couldn't schedule chorus during the school day elected to come in early and practice before school and during homeroom.

Ferndale Area's jazz band was also active this year. These students rehearsed during the school day and after school. Members learned swing rhythms and improvisational skills. The jazz band featured soloists this year were **Elizabeth Ballow**, **Kyler Himes**, and **Christine Weaver**.

Several band members went above and beyond in trying out for Cambria County Band, PMEA District 6 Band, and PMEA Region 3 Band. This requires students to audition and practice additional music and attend a two-day festival for

each band they make. At each festival, students practice 10-12 hours a day in order to perform for a concert on the last day. Members of the Ferndale Area band who participated in county band were **Ariel Ansell**, **Grace Bailey**, **Elizabeth Chobany**, **Kyler Himes**, **Jakob Hollis**, **Kacie Murphy**, and **Christine Weaver**. Members who participated in district band were **Jakob Hollis** and **Christine Weaver**. Members who participated in region band were **Christine Weaver**.

The entire music department performed in our annual winter and spring concerts. The concerts featured the jazz band, chorus, and concert band. Both concerts were a huge success and were enjoyed by an audience that nearly filled the auditorium. Whether it was the Christmas carols, the chorus singing hits from the TV show GLEE, the standard concert band repertoire, or something new that you haven't heard before, I think that everyone found something to enjoy at both concerts.

Even though this school year is over, plans are already underway for next year here in the music department. This fall, the marching band will feature the music of KISS, more students are signing up for chorus, new music is being ordered, and another group of newly minted seniors look to showcase their musical talents throughout the year. I am extremely excited for my next year at Ferndale Area, and I hope to see everyone at our performances!

French and Spanish Classes 2011-12

This year in October, the French students were invited to Saint Francis to see a modern version of Joan of Arc. The students were able to identify with the modern Joan and the trials she had to go through.

In November, the Spanish students went to the Ragamala dance performance at the Pasquerella Performing Arts Center. It was a day filled with learning the Indian culture, very different from what we were studying in school. The day included time to learn the dance, practicing the dance and making rice flower drawings.

On April 27, 2012, nearly 1,000 teenagers were jiving, jumping, and jamming to music. So what, you say? These adolescents were dancing to songs about grammar and vocabulary. On top of it, the grammar and vocabulary were in French!

Ferndale Area students attended a lively, power-packed concert in the French language. Étienne is a Canadian teacher and award winning rock musician. Our students were actively engaged in singing, dancing and miming out the words to a variety of French songs. This fun, energy-filled concert was the ultimate educational experience. Students used their French in a variety of catchy hip-hop, club dance, rap, rock and reggae melodies. One wildly popular hit song "Pourquoi Take French?" is a rap song that tells exactly why students should take French.

On May 8, 2012, the French and Spanish students took an evening together. We spent the night on the Gateway Clipper for Spanish night. We enjoyed typical salsa music and a variety of Mexican and Spanish cuisine. Our Ferndale Area students loved doing this trip together!

Also in May, the Spanish students made their annual trip to see Justo in concert. This year the students had to travel to Bloomsburg, PA. The students enjoyed songs from a variety of genres. Justo sings to improve grammar and listening skills. The students had a wonderful time singing and dancing with Justo.

In June we even have four students participating on a trip to Costa Rica. The students will visit a volcano, zip line through the rainforest canopy, visit a coffee plantation, hot springs, wildlife refuge and national park.

As you can see, the language department has had a busy year taking trips. We want to thank the community for supporting our fundraisers which make these trips possible. Without your support we would be unable to offer these authentic opportunities for our students.

Thank you!—Melissa Henderson and Barbara Freeman



Saying Good-Bye

Eight Ferndale Area School District employees will be leaving the hive at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

- Mary Ann Burgess, Elementary Cook, 23 years
- Carol Hanik, Elementary Cook, 18 years
- Richard Hiner, High School Cleaner, 8 years
- Marjorie Pile, First Grade Teacher, 20 years
- Beverly Roberts, HS Learning Support Aide, 12 years
- Mary Sefcik, High School Dishwasher, 8 years
- Judith Walsh, First Grade Teacher, 22 years
- Barbara Wissinger, High School Cook, 12 years

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our retirees.



Left to right: Beverly Roberts, Mary Sefcik, Barbara Wissinger, Mary Ann Burgess, Marjorie Pile, and Judy Walsh
Absent: Carol Hanik and Richard Hiner

Jess Ambroe Classic

Joshua Mottillo, Teacher

On Friday, February 10, the Ferndale Area Hockey Team hosted Northern Cambria in the second annual Jess Ambroe Classic Hockey Game. The game last year was known as “Hockey for Hope” and started by now Ferndale Area Alumni **Donny Blasko and Devin Murphy**. This year the game was continued by seniors **Billy Devlin, Colton Dull, and Greg Walters**. They wanted to continue the game because this is Jess’s senior year as well, and they wanted to make it extra special for her and for her to know that she is loved by the Ferndale Area Community.

The Yellow Jackets took the ice that night full of emotion wanting to get the win for Jess and for the large, purple-clad crowd that was in attendance. The Yellow Jackets set the tone early by scoring their first goal in the first minute of the game and never let up, rolling to a 7-1 victory. The three seniors organizing the game even worked together to score one of the goals as Billy got credit for the goal and was assisted by Colton and Greg.

For the game, the Ferndale Area team wore special purple and white uniforms that said “Jess’s Army” on the front and all had “Ambroe” on the back as well as using purple tape on their sticks. The Northern Cambria team wore purple arms bands as well as purple stick tape. The officials wore the special purple arm bands as well to all show their support of the game and Jess. The Northern Cambria team was excited to play in the game and said the game was one of the best atmospheres for a hockey game they have ever been a part of.

The statistics the Ferndale Area Community should be most proud of is the amount of money raised at the game. To date \$7,121.05 has been raised for Lafora research as over 1,000 fans packed the War Memorial and turned it into a sea of purple and black for the game. In the two years of this game, Ferndale Area has raised over \$13,500 for Lafora research. A large student turnout created an amazing atmosphere and several students went so far as to paint themselves to spell out “We ♥ Jess.” The money was raised through admission to the game, 50/50 drawing, a very popular basket raffle, and any donations people wanted to contribute. Shirts were sold prior to the game and the school district held a “Purple Day” that Friday in which nearly every student, teacher, and staff member wore purple.

Through this game, Ferndale Area has shown that just because you are a small school district, it does not mean you can’t be successful in something. Many larger schools hold similar events as fundraisers each year and most of them do not come close to raising the amount of money that Ferndale Area does with this game. I think one of Ferndale Area’s greatest strengths for this event is the fact that we are small and it helps everyone come together for a sole purpose. Many thanks to Billy, Colton, and Greg for continuing what Devin and Donny started last year and all of your hard work for the game; all of the hockey players, parents, and boosters for their support and help at the game; the Ferndale Area teachers for helping with various projects for the game and your never ending support of the game; all of the building and district administrators who are always willing to show their support of the game and allow us to hang signage all over the buildings to promote the event; the students who helped out with the set up and tear down at the game as well as your great show of support during the game. I would also like to thank the cheerleaders for all of their help at the game and helping to lead the crowd in cheers during the game. Finally, thank you to the Debbies in the office that always go above and beyond what is asked of them and answered my never ending array of questions and requests. Anyone else who I may have missed that helped out in any way... Thank You!



Left to right: Billy Devlin, Colton Dull, Jess Ambroe (seated), and Greg Walters

Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

American Citizenship Award

<u>K4</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>
Daniel Fesko	Vincent DeVico
Lily Mohrbacker	Aedan Hrivnak
	Kyla Sidor
<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>
Nathaniel Albus	Morgyn Bestvina
Noah Hendershot	Destiny Cramer
Nicholas Reynolds	Allie Gray
<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
Kierstyn Blough-Domonkos	Hannah Adamy
Brianna Hicks	Jada Bifano
Kaitlyn Ribaric	Danelle Rhodes
	Olivia Snyder
<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>
Delfon Chatman	Zachary Kirkwood
Jenna Stancombe	Eva Myers
Kaitlyn Strosco	Madison Shroyer

Perfect Attendance Award

Haley Bennett	Kera McCullough
Jada Bifano	Jayda Rozier
Ian Conway	Tamara Rozier
Erin Eichelberger	Jorja Stancombe
Bryce Eisenhuth	Kaitlyn Strosco
Ethan Gawlas	Hunter Thomas
Abigayle Geisel	Irelin Urban
Carrigan Koontz	

Presidential Gold Award for Educational Excellence

Hannah Bailey	Izabella Hauger
Haley Bennett	Carrigan Koontz
Joseph Chobany, Jr.	Paige Leftwich
Matthew Clawson	Jenny Wallace

Presidential Silver Award for Educational Achievement

Gillian Ambroe	Nicole Pellow
Nathaniel Barrett	Nathaniel Pudliner
Kayla Bier	Hayley Richards
Joshua Derricott	Maxwell Speicher
Brittany Fitz	Elizabeth Szekeresh
Alexis Glena	Tyler Tomechak
Madison Hanson	Samuel Varner
Hunter Kinsey	Mackenzie Zelenski
Anthony McFeaters	

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

Haley Bennett	Carrigan Koontz
Joseph Chobany, Jr.	Paige Leftwich
Hunter Kinsey	

Outstanding Peer Tutor Award

Haley Bennett	Jenny Wallace
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FAES Family Support Program

Michelle Kopusko, Family Support Coordinator

At Ferndale Area Elementary School, Family Support is a program that involves parents as an integral part of our educational team. Through Family Support, students are referred for assistance as indicated by their individual needs.

The Family Support Team functions as an advocate for the student, and works in conjunction with teachers, parents, and family members to increase student success and remove barriers to learning. Team members include; parents, teachers, the principal, guidance counselor, and family support coordinator. During meetings, the Family Support team reviews all areas of student development including; social, emotional, academic, cognitive, and family

dynamics. Personal home visits can be arranged when a parent is unable to visit the school for a meeting.

The principal, family support coordinator and guidance counselor are able to meet with parents in their home throughout the school year to ensure parent involvement. A Family Support Plan is developed, implemented and reviewed every 30 days until the student demonstrates consistent success over a 30 day period. If you have any questions or would like more information about Family Support please contact Mrs. Kopusko, Family Support Coordinator, at 535-6724 or by email mkoposko@fasdk12.org.

Scholarships and Awards

American Association of University Women Scholarship	Ashlee Grow	Drama Award	Colton Dull
UPJ Leadership Scholarship	Samuel Clinger	National Honor Society	Courtney McClain Christine Weaver Samuel Clinger Alethea Locher
UPJ Achievement Scholarship	Kimberly Dorn	NOCTI	Dustin Berkey Jonathan Bobak Robert Bunnell Brett Pribulsky Dayne Woodlin
Eddie Vetok Scholarship	Samuel Clinger	Outstanding Band Member	James Hollis
Mount Aloysius College Presidential Scholarship	Ian Helsel	Director's Award	Christine Weaver Elizabeth Ballow
Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship	Ashlee Grow	District Band	Christine Weaver Jakob Hollis
FAEA Scholarship	Megan Wilson	Regional Band	Christine Weaver
Red Cross Scholarship	Kelly Howard	Biological Sciences	Alethea Locher
U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athletes	Elizabeth Chobany Dylan Zelenski	Chemistry	Samuel Clinger
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athletes	Gabrielle Kull Greg Walters	English	Samuel Clinger
U.S. Marine Corps Musical Excellence	Elizabeth Ballow	Mathematics	Samuel Clinger
U.S. Navy Outstanding Scholar	Samuel Clinger	Outstanding Achievement in Computers	Michael Dorchak Jeffrey Burns
U.S. Navy Outstanding Athlete	Ashlee Grow	Social Studies	Gabrielle Kull
U.S. Navy Inspirational Leadership Award	Colton Dull	Spanish	Samuel Clinger
District VI Sportsmanship Awards	Colton Dull Ashlee Grow	Citizenship	Jonathan Bobak Samuel Clinger Colton Dull Christine Weaver
Speicher Award	Michael Dorchak	Salutatorian	Ashlee Grow
Hamer Award	Ian Helsel	Valedictorian	Samuel Clinger
Outstanding Male Athlete	Ian Helsel		
Outstanding Female Athlete	Ashlee Grow		
Challenge Program Awards:			
Academic Excellence Junior Year	Samuel Clinger		
Community Service Junior Year	Brett Pribulsky		
Most Improved GPA Junior Year	Elizabeth Ballow		
Perfect Attendance Junior Year	Ian Helsel		
Academic Excellence Sophomore Year	Elizabeth Chobany		
Community Service Sophomore Year	Katie Orris		
Most Improved GPA Sophomore Year	Timothy Fitz		
Perfect Attendance Sophomore Year	Tyler Hileman		



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

Anthony Penna, Sr., Athletic Director

Spring Sports

- Junior High Boys' Baseball

The junior high baseball team did a great job of improving the players fundamentals and sportsmanship in baseball's first level of entry. Congratulation to **Coach Mike Harrison** and his team on a job well done. By the way, we had three female players on our team this year. A first in our school history.

- Boys' Baseball

While starting 5 freshmen, our 2012 team ended with an above 500 record and made it through to the second round of the district 6 playoffs. **Ian Helsel** and **Mike Dorchak** were named to the all WestPAC Team. Congratulations to **Coach Steve Clawson** and his staff for a job well done.

- Girls' Softball

The Lady Jackets won more games this year than they did the past four years. All this with a freshman pitcher and a very young team. **Taylor Yuhás** and **Ashley Clites** were named to the all WestPAC Team. Congratulation to **Coach Art McLucas** and his staff.

- Junior High Girls' Volleyball

The junior high volleyball team did another great job of representing Ferndale Area Schools in the WestPAC South Division of our league. Our goals were to be very competitive in every game, and our girls fought to the end in every game. This is very typical of our volleyball teams. Thanks to **Head Coach Theresa Kessler** and **Assistant Crystal Keim** for a great coaching job.