

## It Is a Pleasure to Know You!

As principal of the Ferndale Area Elementary School, I believe that it is important for our stakeholders to know my background and my vision for our school. The following is to help you to get to know me as I work for you and with you during my time as administrator.

I am a 1985 graduate of Ferndale Area School District. I was very active in our school and enjoyed the experiences that I had as a student. In 1989, I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. I worked for several years in the area of social work as a caseworker in foster care, adoption and in an after school treatment program for children with mental disorders.

In 2003, I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I was honored as a College Scholar and graduated Summa Cum Laude. In 2004, I was hired by Ferndale Area Elementary as a teacher's aide for the new K4 program after substitute teaching in a few schools right after graduation. Within a year, I became a kindergarten teacher, then taught first and fourth grades.

In 2013, I completed the Master's Program in K-12 Administration and was hired as principal in 2015. I look forward to many years as an administrator for our district and truly have "Pride in the Hive."

My vision for our elementary school is this: To offer the best education to every student that becomes a Yellow Jacket. Through hard work, diligence, collaboration and qualified teachers, we offer our students the opportunity to become successful and to fulfill their dreams.

Honors and Memberships: Member of the District Comprehensive Planning Team, Strategic Planning Team, Creator of Parent Involvement Team in fourth grade, member of Elementary Assistance Program, member of Mass Customized Learning Team, 2015 Keystone Technology Innovator, member of the Johnstown Backpack Project, member of the ARC of PA, upcoming member of the Women's Leadership Council through the United Way of the Laurel Highlands, and a 2016 member of the Trademark Women of Distinction Honors group.