



BUZZ FROM THE HIVE

A newsletter of the Ferndale Area School District

SUMMER

“ Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2006

Saying Good-Bye

Two Ferndale Area School District employees will be leaving the hive at the end of this school year. **Mrs. Arlene Lokesak and Mr. John Thomas** will retire. Mrs. Lokesak has been a secretary at the junior/senior high school for the last 13 years. Prior to working in the office, Mrs. Lokesak was an aide at the high



Arlene Lokesak

school, giving her a total of 25 years with the district.

Mr. Thomas has been the elementary custodian for 22 years. He has also held a number of coaching positions, including junior high football and girls' softball.



John Thomas

We wish both of our retirees well!

Code of Conduct for Board Members

The Ferndale Area Board of Directors approved the adoption of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's (PSBA) recommended Standards for Effective School Governance and the Code of Conduct for Members of Pennsylvania School Boards.

The standards and code, adopted by the PSBA Executive Board in

September 2005, are designed to give school board members specific guidance on providing the essential leadership required for highly effective boards. Based on the premise that highly achieving students come from districts with highly effective boards, PSBA

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Students Against Destructive Decisions

This January, Ferndale Area started a SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter for grades 7-12. The purpose of SADD is to provide student involvement into school activities that encourage positive behaviors and interactions for the students and their peers. The goal of SADD is to create a bridge that connects the elementary school, middle school, high school, staff, parents, and community that will

help everybody as a whole make better decisions. There are currently 36 members and 8 advisors. In order to get started and put ideas into effect, students raised money through bake sales, concession stands, local businesses donations, and a dodge ball tournament. To promote their cause, students designed tee-shirts for SADD members.

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Student Wellness Policy

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act, Public Law 108-265, requires every school district that receives federal funds for food service programs to adopt a Wellness Policy. The adopted Student Wellness Policy must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education July 1, 2006.

The policy, adopted by the Board of School Directors on April 19, 2006, was developed by a Wellness Committee appointed by the Board. The committee, comprised of representatives of the school board, district administration, school food authority, students, parents/guardians, and the public, created a plan that includes the following required components:

- Goals for nutrition education, physical education, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the local school district determines is appropriate.
- Nutrition guidelines selected by the school district for all foods available on each school campus under the district during the school day with objectives for promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity.
- A plan for measuring implementation of the wellness policy, including

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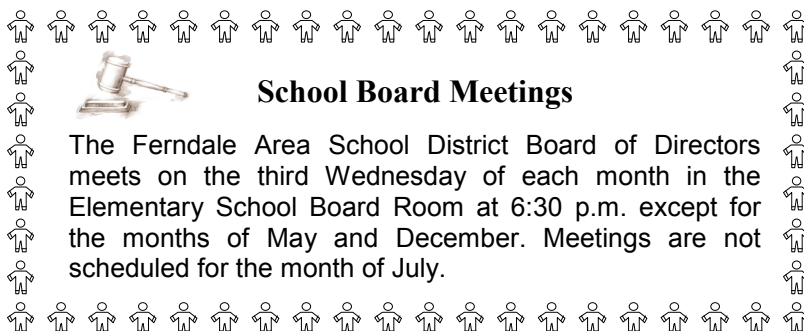
Mr. Edward Moran

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New Board Member

Welcome to our newest board member, **Mr. Richard Lucas**. Mr. Lucas was elected to represent Region 1, Ferndale Borough, for the term beginning December 7, 2005 through December 2, 2009. He is a life-long resident of Ferndale Borough, graduating from Ferndale Area School District.



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 6:30 p.m. except for the months of May and December. Meetings are not scheduled for the month of July.

District Adopts 2006-07 Budget

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2006-07 Fiscal Year Budget on June 14, 2006. Real estate millage was set at 53 mills, which was an increase of 2.5 mills. After review, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the tax rate. The increase was less than the 2006-07 index of 5.9% which was required by Act 72 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.

New Members to the Ferndale Area School District Family

Welcome to the four newest Ferndale Area School District staff members! In October, **Ms. Jennifer Gamble** joined Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School as the **Assistant Principal**. Previously a business, computers, information technology teacher with Derry Area School District, Ms. Gamble has also taught grade four. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from IUP. She also earned her elementary education



Jennifer Gamble

certification from St. Vincent College, and her K-12 principal certification from California University of Pennsylvania.

Amy Spangler, of Salix, was hired as a **Junior/Senior High School Guidance Counselor**. After graduating from Forest Hills, she earned a degree in English from Shippensburg University. She served as an English teacher at Monocacy Middle School in



Amy Spangler

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Congratulations Graduates

Holly Alter
David Angelo
Jesper Baeck
Tabitha Blue
Melinda Cameron
Brittney Cassidy
Ronald Clark
Jesse Costlow
Tonya Covalt
Caitlin Cruickshank
Cecelia Dill
Jessica Fingerhoot
James Ford
Justin Gelormino

Adam Hale
Natasha Hamilton
Amber Herbert
Shawn Hillegas, Jr.
Cassandra Jones
Brandon Kamler
Thomas Kamler
Kasey Larson
David Livingston
James Logue
Jamie McMullen
Adam Morgart
Joseph Nanna
Tiffany Nord-Holcomb

Joshua Nugent
Matthew Peters
Charla Piro
Tyler Reed
Amber Roberts
RaeAnn Rodkey
Jeremy Ruiz
Felix Runer
Emily Sarver
Justin Schiffhauer
Daniel Schrock
Friedrich Schwienhorst
Kurt Sedei
Ryan Seftic

Jeffrey Smith
Sara Spencer
Anna Stoehr
Eric Stricker
Carl Swarting
Jessica Taranto
Mitchell Taylor
Shawn Tighe
Shawn Toth
Kevin Wallace
Alan Waters
Coty Whitaker
Anatoli Wolf
Amy Zahoran

Ferndale Area School District Receives AYP Recognition

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has honored both Ferndale Area Elementary School and Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School with an award for meeting the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards for two consecutive years.

The keystone-shaped award is being awarded to schools across the state where the students have exceeded the math and reading standards required by the state's accountability system and the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

To meet AYP in the 2003-2004 school year, 35 percent of students needed to be considered proficient in math and

45 percent proficient in reading. For the 2004-2005 and the current school year, proficiency standards were raised to 45 percent in math and 54 percent in reading. FASD is receiving its second Keystone Achievement Award for its high achieving students. The teachers, school staff, parents, community and students have worked hard to achieve at this level.



Superintendent Christine Oldham, Elementary Principal Edward Moran, High School Principal Stuart Albaugh

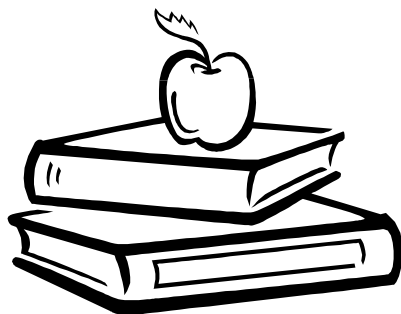
received this award and 1567 received the award for the second time.

Student Wellness Policy *(Continued from page 1)*

designation of one or more persons within the district or at each school, as appropriate, charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that the district meets the local wellness policy.

- Involvement of parents/guardians, students and representatives of the school food authority, school board, school administrators, and public in the development of the Student Wellness Policy.

The Ferndale Area School District will continue to create and promote a healthy environment in which the staff will teach, support, model and practice healthier lifestyles.



Code of Conduct *(Continued from page 1)*

actively encouraged all school boards to adopt the standards and the code as a means for setting high expectations and guiding principles for their endeavors.

The PSBA Standard for Effective School Governance highlights six areas of performance by school boards that promote effective student growth and achievement:

1. Advocates for a thorough and efficient system of public education.
2. Models responsible governance and leadership.
3. Govern through policy.
4. Ensures that effective planning occurs.
5. Monitors results.
6. Communicates with and engages the community.

PSBA's Code of Conduct details expectations for board member behavior. Adoption of the code of conduct is voluntary for any school board or director. However, the association believes that these guiding principles are important to maintaining an efficient and respected board that is committed to student excellence.

The Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct were adopted unanimously by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on January 25, 2006.

National Honor Society

Six students from Ferndale Area High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on April 5, 2006. Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, and character.

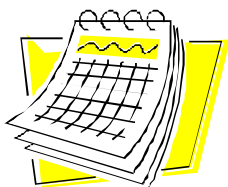
Students inducted were: **Richard Henry, Jessica Jung, Jolene Mattis, Kurt Sedei, Kristina Stroschio, and Kylee Taylor.** Graduating senior members who were elected last year include: **Tabitha Blue, Melinda Cameron, Natasha Hamilton, and Jamie McMullen.**

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's high schools. Since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).



2006-2007 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2006-2007 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on April 19, 2006. The first day of school for students is August 30, 2006; the last day is June 7, 2007.



Teacher in-service days and Act 80 Days are scheduled for August 28, August 29, September 22, January 15, February 5, March 26, and June 6.

Scheduled make-up days are February 19, April 4, April 9, and May 25. 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 28.....	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 29.....	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 30	First Day for Students
September 4	Labor Day (No School)
September 22	Act 80 Day for Faculty
September 26	Open House (Elem)
September 27	Open House (HS)
September 28	Open House (Elem)
October 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 10.....	Veterans' Day (No School)
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving (No School)
December 25 - January 1	Christmas (No School)
January 15	Act 80 Day for Faculty
January 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
February 5	In-Service Day (No School)
February 19.....	Make-Up Day (No School)
March 26	In-Service Day (No School)
April 4	Make-Up Day (No School)
April 6	Good Friday (No School)
April 9	Make-Up Day (No School)
May 25	Make-Up Day (No School)
May 28	Memorial Day (No School)
June 6	In-Service Day (No School)

Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Go Home
November 2 January 18 March 28 June 5	November 8 January 24 April 3 June 7



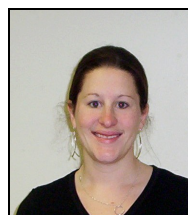
New Members (Continued from page 3)

Maryland for seven years. Mrs. Spangler then earned a master of science in counselor education from McDaniel College, allowing her to move into a counseling position for three years.

Mr. **Glenn Wagner** has returned to Ferndale Area School District! Having spent 32½ years with the district as a Social Studies teacher, Mr. Wagner thought he retired in 1999. We are pleased that he was hired in January as **Athletic Director**. Mr. Wagner brings many years of Ferndale Area coaching experience to the position. He also spent 19 years as Faculty Manager of Athletics. He also serves as Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (WestPac). Welcome back, Glenn.



Glenn Wagner



Susan Price

The elementary staff also had a new face in February. Miss **Susan Price** has been employed as an **instructional aide** for special education. Miss Price graduated from Susquehanna University with a bachelor of science in elementary education and a minor in psychology. She was previously substitute teaching for area school districts, including Ferndale Area.

Adventures in Biotechnology

This year a group of juniors, **Richard Henry, Kristina Strosio, Kylee Taylor, Sara Smith, Kayla Smith, and Jessica Jung**, participated in the program *Adventures in Biotechnology*, an eight-week working partnership between a team of students from a southwestern Pennsylvania high school and a biotech business or industry. The project provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to enhance their academic and technical skills by working directly with company employees to identify and solve business issues; design and build a product; or re-engineer an existing product, process or system. The project utilizes leadership, support, communication, and accountability strategies in order to increase the academic, technical, and business skills of students in a work-based environment.

Our group of students worked with ITSI Bio in Richland Township to develop a marketing plan for their products. At the end of the project, the students attended the 2006 Regenerate World Congress in Pittsburgh, PA. At the conference, students saw cutting edge research projects from college students and professors in the field of tissue engineering. The students also toured the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Reading Treasures

The elementary school is getting ready for a new reading series for the 2006-07 school year! The staff adopted Macmillan/McGraw-Hill's *Treasures*. The series is a balance of rich motivating fiction and engaging content area text. The students will be using a variety of effective manipulatives to help increase their achievement. *Treasures* will also be bringing us wonderful new big books for K-3.

This year, the first through sixth grade students will also be exposed to Guided Reading through our adoption of *iOpeners* from the Pearson Learning Group. *iOpeners* brings science and social studies topics to life, raises student achievement in reading, and boosts standardized test scores. It equips students with the skills and strategies they need to access and comprehend nonfiction, so that they are not only learning to read but reading to learn. Our K4 and kindergarten students will be exposed to Guided Reading through Pearson's *Ready Readers*.

This will help our students build a body of word study skills beginning readers need to access text. *Ready Readers* uses a variety of genres, including fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, and realistic fiction. It ensures that children read, not memorize, the text as they successfully progress through the stages. We are looking forward to an exciting new year with this new series!

Science Explorer

Students at the Junior/Senior High School will be seeing some changes in the area of science education when they return to school in the fall. Following a year long review of science standards and materials, the teachers in the science department have recommended the purchase of new textbooks for grades 7, 8, 9, and Biology. All materials are published by Prentice Hall and support the Pennsylvania State Science Standards.

In grades 7 and 8, a new module-based program, Prentice Hall Science Explorer, has been adopted. Students in grade 7 will utilize 4 modules: Animals, Cells and Heredity, Environmental Science, and Magnetism. Students in grade 8 will receive instruction in Inside Earth, Earth's Changing Surface, Earth's Water, and Weather and Climate. Grade 6 students will begin transitioning into the new program during the second semester. They will be utilizing 2 modules: Astronomy, and Bacteria to Plants.

The Integrated Science and Biology courses will also utilize new programs. The new textbooks have an excellent emphasis on differentiating instruction for various learning styles and levels. Both programs also provide outstanding technological support for teachers and students.

TEAMS Project

This year, we were fortunate to yet again have the wonderful opportunity to participate in the IU8 TEAMS project (Teaming Educators for Applied Math and Science). The purpose of the TEAMS grant is to improve the content knowledge of teachers, which can translate to student achievement in science. Through our partnership with the IU8 and St. Francis, we were able to continue the eighth grade stream survey as well as develop a new unit for the seventh grade which illustrated the effects and dangers of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body, more specifically adolescents' bodies.

The 2005-2006 school year was the second of a three-year grant provided by Title II. During the summer institute hosted by St. Francis, we learned about the mechanics of wind energy, even having an opportunity to participate in a

science fair. Unfortunately, we didn't win the coveted Torvian Dining Hall no-bake cookies, but we had a great time designing our windmill.



The coming year is the final year of the grant as well as the summer institute at St. Francis. Over the two week session during the summer, the group, **Ron Wilson, Chris Theys, Stephanie Mino, Janice Cowder, Amanda Williamson, and Cristian Evans**, will work on developing lessons across the curriculum in conjunction with the St. Francis staff. The school will also receive \$5,000 in FOSS (Full Option Science System) kits as well as an additional \$5,000 to develop a learning lab in the elementary or middle school. As part of this learning experience, students and staff from St.

Francis will be visiting the elementary and middle schools one or two times a month to co-teach the developed lessons from the summer institute.

Laurel Wood Pep Rally

Ferndale Area Elementary school staff, teachers and students took part in a spirited school-wide Pittsburgh Steeler Project. The elementary school teachers demonstrated the concept of teamwork with their students and colleagues by taking time during the week of the Steelers-Broncos playoff game for the drawing of Steeler pictures, writing Steeler poems and stories. The Steeler booklet was then reproduced and shared with residents of the Laurel Wood Nursing Home on January 20, 2006.

Students had the opportunity to share their Steeler pride and spirit with resident Steeler fans



at Laurel Wood. **Mrs. Zanke, Mrs. Kasprzyk, and Mrs. Bennett** chaperoned the students and led the

Mini Pep Rally. Steeler activities included Steeler Fight Songs, reading of Steeler Poetry, a Steeler Trivia Contest and the decorating of the black and gold in nursing home hallways. A great time was had by all!

The spirited activity and waving of the Terrible Towel was attended by over 30 residents! Our students did an excellent job representing our elementary school and sharing their spirit with our new friends at Laurel Wood.

Habitat for Humanity

Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School recently helped out **Habitat for Humanity** with their 1st annual "Birdhouse Painting/Auction Fund Raiser".

145 birdhouses were built by 2 volunteers from donated wood. The houses were then decorated by **Art** students from 12 area school districts, including Ferndale Area. During the months of March and April, twenty-two Ferndale Area students donated their time to paint birdhouses in very clever and imaginative ways!

The birdhouses were on display outside of Boscov's from May 2 - May 5. On Saturday, May 6, the houses were auctioned off at 1:00 p.m. The money raised from this auction was for the **Habitat "Building Fund"**.

Seventh grader **Alyssa Mangus** tied for 2nd place in money raised in bids for her birdhouse at the auction.



Our thanks go out to the following students that so freely gave of their time on this project:

Grade 12:

**Natasha Hamilton
Charla Piro
Amber Roberts
Jessica Taranto**

Grade 11:

**Krista Geyer
Samantha Myers**

Grade 10:

**Kala Hiltabidel
Brittany Horvath
Amanda Pribulsky**

Grade 9:

**Dominick Carnevali
Justin Kapsos
John Martin
Stephen Bendick
Catherine Bennett
Anita Mangus
Kayla Kohler
Jamie Rosequist**

Grade 7:

**Alyssa Mangus
Sam Mahon
Dustin Urban
Joseph Peters
Samantha Pentrack**



Spring is a Busy Time of Year for ART!

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art invited Ferndale Area to participate in its 8th annual student art exhibition: *Artists of the 21st Century*. The exhibition was held at SAMA's museum on the campus of St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. The show opened February 24 and ran through March 26, with a reception held on March 5 for students, their families, and guests. The reception was a wonderful opportunity for students to view their artwork framed and hanging on display in a formal museum setting. Many Ferndale Area students and their families attended the show and enjoyed snacks and beverages provided by the museum. Ferndale Area was well represented with 17 pieces of art on display by the following students:

Grade 12: **Tonya Covalt** (2 Pieces), **Justin Gelormino**,
Charla Piro, **Carl Swarting**
 Grade 11: **Krista Geyer**, **Taylor Kring** (2 Pieces),
Samantha Myers, **Kylee Taylor**
 Grade 10: **Amanda Pribulsky** (2 Pieces)
 Grade 9: **Kristen Emery**
 Grade 8: **Dylan Horner**
 Grade 7: **Maria Carnevali**, **Michael Harrison**, **Anthony Holcomb**



Michael Harrison, one of our seventh graders, won an "Achievement" award from the Community Arts Center for his pastel drawing. The award is based on the entered piece of art and the student's age group (grades 7 & 8).

SADD *(Continued from page 1)*

The SADD kick-off event started with a very successful St. Patrick's Day Dodge Ball Tournament, which took place on Friday, March 17, 2006.

The tournament consisted of 13 teams, with 7 to 10 people on each team. They were placed into either the high school or middle school division. In order to participate on a team, players had to pay \$3.00 and admission for spectators was \$1.00. The winning team from each division received a trophy and a dodge ball tee-shirt. The SADD Chapter decided that the trophy will traditionally be passed on every year to the new champions and displayed in the trophy case. The money raised went towards FASD's pre-prom party.

The second event that SADD sponsored was a Charity Volleyball Tournament held on Friday, May 5, 2006. Ten teams consisting of students, teachers, administrators and alumni were split into two divisions. Once again, the champs from each division were awarded tee-shirts. This event was yet another great way of getting everyone involved and playing together for a good cause. It was a fun and exciting time for everyone that attended, including spectators.

SADD also hosted a pre-prom party at the high school on Friday, May 12, 2006. Admission to this event was \$5.00 and was open for any student in grades 9-12 whether they were attending the prom or not. The evening, which lasted from 7:00 - 11:00, started off with food in the cafeteria. Shortly after the party began, the main attraction, an entertainer/comedian from Pittsburgh arrived. His act began with

an Elvis impersonation, which got some lucky students and chaperones dancing in front of the crowd. Once his initial skit was over, the attendees had the option of staying for his magic act or going to the gym to play volleyball, ping pong or pickle ball. The shin-dig wrapped up with karaoke in the junior high gym or card games in the cafeteria. Throughout the night, prizes donated by local businesses were given away to the students who had purchased their tickets in advance. All in all the night was a success with fifty students and a handful of chaperones in attendance.

It is the goal of SADD to host these events annually with the intent to increase drug and alcohol awareness and promote healthy choices. Hopefully, the interest and enthusiasm will continue to grow next year, not only for our students, but within the community. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the Ferndale Area School District SADD Chapter, please contact Kim Reighard at the high school at 288-5757.

A special thank you to the following sponsors of the Prom Party: Conemaugh Hospital, T.J. Maxx, Y.M.C.A., Firestone, Starbucks, Circuit City, Walmart, Chili's, Payless Shoes, J.C. Penney's Salon, M & M Hair Design, and Galliker's.

"Keep it Real -- Keep Our Kids Safe"

Katrina Vivis - President	Jolene Mattis - Secretary
Kristina Stroschio - Vice President	Jolene Jung - Treasurer

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?

What are we doing that we should stop doing?

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

PLEASE RETURN TO:

**Ferndale Area Administrative Office
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Johnstown, PA 15905**

Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

Presidential Gold Award - Outstanding Academic Excellence

William Adamy	Jillian Kegg
Kaitlyn Canarr	Alethea Locher
James Hollis	Allyson Null
Heather Jacobs	Chelsey Steeves
Halee Karashin	

Presidential Silver Award - Outstanding Academic Achievement

Ashlee Grow	Joseph Morris
Gabrielle Kull	Jazmin Nelson
Darien Lux	Christine Weaver

Senatorial Good Citizenship Award

Given by State Senator John N. Wozniak

Jessica Ambroe	Halee Karashin
Jonathan Bobak	Jillian Kegg
Kelly Howard	Brandon Mascuch

American Citizenship Award

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>
Logan Baumgardner	Alexia Bier
Abigail Bracken	Kayci Irvin
Alexis Glana	Nicholas Miller
Carrigan Koontz	

<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>
Brett McGowan	David Budash
Anthony Rhoads	Michael Pellow
Mackenzie Roberts-Moore	Stephen Sharp

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Carly Baumbaugh	Elizabeth Chobany
Allison Harrison	Brenden Lovejoy
Michael Miller	Lauren Natta

Challenge Program

On June 2, 2006, five tenth grade students were selected to attend the Challenge Program's Student Networking Program. **Eric Wentz, Kaylee Tomak, Lauren Morgan, Matthew Boast, and Amanda Pribulsky** joined other Challenge Program members throughout the county at the Showcase for Commerce, held in downtown Johnstown. A group photo was taken with Congressman Murtha. Dan Perkins, Challenge Program founder, spoke at the luncheon.

Thank you to our Business Sponsor, **Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield** for providing the following performance awards to our students.

Challenge Program Awards:

Overall GPA: Senior, **Jamie McMullen**; Junior, **Richard Henry**; Sophomore, **Eric Wentz**

Most Improved: Senior, **Daniel Schrock**, Junior, **Stephanie Makin**; Sophomore, **Danielle Rodgers**

Attendance: Senior, **David Livingston**; Junior, **Jessica Jung**; Sophomore, **Jessica Tighe**

Community Service: Senior, **Caitlin Cruickshank**; Junior, **Kristina Strosco**; Sophomore, **Kala Hiltabidel**

Scholarships and Awards

Students from the Class of 2006 have been awarded the following scholarships:

Madalyn & Joseph Karashin Memorial Academic

Excellence Award **Cassandra Jones**

McKelvey Foundation Gold Scholarship

..... **Jamie McMullen**

Schreyer Honors College Academic

Scholarship **Jamie McMullen**

Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship

..... **Amy Zahoran**

FAEA Education Scholarship **Caitlin Cruickshank**

Quota International Scholarship **Mitchell Taylor**

Mercy Presidential Scholarship to

Mount Aloysius **Melinda Cameron**

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athletes..... **Sarah McAteer**

Ryan Mikolic

U.S. Air Force Math and Science Awards **Adam Hale**

Jamie McMullen

U.S. Air Force Outstanding Achievement

in Technology Awards **Jessica Fingerhoo**

David Livingston

Daniel Schrock

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athletes

..... **Amber Herbert**

Alan Waters

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence

..... **Melinda Cameron**

U.S. Marine Corps Award **Shawn Hillegas**

Speicher Award..... **Joe Nanna**

Hamer Award..... **Adam Hale**

Outstanding Male Athlete **Adam Hale**

Outstanding Female Athlete **Melinda Cameron**

NOCTI Certificate **Eric Stricker**

Outstanding Speaker **Matthew Boast**

Art..... **Caitlin Cruickshank**

Band..... **Jamie McMullen**

Chorus..... **RaeAnn Rodkey**

Chemistry..... **Jamie McMullen**

English **Cassandra Jones**

Mathematics..... **Jamie McMullen**

Shop..... **David Angelo**

Spanish..... **Cassandra Jones**

RaeAnn Rodkey

Citizenship **Tabitha Blue**

Melinda Cameron

Caitlin Cruickshank

Jamie McMullen

Principal's Award **Tabitha Blue**

Salutatorian **Melinda Cameron**

Valedictorian..... **Jamie 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.

We're on the web!
www.fasdk12.org

Athletic Highlights

- The Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, Coach Mike Crisafulli and Coach Lary Koval, finished the regular season with a record of 15 wins and 9 losses. They entered the District VI playoffs, losing to the eventual state runner-up, after leading early in the fourth quarter. The future is bright since there were no seniors on the team.
- The Junior High Girls' Volleyball Team, Coach Kelli Mostoller and Coach Theresa Kessler, finished with an outstanding record of 15 wins and 2 losses. They placed 2nd in the Penns Manor tournament, and were the champions of the Penn Cambria tournament. Adding to the rosy outlook for the future of girls' volleyball, the junior varsity team completed their season with a record of 14 wins and 3 losses.
- The Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team, Coach Kim Reighard and Coach Kelli Mostoller, placed 1st in the Penns Manor Silver Division and made it to the 2nd round of playoffs.

2005-2006 HOOP-SHOOT

We would like to congratulate the following students on their success in the Johnstown Elks 2005-2006 “Hoop-Shoot” held on Saturday, December 10, 2005:

- Girls (8-9) **Cassandra Vivis** - Runner-up
- Girls (10-11) **Elizabeth Chobany** - First Place; **Gabby Kull** - Runner-up
- Girls (12-13) **Chelsea Chobany** - First Place; **Jillian Kegg** - Runner-up
- Boys (10-11) **Jacob Humphreys** - Runner-up
- Boys (12-13) **Alex Mangus** - First Place

The winner proceeded to the District “Hoop-Shoot” held at Homer-Center High School on January 29, 2006. **Elizabeth Chobany placed 3rd.**

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