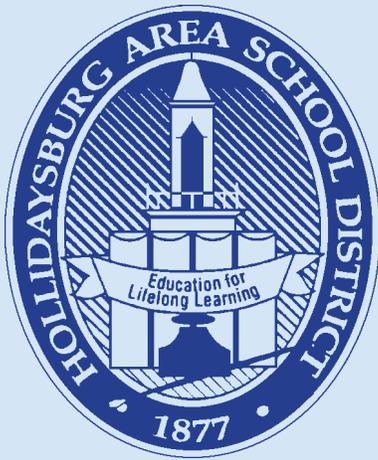


TIGER PRIDE

2020





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Tiger Pride 2020

The 2019-2020 school year is one that will never be forgotten. The rapid spread of COVID-19 and the abrupt March 13th move to virtual learning presented challenges that our education system has not seen in over 100 years. Students, parents, and staff worked together to make the most of a difficult situation by ending the school year with nearly three months of virtual learning. The school closure was seen as an opportunity to learn and develop new online learning skills that may have otherwise gone untapped.



Despite the pandemic and the abrupt end to face-to-face instruction, our students and staff were able to persevere through trying times to, once again, receive much-deserved recognition for their academic, musical, and athletic achievements.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this COVID delayed but very special edition of our annual year-end achievement publication, Tiger Pride. Within the pages of this publication, you will get a glimpse of the numerous accomplishments of our students and staff. The 2019-2020 school year was one that presented unprecedented challenges, to which our students persevered to accomplish impressive academic, musical, and athletic accomplishments.

As you peruse the 2019-2020 edition of Tiger Pride, you will no doubt come to a greater appreciation for our talented students and staff, as well as affirmation of the Hollidaysburg Area School District mission of maximizing the potential of each individual within the challenges of our global society.

It is my solemn hope that the pandemic will soon pass, thus enabling our families and community to experience the pure joy of witnessing firsthand the great things that are happening in our district by taking in a play, concert, athletic event, or other display of our students' talent. On behalf of the board of school directors, administration, teachers, staff, and students, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. If it were not for the support of our community and devoted alumni, we could never continue the tradition of excellence that has become a hallmark of our district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert J. Gildea
Superintendent of Schools

Budget

2019-2020 Budget	\$51,912,875
Millage Rate (1 mill generates \$2,415,774)	8.8883

Funding Sources

Local.....	\$27,350,224
State.....	\$21,984,835
Federal/other	\$1,107,647
Fund Balance	\$1,467,669

Enrollment for 2019-2020

Building.....	Number of Students
Charles W. Longer	488
Foot of Ten	547
Frankstown.....	655
Junior High	817
Senior High	844
Total Enrollment.....	3,351

School District Personnel

Faculty.....	261
Support Staff.....	160
Administrative Staff	21

Faculty Experience

Five years or less.....	25%
Six to ten years.....	17%
Eleven to nineteen years.....	32%
Twenty years or more	26%

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hollidaysburg Area School District community is to educate all learners, maximizing the potential of each individual within the challenges of our global society.

Vision Statement

For all learners to maximize their individual potential within the challenges of our global society, the Hollidaysburg Area School District will be:

- a school district that creates a culture of learning where creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication are developed in a rigorous academic environment with a focus on continuous improvement for all learners
- an innovative school district that inspires excellence in academics, athletics, arts and activities for all learners every day
- a safe and nurturing learning environment where respect for all is fundamental



Alyssa
Prendergast
Valedictorian



Rachel Raposas
Salutatorian



Savannah
McConnell
*Top Academic
Student at Greater
Altoona Career
and Technology
Center*

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The Hollidaysburg Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate in employment or the provision of programs and services to students based on race, gender, religion, age, national origin or handicap.

SENIOR HIGH

Governor's STEM Challenge



L to R: Braeden Morgan, Zachery Clapper, Kristin Neeley, Rachel Ross, Sarita Contreras, and Jacob Dzikowski

The Governor's STEM Competition challenges student teams from across the state to research, design, and present a device or project that can make the quality of life better for Pennsylvanians by accomplishing a series of practical tasks that can fulfill real-world needs. Teams are required to partner with their local communities to develop a solution to a real problem rooted in the community, which helps to create an authentic experience for the students and provides opportunities for them to learn more about career pathways and employment opportunities based in STEM.

This year, several high school students placed first in the IU8 Regional Competition with their product, Roadise Reliance, an LED display board that informs other drivers when there is an emergency.

Career Opportunities



Senior high accounting/business students spent a day at Saint Francis University learning about various accounting careers. The keynote speaker described the numerous jobs that he had held throughout his life, constantly emphasizing the importance of seizing opportunity when it arises. After the keynote speaker, students listened to speeches from various accounting professionals. These professionals included accountants who worked for private corporations in addition to the United States government. Students were provided with time to ask the presenters questions after each speech. The day wrapped up with a panel of Saint Francis accounting students describing their future career paths.

Young Writers' Competition

Congratulations to students from Mrs. Detwiler's Creative Writing Level I class for being selected by the Young Writers' competition for publication in their Mission Catastrophe anthology. There were over 10,000 entries in this competition.

The Young Writers' competition is a national writing competition in which students are encouraged to write 100-word fictional stories related to a specific topic. This year's prompt was Mission Catastrophe.



The winning students, pictured from L to R: Summer Dively, Brian Praul, Travis Saylor, Aggie Hoover, Nadia Boston, Olivia Baird, and Ethan Suhoney

SENIOR HIGH

Scholastic Quiz Team Advances to Final Four

During the 2019-2020 Intermediate Unit 8 Scholastic Quiz League competition, the Hollidaysburg Area High School Scholastic Quiz team went undefeated during the season and was named the Bedford/Blair champions. The team advanced to the district competition to play the winner of the Cambria/Somerset division of the Intermediate Unit 8, Bishop McCort, on January 24, 2020. The Hollidaysburg team was victorious with the best out of five matches. The team would have attended the state competition in Harrisburg on April 24, 2020, but the competition was cancelled due to the pandemic.



Team participants in the IU08 Blair/Bedford County competition. Front row L to R: Rachel Westley, Michael Brannock, Alyssa Prendergast, Derek Kaplan, Rachel Raposas, Coach Sue Cyran. Back row L to R: Matthew Brown, Teddy Howard, Saffa Ahmer, Jack Werstil, Parker Lutz.



Team participants in the IU08 Blair/Bedford/Cambria/Somerset County Division competition. Front row L to R: Rachel Raposas, Alyssa Prendergast, Parker Lutz, Penny Cunningham. Back row L to R: Teddy Howard, Matthew Brown, Michael Brannock, Derek Kaplan.

Bocce Team



The 2019-2020 school year marked the second year of participation of the Interscholastic Unified Indoor Bocce Team for Hollidaysburg Senior High. Hollidaysburg was able to field two teams this year as participation in the program has increased. The Blue team included Jesse Clayton, Dylan Eckard, Drew Desort, Darrek Harshberger, Nathan Gardner and Mason Stitt. The White team included Mitchell Kosko-Blyler, Olivia Day, Chloe Holtz, Brendon Houpp, Ava Sheetz, and Tanner Stewart. During the regular season, the teams experienced a great atmosphere provided by the fans that attended the games. During the postseason, the blue team won the regional competition held at Central High School, which made the team eligible for the state tournament at Hershey. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 closures, the state tournament was cancelled.

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National Mathematics Competition

Students at the Hollidaysburg Area Junior and Senior High Schools participated in the Mathematical Association of America's American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC).



Adam Zimmerman

The MAA AMC program leads the nation in strengthening the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem-solvers. The competitions prepare students for future careers in STEM fields and help build positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics. The AMC 10 and AMC 12 are both 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The AMC 10 is for students in tenth grade and below and covers the high school curriculum up to tenth grade. The AMC 12 covers the entire high school curriculum, including trigonometry, advanced algebra, and advanced geometry but excludes calculus.

The AMC 10 and 12 are the first in a series of competitions that eventually lead to the International Mathematical Olympiad. The first Mathematical Contest was held in 1950 by the MAA. It was given to 6,000 students in approximately 200 schools. Today, the competition has grown to over 300,000 students participating annually in over 6,000 schools across the U.S. and internationally. This year Adam Zimmerman (12th) placed in the top 5% of students in the U.S. who took the AMC 12 Exam, making him a qualifier for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME). Congratulations Adam!

German Students Celebrate 30th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall



This past November, Germany celebrated the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Former Hollidaysburg graduate Dan Levin, who is currently living in Berlin, gave both junior high and senior high students a virtual tour of Berlin. He talked about daily life in Berlin, the significance of the wall coming down, and showed them some famous sights.

Many students also participated in special reflective Berlin Wall projects, which they created and submitted into a book made by the Penn State Altoona German department. They brought their submissions on a field trip to Penn State Altoona, where they attended a lecture about "Divided Societies" and were able to hear speakers who were directly affected by the Berlin Wall in their lives. Dr. Lorensen from Penn State Altoona organized these events for us and also helped plan a trip to Washington D. C. for our German 4 and 5 students. The students had a private tour at the Smithsonian American Art Museum to explore the theme of divided societies. They also visited the Newseum, where they saw an actual piece of the Berlin Wall. The events culminated in tickets for German students to attend the Altoona Symphony Orchestra's performance of "Besieged," which was held at the Hollidaysburg Area High School on the anniversary to commemorate the event.

Senior High Tiger TV

Senior High Tiger TV, led by Mrs. Stephanie Everett, has been busy capturing all of the events that happen at the senior high this year. In addition to the daily announcements, we created a "Back-to-School" promotional video, the very popular "Snow Day Rhapsody," our annual course description video, homecoming videos, and promotional videos for many of the school's activities and clubs. Although the recent quarantine brought challenges for all, it gave the Tiger TV students a unique opportunity to create a daily show that featured not only students, but teachers, staff and administration.

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Future Business Leaders of America



The Gold Seal Award winner, Hollidaysburg Senior High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), had a 2019-2020 membership of 141 students, earning the 5th Largest Chapter Membership out of the 400+ chapters in the Pennsylvania State FBLA. Hollidaysburg Area High School FBLA had 81 students qualify for the PA State Leadership Competition. Congratulations to our National Leadership Competition Qualifiers: Alyssa Prendergast, Nathan Bettwy, Camden Cavalet, and Noah Grannas.

Stock Market Challenge

Early in the school year, schools across PA competed in the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy's Stock Market Challenge, from the world leader in financial simulations, StockTrak. In the competition, teams of students each manage a hypothetical investment of \$100,000 in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds and make buying and trading decisions based on the stock market. The students whose investments make the most money win.

For the fall 2019 game, Hollidaysburg Area High School ranked in the top ten in the high school state-wide division. The winning students were Luke Grove and Hunter Steele. They worked under the guidance of business teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Shaffer.

Mrs. Shaffer noted the PennCFL Stock Market Challenge provided her students with an excellent opportunity to apply the concepts they learned in their business classes. Students researched, evaluated, and compared company data, and kept an eye on



Hunter Steele and Luke Grove

current events to stay ahead of the market. Whether or not the teams made or lost money, everyone learned. The students are looking forward to the next competition.

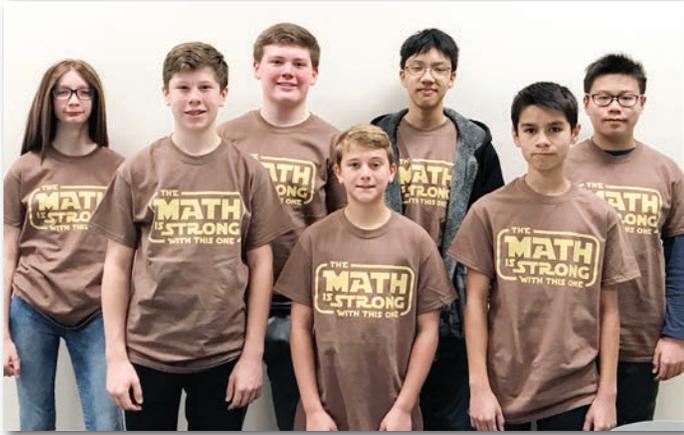
The Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL) sponsored stock market competition offers players in grades 3-12 by investing in stocks chosen from the USA markets: American, New York and NASDAQ exchanges. The competition teaches students

about investing and encourages financial literacy through hands-on activities in the classroom.

PennCFL's mission is to provide Pennsylvania's K-12 students with economic, personal finance, and entrepreneurship skills that elevate their standard of living, quality of life, and professional success. PennCFL sponsors financial games and programs, with the participation of over 14,000 students, in Pennsylvania. Also, they offer entrepreneurship conferences and competitions with partnering colleges and universities. For additional information, visit their website at: PennCFL.org.

JUNIOR HIGH

MATHCOUNTS



Front row L to R: Ben Johnson, Samuel Blesica, Sebastian Diaz. Back row L to R: Megan Brown, Jacob Ott, Joseph Vu, Anthony Zheng.

Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School participated in the MATHCOUNTS competition. The participants had a very successful competition. The chapter competition was held at Penn State Altoona on February 1. The team comprised of Joseph Vu, Anthony Zheng, Ben Johnson, and Jacob Ott took 1st place at the competition. Individually, seven junior high students participated and three of them placed in the top ten individual places. Eighth-graders Joey Vu and Anthony Zeng placed 2nd and 3rd respectively, and seventh-grader Samuel Blescia placed 6th. Additional participants were seventh-graders Sebastian Diaz and Megan Brown. The team advanced to the state MATHCOUNTS competition, which would have been held in Harrisburg on March 14. However, due to COVID-19, the state and national MATHCOUNTS competitions were cancelled.

Junior High Quiz Teams

The Hollidaysburg “B” Quiz Team won the 2020 Blair/Bedford Scholastic Quiz competition and the Hollidaysburg “A” Quiz Team tied for fourth place. Members of the teams are:

Hollidaysburg B

Anna Haslam
Ava Dolphin
Luke Grannas
Conner Owen
Paul Rose
Will Auman
Joey Vu

Hollidaysburg A

Eric Pick
Gigi Gates
Ryan Priel
Caleb Engle
Anthony Zheng
Jeff McCoy
Jacob Ott



Hollidaysburg B Team

Front row L to R: Luke Grannas, Ava Dolphin, Anna Haslam. Back row L to R: Nicole Stouffer, Joey Vu, Paul Rose, Will Auman, Connor Owen, Allison Arbuckle.

Continental Math League

Continental Math League (CML) is a national competition in which students complete challenging math problems without teacher support. Continental Math League recognizes high-scoring students at the national, state, and local level. This year, our local division consisted of many students from all three elementary schools and some seventh-grade students at the junior high. Congratulations to all of those who placed in our local district competition!

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Several sixth-grade and seventh-grade students completed the five seventh-grade level CML meets. William Zhu, a sixth-grader at Foot of Ten, earned national and state recognition for perfect scores on all five Continental Math League meets for the seventh-grade league. William also earned the district first place certificate and medal. Felix Xu, a sixth-grader at Foot of Ten, earned the Second Place certificate and Sarah Urban, a seventh-grader at the junior high, earned an Honorable Mention certificate.

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Continental Math League (continued)

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Second-Grade - Jonah Youssef (FKS) earned the First Place certificate and medal, and Sam Brannock (FKS) earned the Second Place certificate. The following students earned an Honorable Mention certificate: Nia Collins (CWL), Nikolas Peppetti (FOT), and Thomas Wagner (FKS).

Third-Grade - Chase Farringer (CWL) earned the First Place certificate and medal, and Addison Horell (CWL) earned the Second Place certificate. Nolan Lloyd (CWL) and Cooper Yogus (CWL) both earned Honorable Mention certificates.

Fourth-Grade - Evelyn Collins (CWL) earned the First Place certificate and medal; Jace Ritchey (FKS) earned the Second Place certificate; and Lakaia Long (FKS) earned an Honorable Mention certificate.

Fifth-Grade - Tyler Rodgers (CWL) earned the First Place certificate and medal; Noel Collins (CWL) earned the Second Place certificate; and Kate Steiner (FKS) earned an Honorable Mention certificate.

Sixth-Grade - William Zhu (FOT) earned the First Place certificate and medal, and Felix Xu (FOT) earned the Second Place certificate. Sammi Heikinen (FKS) and Stanley Zheng (FOT) earned Honorable Mention certificates.



William Zhu

Foot of Ten Community Service Club

The Foot of Ten Community Service Club held their annual Ronald McDonald House Drive. Members in grades 3-6 promoted the drive, collected the items from classrooms, and sorted and boxed the items. Most of the donations were driven to the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh by Foot of Ten's Weyant Family, as the drive was in honor of Noah Weyant's brother, Jacob. A small portion of the donations were taken to the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware by Mrs. Carpenter, the FOT Community Service Club advisor.

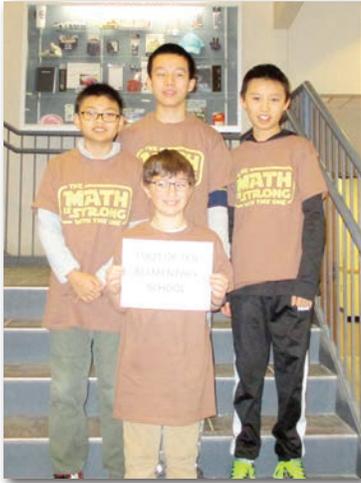


Online Math Challenge

In May 2020, IU8 hosted the first 24 Online Tournament in collaboration with First in Math. Several students from C.W. Longer, Foot of Ten, and Frankstown Elementary schools competed by completing a variety of math challenges to earn stickers. Each week, students received certificates for MVP Player of the Week in their grade level category. The following students earned an MVP Player of the Week certificate: Stanley Zheng, FOT – sixth-grade; Patrick Van Kleunen, FOT – fourth grade; Julia Van Kleunen, FOT – second grade; and Lydia Caughey, FKS – first grade. A special congratulations to Stanley Zheng for earning recognition as the top player in all grade levels for the first two weeks in a row!

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MATHCOUNTS Champs



Front: Cael Gerchak
Middle: Stanley Zheng
and William Zhu
Back: Felix Xu

A team of four sixth-grade students from Foot of Ten Elementary competed in the MATHCOUNTS Blair Chapter Competition on February 1. The participating students were William Zhu, Felix Xu, Stanley Zheng, and Cael Gerchak. The Foot of Ten MATHCOUNTS team earned second place in the competition. Three of the mathletes also made the top ten list: William Zhu (first), Felix Xu (fourth), and Stanley Zheng (eighth).

William Zhu and Felix Xu also earned the opportunity to represent Foot of Ten and the Blair Chapter at the MATHCOUNTS PA State Competition in Harrisburg in March. Congratulations to William, Felix, Stanley, and Cael!

Frankstown Celebrates 27th Birthday



Frankstown Elementary turned 27 this past fall. The Frankstown staff and students celebrated with a birthday party assembly honoring several special guests: Mr. Richard Karcher, the architect of Frankstown; Mrs. Diane Kline and Miss Debbie Treese, former FKS teachers; Mr. Justin Arthur, former FKS student; and Mr. Mike Pope, FKS Impact Award recipient. The school sang Happy Birthday and were surprised as “Coach Frankie” popped out of the cake.

CWL Teacher Parade



Finn Leahey

The sudden school closure on March 13, 2020 made many students and adults sad that they wouldn't be able to see each other. To show their love and support of their students, staff from Charles W. Longer Elementary School paraded around in their cars to see their students. Teachers made signs, wrote on their cars, honked, and waved at students who stood on their porches or at the end of their blocks. Students also made signs for their teachers. The parade lasted around two hours and there were 31 cars in the parade. Teachers drove around the borough of Hollidaysburg, Gaysport, Fox Hollow, Carson Valley, Mill Road, Sugar Run, and Evergreen Manor. It was a great pleasure to see all of our students as we drove around. We love our CWL family!



Aubree and Nathan Phillips

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STEM in the Elementary Libraries

During library classes and STEM enrichment units, students learned about robotics, 3D printing, electronics, Green Screen Video Production, Stop Motion Animation, and more. Many thanks to the HASD Foundation, Lowe's ToolBox for Education, Hess Corporation/Hess Toy Truck Company, the PTO, and Governor Wolf (and the PAsmart Targeted Grant) for supplying funds and items to help build up our elementary STEM programs.



Cardboard Arcade: Kindergarten student Marcus Lingafelt plays cardboard skeeball created by sixth-grade students Asher Miles, Coen Figard, Cole Delattre, Alex Guise and Anthony DeStefano.

Robotics: Students had hands-on experience with programming and robotics. LEGO Mindstorms, LEGO WeDos, Cubelets, Ozobots, Beebots, Dash, Dot, and Cue robots were used in the library this year.

Photo – bottom right: Brice Davenport, Tyson Delermecampbell and Vince Boland program the Dash robot as part of the Wonder League Robotics Competition.



Photo – above right: Piper Brown, Hannah Donlan and Brooklyn Boggetta operate the Dash robot during a Macy's Thanksgiving Parade through the library.

Photo – below left: Circuitry and 3D Printing: Mackenzie Roman and Elizabeth Keefer learn about circuitry with littlebits and Makey Makeys.



Photo – above left: A group of fifth and sixth-grade students learned to design 3D objects including these name tags using Tinkercad, an online 3D modeling program.

Frankstown Elementary Ambassadors



Frankstown Elementary Ambassadors are students who help welcome new students and families to our building, give tours to those families, and also help our new kindergarten students become acclimated to the school day, including arrival and dismissal. Our Frankstown Ambassadors did an outstanding job of assisting our kindergarten teachers the first few weeks of school at arrival and dismissal time. They made some new friendships, and they are great role models for not only our kindergarten students but our entire student community, as well.

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Breakout Activities

Escape Rooms! Breakout Activities! Fifth and sixth-grade students from Foot of Ten and Frankstown met on selected mornings from December to March to solve and create their own breakout activities.



Top Left: Sophia McClelland, Alayna Mitchell, Melanie Miles, Violet Loya, Addison Smith
Bottom Left: Ethan Reading, Reese Storm, Cael Gerchak, Brayden Zonts, Jonathan Keefer, Stanley Zheng
Right: Brantley Ackinclose, Tatum Shoeman, Hallee Chandler, Rylan Carney.

Title I Parent Night



In November, Title I teachers in the district held a family “make-it take-it” reading night. Many parents and children had fun learning new ways to practice reading skills like phonics, spelling, writing, letter recognition, and comprehension. All the families left with books, games, and other reading materials they can use to make reading fun at home! Title I teachers are: Laura Heffelfinger, Karly Aiken, Beckie Zeek, Jessica Zorger, Sarah Palazzi, Lisa Surkovich, Kathy Shields and Sonja Bihary.

Tiger Pack Summer Reading Program

The Tiger Pack program was established in March 2015 to provide elementary children in the Hollidaysburg Area School District with food for the weekends when other resources may not be available to them. The program is administered by the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation (CPCF) and is coordinated by a group of community volunteers from many area churches. Last summer, Title I teachers Beckie Zeek and Lisa Surkovich, along with Tiger Pack volunteers Christina Pavlock, Donna Taylor, and Amy Lowey, saw the need to continue the program in the summer. The Tiger Pack Reading Van was started using a district-provided van to take books and food to area locations during the summer months. The program was a huge hit, bringing books and food to over 400 children. Funding was provided through the district’s Title I Parent Involvement Resources, and many teachers volunteered to run the van and deliver the food and books. Students loved getting good food, good books, and seeing some of their teachers in the summer!

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Frankstown Teacher Receives Grant



Mrs. Carson's second-grade class received a visit from Debbie Eckenrode from Farmers Insurance Agency, who presented Mrs. Carson with a \$100 grant for her classroom. Mrs. Carson was nominated for the grant by family and friends. The grant money was used for flex seating in the classroom, which included cushions for floor work and elastic bands for around several chairs.

Frankstown Elementary LEGO League

Frankstown's LEGO League team, Bob's Bricks, competed in the PA Central Championship on January 11. The team placed 16th out of 48 teams and had a lot of fun!

The 2019-2020 team included Caedmon Bartholow, Zachary Blescia, Noazayiah Burick, Owen Davies, Christopher Howells, Ben Lewis, Isaac Taylor, Lelia Siliga, Alex Zanfino, Evan Long, Silas Wolfe, and Vincent Consiglio, with Mrs. Season Consiglio and Mr. Christian Wolfe as coaches.



Frankstown STEM Teacher Receives Grant for Robots



Mr. Trimmer's fourth-graders are shown coding Finch robots using the coding platform, Scratch, in STEM class. The robots were part of a grant Mr. Trimmer recently received from BirdBrain Technologies that allows students to code the robots. Students at Frankstown are definitely being prepared for their futures.

Stock Market Challenge



William Zhu

Schools across Pennsylvania competed in the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy's Stock Market Challenge. Students each managed a hypothetical investment of \$100,000 in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds and made buying and trading decisions based on the stock market. The winners were the students who traded and finished the competition

with the most money. Foot of Ten Elementary School ranked in the top ten in the elementary statewide division for the spring 2020 competition. A special congratulations to William Zhu, a sixth-grade student at Foot of Ten Elementary, for being a Top Ten Champion in the Stock Market Challenge!

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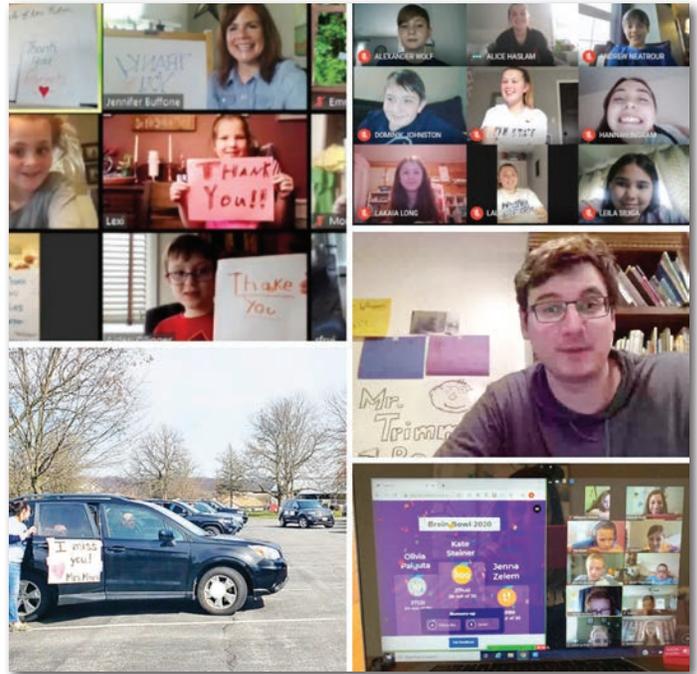
End of the Year Fun at Frankstown!

The success we had with our online instructional model due to COVID-19 would not have happened without so many coming together. From the Board, to central office, to the food service department, to the IT department, to the guidance department, to the teachers, and to our students and their families, everyone came together and did their part to help make the best out of an unprecedented situation.

Shortly after schools closed due to COVID-19, teachers and staff rallied together to do a “Driving Parade.” There were over 40 staff members and cars that showed up on March 24, 2020 and all stayed together over three hours as teachers and staff covered nearly all of the Frankstown area. They honked and waved as they were greeted by our amazing Frankstown families in the driveways or neighborhoods.

Student Council continued to hold meetings and planned several virtual spirit weeks thanks to the leadership of the students and Mrs. Julie Smith, Mrs. Brandy Gregg, and Mr. Justin Clark. They even held Student Council officer elections for the next school year virtually, while still offering an “absentee ballot” for those without internet service.

Mrs. Nicci Stultz helped continue Frankstown’s annual Brain Bowl tradition, making it 22 consecutive years, using Kahoot! Congratulations to Kate Steiner, our fifth-grade winner, and Chase Connell, our sixth-grade winner.



Finally, Mr. Derek Trimmer did a live reading just about every day at 1:30 pm in his “book basement.” Every day, students tuned in to enjoy Mr. Trimmer’s stories, and it meant so much to so many. Mr. Trimmer even had some special evening events where he invited families to join in as he read to them, and they enjoyed milk and cookies.

Donation to Wellness

Hollidaysburg Area School District’s Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP60) Team received a \$250 donation from the Conemaugh Nason Medical Center. This team consists of over 100 students whose primary focus is to help their peers meet their wellness goals by being active for 60 minutes per day and encouraging them to eat healthy. FUTP60 is a national health and wellness program launched by the National Football League and the National Dairy Council which was founded by America’s dairy farmers in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture. The donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to help fund a “Smoothie Program” encouraging students to drink nutrient-rich beverages.



L to R: Dr. Robert Gildea, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Ben Caldwell, Human Resources Director; Mrs. Betsy Snyder, Director of Food Service; Mr. Tim Harclerode, CEO Conemaugh Nason Medical Center; Dr. Francine Endler, Asst. Superintendent.

MUSIC & DRAMA

PMEA District Orchestra



The Hollidaysburg Area Senior High school was represented by twenty-two students for the PMEA District Orchestra Festival held at State College Area Senior High school. The festival guest conductor was the legendary orchestra composer and conductor, Kurt Mosier. Of the twenty-two students, eleven qualified to participate in the Western Region Orchestra, and Caleb Frailey advanced to the PMEA All-State Orchestra.

Junior High County Band



In February, we had the pleasure of hosting Blair County Band at Hollidaysburg Junior High. We welcomed students from across the county and rehearsed together for two days, under the direction of Mrs. Lori Reichl. The festival was a great success! We'd like to extend extra thanks to the music faculty, the HAJHS faculty and staff, and our parent organization, HAMPA, for their help and support throughout the festival.

PMEA Region III Chorus

After auditioning at PMEA District 6 Chorus, these students qualified for PMEA Region III Chorus which was held this year at Central Cambria High School in Ebensburg. Dr. Chris Scott, department chair of the School of Music at Slippery Rock University, was the guest director and did a phenomenal job in preparing the choir for their concert. Students had the opportunity to premiere a song written by Dr. Stephen Barr, also from Slippery Rock, which was dedicated to Paul Seymour, retiring choral director at Central Cambria. Students had an opportunity to do a Q and A with Dr. Barr about his composing process and inspiration for the music. Special recognition goes to Adam McCoy who not only qualified for the choir; but accompanied the ensemble. Congratulations to all of these students for their achievement! Participating students: Rachel Westley, Sarah Partsch, Marian Stephens, Carrie Frederick, Braedon Morgan, Adam McCoy, Matt Brown, Connor Huttenlocher, and Ryan McLucas. Kristen Pappal qualified for Region Chorus but had a schedule conflict and could not attend.



Row one L to R: Rachel Westley, Sarah Partsch, Marian Stephens, Carrie Frederick, Braedon Morgan. Row two L to R: Adam McCoy, Matthew Brown, Connor Huttenlocher, Ryan McLucas.

MUSIC & DRAMA

Blair County Junior High Chorus Participants



Row one L to R: Rebecca Borowski, Alexis Ketner, Julia Schmouder, Baret Monahan, Evelyn Tang, Kendra Jones. Row two L to R: Adam Frederick, Orphie Hartman, Mackenzie Link, Ella Bickers, Sidra Zammam, Ryan Priel, Jackson Connell. Row three L to R: Neo Chen, Derek Clapper, Derek Wright, Gigi Gates, Blair Sutton, Nathan Karn, Collin Edgell, Gavin Ross, Alex Garver.

On March 12 and 13, 2020, these students represented the junior high in the Blair County Junior High Chorus Festival held at Spring Cove Middle School. After preparing a folder of music, they spent two days rehearsing with Mr. Kim Rauch, a retired choral director from Richland High School, and then gave an outstanding concert. It was an enriching musical experience combined with fun, getting to know other students just as passionate about singing from around the county! Many thanks to Mrs. Janelle Parker, Spring Cove Middle School choral director, for hosting an awesome festival!

PMEA District Band Festival

On February 12-14, twenty-three students from Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School participated in the PMEA District 6 Band Festival held at Everett Area High School. Dr. Jason Worzbyt from Indiana University of Pennsylvania was the guest conductor. Eight students earned first chair honors, and nineteen students qualified to advance to the PMEA Region III Band Festival that was to take place at Penns Valley High School in March, but was cancelled due to COVID-19.



Row one L to R: Adam Elder, Kyle Daugherty, Matt Brown, Braden Morgan, Victoria Glass. Row two L to R: Carter Brenneman, Kristen Pappal, Ellie Sheehan, Abigail Karn, Alma Podoletz, Marian Stephens. Row three L to R: Noah Bailey, Luke Grove, Maggie Haines, Mark McCoy, Easton Brown, Erika Salisbury. Row four L to R: Ethan Shanafelt, Rachel Sabatino, Brian Johnson, Jacob Stephens, Connor Huttenlocher, Adam McCoy.

Singing to Veterans



The Foot of Ten Community Service Club, composed of students in grades 3-6, sang patriotic songs to veterans at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home in November to commemorate Veterans Day. Mr. Josh Detrich played piano and Ms. Kyrah Nagy directed. The event was organized by club advisor, Mrs. Alyssa Carpenter.

MUSIC & DRAMA

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Performs

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble had the opportunity to travel to Penn State University in October to perform in a side-by-side rehearsal with the PSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The students also performed in a sight-reading workshop lead by the PSU High School Band Capstone Class. In December, along with the Chamber String Ensemble, they presented their annual Holiday Tour at the elementary schools and at the Logan Valley Mall. The highlight was Santa Claus conducting the band to Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride!



PSU Orchestra Invitational

On October 26, 2019, select senior high string orchestra students participated in the annual Penn State University Orchestra Invitational. Students were under the direction of Gerardo Edelstein, who directs the PSU Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Robert Gardner, also from PSU hosted the event which gave the students an opportunity to perform with other string players from the area. In addition, the students had the opportunity to work with all of the string faculty in a workshop setting. Many thanks to the Penn State University Music Department for offering this fantastic event yearly.



L to R: Elizabeth Yoder, Ava Krysten, Emily Zhu, Caleb Frailey, Elle McGregor, and Connor Huttenlocher.

PMEA District Jazz Festival

On January 23 - 25, nine students from Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School participated in the PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival held at Altoona Area High School. The students performed in three different bands under the direction of Mike Tomaro, Jazz Professor at Duquesne University; Jason Kush, Jazz Director at Slippery Rock University; and Mike Bodosky, Jazz Director at UPJ.



Row one L to R: Jacob Stephens, Easton Brown, Ethan Shanafelt, Lily Evans, Zach Dubrow. Row two L to R: Adam McCoy, Luke Grove, Connor Huttenlocher, Brian Johnson, Mr. Sheehan.

MUSIC & DRAMA

PMEA District 6 Chorus

After auditioning and competing with students from districts in three counties, these Hollidaysburg students qualified for PMEA District 6 Chorus. The festival took place January 15-17 at Forest Hills High School. Students prepared a folder of music, rehearsed for two days, and gave a concert the evening of their last day. Special recognition goes to Adam McCoy who auditioned as a vocalist and accompanist for District Chorus and qualified for both. So proud of all of our students for their hard work and dedication to improving their skill and taking advantage of enriching opportunities! Our participating students: Carrie Frederick, Sarah Partsch, Marian Stephens, Meghan Frederick, Adam McCoy, Braedon Morgan, Hunter Steele, Kristen Pappal, Luke Grove, Mark McCoy, Rachel Westley, Ryan McLucas, Connor Huttenlocher, and Matt Brown.



Blair County Senior High Chorus



Hollidaysburg Area High School choral students participated in the Blair County Senior High Chorus on November 25 and 26 at Central High School. After students rehearsed for two days, they gave a public performance. It was a wonderful opportunity to increase musical skills. Thank you, Janelle Parker, high school choral director at Central High School, for hosting! These students represented Hollidaysburg at the festival: Connor Huttenlocher, Lucas Goodman, Matt Brown, Caleb Frailey, Hunter Steele, Ryan McLucas, Ian Smilnak, Peyton Huff, Luke Grove, Dominique Feather, Aubrea McIntyre, Shea Biesinger, Carrie Frederick, Andrea Hetrick, Meghan Frederick, Allison Patrick, Sarah Partsch, Zach Dubrow, Aaron Cassidy, and Braedon Morgan.

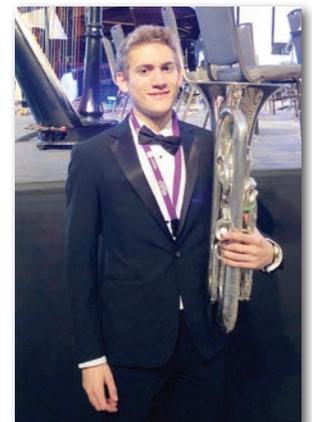
Foot of Ten Chorus



The Foot of Ten fifth and sixth-grade chorus was invited to participate in the "Sounds of the Season" holiday series. It was presented by WTAJ/Studio 814 and featured musical talent from across Central Pennsylvania. Their performance was pre-recorded at school and aired on Studio 814 on December 27.

Adam Elder Performs with NAFME All-National Honor Band

Adam Elder, a senior, was selected to perform with the 2019 National Association for Music Education's All-National Honor Ensembles program. He performed in Orlando, FL on November 7-10, 2019 with the All-National Honor Concert Band, playing the euphonium. The NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles showcases accomplished high school musicians who have already achieved the distinct honor of performing in their respective state's All-State ensembles.



MUSIC & DRAMA

Music Department Recognized as Best Communities for Music Education



The Hollidaysburg Area Music Department was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” in the United States for the ninth consecutive year. A total of

754 school districts nationwide received this prestigious designation for their outstanding support for music, enriching the lives of children, and advancing student achievement. Criteria for this honor is based on student achievement, financial support, and musical opportunities in the schools and the community. This award is a testimony to the traditions of musical excellence in the Hollidaysburg Area School District and the communities that support the Hollidaysburg schools. Special thanks are given to the Hollidaysburg Area School District Administration and Board of Education, as well as the Hollidaysburg Area Arts & Music Parents Association, and the Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation for their continued support of the quality music program that has led to this honor. Thanks are also extended to the parents, families, and community members, past and present, who have encouraged students and staff to strive for excellence both on and off the stage.

HASD Students Qualify for All-State

Eight students from the senior high qualified for the 2020 PMEA All-State Festival. The festival was to be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos in April but was canceled due to the pandemic.



Starting clockwise from top left: Connor Huttenlocher, chorus; Caleb Frailey, orchestra; Rachel Westley, chorus; Adam Elder, band; Marian Stephens, chorus; Maggie Haines, band; Brian Johnson, band; and Adam McCoy, band.

Elementary Bandfest

The annual PMEA District 6 Elementary Bandfest was scheduled to be held at Conemaugh Valley Junior-Senior High School on Friday, April 17, 2020. Thirteen sixth-graders were selected by band teachers Mrs. Melissa Ott, Mr. Brandon Harris and Mrs. Lori Stephens to represent Hollidaysburg at this exciting event. We are so proud of these students and their hard work this year!! Students selected were:

FRANKSTOWN: Sahara McNeal, flute; Lucy Carles, flute; Alice Haslam, alto saxophone; Megan Yoder, alto saxophone; Clare Padamonsky, percussion ensemble; and Ella Sheetz, percussion ensemble.

FOOT OF TEN: Cael Gerchak, clarinet; Emmie Lykens, clarinet; Sophia Waibel, alto saxophone; Kara Pappal, French horn.

C. W. LONGER: Noah Kirsch, trumpet; Maddox Stultz, tenor saxophone; Andrew Williams, alto saxophone.

MUSIC & DRAMA

IUP Crimson Hawk Choral Conference

In October 2019, Fantazia attended the Crimson Hawk Choral Conference at IUP. It was a one-day festival blitz where students were divided by treble and bass choirs. They sight-read literature in rehearsal, then perform a concert in the evening. This has been an awesome opportunity for students to improve their musical skills but also to see IUP's campus and hear about their music program. This year, Dr. Deanna Joseph from Georgia State University conducted the treble choir, and Dr. Gerrit Scheepers, new to IUP's choral faculty, conducted the bass choir. Participants: Caleb Frailey, Aaron Cassidy, Christian Douglas, Matt Brown, Nathan Ferris, Connor Huttenlocher, Mitchell Ferris, LaRin Walls, Noelle Shenk, Kristen Pappal, Sarah Partsch, Hunter Steele, Cameron Walls, Nathan Rupp, Mark McCoy, Zach DuBrow, Ian Smilnak, Adam McCoy, Abigail Karn, Olivia Snyder, Peyton Huff, Marian Stephens, Luke Grove, Rachel Westley, Maggie Haines, Ellie Sheehan, Samantha Betar, Andrea Hetrick, and Layna Henry.



Fiddler on the Roof



The Hollidaysburg Area Repertory Players (HARP) proudly presented the classic musical, *Fiddler on the Roof* on November 21, 22 and 23, 2019 in the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School auditorium. *Fiddler on the Roof* shares the story of the Jewish milkman, Tevye (Connor Huttenlocher), and his struggles to marry off his three young daughters (Rachel Westley, Marian Stephens and Noelle Shenk), who all fall in love on their own with unlikely suitors (Jacob Stephens, Nathan Rupp and Dominic Feather). Tevye fights to follow the traditions of his faith with his wife, Golde (Sarah Partsch), guided by the advice of the matchmaker (LaRin Walls) while giving advice to his customers (Hunter Steele, Baret Monahan, Neo Chen, Braeden Morgan.) Caleb Frailey was featured as "the Fiddler." *Fiddler on the Roof* was directed by Mrs. Stephanie Everett, with music direction by Mrs. Wendy Jo Nagy, pit orchestra by Mr. Scott Sheehan, set design by Ms. Jackie Settimio, costumes by Mrs. Tina Cunningham and choreography by Melissa Baser.

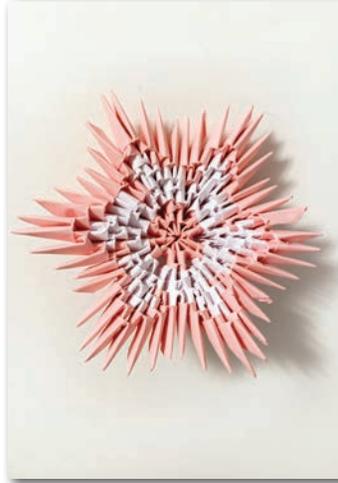
SongFest

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 6 Song Fest was scheduled to be held at Conemaugh Township High School on Friday, May 8, 2020. Approximately 150 fifth-graders from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset Counties were selected to participate. Although the festival had to be cancelled, the elementary general music teachers, Lori Stephens, C.W. Longer; Mary Villani, Foot of Ten; and Brandon Harris, Frankstown, would like to recognize those students who were selected from our district. Trey Burgan, Brianna Chewning, Savannah Eardley, and Brandon Dawson from C.W. Longer; Aran Corey, Ethan Donlan, Sophia McClelland, and Chloe Phelps from Foot of Ten; and Hannah Ingram, Bailey Mackey, Cooper Stitt, and Jenna Zelem from Frankstown.

ART

Distance Learning Art Collection

Transforming our art classes into a virtual format presented a unique challenge for our students, and as always, they rose to the occasion. Gathered here is a collection from across the district of what our students created with their skills, talents, passion, and drive.



Art Club

An exciting addition to C. W. Longer this year was Art Attack, an art club for sixth-grade students that show a strong interest in the arts. For students to participate in Art Attack, they completed an application along with

an original piece of artwork. Students created collaborative displays for the school, participated in a logo design competition, and helped to frame and prepare artwork for displays and shows. Art Attack students created displays to show kindness and caring to their fellow students. Some projects placed around the school included a "Be the 'I' in Kind" bulletin board and positive word banners to describe C. W. Longer. Art Attack students were hardworking and dedicated to spreading art and positivity throughout their school!



ART

YMCA Spring Art Show

Just hours prior to school closures due to COVID-19, student artwork was put on display at the Hollidaysburg Regional YMCA for the art department's extensive annual spring show. Select students in grades K-12 were featured in this annual community show. The art show was dedicated to Laurie Smith, a long-time employee of the YMCA, in honor of her love and dedication to supporting and celebrating youth art. This display highlighted the growth of students throughout an entire year of art education. A virtual tour of the show is being planned.



321 Gallery Hosts Student Art Show

Student artwork was featured at the 321 Gallery for the fifth annual "HeART of Hollidaysburg" show. Art teachers selected over 350 works of student art from grades K-12 for display at the gallery, located in downtown Hollidaysburg. The gallery opening was held on January 10 with tremendous attendance and support by the community. The incredible works of art were composed in a variety of mediums, including three-dimensional pieces in clay and fiber arts and two-dimensional pieces in graphite, chalk, colored pencil, and paint.



Holiday of the Arts

This past December, the high school art club joined forces with C. W. Longer's PTO for another amazing year of Holiday of the Arts. Mrs. Watt's and Miss Kephart's high school art students continued the tradition by packing over 1200 craft kits in preparation for the big day. The students enjoyed a day of hand-made crafts and cookie decorating for the elementary classes. The day was filled with arts and crafts, lasting memories, and gifts made with love.



Art Strong

The sixth-grade Art Strong group at Frankstown Elementary created amazing and unique artwork this year. This dedicated group of artists met once a week for more intense instruction and to promote positivity in our school. The main assignment for this group included a positive word wall to give our lobby a lift in mindfulness. Each student painted an acrylic quadrant with a letter and patterns to be placed together to make four-letter positive words. The words of mindfulness include the following: LOVE, BOLD, STAR, GROW, HOPE, NICE, REAL, WISE, HELP, EPIC, KIND, FAIR, BEST, and SAFE. During the final months of the 2019-2020 school year, our students, community and world have been living in times where these words need to shine in our own lives in an effort to brighten the lives of others.



Art Mural



Mrs. Watt's Art 4 class, UPMC Altoona, and Southern Allegheny Museum of Art partnered together to support the artist-in-residence student art program. The skillful direction of artist Lynne Magee coupled with the hard work and creativity of the student artists has resulted in a beautiful mural that reflects many iconic locations from our area. Images in the mural represent many of the communities served by UPMC Altoona and are sure to be recognized by visitors to the hospital. The students were excited to paint a powerful legacy to leave within the community. Their talents will be acknowledged for many years to come, and they appreciated this unique opportunity during their senior year. The 4' by 18' mural entitled, A Rich History, A Bright Future, will be installed in the cafeteria of UPMC Hospital for all to enjoy.

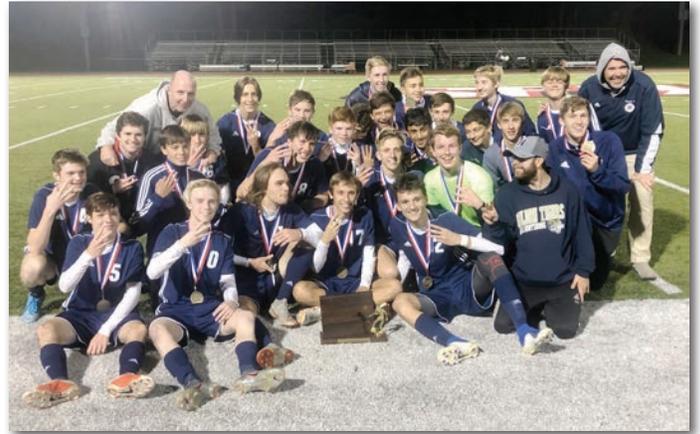
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Campbell Walls

STAFF

Scott Sheehan

On February 13, 2020, the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) announced the 2020–2022 National President-Elect, Scott Sheehan, elected by NAfME members. Scott Sheehan is the Director of Bands and Music Department Chairperson at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. He is also a consultant for strategic planning and association development.



“My vision for music education is simple. I look forward to the day when all children study music in every school, in every grade, and in every culture regardless of where they live, their family’s income, their personal identity, or the color of their skin,” stated Sheehan. “I envision the day where music is held in the same regard as STEM and other tested subjects. I foresee a future where every child can achieve their creative, musical potential and share their voice and place in society through their artistic contributions. When this vision is realized, our country will see a more creative and musically literate society where all children have access to a music education that is culturally relevant, sequential and standards-based, and sustainable.”

As the President of the NAfME Eastern Division from 2015–2017, Sheehan served on the National Executive Band and Executive Committee. He is currently the Program Chair for the NAfME All-National Honors Ensembles. As an active member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA), Sheehan has served as State President, as well as a District President and Curriculum and Instruction State Representative. He coordinates the PMEA Leadership Academy, serves on the PMEA Mentoring Program Steering Committee, and is chair of the PMEA Model Curriculum Framework project. Sheehan holds a B.S. Degree in Music Education, a B.M. Degree in Music Marketing from Clarion University, and holds a Master’s Degree in Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Congratulations, Scott, on this amazing accomplishment. We are proud of you!

H. Jean Sinal

Mrs. H. Jean Sinal, junior high seventh-grade science teacher, along with Ms. Jody Wallace, Environmental Education Specialist (the “creative teacher!”) for the Blair County Conservation District, created “The Weed Warriors of Fort Roberdeau.” This is a sustainability education program and school/community partnership developed in conjunction with the Fort Roberdeau Historic Site. It recently received the 2020 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Safety Award for Excellence in Recreation and Parks.



Recipients of this award demonstrate outstanding quality; innovation; community support; and the efficient use of funding, human and material resources in development, delivery and use of their program.

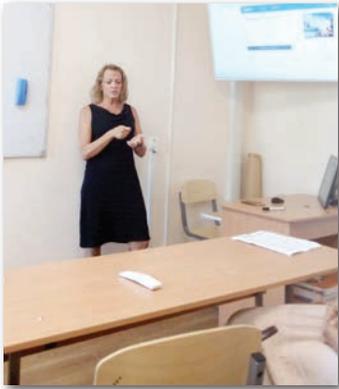
The educational goal of this program is to promote sustainability-focused activities using content curriculum and provide a school/community partnership, the components of which include classroom and outdoor education, field work (removing invasive privet), and historic site restoration. This program enriches and enhances the educational opportunities for all students involved.

Cathy Breisacher

In November, Cathy Breisacher presented at the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators Conference in Pittsburgh. Her presentation was titled “It Takes a Village to Make a Book” and focused on all of the people who are involved in the book-making process: editors, agents, authors, illustrators, art directors, editorial directors, marketing people, and sales teams. The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators is an international organization for book creators.



Debra Solomon Selected for Russian Language Teachers Program



Deb Solomon presents to a group.

Debra Solomon, senior high teacher of history and the Russian language, was selected as one of fifteen finalists to participate in a summer program at the Russian State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia. All program expenses including tuition, housing, visa, international airfare, cultural activities, insurance, and five graduate credits from Bryn Mawr College were provided to those selected. The goal of the program was to give American teachers of Russian language and culture the opportunity to reach new levels of competency in Russian. The program began with an intensive orientation in Washington, D.C. on June 27 and 28. Program participants then departed for St. Petersburg, Russia, where they spent one month

taking pedagogical classes, participating in regional field trips, and exploring St. Petersburg and the surrounding region on their own. Classes offered were Methodology, Grammar, Literature, History and Politics, Conversation, and Foreign Language Pedagogy. Students studied twenty hours per week and were required to attend several pre-planned excursions after class. One of the culminating activities was giving a presentation, in Russian, at an international conference. Participants attended from the United States, Finland, Austria, and Poland.

International Teachers at Herzen University



International Teachers at Herzen University

Cathy Breisacher Wins Video Contest

The PA School Librarian's Association held a video contest this spring for librarians across the state to highlight the ways that they reached out to students during the remote-learning time.

Cathy Breisacher, school librarian at Foot of Ten Elementary, was selected as one of the winners. Her video highlighted STEM and library activities posted in Google classroom, Music Story times, recorded book readings, writing groups, use of tech tools, and STEM trainings she participated in.



Deb Solomon achieves 500th win



Congratulations to long-time swim coach, Deb Solomon, who this season achieved the 500th win of her career.

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HASD Foundation's Grant Program

The 2019/2020 academic year saw many educational benefits from the HASD Foundation's Grant Program, with over \$17,000 in grant funds administered. Each spring, the Foundation awards grants to provide additional opportunities within the district and its classrooms. Grant applications are open to all educators and administrative staff.

- Rachel's Challenge – Districtwide
- New High School Planer – Senior High
- A Coding We Will Go- Foot of Ten
- Learning with Legos – Foot of Ten
- Makey Makey in Art – Foot of Ten
- Using the Q-Ball to Increase Student Engagement – Foot of Ten
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Foundation Provides Learning Tools

Cathy Breisacher, the librarian at Foot of Ten Elementary, was awarded a HASD Foundation grant to teach robotics and engineering as part of STEM enrichment. Three teams of fifth-graders were able to complete challenges as part of the Wonder League Robotics Competition. The competition required students to design architectural structures such as bridges, gates, and buildings. They then had to program their robots to move around and over those structures. Third-graders learned how to program a robot to move, play a xylophone, speak, and catapult a ping-pong ball. Additionally, the third-graders designed balloons, attached them to robots, and held a balloon parade in the library reminiscent of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Finally, grades K-2 got to work with Bee-Bots and programmed them to move on a grid based on events in a story in the order they took place. These invaluable learning opportunities would not otherwise be possible without Foundation grants!



Bee Bots



Balloon Bots



Cups Bot



Group Photo

Holiday Wishes

Students and their families honored the following staff members during the 2019 Holiday season through a gift to the Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation Grant Program:

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Rachel's Challenge

On September 12, 2019, the district hosted a community event inspired by the Columbine tragedy's first victim, Rachel Scott.

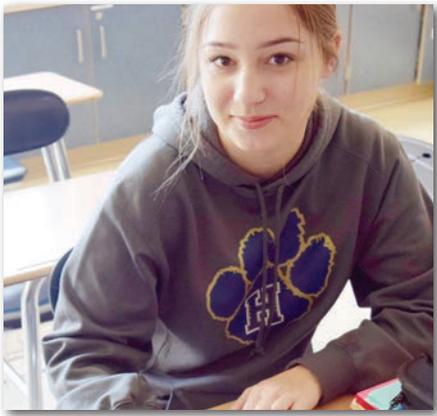
Rachel's inspiring story provides a simple, yet powerful example of how small acts of kindness and acceptance motivate us to consider our relationships with the people we encounter every day. Rachel's Challenge renews our hope that our lives have meaning and purpose. Rachel's story empowers us to start our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, which posi-

tively affects the climate in our schools and communities. More than two million students annually experience Rachel's Challenge and have the opportunity to accept the challenges, modeled after Rachel's life and writings. Since inception, over twenty-three million people have heard Rachel's story.

Many students accepted Rachel's challenge and Friends of Rachel clubs formed in the district to spread kindness and promote a caring, safe space for all students. The groups wanted to be welcom-

ing to all kids and fill days with smiles. These groups participated in activities such as the "Day of Kindness" on which positive messages and hand-drawn cards were delivered to classmates. There was also a chain link activity to recognize good things throughout the schools. Lastly, students wrote thank you letters to all the bus drivers and delivered them directly.

The Friends of Rachel clubs will continue throughout the district helping to make our schools kind, safe, and caring spaces.



Writing a kindness note.



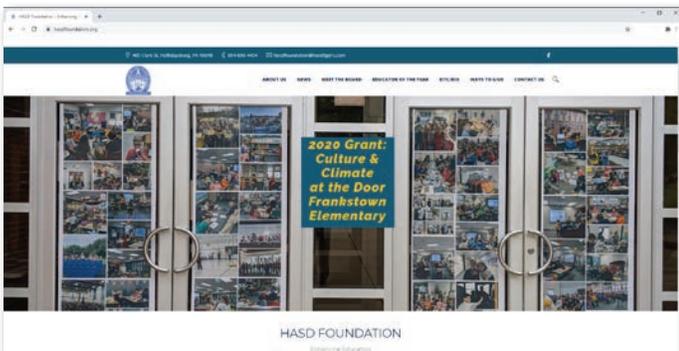
Friends of Rachel group.



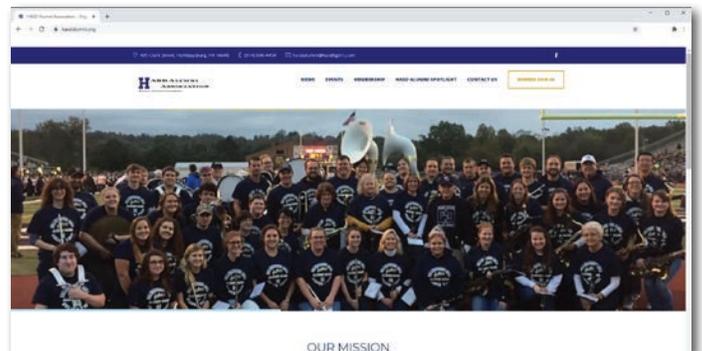
Chain link activity.

New Websites

HASD Foundation



HASD Alumni Association



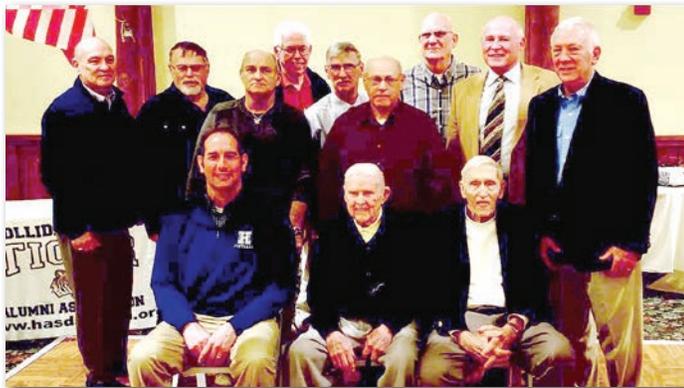
The Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation and The Hollidaysburg Area Alumni Association have new websites! Please visit www.hasdalumni.org for information on upcoming Alumni events, to become a member or share an alumni story. You can also submit reunion or other Alumni events to be featured on the page and shared on the HASD Alumni Facebook page. To learn more about the Foundation's grant program, Educator of the Year and Impact Awards, EITC/EIO programs and more, visit www.hasdfoundation.org. You can also find upcoming fundraising events, our newsletter and information about scholarships.

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Alumni Honored

The Hollidaysburg Area School District Alumni Association held the Second Annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner on February 29, 2020. This year, in addition to honoring two alumni for their achievements, two Community Impact Awards were given to spotlight alumni that have given of their time and talents, making the Hollidaysburg Area School District an even better place to live and go to school. All honorees exemplify the spirit of our town and the quality of our education system.

The first Distinguished Honoree was Lt. General Ed Soyster (class of 1953), recognized for his long and decorated career of military service. Lt. Soyster served in two wars and many intelligence assignments for the United States Army. The second Distinguished Honoree was Lawrence “Red” Whittaker (class of 1966), a pioneer in robotics engineering, which earned him the title, “Father of Field Robotics.” He has developed robots for land, sea, air, water, underground and is currently working on a robotic spacecraft.



Front row L to R: Homer DeLattre, Coach Gallagher, Coach Carson. Row two L to R: Clair Sprow, Bob Gardner, Pat Barnes. Row three L to R: Sam Gill, Bill Jackson, Steve Holland, Don Bookhammer, John Leamer, Hugh McNelis.

Cathy Griffith (class of 1981) and James “JJ” Barroner (class of 1991) were presented with community impact awards. Cathy was honored for founding the Griffith Family Foundation in honor of her late husband, Greg, and the Sideline Cancer Initiative, which is a youth-inspired and youth-driven campaign in the fight against pancreatic cancer. JJ has been a long-time active volunteer in the community where he has given countless hours to multiple organizations such as Winterfest, The American Cancer Society, his church, the HASD Alumni Association and the Hollidaysburg Area Music Parents Association (HAMPA).

This year’s dinner also recognized the 1965 undefeated Football team. The 1965 team won the Western Conference Championship and was named the “Most Outstanding Team” in the Central Counties Conference for 1965. Named Coach of the Year, Coach Dively led the team to the first Hollidaysburg team to ever have a 10-0-0 record. Several team members were able to attend the dinner to celebrate their achievements.



L to R: Lawrence “Red” Whittaker, Lt. General Ed Soyster, Cathy Betar Griffith, James “JJ” Barroner.

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