

SPRING 2020

## PRE-K PROGRAM RECEIVES A PERFECT SCORE

The AASD Pre-K Program is reviewed annually by the State of PA. Since the program began, we have scored in the exceptional range. This year the Pre-K Program achieved a rating score of 333 points out of 333 points! This is the second year in a row that the Pre-K Program achieved a perfect score! This is due to our fantastic staff, students and our supportive parents. We look forward to the successful continuation of this Pre-K program for many years!



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## Ambridge Area Hires New Superintendent

The Ambridge Area School District is pleased to announce and welcome Dr. Joseph Pasquerilla as the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools. Pasquerilla was hired at the School Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Dr. Pasquerilla will replace Joan Welter, who has served as superintendent at Ambridge since 2017.

Pasquerilla previously worked in the Ambridge School District as the Assistant to the Superintendent and The Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment from 2009-2012.

Before returning to Ambridge, Pasquerilla served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Bethel Park School District, a position he has held since July 2016. Prior to that appointment, he worked as the Superintendent of the Northgate School District for 4 years.

He began his teaching career in the West Middlesex Area School District in 2003, where he taught High School Social Studies until 2008. Following, he was appointed Principal of Northway



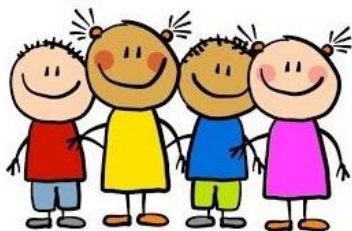
**DR. PASQUERILLA**

*“Serving as the Superintendent of Ambridge Area School District is an honor and privilege. I sincerely look forward to meeting students, teachers, families, and community members that comprise this great District.”*

Elementary School in the North Hills School District.

Dr. Pasquerilla also served as an Adjunct Instructor of Government at Butler County Community College from 2006-2008.

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## Highland Staff and Students Express How Much They Miss Each Other on Social Media

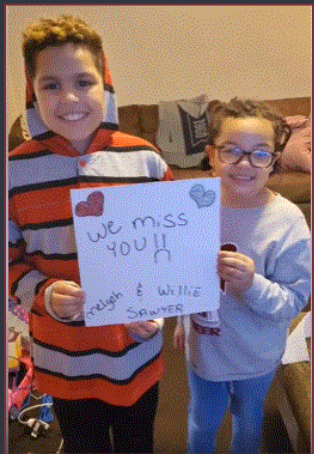


## Remote Learning Opportunities at Highland

Teachers provide multiple ways for students to learn at home



The Highland staff continues to work to ensure that all students have equal access to instruction, even during the shutdown. Dr. Burns and numerous teachers mail work home to roughly 75 students each week that would otherwise not have access to online learning opportunities.



The staff continues to reach out to parents through email, phone calls and texting to ensure that all students are able to access what they need to continue their education during the shutdown.



Highland teachers continue to grow their teaching practice as they transferred their classrooms onto the world wide web. Many teachers offer zoom sessions for students to provide face-to-face instruction despite the shutdown. Some teachers meet with individual students every

day to ensure that they are receiving the necessary support to continue to advance. In addition, teachers continue to identify new resources and ways to communicate with families.

“Mrs. Taormina even purchased books from Amazon, and then mailed them to students that are unable to access the book via Epic so that these students have the ability to participate in the same activities as their peers.”

Classroom dojo has become a popular method of tracking both student and parental involvement in online learning. Thank you to the staff members at Highland for making this unprecedented time extra special.

In addition to the remote learning opportunities the

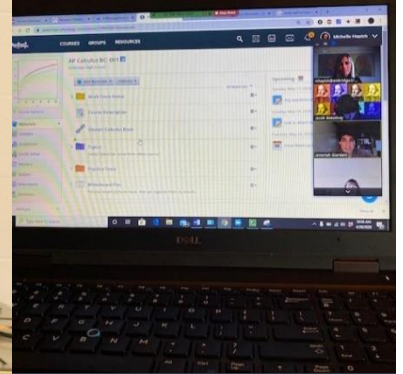
teachers are providing, the staff has created several videos. The videos reach out to families. These videos provide messages to the students along with tips for completing your assignments from home. These videos can be viewed on the district website and the Highland Facebook page.

The Office staff would like you to know that as we have contacted families, we have also updated information in Tyler to ensure that we have the most accurate information. However, we have found that contact information in our system is not always correct. If your child attends Highland and has yet to hear from anyone, please call Dr. Burns at 724.266.2833 x7202.





# PREPPING FOR AP EXAMS



The AP Calculus classes meet each week in Zoom to learn, go over problems, or review. The first couple of weeks AB and BC both met everyday - AB from 9-10 and BC from 10-11. AB learned the last topic we missed in March. BC had already learned all topics and were just practicing and reviewing. Now everyone is just reviewing. BC is now meeting 2 days a week and AB meets 3.



The students complete free response questions (FRQs) from AP Classroom independently, then we go over 1 or 2 of the problems in Zoom. Currently AB is also reviewing the AP Unit content for the 2020 At Home Exam through albert.io questions and we go over some of those in the Zooms.

AP Exams begin on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## The First Annual AAHS Escape Room

By Rena Chickos

On February 19, 2020 the Senior Class and National Honors Society with moderators Mrs. Santini and Mrs. Phillips worked together to hold the first-annual escape room fundraiser themed “Where in the World is Mr. George?”. Students teamed up in groups of five and were challenged to complete math, science, english, and social studies puzzles in under thirty minutes. The answers revealed a code that helped them discover Mr. George’s secret location. Twenty-eight groups participated and eleven of them were able to escape. In a very close race, “The Band Squad,” escaping with four

minutes and forty-eight seconds remaining, and “The Atoms Family,” with four minutes and fifty-eight seconds left, both won a pizza party! The first place winners, “The Pope’s Pious Pierogis,” consisting of Ryan Racioppo, Haley Racioppo, Cade Grable, Jacob Beaudway, and Jerimiah Giordani, escaped with nine minutes and fifty-five seconds left and won their very own Chick-Fil-A party (including a milkshake)! All in all, it was an exciting brain game that challenged students to use both their academic skills and teamwork to find Mr. George at the Lizzo Concert in Detroit – hope he did his hair toss and checked his nails!





# CURBSIDE GRAB & GO LUNCHES

The Ambridge Area School District began their curbside grab n go lunch at three school sites in the district: The Senior High, State Street, and Economy Elementary. We have 15 food service staff rotating throughout the week to prepare fun yet nutritious packed lunches for the three sites. The utmost caution has been implemented amongst the team of workers. We prepare a cold meal consisting of the 5 meal components; soon we will mix in some favorite "hot" foods that are portable enough --or may just need reheated at home.

Parents are able to pick up kids meals --no one leaves their car! I'd like to say it's been quite a successful venture--we started out on Day One serving 77 lunches; now we are up to 260+ meals a day! It is our plan to keep our curbside meal service in place through a good bit of the summer, tentatively thru early August.

"It's been a very rewarding time, and I can see that the cook staff enjoys the opportunity to help the kids; it's a bright spot in our day!", said Gaffney. Parents may contact Janet Gaffney with any questions via my email address [jgaffney@ambridge.k12.pa.us](mailto:jgaffney@ambridge.k12.pa.us).

Ambridge Area School District has designated lunch only meal services in three locations throughout the district. This service will run from Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and will be operating daily until further notice in the following locations:

**Ambridge High School:**  
11:00 am – 11:30 am  
High School parking lot

**State Street Elementary**  
11:15 am – 11:45 am  
Main Entrance

**Economy Elementary**  
11:30 am – 12:00 noon  
Kindergarten Entrance



## Food Services Help Local Families



Jack the driver travels to three schools



Tammy Zalewski slicing meat for sandwiches



Cathy Wyman assists in meal preparation



Dianne Harris distributing meals



Cindy Hooks distributing at Economy



Satisfied customers at State Street





Officer Jason Woods, Ambridge Area Middle School Resource Officer and member of the Economy Borough Police Department, has gone above and beyond the call of duty to meet the needs of families in our community. Officer Woods and his fellow colleagues have been completing wellness checks by regularly visiting students and their families in the area. They have been delivering food, supplies, and other necessities to those in need.



Lunch sponsored by AAMS delivered to Heritage Valley Sewickley Hospital Emergency Department

# Ambridge Area Middle School Heroes

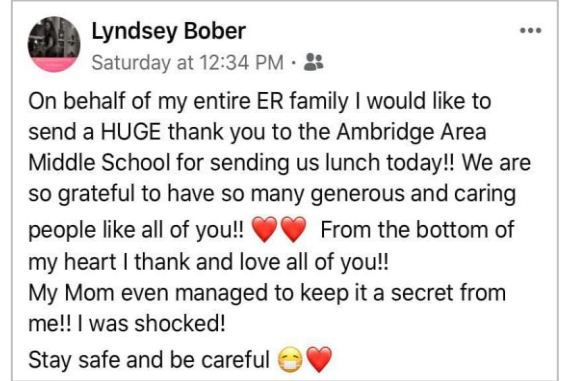
It is often believed that going through a difficult time can demonstrate the true character and strength of individuals. Over this past month, it has been an honor to see the strength that has come not only from our school, but also from our community. It has been our pleasure to support those community members who have gone above and beyond to serve us in these most uncertain times.

With the number of Covid-19 cases increasing daily, the Ambridge Area Middle School wanted to demonstrate our appreciation to the local frontline workers and first responders for continuously putting their lives on the line to serve and protect others. The Middle School collected funds to provide a lunch for the staff at the Heritage Valley Sewickley Hospital Emergency Department, as well as the officers of the Economy Borough Police Department. These two recipients hold special meaning with the faculty and staff at the Middle School.

Lyndsey Bober, Ambridge graduate and daughter of our special education teacher, Heidi Bober, is an ER nurse at the Heritage Valley Sewickley Hospital. She and her coworkers have been working tirelessly to serve the hundreds of patients who have walked through their doors.

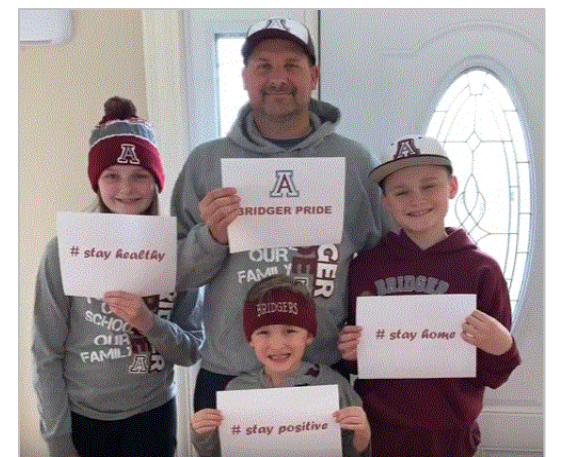
These individuals, along with their teams of everyday heroes, have been just a few

examples of the light that can come out of an otherwise dark time. Our deepest gratitude goes to them and all they have done for our community. Together, we can do great things.



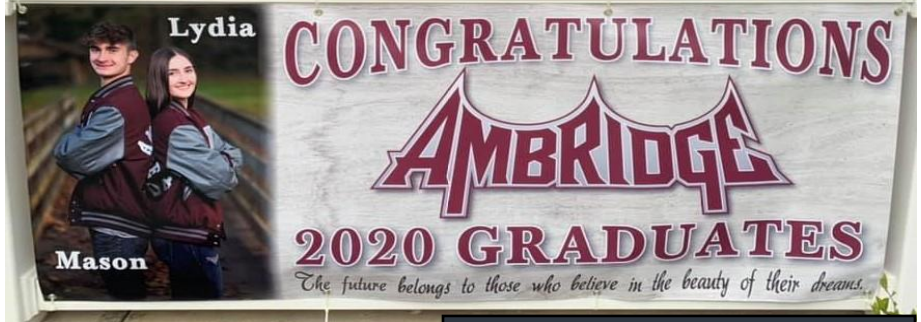
The Middle School faculty, staff, and administration compiled pics and videos of positive messages into an inspiring YouTube video to remind the Middle School students and their families that they are not alone, and that together, we will navigate through COVID-19, remote learning, and anything else that comes our way.

<https://youtu.be/SriAH32i7wY>



“As a school, we are proud to play even a small part in the larger effort to band together and make a difference.” -Mr. Thomas McKelvey, Principal

# Celebrating The Class of 2020 SENIORS



Abel, William  
Ahart, TaLawrence  
Aleksiejczyk, Hunter  
Antkiewicz, Lucas  
Antonini, Annabella  
Anzio, Ashli  
Astorino, Zachary  
Barker, Kylee  
Barkfelt, Joshua  
Barnat, Edward  
Baumbach, Alyssa  
Beaudway, Jacob  
Beaver, Joseph  
Beisgen, Charles  
Bellinger, Dylan  
Bobak, Kylee  
Bracci, Erika  
Bracero, Brandon  
Brickner, Sean  
Brown, Bianca  
Brown, Jonathan  
Buck, Liam  
Bufalini, Richard  
Butler, Paige  
Cain, Alexis  
Campalong, Nevan  
Capone, Katera  
Carter, Isaiah  
Carter, Kasi  
Castro, Dylan  
Chalupiak, Samuel  
Cheran, Alexander  
Chickos, Rena  
Ciarrochi, Jenna  
Cochenour, Rani  
Cook, Christian  
Craig, Tia  
Cybulski, Evan  
Cybulski, Olivia  
Czoper, Tyler  
Dehaven, Tristan  
Delon, Bradley  
Deriggi, Alyssa  
Devine, Dylan  
Deweese, Jordan  
Diallo, Ibrahim  
Dicioccio, Tyler  
Diegmiller, Logan  
Domenico, McKenna  
Doncevic, Sarah  
Dreyer, Gavin

Druschel, Megan  
Dugan, Connor  
Dugan, Mackenzie  
Edwards, Kayla  
Erfley-Smith, Jordan  
Erickson, Logan  
Evans, Ross  
Finnegan, Kaitlyn  
Fisher, Kliah  
Fitzgerald, Shamus  
Fortune, Joseph  
Fouse, Michael  
Fustich, Austin  
Gardner, Silas  
Geiger, Brandon  
Gilbert, Dalajah  
Goepfert, Madeline  
Golgosky, William  
Gorecki, Austin  
Grable, Cade  
Grabski, Frank  
Gruca, Emily  
Hayes, Bethany  
Haymond, Tyler  
Henry, Ethan  
Hertneky, Ethan  
Hicks, Amanda  
Hilliker, Dylan  
Hitt, Emily  
Holman, Haylee  
Horton, Xavier  
Hostetler, Cheyanne  
Hovan, John  
Hubbard, Jaden  
Irwin, Halleigh  
Isles, Mackenzie  
Isles, Morgan  
Jarsulic, Marjorie  
Johnson, Nathaniel  
Johnston, Edward  
Jones, Brooklyn  
Kamzelski, Chloe  
Kane-Scott, Ian  
Kelly, Quinn  
Kennedy, Ryan  
Kertis, Cole  
Kingerski, Jessica  
Klaas, Zakary  
Kopas, Makenzie  
Korol, Olivia  
Kovach, Lydia

Kovach, Mason  
Kovach, Seth  
Kuga, Caitlin  
Kulesza, Aleks  
Kyler, Hailey  
Lane, Clayton  
Lapishka, Nicholas  
Lechok, Ashley  
Lehn, Madison  
Levato, Jacob  
Linck, Madison  
Lively, Ashlyn  
Lively, Brooke  
Lockhart, Taylor  
Lodovico, Domenic  
Lohnes, Kylee  
Maley, Jacob  
Mannerino, Logan  
Martelli, David  
Martin, Rider  
Martin, Ryan  
Matzie, Claire  
Maurer, Zachary  
McCoy, Alyssa  
McGeehan, Marissa  
McKay, Taylor  
McKenzie, Kory  
McPherson, Carly  
Mecchia-Hoover, Michelina  
Meyer, Joshua  
Miller, Gabriella  
Moreland, Mario  
Morrell, Mackenzie  
Nauman, Brandie  
Osborn, Mason  
Oslick, Gretchen  
Owens, Cincerre  
Ozenich, Azaria  
Padgett, Baylee  
Palavros, Antonia  
Paliani, Sophia  
Patterson, Joseph  
Payne-Washington, Dalen  
Perkins, Nasir  
Peters, Alexandra  
Powell, Carlina  
Pride, Taya  
Pringle, Makai  
Pritchard, Alexis

Pritt, Abigail  
Pumphrey, Jack  
Racioppo, Haley  
Racioppo, Ryan  
Rios Morales, Kenia  
Ritchey, Nathan  
Robinson, Omaree  
Rogers, Dylan  
Rotthoff, Kevin  
Rue, Ravyn  
Ruskin, Raeffon  
Russo, Emily  
Sakony, Steve  
Samangy, Demetri  
Scheidemantle, Grant  
Schneider, Nevaeh  
Schooley, Wyatt  
Senger, Dakota  
Seymour, Selena  
Shingleton, Kyla  
Smith, Eric  
Smith, Madeline  
Smith, Tazjia  
Smokovich, Adam  
Smokovich, Noah  
Snow, Tony  
Spears-Banks, Devonte  
Sterling, Haley  
Stuebgen, David  
Suckfiel, Hanna  
Terrick, Caleb  
Thomas, Breanna  
Thomas, Isaiah  
Thompson, Haley  
Thompson, Lydia  
Timmons, Erica  
Tkatch, Riley  
Traupman, Jacob  
Trehar, Joseph  
Trent, Karon  
Turner, Selina  
Villella, Kayla  
Wargo, Laura  
Washington, Karlee  
Waychoff, Bryce  
Weaver, Nicholas  
Weedon, Noah  
Whitaker, Andre  
Yetsick, Daniel  
Young, Braeden

## High School Updates

We are working to create a comprehensive list of senior future plans. Pending the advisement of government restrictions, recognition for seniors will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The safety and well-being of our community and students is at the forefront of all of our decisions. We want to recognize this momentous event of our students' academic career.

In addition, as we receive yearbooks and cap and gowns, notifications to parents and students will be made.

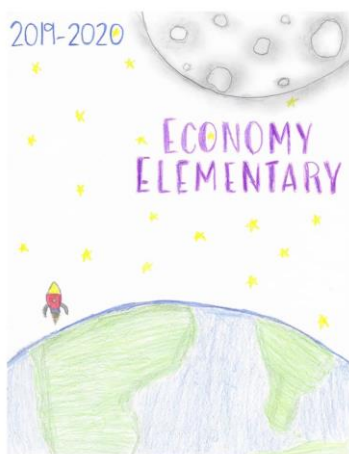
Prom is still being planned for June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Junior Class has made arrangements to move ticket purchases online. Ticket sales are expected to begin May 11<sup>th</sup> and continue until June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Phillips or Casey Neel, Junior Class Advisors.



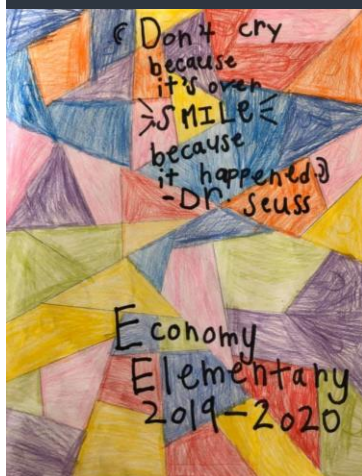


## ECONOMY YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Economy Elementary 5th grader, Alexis Tenney, for winning the contest for the front cover of the 2019-2020 yearbook!



In addition, congratulations to Norah Pletz, Economy Elementary first grader, for winning for the back cover!



## Economy Elementary

The Economy Elementary teachers and administration are working hard to provide a continuum of education for our students with our online learning platform. The professional staff is reaching out to parents and students virtually to clarify assignments, to hold IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, and SAP Meetings. As the need arises, instructional packets are being provided to our students through the US mail.

Our teachers are meeting virtually by grade level for co-planning to provide consistency for our students with learning activities and educational resources. In addition, the teachers are participating in

online training to enhance their delivery of instruction through Schoology.

Yearbooks will still be happening! Parents are sending in pictures to wrap up the end-of-year pictures. Information for yearbook distribution will be forthcoming. We are planning for a virtual Scholastic Book Fair, beginning Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Parents will be provided with a link on Facebook for ordering information.

Our fifth graders will be receiving printed T-Shirts with their year of graduation from the AASD along with Backpacks with the Ambridge

Logo. Our Graduation Certificates and Presidential Awards are being prepared for distribution to our fifth graders as well.

Plans are in motion for a "Fun Day" for the students upon the start of the new school year to welcome them back and to give them the opportunity to reconnect with their classmates.



## Superintendent

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He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education in 2002 from Youngstown State University; his Master of Science in Education in 2005 from Youngstown State University; and his Doctor of Education in April 2008 from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Westminster College. He is currently a member of the Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents.

"We are extremely delighted to welcome Dr. Pasquerilla back to the district as our Superintendent" said Ambridge School Board President Cathy Fischer. "Dr. Pasquerilla's wealth of experience in finance, academic instruction and successful implementation of improving test scores will be very valuable assets to

move our district forward towards a path of a bright and successful future. His dedicated work ethic and ability to build strong relationships with his community and staff are a welcome addition to the district."

"Serving as the Superintendent of Ambridge Area School District is an honor and privilege. I sincerely look forward to meeting students, teachers, families, and community members that comprise this great District. I am sincerely committed to upholding the important role of Superintendent with steadfast commitment and dedication" said Pasquerilla.

"I pride myself on being extremely visible and encourage you to take advantage of my open door policy. I genuinely look forward to working with each of you as we build a longstanding partnership, working side-by-side to ensure that Ambridge Area is a great place to learn and grow".





# Ambridge Virtual SPIRIT Week

The AAHS Student Council hosted a virtual spirit week for April 6 - April 10. The following themes were created by Ariyane Thomas. Staff and students posted their favorite photos on social media.

## MONDAY, APRIL 6

BRIDGER PRIDE – WEAR YOUR BRIDGER GEAR LOUD AND CLEAR! TAG #aahs\_studentcouncil IN YOUR BRIDGER GEAR!

## TUESDAY, APRIL 7

TIE DYE TUESDAY! POST AND TAG US IN YOUR TIE DYE! LET'S SEE YOUR OLD TIE DYE PARENTS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8  
POST YOUR PET! POST AND TAG US WITH YOUR FAVORITE PET! CATS, DOGS, FISH, LIZARDS, ALL WELCOME!!!

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

THROW BACK THURSDAY – POST YOUR FAVORITE PICTURE, MEMORY, MOMENT IN TIME FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

LAZY PJ FRIDAY! PERFECT DAY TO STAY IN THOSE PJS! WE KNOW, ITS GREAT! TAG US IN YOUR FAVORITE COMFORT AND PJ GEAR YOU ARE ROCKING DURING THIS TIME WHILE YOU DO YOUR PART!





# State Street Staff and Students Express How Much They Miss Each Other on Social Media



# Remote Learning Opportunities at State Street

Teachers provide multiple ways for students to learn at home



There are many positive things happening at State Street Elementary School since the closure. Staff learned and implemented, very quickly and successfully, Remote Learning Opportunities and Listen Only Voice Mailboxes. The teachers devised lessons, shared lessons with each other, provided links and activities from out of the District, such as the Science Center, Children's Museum, Baden Library and etc., found resources that could be done on line, as well as, outdoor educational activities. Teachers devised ways to keep connected with their students and families through phone calls, videotaping themselves reading and explaining math problems, conferencing with students and parents,

utilizing classroom apps, emailing and have had Zoom Classroom Meetings to name a few. Staff worked together and created two videos, one stating how much we missed our students and one about what we are thankful for, which received many 'likes' from our State Street Families and Friends. These videos can be viewed on the State Street PTO Website and State Street Facebook.

State Street with school supplies, which have been distributed. In addition, to keep connecting with our students we are sending birthday wishes through the mail. In connection to our STAR school wide behavioral program, we are rewarding students who are diligently and continually working on their schoolwork – in spite of the many hurdles they have encountered. In closure, I would like to thank all of the State Street Parents, Students, Friends and Staff for their outstanding diligence during these unprecedented times.



During this time, we partnered with St. John's in Baden. Families can pick up lunch at State Street and then go to St. John's to receive a dinner, snack and utilize their food pantry. In addition to this, Beaver County food pantries, meals, and resources for housing, utilities, legal aid, mental health services and etc. are posted on the PTO Website and Facebook Website. During this time, the Power Up Program, an outside agency, provided





## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### COMCAST EXTENDS COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICIES TO JUNE 30

Continues Commitment to No Disconnects or Late Fees, Keeping Business and Outdoor Xfinity WiFi Hotspots Open Nationally for Free, Giving Customers Unlimited Data, and 60 Days of Free Access for Low-Income Families through Internet Essentials. [PRESS RELEASE](#)

### PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU NEED SUPPORT

**Beaver County Crisis Line**  
800-400-6180

**Mental Health Association  
Warm Line**  
724-775-9507

**NAMI Office of Beaver County**  
724-888-6877

**National Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline**  
1-800-273-8255

**PA Dept of Human Services 24/7  
Counseling Helpline**  
1-855-284-2494

**The Prevention Network**  
724-869-2222 x227

**Crisis Service Line**  
724-371-8060  
Text PA to 741741  
Free, 24/7, Confidential

### INFORMATION

Call 211 / Request: Beaver County / State What Assistance is needed –  
For example: Food Pantry

### HOUSING RESOURCES

The Cornerstone of Beaver County  
724-846-6400  
Homeless Crisis Hotline  
724-846-6400  
Beaver County Housing Authority  
724-775-1220  
Supportive Services Veteran  
Families  
724-846-6400

### ASSISTANCE

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program Hotline  
1-800-343-3135  
American Red Cross  
724-775-9700  
Beaver County Collaborative Action  
Network (CAN) – Online Resource  
Directory [www.bccan.org](http://www.bccan.org)  
724-775-8001  
United Way of Beaver County  
724-774-3210

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Services 1-866-761-6572

### SOCIAL SERVICES

Franklin Center -724-378-2882  
Catholic Charities – 412-456-6999  
Salvation Army – 724-846-2330  
Veterans Services – 724-770-4450  
Beaver County Mental Health Crisis  
800-400-6180  
Beaver County Women's Shelter  
724-775-0131  
Beaver County Domestic Violence  
Emergency – 724-775-0131

## BEAVER COUNTY FREE MEAL SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

10-12 Faith Restorations  
186 Wagner Rd, Monaca (Veterans)  
11-1 Twelve Loaves  
1031 2nd Avenue, New Brighton  
4-5pm Central United Methodist  
1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls  
5:30-6:30pm The Ladle at St. John's Lutheran Church  
1320 Church St., Ambridge

### TUESDAY

11:30-1pm Central United Methodist  
1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls  
11-1pm Church in the Round  
Griffith Street, Aliquippa  
5:30-6:30pm Manna House of Prayer  
2100 Irwin St., Aliquippa  
6-8 Faith Restorations  
186 Wagner Rd Monaca (Veterans)

### WEDNESDAY

9-1pm Christ Episcopal  
1217 Third Ave, New Brighton  
11-1pm Church in the Round  
Griffith St, Aliquippa  
12-1 Broadcast Street Café  
464 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa  
4-5pm First Presby Church  
1103 gth Ave, Beaver Falls

### THURSDAY

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1217 Third Ave, New Brighton  
11-1pm Church in the Round  
Griffith St, Aliquippa  
11-1 Faith Restorations  
186 Wagner Rd Monaca (Veterans)  
4-5pm Central United Methodist  
1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls  
6-7pm Grace Lutheran Church  
393 Adams St Rochester  
10-4 Appt Only Focus Emergency Pantry 412.876.7118  
St. John Evangelist Church  
1501 8th Ave. Beaver Falls

### FRIDAY

11-1 Twelve Loaves  
1031 2nd Avenue, New Brighton  
4-5 Central United Methodist  
1227 6th Ave, Beaver Falls  
5-6 Agape Mobile Soup Kitchen  
Call 724.375.2008

### SATURDAY

Beaver Falls Breakfast Ministry 9-11am  
1st & 2nd Sat: Central United Methodist  
1227 Gth Ave (9-10:30)  
3rd Sat: Focus Ministry (St. John Evangelist Orthodox)  
1501 gth Ave (9-11)  
Fourth Saturday: First Baptist  
616 17th Street  
Fifth Saturday: Calvary United Presbyterian  
6th Ave & 11th St.

### SUNDAY

3-4 Salvation Army 414 16th Street, Beaver Falls  
(Doors open at 2:30)





## AASD is Remote, But Never Far Away

This week, the administration announced that we will be issuing bonus points for all students during the month of May. The administration wanted to institute a simple policy that would not negatively impact student grades, but encourage them to complete assignments. The teachers will be able to link assignment completion grading in the form of bonus points for the third nine-weeks. Below is an explanation on how the grading system will work.

- The ability for students to earn bonus points will begin on Monday, May 4, 2020. This will apply to all subject areas in the School District that issue an A through E letter grade.
- Students will have a chance to earn three bonus points per each completed assignment. These three bonus points will be added on to the total sum of the points earned in the third quarter. The

bonus points will not be placed in the fourth quarter grade book.

- If a student completes all assignments for a given week, they will earn ten bonus points that will be added to the sum of the third quarter (A typical week has three assignments, so instead of nine bonus points being awarded, a student would receive ten bonus points).
- Teachers will keep track of student bonus points in a similar way as they are tracking student attendance at this time.
- The third nine weeks grade books will be reopened to add bonus points from May 25, 2020 to 3:00 PM on June 4, 2020.
- The last day for Senior grading will be May 29, 2020 and the last day for all other student grading will be June 3, 2020.

## BUILDING CONTACT INFORMATION

### We Are Here To Help

Ms. Janice Zupsic, Principal  
Ambridge Area High School  
724.266.2833 x2287  
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## NEED PAPER PACKETS?

Please contact your child's building principal listed here:



## ZOOM IN

Staff members are finding new ways to communicate with students and each other

The stay-at-home order has changed the way we educate and communicate. Teachers are finding innovative ways to reach their students.

Some have reached out with video conferencing applications like Zoom, while others are using Microsoft 365 or Schoology.

Traditional methods are still being used with Listen-Only Voice Mailboxes and telephone calls to the home.

Teachers are available during the school day.

Please reach out if you have questions about your child's new remote learning.



## TECHNOLOGY HELPDESK

### Contact Us For Support Issues

The technology helpdesk is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. For assistance, send an email to [helpdesk@ambridge.k12.pa.us](mailto:helpdesk@ambridge.k12.pa.us) or call 724.266.2833 x4357

## 2019-2020 DISTRICT GRANT AWARDS

### Beaver County Educational Trust (BCET) Grants

- Nicole Darroch  
\$1,000.00  
Stories and Steam
- Don Ayers/Brad Olenic  
\$1,000.00  
Steam Walk
- Lauren Taormina  
\$500.00  
Increased Student  
Achievement through  
Differentiated Seating  
Options
- Jamie Orth  
\$500.00  
Community Arts
- C. Malinich  
\$500.00  
Reading and Math  
Centers

Deborah Steiving  
\$506.50  
Stroud Center Grant

Highmark  
Bridgers Don't Bully  
\$5,300

PRE-K Counts  
\$700,000

Title I - \$657,553  
Title II - \$93,658  
Title IV - \$50,929

PA Smart Grant  
\$39,000

PCCD Security Grant  
\$40,000

## Ambridge Schools Receive Grant Money

The Ambridge Area School District is always actively seeking opportunities for grant money to enhance educational programs and district operations. District staff members are encouraged to seek out grants they can use in their classrooms and departments. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Ambridge Area School District received 14 distinct grants for various projects. Classroom teachers applied for seven grants to enhance educational opportunities with their students, the Middle School was awarded an anti-bullying grant from Highmark, and the district receives federal grants for programs like Pre-K and Title I.

The Technology Department, in collaboration with the Superintendent's Office, was awarded two grants this school year.

On January 17, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf announced \$5.7 million in PAsmart Targeted Grants will be distributed to schools across Pennsylvania to expand computer science classes and teacher training. Ambridge Area School District was awarded \$35,000 for computer science classes and teacher trainings in the elementary schools. Each elementary school will receive a new cart of iPads. Several staff members are involved in the extensive 6-day training sessions provided by PA Department of Education and PATTAN. We look forward

to this new opportunity to enrich the curriculum for our students.

Safety and security of our students is a top priority for the Ambridge Area School District. The second grant, focused on Safe Schools, and was awarded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The \$40,000 grant is dedicated to upgrading our building card access system. Our new system integrates access control, IP video and intrusion into one common platform to deliver a centrally managed security solution. The new system will allow us to better monitor and manage access. This upgrade will cover all five schools; plus the Field House and Maintenance Garage.



*Highland Pre-K teacher, Kellee Gnipp, shows off the Lakeshore Learning Materials she bought for her classroom centers. She purchased these educational materials with the \$500 Grant from our local Baden Walmart.*



# POSITIVE VIBES FROM THE COMMUNITY 😊 👍 ❤️

Comments and thoughts collected from various sources of social media on the Internet. We feel the love! #bridgerpride

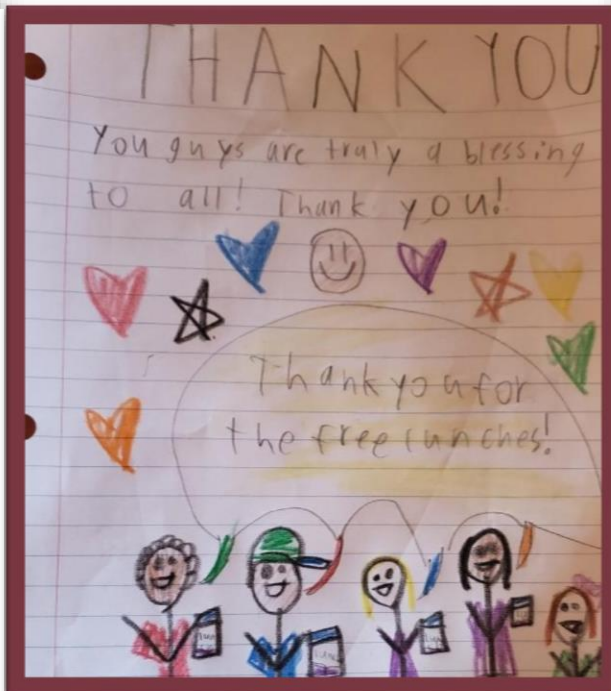
I want to thank Karen Brecht social worker at high school for doing a video chat with the kids my son is in the special ed program he has been so bored

Thank you, teachers! You are the best! My son's teacher took time out of her evening to call him for his birthday today. He was overjoyed to hear her voice. We miss you all terribly. ❤️

Just stopped by state street for our lunch. Thank you so much for doing this! My girls, who have been cooped up and missing school, are thrilled! We are so very appreciative.

I love Ambridge school, the teachers are working hard everyday, I had a lot of great feedback today from my daughters teachers. Proud to be an alumni

Thank you to the teachers at State Street during these tough times. You have made it really easy to teach my kids. Special thanks to Ms. Hawranko, Ms. Peters, and Ms. Brock. The way you setup your classrooms make it easy to submit work and teach my kids without even needing a printer or scanner. You have made the transition flawless, and have answered my questions at every point of the day. Thank you so much for the effort you have put into your classroom personal instruction video's. It makes it easy and fun for the kids to learn. I do not send many Facebook messages, but I wanted to make sure I sent this. Thank you.



Day 1 good things have been being done! Teachers were in contact with my children the first week, us lunch ladies legit did what we do and still are serving the children, Officer Woods is out in the community every single day delivering food, checking on families, delivering technology, etc, the community is feeding families that are struggling right now!!! If everyone took 1 day to help they would see the need. But all good things have been happening since day 1! Proud to be from a community who goes and does when the need arises!!! Go Bridgers!

This is a wonderful post! All of my 3 kids' teachers (HS, MS, & Economy) have been wonderful through all of this! No complaints here!

Economy's 4th grade has been working hard to make the best of things. Mrs. Ray has a YouTube channel! And her emails have been very sweet. 😊

Love to Coach [Don Fly Ayers](#) for "adopting" my senior and surprising him today with his start to his college supplies! Mr. Ayers has been a huge supporter of Daniel's and we are very grateful!



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Want to give a shout out to my senior's AP Language teacher [Christina Trombetta Briola](#). From the very beginning of the year, she has engaged my son (who really doesn't love writing) in ways that has made him love going to her class. The first contact from her after school shut down to her class was almost immediate- and was a "hope you all are well and I'm here if you need anything at all".

Thank you Economy Elementary Teachers and Staff! This is such a positive and uplifting video. What a great way to let the kids know they are loved and missed. We can do this together!!



My son actually wants to take the AP test now- because of her encouragement. She's been there for him many times this year when he was dealing with serious personal issues- for which I could not be more grateful.

Quick thank you to our teachers, working hard to make the adjustment to virtual learning/classroom. I'm grateful and so is my daughter. She's glad to be getting back to using her brain. Bravo to you all for doing your best in this very difficult time.

She is a very bright light at Ambridge High School. I hope your kids have the opportunity to be her student.