

BRIDGER BLAST

Spring 2023

Ambridge Area School District

Dear Ambridge Area School District community,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, we are excited to bring you the latest edition of our school newsletter. We have continued to work hard to provide a high-quality education to all of our students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.

In this newsletter, you will find updates on our recent events, accomplishments, and future plans. From academic achievements and extracurricular activities to important district-wide initiatives, we have a lot to share with you. We are also pleased to introduce some new faces to our team and highlight the contributions of our dedicated staff.

We hope that you will find this newsletter informative and engaging, and that it will serve as a valuable resource for staying connected with our school district. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Ambridge Administrators



THE BRIDGERS CAFÉ:

MISS RUBAKER AND MRS. SCHMIDT'S CLASSES HAVE STARTED A COFFEE CART CALLED THE BRIDGERS CAFÉ. THE STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED SERVING HOT COFFEE, HOT TEA, AND HOT CHOCOLATE TO THE AMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF SINCE NOVEMBER.

SPREAD THE WORD ON MARCH, 23RD, STUDENTS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL TOOK A PLEDGE TO SPREAD THE WORD- INCLUSION BY SIGNING A POSTER. THE INITIATIVE IS TO MAKE INCLUSION A REALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH AND WITHOUT INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.



National Honors Society



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WORKED IN COLLECTING ITEMS TO CREATE RELIEF/CARE PACKAGES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES AS PART OF OUR 2023 SPRING SEMESTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. THE STUDENTS ASKED FOR AND SOLICITED PERSONAL CARE ITEMS SUCH AS: DETERGENT, DRYER SHEETS, FABRIC SOFTENER, SOCKS, DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, ASSORTED SOAPS, HAIR TIES, SLEEPERS FOR BABIES/TODDLERS, SWEATS/HOODIES, LEGGINGS, TOOTHPASTE, & TOOTHBRUSHES. ALL DONATIONS WERE ACCEPTED FROM 2/1 - 2/28. NHS WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED AND GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP GIVEN TO FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Youth Ambassador Program



RECENTLY OUR YAP SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE BEAVER COUNTY YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WINTER ASSEMBLY AT CCBC WHERE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN PANEL DISCUSSIONS, SHARED BEST PRACTICES, AND ENGAGED IN THE "BRINGING IN THE BYSTANDER ACTIVITY." STUDENTS ALSO GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED AN HONORABLE MENTION CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF OUR CLUB COLLABORATION WITH MR. BEN HOLMES'S GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASS WHERE STUDENTS SUBMITTED SEVERAL EXCELLENT ENTRIES INTO THE BEAVER COUNTY YAP-2022-2023 T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST. SOME OF OUR SUBMISSIONS WERE SELECTED TO BE PUT ON OTHER YAP GEAR AND "SWAG". OUR CLUB COLLABORATION WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT WAS SUCH A HIT THAT WE HAVE TEAMED UP FOR A SEQUEL, IN A CHANCE TO CLAIM THE TOP SPOT FOR THE SPRING 2023 YAP SUICIDE PREVENTION/MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS YARD SIGN COMPETITION.

Club Collaboration: Youth Ambassador Program (YAP)/Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)/Ecology Club



RECENTLY YAP, GSA, & ECOLOGY CLUBS PLANNED A COLLABORATION IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL TO SPREAD SOME EXTRA LOVE AND CARE THIS VALENTINES DAY. OUR CLUBS WORKED VERY HARD AFTER SCHOOL TO CREATE AND SELL HANDMADE VALENTINES, FLOWERS, & BRACELETS (ECOLOGY CLUB) THAT STUDENTS MADE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT ALL LUNCHEES IN MID-FEBRUARY.

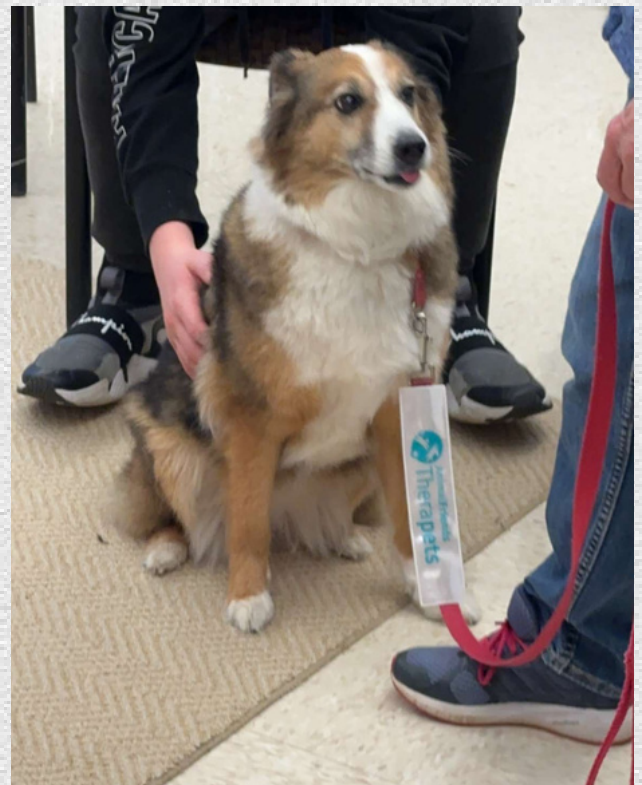


ON MARCH 30, THE LGI WAS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT AS BRIAN KINKADE AND DANIEL DEGRAAF FROM NETAPP VISITED TO GIVE A COMPELLING "TECH TALK" COMPUTER SCIENCE PRESENTATION. THEIR TALK WAS AIMED AT COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASSES, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER STUDENTS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING A CAREER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. DURING THE PRESENTATION, BRIAN AND DANIEL SHARED THEIR EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPUTER SCIENCE INDUSTRY, PROVIDING VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE VARIOUS CAREER PATHS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS EXCITING FIELD. THEY ALSO SHARED STORIES ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEYS AND GAVE PRACTICAL ADVICE ON HOW TO SUCCEED IN THIS RAPIDLY EVOLVING FIELD. THE PRESENTATION WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY THE ATTENDEES, WHO FOUND IT TO BE INFORMATIVE, ENGAGING, AND INSPIRING. MANY STUDENTS LEFT THE LGI FEELING MOTIVATED TO PURSUE A CAREER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INDUSTRY. OVERALL, THE "TECH TALK" WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE WORLD OF COMPUTER SCIENCE.

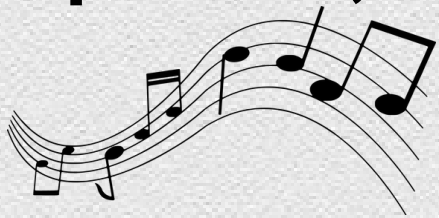
-KATHRYN COUCH

ON MARCH 9TH, THE STUDENTS IN THE LIFESKILLS ROOM WERE IN FOR A TREAT AS THEY WELCOMED SOME FURRY VISITORS FROM THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION, ANIMAL FRIENDS. PIXIE AND HER DOG MCKAY ARRIVED TO SPREAD SOME MUCH-NEEDED CHEER AND JOY, AND THEIR VISIT WAS TRULY HEARTWARMING. THE THERAPET VISIT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO INTERACT WITH THE ANIMALS, OFFERING THEM THE CHANCE TO ENGAGE WITH THE DOGS, PET THEM, AND FEEL THEIR SOFT FUR. FOR MANY STUDENTS, THIS WAS A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL EXPERIENCE, AND THEY WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND INTERACT WITH THESE FRIENDLY ANIMALS. PIXIE AND MCKAY WERE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS FOR ANIMAL FRIENDS, DEMONSTRATING THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT ANIMALS CAN HAVE ON PEOPLE'S LIVES. THEIR PRESENCE WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE LIFESKILLS ROOM, LIFTING SPIRITS AND BRIGHTENING UP THE DAY FOR EVERYONE WHO WAS THERE.

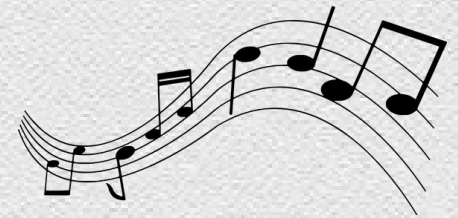
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High School Highlights: Latest Updates, Achievements, and Events



The Beat Goes On!



One of the most rewarding experiences of being a member of the high school steel and jazz bands is the opportunity to reach out to other students and faculty and share their musical talents and advocate musical arts education. Each winter, the bands combine to perform outreach assemblies within and beyond the district. This year, they took their show on the road to all four other Ambridge schools. In addition, they also traveled to Quaker Valley's Osborne Elementary and Marzolf Elementary in the Shaler Area SD. Third grade teacher, Mrs. Francis, shared some thoughts following their assembly at Highland Elementary saying that her and her class were very impressed and absolutely loved it. She shared that one of her students was in tears telling her how beautiful it was, and another told her it was an experience that he will never forget. She further shared that confidence was a vocabulary word and one of her students used it in a sentence stating the high school band has a lot of confidence.

March was Music In Our Schools Month and back on the 8th, we traveled to Economy Elementary to share the love of musical performance! Prior to the assembly, seniors Noah Galaska and Carter Payne used the opportunity to facilitate a steelpan workshop for Mr. Eisenreich's 5th grade band students to fulfill their senior project requirement. It was amazing to see both his and the high school students embracing the moment to share and make music together! "Making an impact on these young children and creating lifelong memories performing music is what it's all about", said senior Grace Buchanan.

HONORS BAND AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

AMANDA WASCHAK – FLUTE

SAMANTHA WASCHAK – BASS CLARINET

**THE BAND AND
CHORUS
STUDENTS HAVE
DONE GREAT THIS
YEAR COMPETING
IN PMEA MUSIC
FESTIVALS.**



DISTRICT BAND AT SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

AMANDA WASCHAK – FLUTE

ZOE ELIAS – BASS

JAI WEST – TUBA

SEAN ANDERSON – TROMBONE



REGION BAND AT BUTLER INTERMEDIATE

HIGH SCHOOL

AMANDA WASCHAK – FLUTE

ZOE ELIAS – BASS



DISTRICT CHORUS AT SENECA VALLEY INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL

JOEY BELLINGER

JASON DESANTIS

KAYLA RAYNAK

KIRA BURD

KAILYN TURKO



PMEA 9TH GRADE BAND FEST AT HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL

**LANA HOLCOMB
MCKAYLA LEBECK
JAZLYN MARTINEZ
LILY CARPENTER
SAMANTHA WASCHAK**



**BAND TRIP AND
PERFORMANCE IN
WALT DISNEY
WORLD!
67 OF OUR BAND
STUDENTS
PERFORMED FOR
TENS OF
THOUSANDS OF
PEOPLE IN MAGIC
KINGDOM IN WALT
DISNEY WORLD –
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



ON MARCH 7, 2023, THE CAFETERIA STAFF WAS HONORED WITH THE BRONZE LEVEL CHILD HUNGER AWARD FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD FOOD INSECURITY IN THE GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK'S SERVICE AREA. THIS RECOGNITION IS PART OF THE CHILD HUNGER HERO AWARD PROGRAM, WHICH COMMENDS SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO HAVE MADE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY FOR KIDS. THE AWARDEES WERE EVALUATED BASED ON THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS, SUCH AS SCHOOL MEALS, SUMMER FOOD, AFTERSCHOOL MEALS, WEEKEND BACKPACKS, AND SCHOOL PANTRY PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION TO THIS RECOGNITION, THE CAFETERIA STAFF ALSO RECEIVED THE SILVER LEVEL TURNIP THE BEET AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN FEBRUARY. THIS AWARD HIGHLIGHTS THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF MEALS SERVED BY SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM (SFSP AND SSO) SPONSORS.

ON MARCH 17, CCBC HOSTED AN INFORMATIVE AND EXCITING AIM DAY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE ACADEMIES AND DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE AT THE COLLEGE. THE EVENT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR OPTIONS AND GET A TASTE OF COLLEGE LIFE.

THE DAY KICKED OFF WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE VARIOUS ACADEMIES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT CCBC. STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS THEY COULD PURSUE, FROM HEALTHCARE TO TECHNOLOGY AND MORE. THE PRESENTATIONS WERE INFORMATIVE AND ENGAGING, PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM.

AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS, THE STUDENTS WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS. THE TOUR WAS LED BY CCBC AMBASSADORS WHO SHOWED THE STUDENTS AROUND THE CAMPUS, POINTING OUT IMPORTANT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES. STUDENTS GOT A GLIMPSE OF THE CLASSROOMS, LABS, AND OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM AT CCBC.

AS AN ADDED BONUS, THE STUDENTS ALSO RECEIVED SOME COOL CCBC SWAG. THESE SOUVENIRS WERE A NICE TOUCH AND HELPED TO MAKE THE DAY EVEN MORE MEMORABLE.

OVERALL, AIM DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT CCBC AND GET A TASTE OF COLLEGE LIFE. THE EVENT WAS WELL-ORGANIZED, INFORMATIVE, AND ENGAGING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT CCBC.





ON MARCH 3RD, STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS THROUGH A FIELD TRIP TO THE STEAMFITTERS AND INSULATORS TRADE UNIONS. THE FIELD TRIP WAS AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE THAT EXPOSED STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE WORLD OF SKILLED TRADES.

DURING THE FIELD TRIP, STUDENTS VISITED BOTH TRADE UNIONS TO LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. THEY WERE GIVEN A COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF EACH FACILITY, WHICH PROVIDED THEM WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK THAT GOES ON IN THESE TRADES. THE TOUR GUIDES WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ENGAGING, ANSWERING STUDENTS' QUESTIONS AND PROVIDING VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE WORK THAT IS DONE BY THESE TRADES.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY, STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE MEANINGFUL CAREERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THESE TRADES. THEY DISCOVERED HOW EACH TRADE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF SOCIETY, AND HOW THE WORK THEY DO IS CRUCIAL TO BUILDING AND MAINTAINING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, WHICH OFFER STUDENTS A PATH TO A REWARDING CAREER WITH GOOD PAY AND BENEFITS.

THE FIELD TRIP WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SEE FIRSTHAND WHAT SKILLED TRADES ARE ALL ABOUT. IT EXPOSED THEM TO THE VARIOUS CAREER PATHS AVAILABLE AND GAVE THEM AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUABLE WORK THAT IS DONE BY THESE TRADES. IT WAS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE THAT WILL HELP STUDENTS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE CAREER PATHS.

THE AMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STUDENTS RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEAVER COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS, WHERE THEY COMPETED IN A VARIETY OF EVENTS. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THE ATHLETES WERE CHEERED ON BY THEIR PEER BUDDIES, WHO PROVIDED UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THE EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, AND ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD AN INCREDIBLE TIME. IT WAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS, BUILD CAMARADERIE, AND ENJOY THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION. WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF ALL OF THE ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATED, AS WELL AS THEIR PEERS WHO SUPPORTED THEM THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.





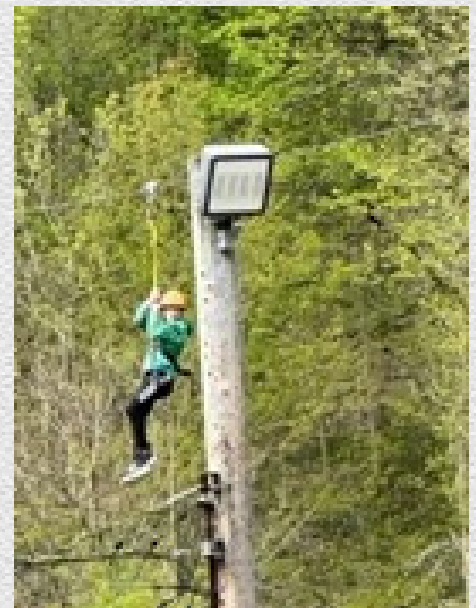
MATHCOUNTS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL (MOST OF THIS INFORMATION WAS SENT FOR THE WEBSITE TOO)

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, TWELVE STUDENTS FROM AMBRIDGE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN THE BEAVER COUNTY MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION HELD AT GENEVA COLLEGE. THE COMPETING STUDENTS WERE CHARLES STEFANIK, PARKER EISEL, JAMES HUSTEAD, JR KOSTER, COLIN MEADOWS, EVAN FRANCIS, MALA SINHA ROY, SYDNEY SMITH, NOELLA JAWORCZYKOWSKA-EDWARDS, GAVIN KOLDER, ALYSSA SMITH, AND OLIVER OZENICH. THE COMPETITION FEATURED 48 STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS ACROSS BEAVER COUNTY. STUDENTS INDEPENDENTLY COMPETED IN THE SPRINT ROUND OF 30 NO CALCULATOR QUESTIONS WITHIN 40 MINUTES AND THE TARGET ROUND OF FOUR SETS OF 2 CALCULATOR QUESTIONS WITHIN 6 MINUTES FOR EACH SET. THEN CHARLES STEFANIK, JR KOSTER, JAMES HUSTEAD, AND PARKER EISEL WORKED TOGETHER ON THE TEAM ROUND OF 10 QUESTIONS. THE TEAM FINISHED 3RD OVERALL. THE FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS HAD TWO AMBRIDGE STUDENTS IN THE TOP 10 IN THE COUNTY LEVEL. THEY WERE CHARLES STEFANIK WHO RANKED 4TH AND JR KOSTER WHO RANKED 7TH OVERALL. WITH HIS TOP 4 PLACEMENT, CHARLES QUALIFIED FOR THE STATE LEVEL AND COMPETED IN HARRISBURG ON MARCH 18TH. IN A TEAM ACTIVITY AT THE COMPETITION, CHARLES AND HIS GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE WON THE ENGINEERING TOWER CHALLENGE. THE OBJECT WAS TO BUILD A TOWER THAT WAS AT LEAST 16 INCHES BUT WOULD HOLD THE MOST WEIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES FOR DOING AN AMAZING JOB REPRESENTING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THE SPONSORS FOR THE MATHCOUNTS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ARE MRS. ASHLEY SIMPSON AND MR. GLENN FREED. GREAT JOB TO ALL OF THE MATHLETES!



SEVERAL STUDENTS FROM THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS MAKE UP SCOUT TROOP 819, WHO RECENTLY SPENT THE DAY AT CAMP GUYASUTA. THE TROOP HAD AN ACTION-PACKED DAY FILLED WITH ADVENTURE, WHERE THEY PUT THEIR SKILLS TO THE TEST THROUGH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES. TROOP MEMBERS TOOK AIM AND HONED THEIR ARCHERY SKILLS, TACKLED THEIR FEARS ON THE ZIP LINE AND CHALLENGE COURSE, AND ENJOYED THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE WOODS ON A HIKE. IT WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SCOUTS TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES AND BUILD CAMARADERIE. WITH THE PINEWOOD DERBY RACE COMING UP IN MAY, THE TROOP MEMBERS HAVE SET THEIR SIGHTS ON THEIR NEXT ADVENTURE. WE WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THEIR FUTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.



Highland Highlights: The Latest News and Updates

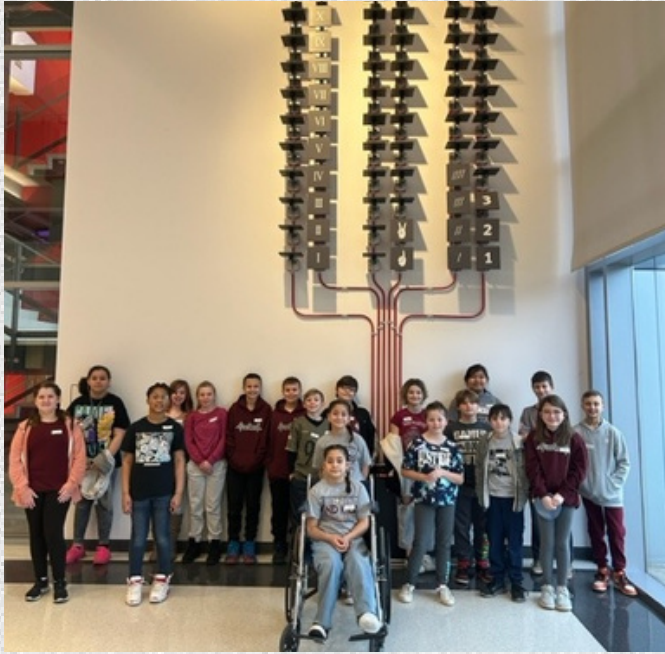


FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS AT HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY LEARNED ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN AMERICA FOR THE ANNUAL LIVING MUSEUM PROJECT. THIS YEAR, THE PROJECT WAS EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER THANKS TO A GRANT AWARDED TO MRS. TAORMINA BY THE BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST (BCET) AND BECAUSE OF HIGHLAND'S PARTNERSHIP WITH WQED THROUGH THEIR SMARTSCHOOLS PROGRAM. MRS. TAORMINA USED THE BCET MINI GRANT TO PURCHASE BIOGRAPHIES ON VARIOUS READING LEVELS. THIS ALLOWED ALL STUDENTS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH WITH A BOOK THAT HE OR SHE COULD READ AND COMPREHEND INDEPENDENTLY. STUDENTS ALSO USED THE BROADCASTING STATION, GIVEN TO HIGHLAND BY WQED, TO RECORD 4TH GRADE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES WHO PORTRAYED THE INDIVIDUAL THE GROUP RESEARCHED. FINALLY, STUDENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING THEIR OWN BIOGRAPHIES FROM THEIR RESEARCH. THE BIOGRAPHIES WILL BE PUBLISHED USING THE COLOR PRINTER AND BOOK BINDING MACHINE THAT WE RECEIVED THROUGH THE SMART SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

THE PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED TO THE 3RD AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS EARLIER THIS WEEK. ON THURSDAY EVENING STUDENTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY ALONG WITH RACHEL SEW (WQED), JAMIE CONNELLY (BCET) AND HIGHLAND'S NEW PRINCIPAL, MRS. HULL. ALL WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT WERE INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED WITH THE STUDENTS' HARD WORK AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATERIAL WHICH WAS PRESENTED.

OUR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS EXCELLED IN ALL AREAS OF THIS PROJECT AND HAD SO MUCH FUN COMPLETING IT! WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF OUR 4TH GRADE!

State Street Elementary School Shines with Exciting Updates and Achievements!



STATE STREET CONTINUED TO THRIVE IN 2023, SHOWCASING ITS BRILLIANCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IN JANUARY, THE FIFTH GRADE RECEIVED A GRANT TO VISIT THE PRESTIGIOUS CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER. THEY PARTICIPATED IN AN ENGAGING WORKSHOP THAT DELVED INTO THE CAPTIVATING REALM OF ROCKETRY, FEATURING CAPTIVATING DEMONSTRATIONS AND AN INFORMATIVE GUIDED TOUR OF THE REMARKABLE EXHIBITS.



WE CELEBRATED THE SUPER BOWL BY HAVING A CEREAL DRIVE FOR THE COMMUNITY. BEFORE WE GAVE THE CEREAL AWAY, WE SET UP ALL THE CEREAL BOXES IN THE GYM AND RELEASED THE FIRST BOX AND BOOM! EACH BOX FOLLOWED; IT WAS THE DOMINOE EFFECT! THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!



DR SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY IS IN MARCH AND BOY, WE WERE LUCKY! TO MARK OUR FIFTH GRADERS' MOVE TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO TALK ABOUT THE PLACES WE WILL GO, OUR OWN SUPERINTENDENT, DR. PASQUERILLA, READ TO US. WE TALKED ABOUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE REMINDED US THAT WE TOO CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS! THANKS, DR. PASQUERILLA!!!

THE WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATED DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY WITH A POPCORN PARTY IN THE GYM ON MARCH 2. THANK YOU STATE STREET PTO FOR THE POPCORN! MRS. HOOVER READ "THE CAT IN THE HAT" TO US. PTO RAFFLED OFF A BASKET FULL OF SEUSS GOODIES.



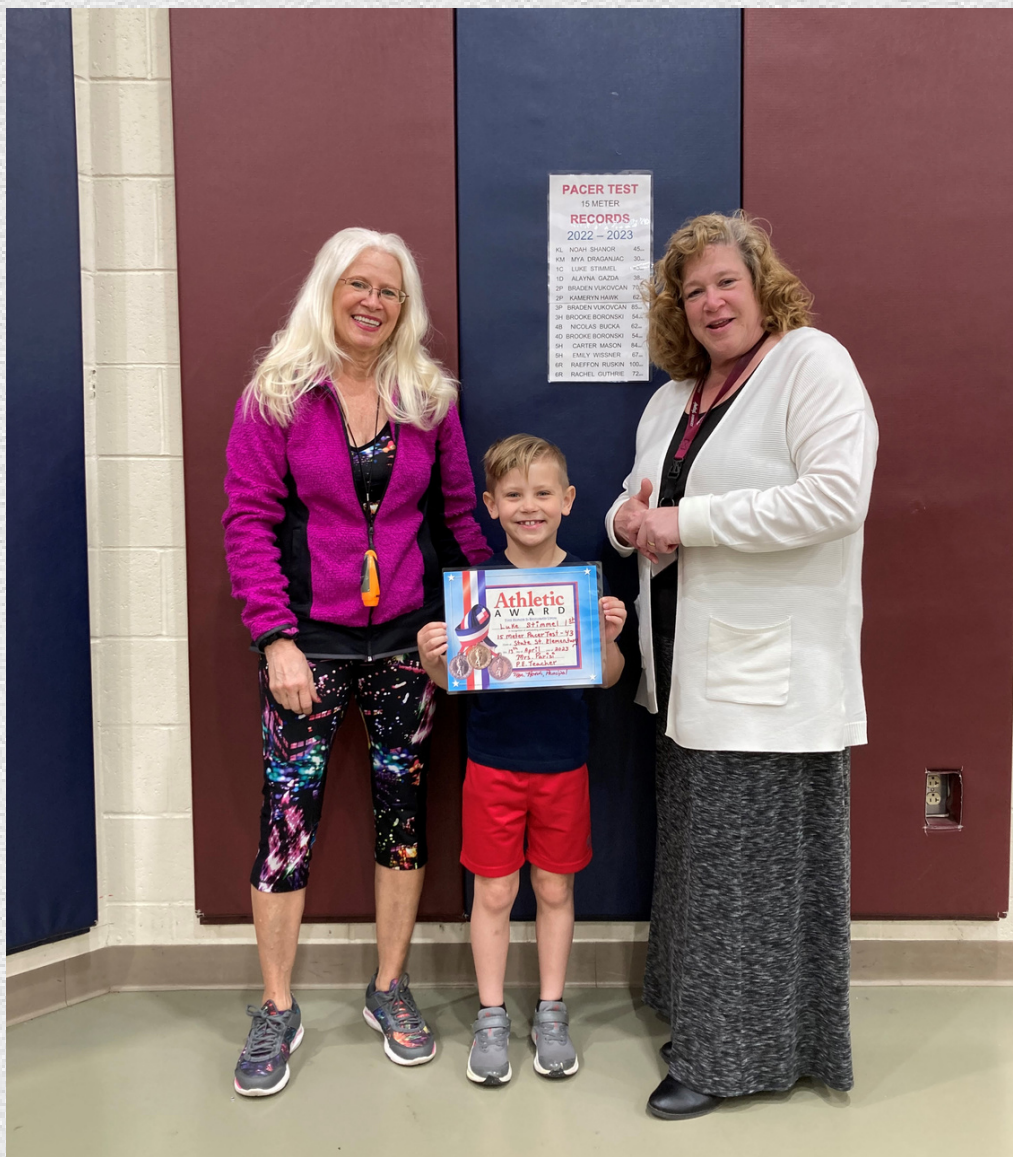
ON THE MORNINGS OF MARCH 16 AND 17, WE HAD SWEETS WITH SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR MOMS, DADS, SISTERS, BROTHERS, GRANDPARENTS OR WHOEVER ELSE WAS SPECIAL TO US. WE ALSO HAD A PENNY WAR THAT RAISED A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL. WE LOVED TRYING TO WIN BY DUMPING TONS OF COINS IN THE JARS! OUR FIRST GRADERS WON AND GOT AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY. EVERY OTHER GRADE RECEIVED ICE CREAM CUPS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION.

STUDENT COUNCIL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE MARCH BOARD MEETING AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AT STATE STREET. WHAT AN HONOR!!!!



**PHYSICAL EDUCATION STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2023
STATE STREET ELEMENTARY!**

STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE WERE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE FOR BEING CHOSEN AS NOVEMBER PHYSICAL EDUCATION STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH. MRS. PARISI HAS DEDICATED A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE GYM TO HONOR HER STUDENTS AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD: NOT ABSENT ON A GYM DAY, DO AN EXCELLENT JOB CALLING OUT THE WARM-UPS, BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL IN CLASS, EXTRA EFFORT, AND ENCOURAGING FELLOW CLASSMATES TO DO THEIR BEST. ALONG WITH MRS. PARISI IN THE PICTURE ARE: PATRICK MORGAN, BENJAMIN TUSICK, ROYAL COBBS, JUSTIN HYSONG, GRANT KRATOCHVIL, CARTER MCFARLAND, CHASE SZUCHY, GABRIELLE KUFTIC, JAIDEN SIPES, JULIANNA REESE, MIKENNLY JOHNSON AND BRAYDEN CUPP. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



LUKE STIMMEL IN FIRST GRADE AT STATE STREET BROKE THE 15 METER PACER TEST RECORD. THE OLD RECORD WAS 41 LAPS. LUKE GOT 43 LAPS. ALONG WITH LUKE IN THE PICTURE ARE MRS. PARISI THE P.E. TEACHER AND MRS. HOOVER THE STATE STREET PRINCIPAL.

STATE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTED THE BNY MELLON MOBILE FAB LAB ON FEBRUARY 15-17. THE MISSION OF THE BNY MELLON MOBILE FAB LAB IS TO "MAKE MAKERS". STATE STREET STUDENTS BECAME MAKERS AS THEY IMMERSSED THEMSELVES IN A REAL-WORLD PROBLEM AND USED HANDS-ON LEARNING TO CREATE A SOLUTION. STUDENTS IN GRADES 1ST-2ND PARTICIPATED IN THE ANIMAL TRACKS CHALLENGE AND USED CAD SOFTWARE TO CREATE LASER CUT ANIMAL TRACKS. STUDENTS IN GRADES 3RD-5TH PARTICIPATED IN THE EARTHQUAKE CHALLENGE AND USED DIGITAL FABRICATION TOOLS TO CREATE THE TALLEST STRUCTURE THAT COULD WITHSTAND AN EARTHQUAKE. STUDENTS TESTED THEIR STRUCTURE ON AN EARTHQUAKE TABLE.

THIS OPPORTUNITY WAS FULLY FUNDED BY A GENEROUS GRANT FROM BNY MELLON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3200.



MAY IS A BUSY MONTH. WE WILL HONOR OUR TEACHERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK. FIFTH GRADERS WILL VISIT THE STRIP DISTRICT IN PITTSBURGH AFTER COMPLETING THE BOOK 'MACARONI BOY', WHICH HAS SCENES THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE STRIP. HOW COOL IS THAT! IN MAY, THERE ARE FIELD TRIPS, MOVE UP DAY, KINDERGARTEN FINALE, PREK GRADUATION, ART SHOW/RECORDER/CHORAL/BAND CONCERTS, A ROOT-BEER FLOAT SOCIAL AND OUR TRADITIONAL ROBOT PARADE WHERE WE FEATURE OUR HOMEMADE ROBOTS THAT WE MADE IN STEAM. WOW! WE ARE BUSY AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE BUSY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR!

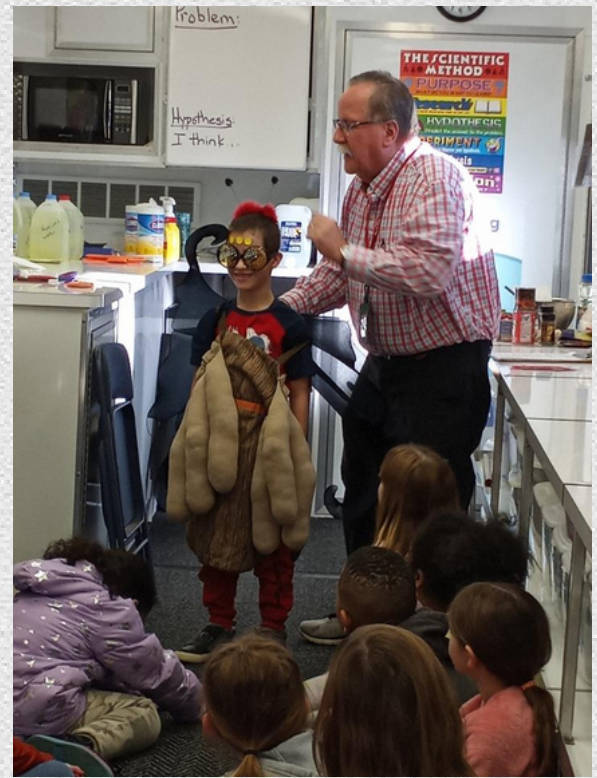
BEST OF LUCK TO OUR FIFTH GRADERS AS THEY TRANSITION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. WE WILL MISS YOU!

Economy Elementary School: Latest Updates and Achievements

THE FACULTY AT ECONOMY ELEMENTARY STRIVE TO CHALLENGE THEIR STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. ECONOMY'S DAILY FOCUS PERIOD PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION TO MEET THEIR INDIVIDUAL LEARNING NEEDS. OUR TEACHERS MEET REGULARLY TO REVIEW DATA FROM COMMON ASSESSMENTS IN GRADES 3, 4, AND 5 TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS ON THE PSSA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, AND SCIENCE.

AFTER EACH NINE WEEKS, THERE IS A PERFECT ATTENDANCE GYM REWARD PERIOD FOR STUDENTS, AND HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ARE REWARDED WITH A MOVIE AND POPCORN. IN ADDITION, HIGH GRADE LEVEL SCORERS IN ACCELERATED READER RECEIVED A GIFT CARD TO BARNES & NOBLE. OUR STUDENTS GET VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE MONTHLY TICKET DRAWINGS FOR OUR STAR SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PROGRAM AND KINDNESS PROGRAM. WINNERS RECEIVE GIFT CARDS TO MCDONALD'S, FIVE BELOW, AND WALMART.





THE STUDENTS HAVE A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT ECONOMY ELEMENTARY IN THE SPRING SEMESTER. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE "BOOK BLAST PROJECT" THAT ALLOWED STUDENTS TO RECEIVE BOOKS FOR FREE, THE MOBILE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE LAB, THE CLO'S PERFORMANCE OF "THE BOY FROM TROY" IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND THE CHEM-MYSTERY ASSEMBLY SPONSORED BY THE CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER.

THE PTA HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN SPONSORING THE PRINCESS BALL, SCHOOL DANCES, BOOK FAIRS, NERF SPORTS NIGHT, AND THE TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER TO NAME A FEW ACTIVITIES. ALSO, THE MANY PTA FUNDRAISING EVENTS PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND HAVE FUN.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ECONOMY PARENTS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

ECONOMY ELEMENTARY IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE!!!

Dr. Pasquerilla's Q&A's



**BRANDIE JOHNSON, AMBRIDGE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH GRADE ALL SUBJECTS
TEACHER**

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

**A: CHALLENGES I AM FACED WITH AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO OVERCOME.
THE ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I LOVE THE DIVERSITY OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

**A: I LOVE ANYTHING OUTDOORS, SUCH AS HIKING, KAYAKING, AND SPENDING
TIME AT OUR CAMP UP NORTH.**

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

**A: PERSONALLY - MY KIDS.
PROFESSIONALLY - MY STUDENTS AND TEACHING THEM HOW TO BE THE BEST
VERSION OF THEMSELVES.**



CORY CAVANAUGH, AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL BCIT TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, AND LEARNING WHAT THEY DO INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. LEARNING WHO THE KIDS ARE, AND WHAT THEY LIKE TO DO, SUCH AS SPORTS OR SHOPPING, AND BRINGING THAT BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: A PERSON FROM THE DISTRICT LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE JOB. I HEARD ALL GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE KIDS AND THE DISTRICT. I HAVE AN UNDERGRAD IN BUSINESS AND THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH OTHERS BUSINESS.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I LOVE SPORTS, AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: I WANT TO BE GREAT AT SOMETHING. I WANT TO WORK HARDER THAN OTHERS TO SUCCEED!



EMILY SCHULTZ, AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS MORE AND MORE AND FORMING RELATIONSHIPS.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: THROUGH WORKING AT A PROGRAM THROUGH SEWICKLEY ACADEMY, I GOT TO SEE AMBRIDGE.

I HEARD GOOD THINGS ABOUT AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GREW UP NEARBY. MY EXPOSURE TO THE AREA AND THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA MADE ME EAGER TO APPLY WHEN I SAW THE JOB POSTING.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I MAINLY LIKE TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS WHENEVER I GET THE CHANCE. I ENJOY GOING ON RUNS AND TAKING WALKS OUTSIDE WHEN THE WEATHER WARMS UP!

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: FEELING LIKE I WAS ABLE TO HELP OTHERS IN A POSITIVE WAY MAKES ME FEEL SUCCESSFUL, AND THE MATH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAKES ME FEEL SUPPORTED EVERY DAY.



ERIN HEIN, HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: I LIKE WORKING WITH FANTASTIC, BRIGHT, AND FUNNY KIDS!

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A. MY ADVISOR AT SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDED AMBRIDGE. I PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN NEW CASTLE AND HEARD GREAT THINGS ABOUT AMBRIDGE.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I HAVE FOUR BOYS, SO I SPEND A LOT OF TIME AT SPORTING EVENTS. I LIKE SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, AND KAYAKING. I AM AN OUTDOORS PERSON.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: BEING HERE AND MAKING A POSITIVE PRESENCE IN A STUDENT'S LIFE.



KATHRYN COUCH, AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS. WATCHING THEM GROW AND SEEING THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I SAW THERE WAS AN OPENING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I LIKE TO WORK ON CAREER PATHS AND CONNECT STUDENTS WITH FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES.

I LIKE THAT AMBRIDGE OFFERS A LOT OF EXTRACURRICULARS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO GROW AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

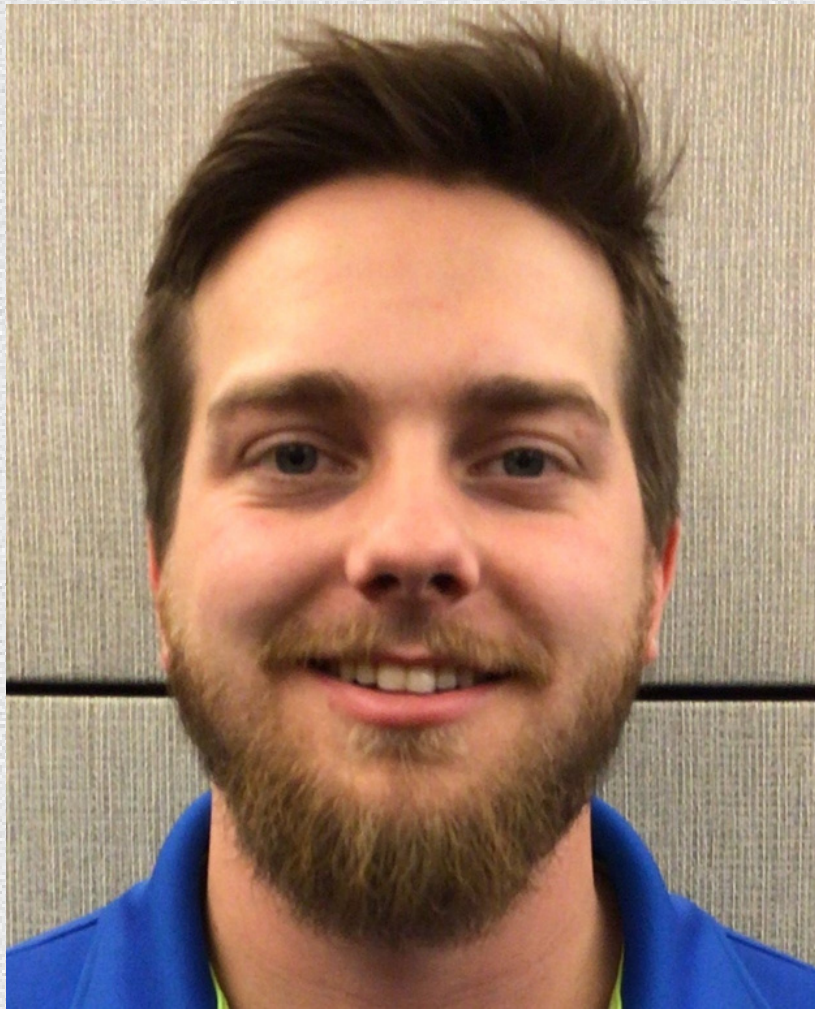
Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I LIKE TO TRAVEL.

I AM CURRENTLY PLANNING MY WEDDING. SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND MY TWO NEPHEWS.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: HELPING OTHERS, AND THE COMMUNITY, AND WORKING AS A TEAM TO HELP STUDENTS GET EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING.



ZACH DUGAN, TECHNOLOGY TEACH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: I ENJOY TEACHING AND MOLDING YOUNG MINDS.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A. IT WAS MY BRIDGER PRIDE! I AM A GRADUATE OF AASD.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I ENJOY PLAYING BASEBALL, HUNTING, AND FISHING.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: SUCCESS IS WHAT MOTIVATES ME THE MOST.



ALEXIS COGIS, 2ND GRADE TEACHER AT HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT.

MAKING AN IMPACT. KIDS SMILING, KNOWING THEY ARE DOING WELL, AND WANTING TO SUCCEED.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A. MY ADVISOR AT SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDED AMBRIDGE.

I WAS A STUDENT TEACHER AT STATE STREET ELEMENTARY.

I ALWAYS FELT DRAWN TO AMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MY HEART WAS CALLING ME BACK TO AASD. EVERYONE IS NICE AND THE KIDS APPRECIATE YOU.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I WORK OUT AT PLANET FITNESS.

SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY AND MY DOG COOPER.

I ENJOY SHOPPING AND ATTENDING PIRATE GAMES.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: WORKING TO LEARN AND GROW. THE BEST VERSION OF MYSELF.

MY DAD WAS A 4TH-GRADE TEACHER AND A ROLE MODEL.



LEE LEVI, HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT/AUTISTIC SUPPORT TEACHER K-2

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: SEEING CASELOAD STUDENTS PUSH IN SO I WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH ALL THE STUDENTS IN THE GRADE LEVEL. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STUDENTS! THAT IS THE BEST PART!!

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I AM NOT FROM PITTSBURGH, I ATTENDED PITT UNIVERSITY AND SAW A JOB OPENING THAT PIQUED MY INTEREST SO I APPLIED. NOW THAT I HAVE THIS JOB I REALIZE IT IS A GREAT FIT.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND GOING ON RUNS.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: KNOWING I CAN MAKE A CHANGE BY SHOWING UP FOR THE KIDS AND HELPING THEM.



AAMARIA HALL, HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SECOND GRADE TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: THE KIDS. I ENJOY TEACHING THEM AND LEARNING ABOUT THEM. I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A TEACHER AND I LOVE THE CHILDREN.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: THE DIVERSITY. THE SCHOOL POPULATION WAS DIVERSE. I ATTENDED A DIVERSE SCHOOL MYSELF AND WANTED TO TEACH IN A DIVERSE PLACE.

I MET THE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF AND FELT WELCOMED.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: TAKE CARE OF MY 7-MONTH-OLD SON. HIS SUCCESS MOTIVATES ME EVERY DAY.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: I LIKE TO DRAW AND AM VERY GOOD AT IT AND IT RELAXES THE MIND.



ANNA RUBAKER, HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT/EMOTIONAL SUPPORT/LIFE SKILLS/TRANSITION/SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: THE STUDENTS, THEY ARE AMAZING! ALSO, THE STAFF IS VERY WELCOMING AND HELPFUL.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I SAW THE OPENING ON LINKEDIN, RESEARCHED THE DISTRICT AND FELL IN LOVE WITH IT.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I LIKE TO READ, LISTEN TO MUSIC, WATCH SPORTS, GO ON HIKES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: SEEING THE STUDENTS HAVE THE MOMENTS WHERE THE LIGHT BULB GOES ON FOR THEM. IT'S ALL REWARDING AND WORTH IT!



COREY BAILY, PCCD GRAND FUNDED ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: THE STUDENTS ARE THE BEST PART OF MY JOB. I ENJOY THEM SAYING HELLO TO ME, SMILING AT ME AND WANTING TO TALK WITH ME. THE STAFF IS GREAT AS WELL!!

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A VARIETY OF STUDENTS, TO IMPROVE AS A COUNSELOR, AND TO HELP FAMILIES.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: SPENDING TIME WITH MY SON, FISHING, SPORTS, WALKS, COMIC BOOKS, BEING OUTSIDE MOSTLY.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: BECOMING BETTER AT WHAT I AM DOING, LEARNING, GROWING AND JUST ALWAYS WANTING TO BETTER MYSELF.



ERICA BROZICH, STATE STREET ELEMENTARY PREK TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: BEING THERE FOR THE KIDS AND THAT THEY'RE HAPPY AND SMILING.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I WAS A STUDENT TEACHER AT ECONOMY ELEMENTARY AND I LIKED AASD SO MUCH I LOOKED FOR A JOB IN THE DISTRICT.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I LIKE TO GO SHOPPING AND ENJOY GOING OUT TO EAT AND ARCHERY.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: BEING HERE FOR THE KIDS AND BEING THE ADULT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



ALEX JEWELL, AMBRIDGE AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

A: MY FAVORITE PART OF MY JOB IS GETTING TO INTERACT WITH THE KIDS AND HAVING THEM SHARE WITH ME BY TALKING ABOUT THEIR WEEKEND, INTERESTS, HOBBIES, SPORTS, AND WHAT THEY DO IN THEIR FREE TIME.

Q: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR THE AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A: I FOUND THE JOB POSTING ON PA EDUCATOR IN THE SUMMER AND I LIKE WORKING WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN A GOOD LOCATION FOR ME BECAUSE OF WHERE MY WIFE AND I LIVE.

Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING OUTSIDE OF WORK?

A: I ENJOY READING, HIKING, PLAYING WITH MY DOG. IN THE SUMMER AND FALL, I COACH FOOTBALL. AFTER THANKSGIVING, I LIKE TO GO UP TO CAMP AND HUNT. ANY OTHER FREE TIME THAT I HAVE TENDS TO GO TOWARDS HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU THE MOST?

A: WHAT MOTIVATES ME THE MOST IS TO DO WELL IN EVERYTHING I DO. MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME FROM AN EARLY AGE TO ALWAYS DO MY BEST, NO MATTER WHAT. SO, I HAVE A HIGH INTERNAL DRIVE TO DO WELL IN MY JOB AS A TEACHER TO GIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND WHATEVER THEIR DECISION IS BEYOND THAT.