

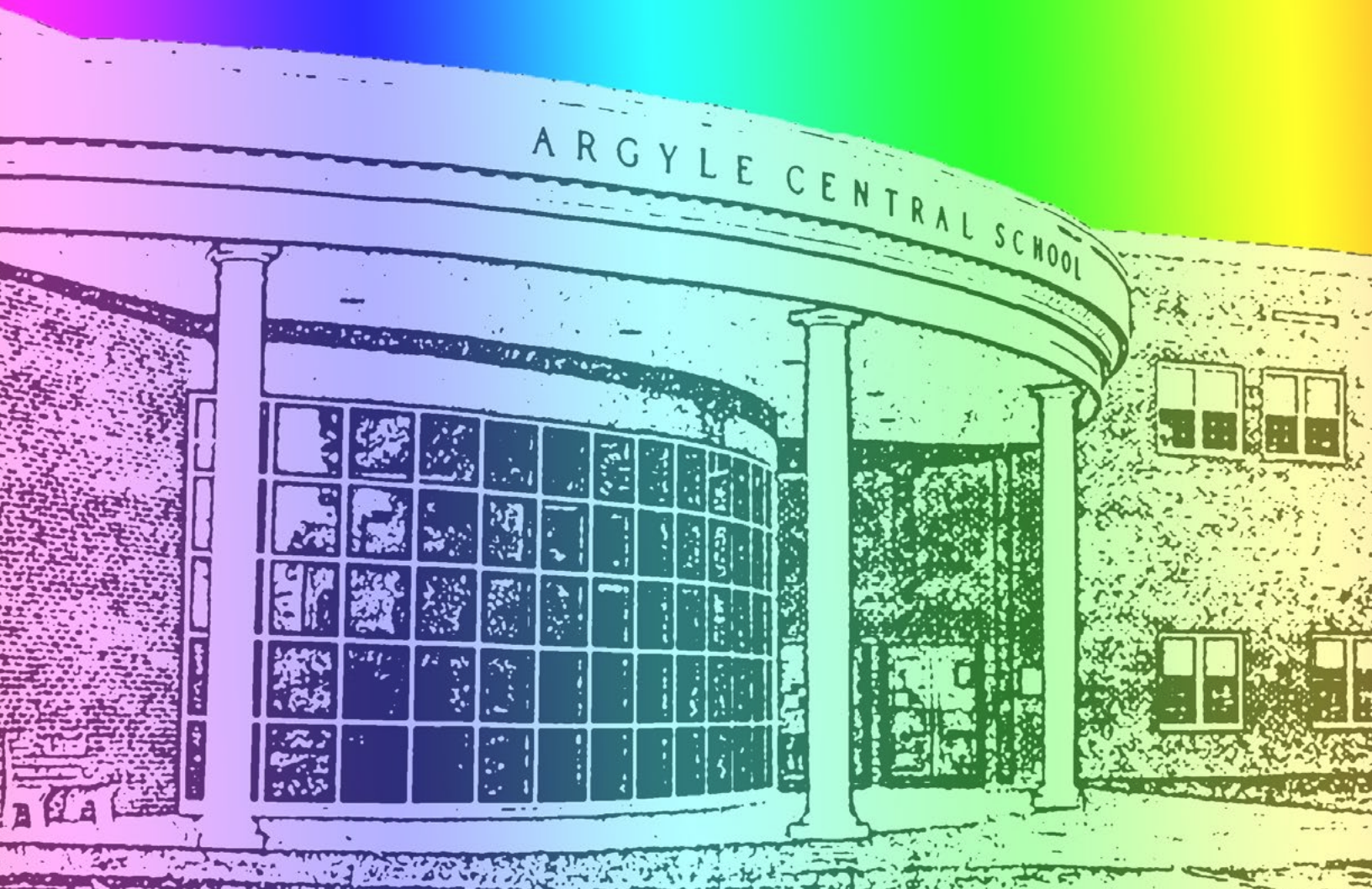
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# Covid-19 by Erica Siaulnski

-The Corona Virus has been affecting everyone lately. Work and school, cancelled for most. You're required to stay six feet apart from people. It's been a big change for a lot of people. Many places are closed and have no date as to when they will reopen. It's changing everything we know, schools, offices and homes are now all in one place. People are asked to stay home and some have stated how boring and dull this time of staying home has become. Other people are taking advantage of this time at home to catch up on their favorite television series, baking, and reading, just to name a few. We are encouraged not to leave our houses, unless needed, to limit the spread of the virus. During this time, students, teachers and parents are all learning to work with the new systems of teaching and learning. To most people's disappointment, Spring sports have been cancelled for the season. Some people consider this an opportunity, how many times in your life will you be told to stay home and not come to school or work? Others are concerned about what they will miss, proms, field trips, birthdays and all sorts of activities have been cancelled or delayed because of the virus. All we can do is wait for the virus to subside and allow us to return to school, work and a normal life. Stay safe and don't forget to wash your hands.



Mrs. McKernon is missing her real-life third grade Superheroes!



Mrs. Jenks & Mrs. Cornell send a message to kindergarten!

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# Congratulations to our Retirees!

## Sharon Sykes



Remember the millennium? January 1, 2000? Party like it's 1999? It seems like an awfully long time ago! September 2000 was when our fearless social worker, Sharon Sykes, officially began her career as an Argyle employee. The truth is, Sharon was already embedded in the culture of Argyle in the late 1990s as a BOCES employee.

So over these 20 plus years, you may have found yourself thinking “what ARE some of the highlights of a school social worker in Argyle Central School?” It's way too much to include in this brief summary but I will try to share a few of my favorites.

Sharon was the “lead agent” for a challenging high school student as assigned by Principal Smith. Sharon received this special assignment, not only because of her amazing skills, but because he had realized Sharon was the only one left with the tolerance to carry on with this student. I can recall countless examples of Sharon relentlessly championing the rights of our less fortunate students and families. Sharon was never one to take the easy road; she took the path that was right and challenged those of us around her to do the same. I have always valued Sharon's honesty and virtue. She was never one to back down from what was right for a student just because it was unpopular. Sharon balanced this with being a great team player.

In recent years, Sharon has shared her wealth of knowledge and experience by supervising social work interns. She guided these beginning social workers and made sure they had a thorough and complete experience as only a K-12 district like Argyle can provide. I hope these young women realize how fortunate they were to have such an amazing mentor in Sharon Sykes. I have. ~Jennifer Barber

In her 28 years of hard work and dedication, Jill Morris has provided support for many of us here at ACS. She has been a champion for students. Not only her own, but any student who needed to feel like someone was in their corner, rooting for them, looking out for them. Consistently, throughout her nearly three decades of service, Mrs. Morris has been a presence in so many facets of school life. She has been in all of our classes, helping students make sense of what is going on, motivating and assisting students to meet class requirements. She has mentored students as their class advisor, club advisor, coach, and tutor. Each school year, she has spent many hours on sweltering and smelly buses to far away places, like NYC, to afford students the opportunity to broaden their experiences, have fun, and make lasting memories. As Coach Morris, she helped build the ACS Cross Country program, inspiring generations of Argyle runners. Always advocating for programs to meet students' emotional and social well being, Mrs. Morris has influenced school programs through her work on the Secondary-Site Based Team and the District Committee. She has always been there to participate, donate, volunteer, celebrate, and make us laugh. Mrs. Morris has made ACS a better place for students and colleagues. We hope she enjoys her retirement as much as we have enjoyed having her in our lives everyday. She will be greatly missed! Here's to wishing Mrs. Jill Morris a wonderful retirement. ~Cathy Catalfamo

## Jill Morris





## Sandi Bonhote

Sandi has been working at ACS for 29 years! Well that isn't the whole truth as she also went to school here from K-graduation, while her Mom was the library aide here. Sandi's ACS career began as a sub for elementary special ed, that eventually turned into a permanent PT position. Then her present library aide position began in 2003 and has continued for 17 years...my how time flies by! A bit of trivia that I bet Sandi doesn't even know: How many books did Sandi check out in those 17 years? Ans: 109,934 books, which is equal to 4.4 x around the Earth! KUDOS Sandi for all the "extras" you have done through the years here at ACS and most of all enjoy your retirement!  
~Donna Smyth

## Lori Coldwell



Lori started at ACS in October 2003 as a part-time aide, and then shortly after she became the full-time Attendance Aide in the main office. She was always willing to learn something new, or help out wherever she was needed. She would even go as far as cleaning the office if she had down time, she was never one to sit still or complain.

Lori truly loves the kids, and enjoys trying to cheer them up if they are having a bad day or just lending an ear to listen if they need it. The kids all like and respect her as she treats them all fairly and truly cares about them all. She sometimes was a little silly with them, and they would get laughing at her. She would then feel good about getting them to smile.

I couldn't have asked for a better coworker or friend. She worked beside me for 17 years and we've shared a lot of laughter, tears and great times. She has an amazing sense of humor and a crazy side that kept me entertained on many days. I have watched her try to hula hoop, she might have to practice that more during her retirement to see if she can perfect it. She loves dogs, and actually brought in treats for Archie, the therapy dog so that he could have some when he came into the main office. Archie will miss Lori.

I hope in her retirement she is able to do a lot of camping, hiking, floating in her pool and enjoying the sunsets on her back deck. She will be missed more than she knows, but I wish her the best! Enjoy Lor!  
~Sue Abrahamson

## Glenn Bristol



Toothpicks, high-fives, and Fire Prevention Week are all the things Glenn Bristol is famous for. But before I go into detail of all the things we will miss about Glenn as he ventures off into the retirement world, I'd like to say a few words about Glenn's 'Argyle Dedication'.

Mr. Bristol was a student at Argyle Central School from kindergarten all the way up to twelfth grade. Upon graduating from ACS in 1976, Glenn became a volunteer fireman for the JA Barkley Hose Company and has been a member for 44 years. Still active with the department, Glenn is currently the Washington County Fire Coordinator.

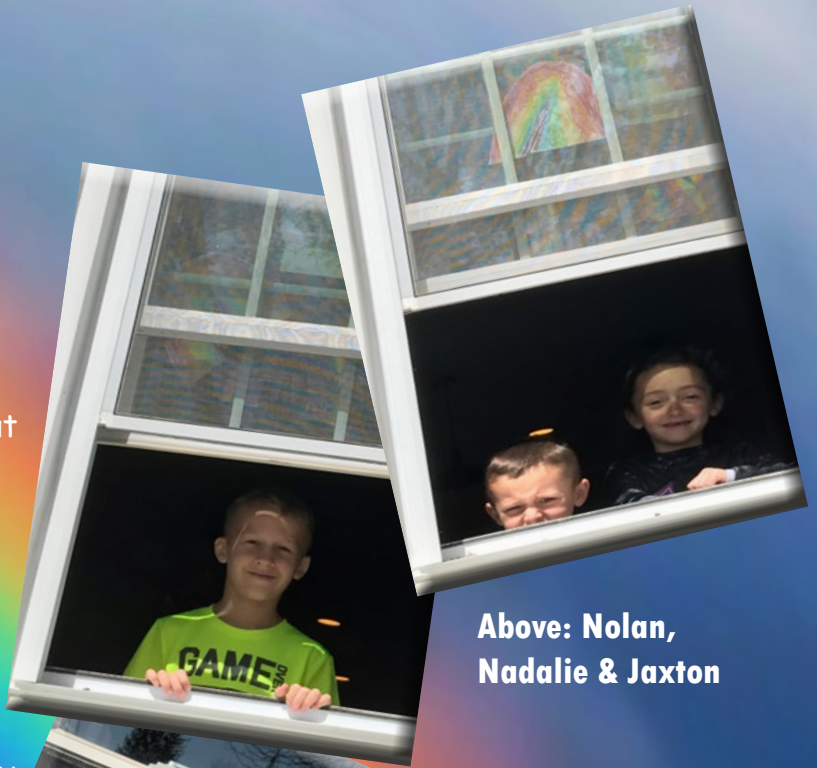
In 1997, Glenn came back to good old Argyle School as a teacher aide. After working summers as a custodian for the school, he became a full time custodian in 2000. Many school employees will tell you that Glenn is very knowledgeable about the school building and grounds. In fact, do you know that pile of jewelry and trinkets in the main office? Well, Glenn is the one that finds most of it and "presents" it to the office staff.

I bet you didn't know that Glenn had his time as a teacher for Argyle School? For over 20 years Glenn took his personal vacation time during Fire Prevention week to TEACH K-6 Argyle students all about fire safety. He is very dedicated to the program and taught over a thousand children over the years about extremely important life threatening matters. So, the custodian you see almost every school day with a fireman's walkie talkie on his hip, a toothpick hanging out of his mouth and a high-five for every student in the cafe has been dedicated to the Argyle Central School and Community for almost 60 years. Happy retirement Glenn!  
~Margaret Bartow

# Unity During Difficult Times

Written by Maggie Austin

The 518 Rainbow Project has taken over upstate New York and beyond. The project began as a way of spreading hope to others during the Covid-19 pandemic. People are displaying rainbows in their windows and on their front yards. I've seen rainbows made out of chalk, ribbons, and even finger paintings. While you can go on the hunt for rainbows while driving, you can also enjoy them from the safety and comfort of your own home. The Facebook group named "518 Rainbow Hunt- Spreading Rainbows Worldwide" includes up to 50 new rainbow posts per day from people everywhere. Each rainbow is unique, but conveys the same message of unity during these uncertain times.



Above: Nolan, Nadalie & Jaxton



Left: Ryder & Riley Royallminns



Mrs. Winter's son, William



Left: Chloe & Celia Townsend;  
Right: Mrs. Weston's daughter, Hazel Weston

Drawing by Emma Harwood

# Students' Poem Share

## **The Tough Parts By Conner Buck**

Life is tough.  
You will have ups and downs,  
No matter where you are in life.  
Don't let the downs take you where you don't  
want to be.  
Use the downs as fuel, as drive, as passion to  
keep fighting.  
Don't hide from the downs in your exoskele-  
ton.  
Because if you're not willing to feel the negative  
parts of life,  
You're also not willing to feel the positive.  
Don't let go.  
Don't give up.  
Just know things won't stay the same forever.  
Whether that's good or bad for you;  
You will find good no matter where you go.  
If it means finding new friends,  
Finding your significant other,  
Or bringing those closest closer.

## **The Virus By Jadlyn Sabo**

We're afraid  
My name's Jade  
Stay 6 feet away they say  
It's not just the flu  
ACHOO!  
Wear a mask  
we're under attack  
We gotta stay home  
wanna talk, use the phone.  
We wash our hands  
that's what the government demands.  
I also heard it's hard to breathe  
We sit inside  
because so many people have already died.  
Many people have lost their life  
and that woman you read about was someone's wife.  
The numbers are getting higher as I speak  
they say there's gonna be a peak  
We don't know how long this will last  
we can just hope it passes fast.  
We want this to go away  
that's why some pray  
Be safe  
you don't wanna be another positive case  
If you run out to the store be quick  
then get to home base that's where you will be safe  
You can get sick  
very quick.  
The schools shut down  
I mean look all around this town  
On websites things are getting sold,  
The people that are buying don't they know they will  
catch something worse than a cold?  
This is real so we gotta kneel and fold our hands  
if you still wanna have your future plans.

## "Keep calm and let the ACS Lunch Ladies handle it"

-Submitted by: Meaghan Wilkins

Do you wonder what the ladies in the cafeteria have been doing since that crazy day March 16th when school was closed? Let me tell you...

We started making breakfast and lunch for any child in Argyle that wanted or needed them. We started making these meals with no plans, no guidance, and no history of this ever before. But, what we did know was that we WOULD FEED the kids of ACS! Stacie, Shannon, Missy, Joy, Beth and Mary stepped up and did whatever was asked of them and more!

We started with about 90 students receiving breakfast and lunch daily and now a short 4 weeks later we are sending breakfast and lunch out to even more kids in our community-217 kids per day! We have a pretty solid system in place now which breaks down to this...

868 meals are sent out on Mondays and 1302 meals are sent out on Wednesdays. We are sending an assortment of breakfast and lunch- we do not want you guys getting "BORED" :) Our days have changed drastically from what we were used to, but we make it happen! I try to send a little message each week too - sometimes a joke or a rainbow etc...

The meals would not be able to go out at all without the support and teamwork of our ACS Family! Thank you to Melissa and the bus drivers that drive around town every Monday and Wednesday- you rock!! Thank you to the teacher aides that are also on the buses delivering with a smile every week- Michelle, Whitney, Cindy, Lisa, Robin, Amy, Lynda and Denise!

My goal has always been, and continues to be- feeding the kids, having fun and connecting with the students of ACS! We hope that we are still connecting in some way with the kids. We hope that "school lunch" is keeping them connected during this uncertain time and most importantly they all know that WE MISS THEM! We miss their "GOOD MORNINGS" at breakfast, we miss their laughter in the cafeteria, I will admit we even MISS their yelling and screaming :) Their lunch time was a chance for them to relax a little, have some time with their friends and we were lucky enough to be part of that... PLEASE STAY SAFE and If you are a student reading this or a parent reading with your child - PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH! ~Miss Meaghan and the Food Service Team



*A Huge Thank You to our Ladies of the Cafe*





**Thank you to our  
bus drivers for  
making the  
deliveries!  
Jennie, Chelsea,  
Pat, Donna,  
Amy, Sherm,  
Melissa & Linda**



**Thank you to our aides for assisting deliveries!  
Cindy, Robin, Michelle, Whitney,  
Lisa, Amy, Lynda and Denise**

# That Lucky Dog!

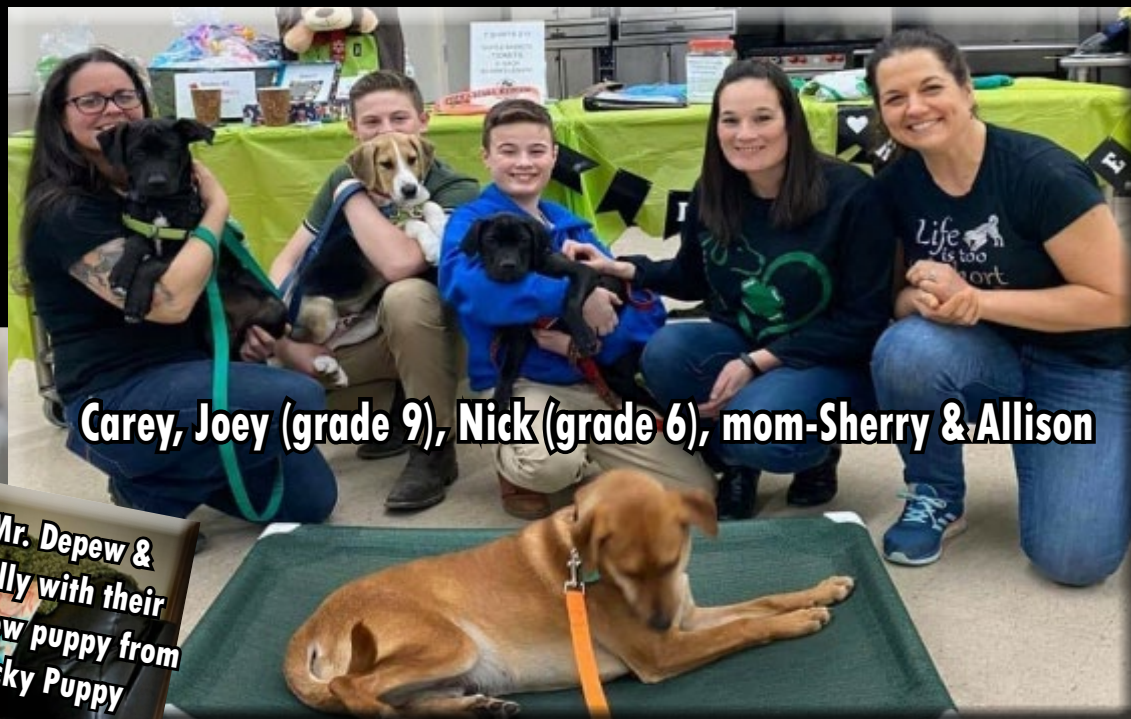
The Lucky Puppy Rescue is a new adoption center located here in our hometown of Argyle, NY. The original Lucky Puppy Rescue, in Bonifay, Florida, was founded in 2008 by Terri Mattison. Over time, Mattison realized that the Florida branch had too many puppies to find homes for and not enough homes willing to adopt; they needed to expand. Argyle was the perfect location for a new adoption center. The NY Lucky Puppy Rescue was born in October 2019. Adorable pups from Florida are transported up to NY in an old school bus. The Lucky Puppy Rescue Argyle is run by Allison Wilshere and Kennel Manager, Carey Lunt. Most of the workers at the Lucky Puppy Rescue are volunteers. The volunteers work very hard to find all the puppies a forever home. If you or someone you know are considering adopting a puppy or dog, be sure to contact The Lucky Puppy Rescue, here in Argyle, in hopes of finding the perfect new addition to your family and home.

**Making a donation is easy!  
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**PHOTOGRAPHY**



Carey, Joey (grade 9), Nick (grade 6), mom-Sherry & Allison



Mr. Depew & Ally with their new puppy from Lucky Puppy

## Student Spotlight!

Some of you may know Nick & Joey Seybolt as well as Liam, Dilyn & Sean McKernon. These "Lucky" kids volunteered at The Lucky Puppy prior to the Covid-19 and they can not wait to get back!

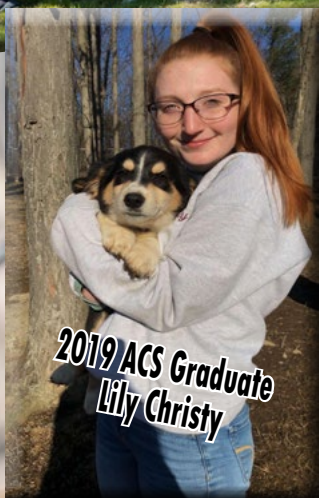
Nick and Joey have helped with fundraising, bathing, and grooming the dogs as well as walking and playing with the puppies. Both boys are so involved with their volunteer work, that they are currently taking on-line dog training courses through North Country Paws for Obedience.

The McKernons did jobs such as walking the dogs, cleaning, and just plain loving the puppies!

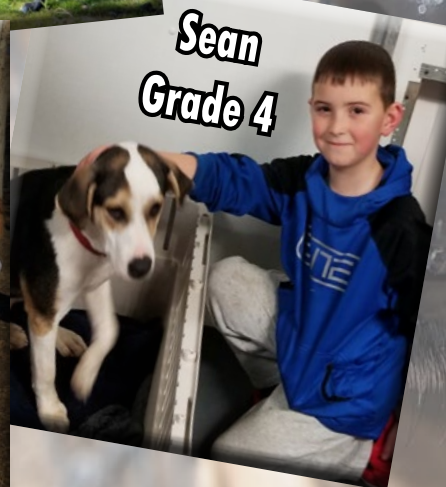
Both families can not wait to get back to spend time doing something they all love!



2014 ACS Graduate Alex Morency



2019 ACS Graduate Lily Christy



Sean Grade 4



Liam Grade 8



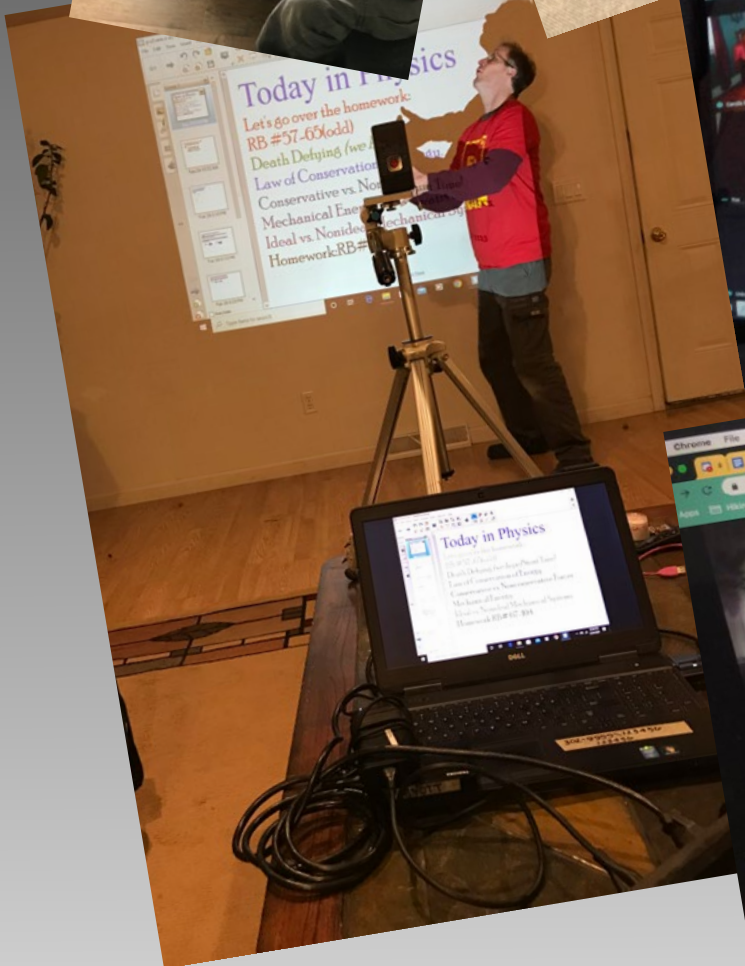
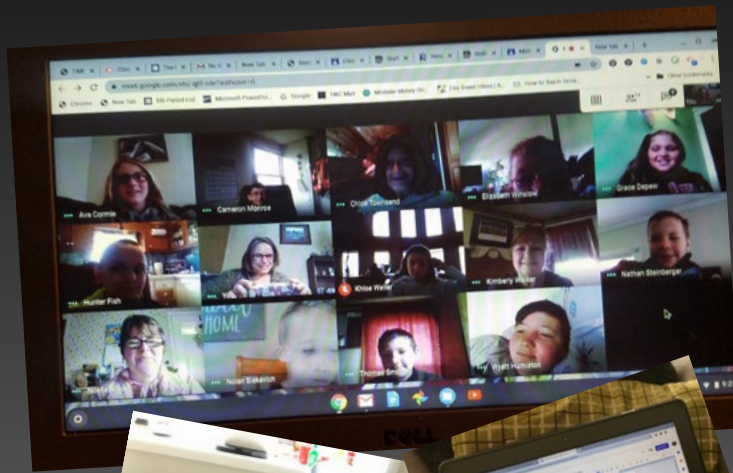
Dilyn Grade 6

# TEACHING FROM HOME & GOOGLE MEET

## What is Google Meet?

Google Meet is a secure video conferencing application available to us through Google for Education, so it doesn't require any additional downloads. The set up is included in teacher & student Google accounts. It can be used with the Chromebooks, which every student has access to.

Teachers from early elementary all the way up to grade 12 have been reaching out to all of their students through Google Meet to discuss assignments, share stories, see each other and of course to deliver their lessons in a new and exciting format.

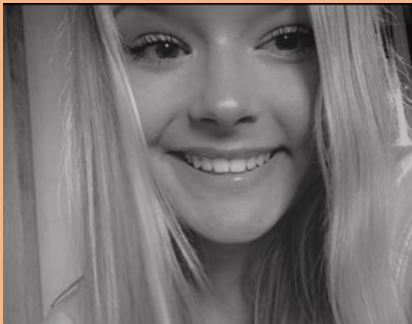


# STUDENTS' THOUGHTS

## Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS WHOLE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK AND WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON NOT HAVING SCHOOL? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS FOR YOU IN THE LONG RUN?

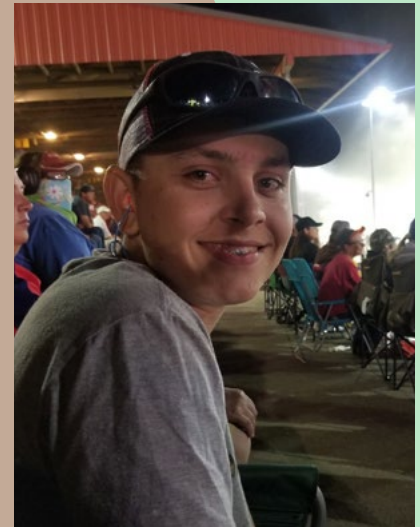
“Due to this coronavirus, I feel this is taking a lot from me and others as well! I miss school, I miss seeing my friends! My honest opinion, I feel some people have taken life for granted and now that this is happening it’s getting to them and it’s also getting to me as well! I want this coronavirus to stop!”

~Lillianna Kingsley Gr 10



“I think that it’s very unexpected. Nobody imagined that we would be going through this in our world of modern developed technology and medicine. Being out of school is really testing kids and forcing them to be responsible and step up to maintain their grades. Some teachers are really doing a fantastic job and being supportive, making an effort to create a curriculum that works for everyone and keep communicating. In the long run I think this will give us all an appreciation of having class time to do work in, as well as being able to spend time with friends and family. I think everyone will learn to be thankful and appreciative of the convenient things in life.”

~Kasey Austin Gr 11



“This whole corona outbreak is ruining everything. Just because we can’t do anything! Not having school has actually been a blessing. We can wake up at 12 and get our work done, then spend the rest of the day doing what ever! In the long run if this is still happening I think everything will crash. Our economy will go down the drain. But just think of it this way. What happened after the Great Depression? Yes that’s right the economy was strong as ever!” ~Jacobi Depew Gr 10

“I mean I’m not happy that my senior year is getting cut short but I guess this is what we have to do so that eventually everything can get back to normal. It’s definitely not a time in my life I’ll forget.”

~Daniel McKernon Gr 12

“I think it is fun being home although you can't see your friends and family, but you don't have to drag out the classes like Math and ELA. You can just get it done. But what I think of the coronavirus is a completely different thing because people are dying all over the world and so far there is not a cure for this. Also, you can't see your family. Like if your mom or dad was a doctor, they have to stay in like a camper and you have to wave to them and that is sad because I couldn't go without hugging or saying miss you after one night. You can call but it wouldn't be the same.” ~ Kaitlin McDougall Gr 5

## WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

# Congratulations to Adam McDougall and Payton Luongo!

Both students attended the NYSSMA Solo Festival with Mrs. Carlsen on Saturday, March 7th in Saratoga. Both students performed at Level 2 and Scored "Excellent"!

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# Art & Tech Classes Create from Home: Projects Focused on Earth Day & Nature

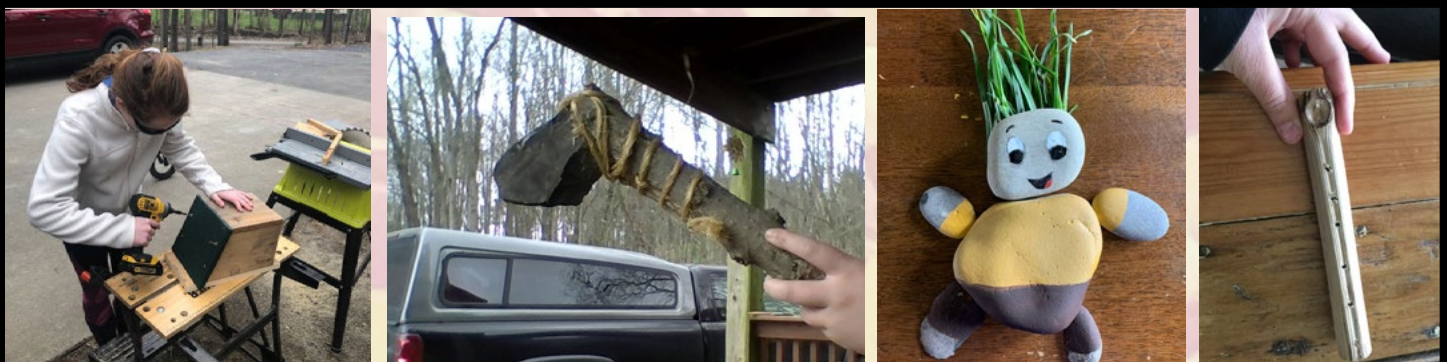
Elementary art created projects with items out of the recycling bin!



Miss McWhorter's Grade 8 & Studio art used nature to create radial symmetry!



Mr. Garrison's "Technology from Earth" projects created by his students!



Mrs. Bartow's Creative Arts & Photography students zoom in nature with their smartphones!



# FACULTY & STAFF PHOTO SHARE



Mrs. Chrisy & Tupper are out for a walk!



Mrs. Davis paints her grandson a birthday painting!



Mrs. Keith hangs with her dog Clark!



Mrs. McWhorter bakes!



Mrs. Winter & William read a good book!

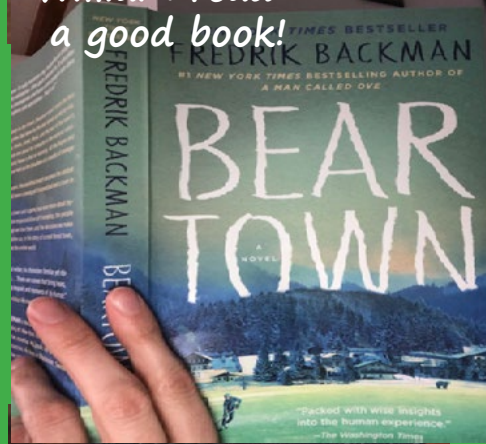
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Mrs. Bartow takes care of puppies!



Mrs. Myott's quarantine friend!



Mrs. Seese and her granddaughter Google meet!



Mrs. Gaulin and Sarah enjoy the outdoors!



Mr. Garrison and his work buddy!



Mrs. Wood wishes her students a Happy Birthday!



Mrs. Bailey and her family enjoy a themed dinner!



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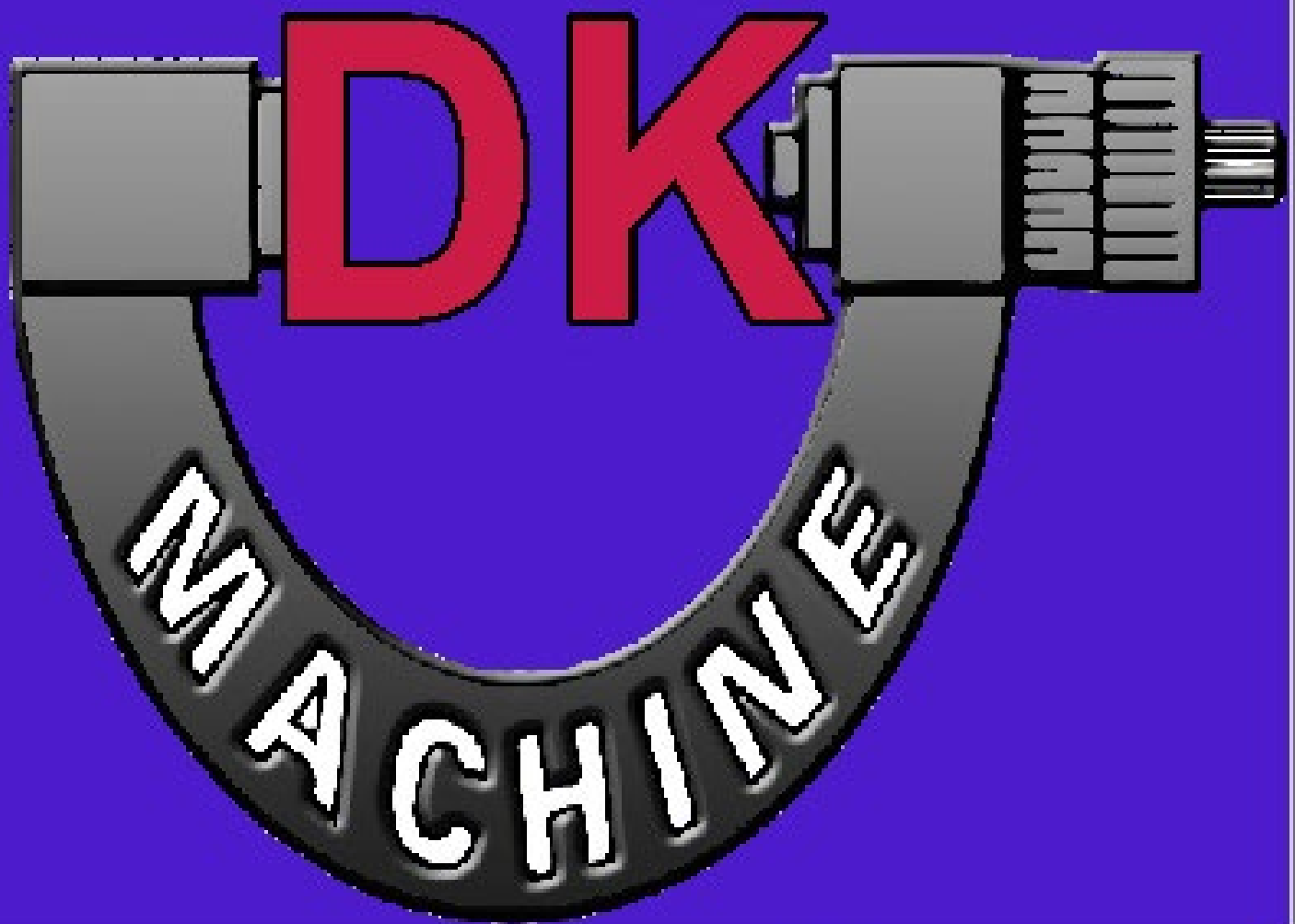


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