



# Forest Area School District

## TRIANNUAL NEWSLETTER

**FALL 2021**

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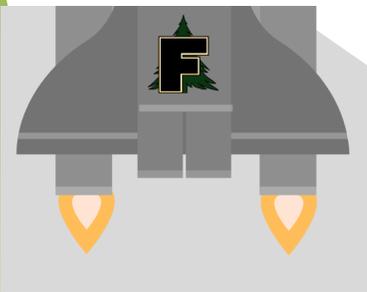
### WEBSITE LAUNCH: COMING SOON!

The FASD's new website will be launching soon! We expect the site to be live before the end of October.

The look is new, but the web address is the same, so watch [www.forestareaschools.org](http://www.forestareaschools.org) for the updated version. The transition will be seamless, with no loss of access.

Note that we are still working to update some of the content. If you see something that needs attention, please let us know!

You can contact us at: [info@forestareaschools.org](mailto:info@forestareaschools.org) or call Mrs. Pospisil at: 755-4491.



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### *A Note from Superintendent Hetrick...*

We are happy to be offering all of our students in-person school this year. Our layered protocols are designed to limit impact on students and staff by allowing us to add or remove layers based on the current COVID situation.

Masking is currently required by the CDC on buses and the PA Department of Health in all school buildings. Social distancing is also maintained whenever feasible, and we continue to use the cleaning protocols implemented last school year, using safe products designed to combat the spread of COVID-19. As incidences of COVID-19 decrease, the district hopes to be able to relax some of those protocols.

The District is offering extra support for student education and working to close learning gaps that may have occurred during COVID. This includes after school programming for grades 1-8 and individualized tutoring opportunities available for all students.

Please call your student's principal if you have any questions or concerns, or wish to discuss instructional options.

### SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This summer, the Forest Area School District once again offered students a Summer Arts Enrichment program. Students from both West and East Forest took part.

Participants this year included Nautica Sharp, Kiarra Wagner, Macalie Hoffmann, Karlie Bush, Esther Forker, and Alanah Wagner. Advisors for this year were John Wortman and Lori Beatty.

After working on monologues and musical numbers over the course of the summer, students performed for their families.

Bravo, ladies!



*Prepare to EXCEL!*

# Welcome New FASD Staff...

## MRS. WELLINGTON

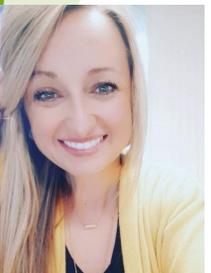


Jennifer Wellington joined the staff at West Forest to teach English Language Arts and Family Consumer Science. She recently received her teaching certificate and is currently enrolled in Edinboro University's Master of Education in Teacher Leadership program. Mrs. Wellington has a BS in English with a minor in Social

Work from Miami University of Ohio, and a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Urban Theology and Community Development from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Wellington spent 12 years in the inner city of Cleveland as an ordained United Methodist Clergywoman. Her second career was as a licensed social worker and counselor, primarily in area youth mental health. Most recently, she established the Titusville Branch of Women's Services, a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, counseling, and advocacy agency.

## MS. PASINSKI



Brittany Pasinski is from Titusville. She has lived there for the past 20 years. She has three children: 10-year-old twin boys and a 5-year-old daughter.

Ms. Pasinski graduated from Clarion University in 2010 with a BS in Psychology and from the University of

Phoenix in 2013 with a MS in Psychology. She has worked clinically in a family therapy setting and was previously the Mental Health Supervisor for Venango County Human Services.

Outside of work Ms. Pasinski loves spending time with her kids. They enjoy spending time outside hiking, biking, and just playing outdoors. She also really enjoys traveling and exploring new places.

## MR. EGBERT



Ryan Egbert graduated from Union Area High School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Slippery Rock University in May of 2018. He then went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Education from Slippery Rock University in December of 2019. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Egbert accepted a long-term substitute position at Ellwood Area

School District's Lincoln High School teaching biology, chemistry, and general science.

When not in the classroom, he can generally be found reading, being mediocre at various physical activities, or cleaning his glasses.

Mr. Egbert is thrilled to be joining the team at West Forest High School. He has enjoyed meeting his students and is looking forward to meeting their parents, and other members of the community!

## MR. GIBSON



Corey Gibson is from Youngsville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Youngsville High School and from there attended the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (Hail to Pitt!) He obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2013.

Mr. Gibson began his professional career working as a TSS (Therapeutic Support Staff) for the Achievement Center. He worked there for five years before deciding to further his education. Recently, he graduated from Edinboro University with a master's degree in K-12 School Counseling.

In his spare time, Mr. Gibson enjoys spending time with friends and family, golfing, and kayaking. He has a passion for helping others and is looking forward to working with students, families, school, and community to build a better future for everyone.

*"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."*

~ Lady Bird Johnson

# Welcome New FASD Staff...

## MS. WESOLOWSKI



Kali Wesolowski is originally from Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. She attended Clarion University to obtain an undergraduate degree in Special Education K-8 and 7-12. Ms. Wesolowski recently received her master's degree in Special Education K-8 and 7-12 with a concentration in Reading, from Clarion University.

When she's not teaching, you can find Ms. Wesolowski hiking, kayaking, or running around town. She currently lives in Tionesta with her fiancé, two kitties, and their recently adopted dog.

## MRS. FAULKNER



Jill Faulkner joins the Forest Area School District as the Special Education teacher at Lighthouse Island Academy in Tionesta.

Mrs. Faulkner earned a Bachelor's in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and a Master's in Special Education from Mercyhurst College.

She enjoys spending time with her husband Brian and her sons, Brian and Connor. In her free time Mrs. Faulkner enjoys going for walks with her dog, Snoopy, volunteering with the Boys Scouts, reading and kayaking.

## MS. CUSSINS



Emma Cussins, a graduate of East Forest, was hired by Forest Area School District as the East Forest elementary learning support and Title 1 teacher. She is also a graduate of Clarion University with a degree in Special Education and is currently working on her masters degree. Emma has worked for the District in multiple roles and looks forward to continuing to do so.

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# Preparing Students for their Futures...



## SPACE CAMP

Sixteen East and West Forest High School students participated in a summer Space Camp, from August 17th to the 20th.

The students connected with Kennedy Space Center (Florida) employees using a Zoom Meet for three mornings, and participated in hands-on STEM activities. The students built rockets, an egg-parachute, a functional battery, and other projects.

The fourth day, the students traveled to the Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center (Allegheny, NY) where they participated in a two-hour Mars Expedition space simulation.

Following this, they went to Waldameer Park (Erie, PA) where Steve Gorman, president of Waldameer, spoke with the kids about different jobs within their operations and how some of the rides work. The students finished out the day enjoying the rides and water park.

## FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

### Ag Day at West Forest

Once again, this year's Keystone SMILES' AG Day had to be cancelled. However, the students did not miss out. The second graders in Mrs. Brannon's class had their field trip in a bag. Keystone SMILES sent all the activities to the second grade classroom for the students to do during class or at home. Mrs. Brannon took a day to have the students complete each of the activities.

### Forest Elementary Students Travelled to Chapman Dam

Forest Elementary students visited Chapman Dam State Park this past spring. Students enjoyed many different learning stations at the park. Stations were provided by Chapman park staff, Penn State Extension Office, and PADCNR. The stations varied from Plant Identification to Fire Prevention, and many other topics as well! It was a great day of learning in the outdoors.

### East Forest Adopt-A-Highway

The East Forest National Honor Society, including David McCullough, Ryan Parrett, Dominic Drake, Megan Clow, Harmony Fike, Kenzie Kopchick, and Olivia Thompson, participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up on May 27, 2021.

