

# Davis School Caper Paper

Davis Elementary School

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## Davis School Mission

It is our goal at Davis School that all students, regardless of differences, develop and progress intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically through learning as a partnership between school, home and community.

## Coming Events

- June 1** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade NYS Written Science Test
- June 2** 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to Minor Institute in Chazy 8 – 2 pm
- June 8** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Test
- June 15** St. Denis/ Varin’s 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes to Wilder Farm 8:45 – 2:00
- June 16** All 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classes to the Rec Park
- June 17** All 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classes to the Rec Park
- June 18** PreK to the Rec Park
- June 19** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to the Rec Park; Croteau/Finch 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes to Wilder Farm 8:45 – 2:00
- June 22** Davis Kindergarten Graduation @ 9:00 AM
- June 23** Davis 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony @ 9:30 @ Davis gymnasium.  
**Last day for PreK.**  
**Last day for PM Y-Time**
- June 24** ½ Day Dismissed @ 11:30
- June 25** *Last Day of School*  
½ Day Dismissed @ 11:30

## Great Expectations



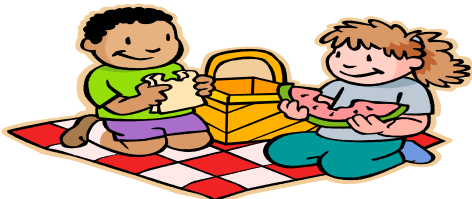
*It's time to say good-bye  
Our Year has come to an end.  
I've made more cherished memories and many  
more new friends.*

*I've watched your child learn and grow  
And change from day to day.  
I hope that all the things we've done  
Have helped in some small way.*

*So it's with happy memories I send them out the  
door, with great hope and expectations for what  
next year holds in store*

As the school year is ending, we would like to thank you for all you've done to make this a successful school year. We would like to say thank you to our PTA for providing our students with fun and educational events.

Mrs. Dupree & Mrs. Finnerty



# KINDERGARTEN



**Mrs. Benware's Class** has been very busy this year!

Here are a few things we have learned:

**Jenna:** I learned how to read!

**Cheyenne:** I learned how to count!

**Alexis:** I learned about equaling stuff!

**Alyssa:** I learned how to count to 100!

**Kate:** I learned how to read!

**Stephen:** I learned how to do math!

**Miley:** I learned how to count!

**Anthony:** I learned how to count to 100!

**Halle:** I learned to read sight words!

**Sherry:** I learned letters!

**Vaughn:** I learned how to clean up the toys!

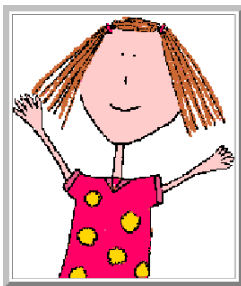
**Trent:** I learned how to read!

**Jacob:** I learned how to read, count to 100 and do my ABC's.

**James:** I learned how to color!

**Carson:** I learned how to do math by myself!

Thank you to all families for your support! Your children are awesome and, with your help, have worked very hard this year to meet our goals! Keep up the good work over the summer! Thank you, also, to Mrs. Varin and her class for reading to us every week! We enjoyed our reading time together immensely!



# FIRST GRADE

As the year winds down we look forward to some final activities with the students. Now that the weather is getting warmer and the sun is out a little bit longer, the first grade children will have the

opportunity to plant seeds and watch them grow! This plant unit teaches what plants need, the different parts of a plant and what each part plant does. We will also discuss plant life cycles and how seeds travel. Our first graders will be reading many nonfiction texts about seeds and plants, creating diagrams and writing about what they learn and observe.

In our writing and reading program, we are completing Unit 5 about how to *Figure It Out*. This unit taught the students how to make sense of the world around them by observing and discussing things such as: inventions, what's in the sky, the sounds we hear and how things get built. We had a lot of fun reading and writing about these topics – not to mention our discussions were very entertaining!

In MY Math, we are wrapping up two and three dimensional shapes. We will be reviewing addition and subtraction concepts up to 20, place value, 2 digit addition and subtraction problems and many other fun math ideas we have learned throughout the year!

Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup> and we will be learning about the meaning of, as well as the importance of the “Stars and Stripes”. Flag Day is a day when all Americans celebrate the flag by showing respect for the flag and its designers. One of the main symbols of the United States is the flag and we will discuss with the students its importance in our Nation's history.

Every year, the first graders make their annual fun day/picnic at the Malone Rec Park. We will be walking to the park on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). We have reserved both pavilions for the day and plan to leave school about 9:30 am and will return to school around 1:00 pm. Flanders and St. Joseph's first graders will also be joining us! This is a great day to celebrate our accomplishments with our friends and families! Please look for more information about our fun day from your child's classroom teacher.

Our first graders are looking forward to making crafts and cards for Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all our great dads!

The first grade teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents and families for all of their support and help this year! We appreciate all you do for your child. Keep up the great reading habits over the summer!

## SECOND GRADE

**Mrs. McGovern's Class** had a great time studying about pollination. The students planted and grew mustard seeds in the classroom; these plants can go through a complete life cycle in about 40 days. The students loved watching their 'fast plants' sprout, grow leaves, bloom, and dry. They kept scientific journals to detail the growth and leaves of their plants. Students then used real, dried honey bees to pollinate their flowers. The students predicted, measured, looked for patterns, and used logical reasoning to develop their own conclusions about different aspects of the unit. Students found it interesting to learn how important the role of bees is in moving pollen from one plant to another, and how wind and other insects are important too. The dried beesticks were a hit!

We also sprouted tomato seeds, oregano, parsley, peppers, and cucumber seeds. The students compared these sprouts to the fast plants – and were surprised at the many differences. We sprouted mung seeds to eat...Mmmm. This unit was interesting for students and involved many Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science, and Technology.

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of the year. This year has gone by so fast. The students have worked hard and are going to be ready for a summer break soon. I would like to encourage students to keep reading during the summer to maintain the skills they have learned. Two months of summer without reading can really affect your child's start in third grade. It is surprising how much a child can regress without the encouragement to continue reading during the summer. The students have been introduced to several book series in the hopes that they may want to read another book in that series over the summer. Whatever books your child may be interested in, please support and encourage them to read. If they are interested in books that they cannot yet read, you can read the books aloud to them, introduce new vocabulary, and use the ideas for discussion starters. The Wead Library on Elm Street is a great place to borrow books!

I hope your son or daughter had a fun and productive year in second grade. We have all grown a little and learned a lot! We have been busy doing projects and units and I hope you have seen improvement in their

work as well. Thank you to each and every parent for helping with the Math homework, listening to your child read aloud, and everything else you have done this year. What you do at home is so important to your child's academic development and it really does make a difference!

The students are looking forward to next year but hopefully they will always have happy memories of second grade. Thanks to everyone for a great year!

**Happy Summer to All from Mrs. McGovern's Second Graders!**

## MRS. POPE'S CLASS



We have been learning about the Life Cycle of the Bay Scallop and put a display in the hallway showing all the information we learned.

Did you know? The Bay Scallop is the official New York State Shell.

A Scallop is a member of the Mollusk family. There are 7 types of Mollusks and the Scallop is part of the Bi-Value group.

Scallops have 18 pairs of blue eyes.



Scallop eggs develop into larvae with tiny shells. The Bay Scallop was nearly wiped out in the 1930s when eelgrass beds – their source of protection - became sick and died off.

## FOURTH GRADE

Our fourth grade team would like to wish you all a great summer! As the year comes to an end, we reflect on a remarkable 2014-2015 school year. It has been an honor to have your children this year. They are all blossoming into well rounded bucket fillers!

As always the students love reading, Farmer Boy! We are finishing it up and we are all headed to the Almanzo Wilder Farm! The kids love this field trip! What a great way to look at local history! Mrs. St.Denis and Mrs. Varin are going on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Croteau and Mrs. Finch are going Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget about permission slips. Also the "Day in the Life..." essay contest and the art contest as well.

Our Expert Egg teacher Mrs. Croteau has yet again agreed to hatch eggs with her class! All the fourth grades kids love this time of year when she does the hatching! Mrs. Croteau has lots of visitors once all the eggs hatch! This exciting event is a great extension to the Bird unit that the kids are starting to work on. The kids seem to really enjoy this unit! They are making bird houses, making observations, completing interactive bird behavior activities, and learning a lot of interesting facts about different types of birds.

Students are also learning about local, state, and national government. They seem to be enjoying this hands on unit and will be listening to a representative of the state and local governments this month!

Again we would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer and thank you for allowing us to do what we love!

*A few important dates for the month of June:*

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Written State Science Test
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Band Preview Concert
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Field Test
- June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Half Days
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Last day of School

## FIFTH GRADE

On Tuesday June, 2, 2015 all the 5th Graders will be taking a field trip to the Miner Institute. The purpose of the trip is to help the students to become more aware of agriculture in our community and the impact on our daily lives. Some of the areas students will explore during the day include the Dairy Barn where they will learn about the comfortable environment where the cows live, the areas where cows are milked and what cows eat. Students will observe the modern equipment used for planting, harvesting and storing our crops.



Students will also participate in a 'hands-on' activity with the fistulated cow. Horse behavior along with care, maintenance, and training will be explored in the equine area.

We will also show students the Heritage Exhibit area and students will be able to see our Heart's Delight Farm 100 years ago.

Davis 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd. It will take place here at Davis Elementary in the Gym. **The ceremony will begin at 9:30 am.**

Thank you for all your continued support!! We wish all the children well as they move on to the Middle School. Have a great summer!

**The Davis 5th Grade Team**



## ART CLASS

The following students have had art work selected to represent Davis School in this year's annual "Young Artists in Action Art Show." The show is open now at the new "Alice Center" in Malone. It will be open daily. The closing ceremony will be Thursday, June 11, from 5-7 pm. There will be an awards ceremony at 6pm and a free children's workshop will be ongoing throughout the closing ceremony.

Choosing show pieces is always a difficult task, especially in a building where there is nearly 600 student portfolios to look through. Once selected, each showpiece has to be matted or framed, and labeled. Then, parents received letters and release forms. Lastly, the work is installed on location by all of the art teachers bringing work. It is a lengthy process and looks amazing when complete!

The art work was selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Artistic ability / skill shown
2. Craftsmanship
3. Effort
4. The "wow" factor

Congratulations to the following students:

### Kindergarten:

1. Parker Myatt "Pig in the mud"
2. Jerry LaPage "Visitor for Bear"
3. Luke Schrader "Birds"
4. Jovannah Spaulding "Elmer"
5. Andrew Crossman "Elmer"
6. Grace Paige "Wild Thing!"
7. Isabella Lane "Chicken Collage"
8. LiliouKaloni Damon "Chameleon"
9. Elizabeth Watson "Monkey"
10. Alyssa Seymour "Dinosaur"
11. Allisyn Yanulavich "Zebra"

### Grade 1:

1. Parker St. Mary "Stacking Birds"
2. Elizabeth Burgess "Poppies"
3. Karley Soulia "Rec. Park Trees"
4. Sophie Eldridge "Sailboat"
5. Anna Monette "Peacock"
6. Tyler O'Connor "Indian Elephant"
7. Nicholas Smith "Indian Elephant"
8. Walter Pelletier "Tiger"

9. Miley Barnes "Rainbow Birds"
10. Justine Miletich "Cattail"
11. Eli Stone "Polar Bear"
12. Madison Bashaw "Polar Bear"

### Grade 2:

1. Murphy Maguire "Panda"
2. Trent Carriero "Panda"
3. Connor Rust "Birch Trees"
4. Caroline Pelletier "Birch Trees"
5. Gracelyn Marlowe "Titanic"
6. Torie Lamica "Fox"
7. Carley McElwain "Sunflower"
8. Alyvia Roberts "Giraffe"
9. Ava Lilliock "Seal"
10. Marisol Perez "Igloo"
11. Joshua Avery "Igloo"
12. Charles LePage "Fall Leaves"

### Grade 3:

1. Zoey Murray-Barney "Australian Art: Koala"
2. Sophia Harkness "Poppy"
3. Grace St. Mary "Pumpkin"
4. Paige Rust "Cherry Blossoms"
5. Treviyn Deuyour "Jim Dine Heart"
6. Sophia Crompt "Jim Dine Heart"
7. Ava Hudson "Straw Painted Tree"
8. Tia Jock "Australian Art: Koala"
9. Adrianna Earle "African Mask"
10. Madeleine Goodrow "African Mask"
11. Layla Gervais "Chameleon"
12. Hannah Perry "African Mask"
13. Chase White "Pumpkin"

### Grade 4:

1. Tayna Reome "Cardinal"
2. Alaska Lilliock "Radial Weaving"
3. Joseph Beck "Radial Weaving"
4. Jeb Shea "Radial Weaving"
5. Abby Monette "Lily Pads"
6. Madison Hanna "Lily Pads"
7. Vail St.Hilaire "Pointillism"
8. Haley Walker "Pointillism"
9. Tori Crossman "Pointillism"
10. Noah Fakir "Native American Art & Printmaking"

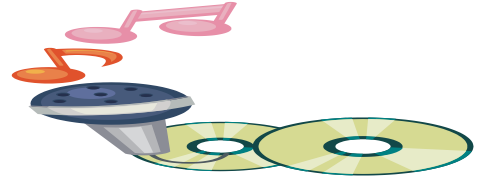
11. Connor Hanna “Native American Art & Printmaking”
12. Jason Hastings “Fantasy Outer Space”
13. Madisyn Snyder “Cardinal In Winter”
14. Witt Rogers Radial Weaving

**Grade 5:**

1. Joseph Karleskent “Winter scene on Canvas”
2. Cameran Stone “Winter scene on Canvas”
3. Julia Perras “Barn in Winter”
4. Natalia Valentino “Barn In Winter”
5. Abby Carnahan “Tissue Paper Painting, tree silhouette”
6. Alyssa Forget “Tissue Paper Painting, tree silhouette”
7. Claire Poupore “Landscape Embossing”
8. Isabella Pelkey “Turtle Embossing”
9. Claudia LaPlant “Owl Embossing”
10. Calla Nitto “Kokopelli Embossing”
11. Aidan Langdon “Plaster Mask”
12. Emma Perez “Chinese Drum”
13. Jay Patel “Fall Fresco”
14. Caiden Soulia “Fall Fresco”

Also this year, thirty Davis students had art work on display at Franklin Academy during the budget vote on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Griffin for inviting all of the Malone Central Art teachers to showcase their students’ talents and our programs. We appreciate it so much! It was really great to see K-12 art work on display in one location. The artistic growth and development was clear when looking at all of the work chronologically and all together!

## MUSIC



As the school year winds down, things are still heating up in the music room. The Kindergarten students are busy trying to learn the last few letters of the alphabet while learning songs that correlate with these letters. The students are busy learning and playing many different instruments that are in the music room and composing some beautiful musical pieces. We are definitely having a lot of fun making music in new ways.

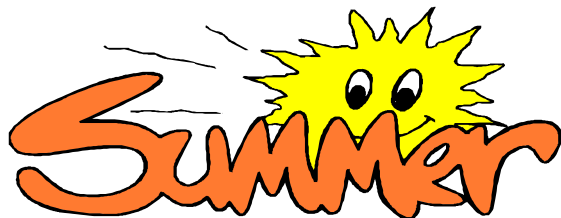
The first – fifth grade students are working on a fascinating unit on Music Theater. This unit teaches us so many things about all that goes in to putting on a production. We have learned what goes on backstage, the different jobs that people have in the theater, and all the terminology that theater professionals would use. We also get a chance to learn about a musical in depth. We are learning about the characters, plot and setting of the stories as well as the most popular songs from each musical.

As the weather warms up and we look ahead to summer, it is the perfect time to learn a few campfire songs like “An Austrian Went Yodeling”, “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes”, and “The Noble Duke of York”. These songs are childhood classics and a lot of fun. Perhaps, best of all, they are tunes we can sing on our own throughout the summer months.

**Have a terrific summer and thank you for supporting our music program!!**



## LIBRARY



It's June! The last month of school is one of the busiest months in the library, so here are some closing announcements to keep in mind:

1. **The last day I will be circulating books for students is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.** Teachers may still check out books to use in their classrooms.
2. We will be doing the Book Swap program again this year! The Book Swap will go from June 9- June 19. Students should start looking through their books at home!
3. **The last day I will be having library class is Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.** I will be doing my yearly inventory and packing up the library from Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>- Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>!
4. **ALL library materials need to be returned by June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

During the last month of school students will be doing many fun things in library, including the Book Swap, making class libraries using Padlet.com, making podcasts, and learning about Internet safety! Please remember to look at the 'Summer Reading' section of the library website for fun reading activities!

Thank you all for a great year, and enjoy your summer!

### Websites of the Month

GoNoodle—Don't be afraid of rainy days this summer with these fun dance videos!

<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Davis Library eBooks – There are plenty of free eBooks to read during summer

<https://wbb32724.follettshelf.com/shelf/servlet/presentshelfform.do?site=32724>

Username: davis

Password: library

## PHYSICAL THERAPY



Physical Therapy: On The Summer  
Count Down  
June 2015  
Wendy R. Norman

Is it possible that the month of June is already here? The 2014-2015 academic year is nearly behind us and so let the countdown to summer begin! How the time flies and we expect absolutely no less this summer. So we want to encourage you to make the most of your summer by taking advantage of the warm weather and making a diligent effort at staying physically active. I am sure many of you have heard of the term or expression, "Bucket List." We are encouraging everyone to make their own "Summer Bucket List." This list will entail everything that you would like to accomplish before summer comes to an end. The following are just a few of the many physical activities for you to tack on to your lists.

- ~ Daily walk, jog, run, or bicycle ride
- ~ Hike a mountain trail(s)
- ~ Swim across a small river or lake
- ~ Do a lot of camping, as it can encompass all of these things
- ~ Join a summer program (i.e., Soccer Camp)
- ~ Participate in a 5K walk/run
- ~ Bring your children to places that require a lot of walking (i.e., Zoo, Amusement Park)
- ~ Push mow every other mowing, as opposed to always using the riding lawn mower
- ~ Travel to a new place and keep physically active once you get there
- ~ Walk to the local store instead of driving

Here's hoping that your "Summer Bucket Lists" are packed full of heart healthy activities. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer!



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Planting Seeds of Kindness

**Mrs. Tower**

The end of another school year is upon us! This year has flown by quicker than ever. We will be saying goodbye to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students while looking forward to new friends arriving in the fall. This is so bittersweet.

I have had the pleasure of working with so many of our students this year. It's been awesome visiting classrooms and seeing students both individually and in lunch bunch groups. It truly is so special getting to know the children here at Davis. We have worked hard filling buckets, and learned a lot about how we can do simple things each day to help others to feel happy.

I look forward to starting again in the fall of 2015 with both new and returning students. We will be having some exciting new changes in our counseling program. We are very fortunate to be adding another full time school counselor to our Davis Elementary staff for the 2015-2016 school year! This will be an incredibly positive addition as we will be able to provide many more services to promote the social-emotional health of our students. Stay tuned in the fall for more about these exciting changes!

I would like to end the year with something I value about another aspect of kindness.

***Kindness sometimes means NOT doing something.***

***Not making a comment.***

***Not noticing a flaw.***

***Not assuming the worst about someone.***

***-Heather McMillan***

## DAVIS VIPs

Please stop by and see our Davis VIP Bulletin Board in the lobby. Read about each student to find out what makes him/her special. Following are our recent VIP's:

### ***Week of 5/4 – 5/8:***

Torie Lamica, Harrison Eddy, Trenace McCarroll, Brendan Martin, Alexis Hosler, Skyler Deshane, Vaughn Sanchez, Sophie Reynolds, Lydia Turcotte, Makenzie Henderson, Alexis Allen, Elijah Cox;

### ***Week of 5/11 – 5/15:***

Raegan Allen, Samara Arno, Jenna Jarvis, James LaTour, Blake Reynolds, Alyvia Roberts, Logan Smith, Jacob Stagnitta;

### ***Week of 5/18 – 5/21:***

Kaytlynn Reome, Chantelle Cyrus, Ethan Luckette, Cameran Stone, Parker Myatt, Jordan Mulverhill, Stephen Snyder, Cheyenne Martin, Trinity Soulia, Ben St. Mary

### ***Week of 5/27 – 29:***

Anthony Burgess, Alyssa Seymour, Brody Tavernia.





# ***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***



*Lanie Andrews  
Kassidy Armstrong-Recore  
Asher Arno  
Eain Blow  
Beatrice Brooks  
Wyatt Buchanan  
Aiden Caron  
Ethan Coates  
Xander Collette  
Isabella Curtin  
Jason Davis  
Ryleigh Donahue  
Ayden Dumas  
Olivia Dumas  
Aleck Dupra  
Alyssa Eddy  
Sherry Feimann  
Harleigh Fountain  
Jazykaa French  
Maddox Gagnier  
Kaden Gervais  
Aydain Golden  
Amber Grant  
Sophia Harkness  
Blake Holthaus  
Ayden Jeror  
Haylee King  
Gabrielle LaBrake*

*Damien Lessor  
Jack Monette  
Treysean Morris  
Elizabeth Niles  
Garrett Osborn  
Isabella Pelkey  
Walter Pelletier  
Vayla Pepin-Collins  
Ernesto Perez  
Benjamin Poupore  
Sophie Reynolds  
Connor Reyome  
Hannah Rust  
Kallen Ryan  
Nevaeh Ryan  
Rayne Ryan  
Simr Sandhu  
Suhaavie Sandhu  
Olivia Sharpe  
Garrett Smith  
Dylan Snyder  
Whitney St. Hilaire  
Elijah Steenberge  
Eli Stone  
Natalia Valentino  
Haley Walker  
Jeremy Yaddow*

# *JULY BIRTHDAYS*



*Mya Adams  
Raegan Allen  
Miley Barnes  
Knowah Bashaw  
MyKenna Bess  
Brian Cahn  
Chase Carriero  
Logan Caswell  
Edin Cecunjanin  
Tanner Chapman  
Madison Conklin  
Daniel Connell  
Gavin Covey  
Chloe Crompt  
Isaac Crompt  
Harley Crompt-Mulverhill  
Lillian Curtin  
Lilioukalani Damon  
Misty-Lynn Farmer  
Madison Fleury  
Drake Gero  
Blake Gilman  
Erica Gonzalez  
Tyler Gribensk  
Max Hardy  
Valecka Hollinger  
Ryan Jandreau  
Luke Karleskent*

*Dylan Keating  
Wyatt Kingsolver  
Wyatt LaBrake  
Isabella Lane  
Garrett LaPlant  
Landen LaVoie  
LuElla Lawrence  
Seth Lockwood  
Kelsi Manley  
Damien McCave  
Justine Miletich  
Benjamin Monette  
Hailey Perry  
Sean Pesko  
Angel Pritchard  
Aubrey Ryan  
Luke Shova  
Caiden Soulia  
Trinity Soulia  
Olivia St. Denis  
Madison St. Mary  
Cameron Stone  
Carter Tower  
Arrianna Wagner  
Jordan Walker  
Jackson Whipple*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



*Joshua Avery  
Cole Barrett  
Easton Bingham  
Laura Blair  
Claira Brockway  
Benjamin Bunker  
Anthony Burgess  
Trent Carriero  
Blake Cayea  
Ava Charland  
Roselyn Coronel  
Sophia Cromp  
Samuel Dufore  
Alianna DuPont  
Erika Dupra  
Dylan Feimann  
Ian Gardner  
Blake Hanna  
Trey Hernandez  
Alexis Hosler  
Ava Hudson  
Landon Jarvis  
Noah Jock  
Tia Jock  
Bailey Johnston  
Owen LaFlesh  
James Lamica  
Cali Lane  
Caege Langdell  
Sara-Grace Langdon  
Claudia LaPlant  
Miranda Lavertue  
Tye Lawrence  
Bailey Leclerc*

*Natalya Lord  
Ethan Manley  
Talen Manley  
Elijah Marshall  
Brendan Martin  
Kali Mayville-Gratton  
Raven McCaffrey  
Madison Monica  
Elijah Parnapy  
Cameron Perras  
Joseph Perry  
Nakeisha Perry  
Samuel Perry  
Conner Pixley  
John Porter  
Ryder Rabideau  
Laura Raville  
Devin Reome  
Evyynn Reome  
Kaytlynn Reome  
Jekiah Rivera  
Jonathan Rush  
Evan Rust  
Annabelle Saumier  
Jeb Shea  
Addison Smith  
Benjamin St. Mary  
Aubree Tatlock  
Elizabeth Watson  
Allisyn Yanulavich  
Ruth Yeddo  
Cody Zerniak*