



Awards 2020

*The Communication Link Between the Community and Your Schools*

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Reynolds School District

### **Statement of Purpose**

**Bridges** seeks to expand the scope of the existing communications the Reynolds School District already has in place with its students, parents and other taxpayers. It does so by providing timely and interesting facts and information on a wide variety of topics relative to the operation of your schools. **Bridges** is a vital communications link between the school board/administration and the citizens/taxpayers throughout the district. In addition to providing information, **Bridges** welcomes comments from citizens, addresses those comments when feasible and appropriate and invites "guest" articles from time to time. Like the Kidd's Mill Covered Bridge symbol on the masthead, the goal of **Bridges** is to provide the means for people to link up with one another so that knowledge and understanding are gained for the purpose of developing the best possible school system.

We invite you to take a few minutes to read this important newsletter and feel free to offer comments or make suggestions by calling or writing the Superintendent of Schools, Reynolds School District, 531 Reynolds Road, Greenville, PA 16125, (724) 646-5501.

## **Congratulations - RHS Class of 2020**

Seventy (70) members of the Reynolds High School Class of 2020 became official graduates on Friday, May 29, 2020. Valedictorian Cole Bayless and Salutatorian Isabella McCollum addressed their classmates with videotaped speeches. The video of their graduation speeches as well as the principal's speech and senior directory is available on the district website at [www.reynolds.k12.pa.us](http://www.reynolds.k12.pa.us). Seniors returned their textbooks and received their diplomas while social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Losses were many for the Class of 2020; however, as they lived through what is a historical period of time, their experiences will not be forgotten anytime soon. Notably, the members of the Class of 2020 were born in the aftershock of the national 9/11 crisis. They won't be defined by their losses but will prove themselves to be resilient and ready for the challenges ahead. Although a normal graduation ceremony was not possible with the school buildings being closed by Governor Wolf, the community banded together and held a drive-through ceremony on May 30 at the Reynolds Drive-In. *Best Wishes to the RHS Class of 2020!*



 **Cole Bayless**, CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

 **Isabella McCollum**, CLASS SALUTATORIAN

# Class of 2020- SENIOR AWARDS

May 27, 2020

Award	Recipient(s)
U.S. MARINES SEMPER FIDELAS AWARD (Music Excellence)	Olivia Millner
U.S. NAVY ENLISTMENT	Zachary Gramsky
U.S. ARMY ENLISTMENT	Chance Fable
REYNOLDS RAIDER "STRIDE" CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP - \$500	Troy Hart
GREENVILLE LIONS CLUB - \$1,000	Gianna Tofani
FREDONIA LIONS CLUB - \$2,000	Johnna Foore
OD ANDERSON BUS AND TOUR SCHOLARSHIP	Destiny Greene
MERCER COUNTY HALL OF FAME - "Tom Burns Academic All-Star Awards" (Highest Ranking Male & Female Graduating Senior Athletes) \$150 each	Isabella McCollum Cole Bayless
STEELE/SCHNEIDER SCHOOL OF BOARD DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000	Gianna Tofani
RAYMOND & MILDRED BOST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500	Bryce McCloskey
JARRETT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,000 / \$2,400	Isabella McCollum Rachel Diefenderfer
ELEANOR JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,800 each	Ashley Davis Brianna Micsky Aidan Pocza James Shafer Gianna Tofani
JAY & KIM MCMILLEN MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP - \$700	Zander Winkle
LEVAN E. REICHARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000	Destiny Greene
RHS ECOLOGY CLUB AWARD - \$100	Chance Fable
JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD	Drew Brown
SENIOR CHOIR AWARD	John Shalenberger
RESPA SCHOLARSHIP - \$300	Abbigayle Costa
GLORIA WOODS AWARD - \$500	Cassandra Thuránira
DUNLAP AWARD - \$500 (Writing)	Katelyn Crist
REA SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 (Education Major)	Gianna Tofani
TROUTMAN BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 each	Abbigayle Costa Johnna Foore
HARRY WASSER AWARD - \$500 (science)	Katelyn Crist
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS - \$500 each	Garrett Erford
	Cameron Gill
	Troy Hart
	Bryce McCloskey
	Brianna Micsky
	James Shafer
	Ian Yahner
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS - \$400 each	Tess Cadman
	Abbigayle Costa
	Rachel Diefenderfer

## RHS Class of 2020 – TOP TEN SENIORS

Reynolds Junior-Senior High School has announced the seniors who have attained the highest grade point averages in the class of 2020. These students are honored yearly as the “Top Ten”. Each student is then asked to honor a teacher who is their favorite and who they believe helped them to gain the knowledge they needed to attain this success in their academics and made a positive impact on their high school experience. The Reynolds Top Ten and their chosen teachers are as follows:

(Because of the Pandemic, the students and teachers were not able to gather to take the usual group photograph, so the school has supplied their photos.)

*Submitted by Mrs. MaryAnn Tofani*



Cole Bayless – Mr. Marc Risavi (Social Studies)



Isabella McCollum – Mrs. Kate Tyson (English)



Gianna Tofani—Mrs. Maggie Luciani (English)



Kate Crist – Mr. Seth Little (Biology)



James Shafer—Mr. Anthony Masterofrancesco (Social Studies)



Aidan Pocza – Mrs. MaryAnn Tofani (Librarian & Biology)



Ashley Davis – Mr. Jeff Sweigard (Math)



Brianna Micsky – Mrs. Jane Coburn (Chemistry)



Grace Shafer – Mr. Dan Williams (English)



Destiny Greene – Mr. Nate Addleman (Physics)



Bryce McCloskey – Mrs. Tina Wagner (Spanish)

REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
USDA Summer 2020 Feeding Program

Serving Meals **MONDAYS – THURSDAYS (No Fridays)**  
*Friday's Lunch & Monday's breakfast will be sent home on Thursday*

Menu is on District Website at [www.reynolds.k12.pa.us](http://www.reynolds.k12.pa.us)



Location and Time(s) of Meals:

**REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**FREE BREAKFASTS & FREE LUNCHES**

*Served Together as Drive-up Meal Service*

**(Serving Times: 11 AM – 1 PM)**

Children 18 Yrs. and Younger – **FREE**

Adults - **\$3.65**

**Locations: Reynolds Elementary School  
& Frank Fay Terrace Housing Development**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

**Contact:** Mrs. Lisa Brest, Supervisor of  
Food Services (724) 646-5503

# Reynolds High School American Legion 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards

The Reynolds Jr.-Sr. High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers nominated two boys and two girls for the annual American Legion awards. The 2019-2020 winners are:

- Grace Bresnan
- Emma Davis
- Ryan Broadwater
- Kolton Wilkinson



## 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN (Tentative Plans)

Kindergarten registration forms are available on the district website at [www.reynolds.k12.pa.us](http://www.reynolds.k12.pa.us) or by picking them up at the Central Administration Offices.

**KINDERGARTEN CAMP** - 8/17/2020 – 08/21/2020 from 9 AM to Noon (*Your child must be registered.*)

**KINDERGARTEN TESTING DATES** – 8/31/2020, 9/1/2020 and 9/2/2020

**KINDERGARTEN FIRST SCHOOL DAY** – 9/3/2020

# Best Wishes to Our Reynolds School District RETIREEES



Happy Retirement to district employees who have retired during the 2019-2020 school year. Together, the retirees are taking 149 years of experience with them. *Best wishes . . . may you all stay healthy and enjoy a long, happy retirement!*

- **Mrs. Dawn Baselj**, ELEM Head Teacher - 34 years of service
- **Mrs. Cindy Bell**, ELEM Special Education Teacher - 30 years of service
- **Mrs. Kenda Hoovler**, HS Math Teacher - 30 years of service
- **Ms. Patricia Wilkin**, HS Food Service Employee - 27 years of service
- **Ms. Kimberli Watson**, HS Special Education Teacher - 14 years of service
- **Mrs. Debra Wolford**, ELEM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher - 14 years of service



## Seeking Substitute Workers for 2020-21

Substitute positions are available at Reynolds School District on an as needed basis with no benefits for the 2020-2021 school year. Substitutes are needed in the following areas: **Custodians, Food Service Employees, School Nurses, School Nurse Assistants, Secretaries, Teachers, Teacher Aides, and Transportation Aides.** PA Certified Substitute Teachers are paid \$100/Day; Emergency Guest Substitute Teachers are paid \$80/Day; and Substitute Support positions are paid \$9/hr. Applications are available on the district website at [www.reynolds.k12.pa.us](http://www.reynolds.k12.pa.us) : Click the "Employment" Tab at the top, scroll down to "Employment Forms," click on "Application for Support Staff." Clearances are required. Questions? Call 724-646-5501, Ext 5521 or email [scombine@reynolds.k12.pa.us](mailto:scombine@reynolds.k12.pa.us).



# Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019



**CDC has created recommendations to help adults have conversations with children about COVID-19 and ways they can avoid getting and spreading the disease.**

Children may worry about themselves, their family, and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Parents, family members, school staff, and other trusted adults can play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear.

## Tips for talking to children

- **Remain calm.** Remember that children will react to both what you say and how you say it. They will pick up cues from the conversations you have with them and with others.
- **Reassure children** that they are safe. Let them know it is okay if they feel upset. Share with them how you deal with your own stress so that they can learn how to cope from you.
- **Make yourself available to listen and to talk.** Let children know they can come to you when they have questions.
- **Avoid language that might blame others** and [lead to stigma](#).
- **Pay attention to what children see or hear** on television, radio, or online. Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.
- **Provide information that is truthful and appropriate** for the age and developmental level of the child. Talk to children about how some stories on COVID-19 on the Internet and social media may be based on rumors and inaccurate information. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.
- **Teach children everyday actions** to reduce the spread of germs. Remind children to wash their hands frequently and stay away from people who are coughing or

sneezing or sick. Also, remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue into the trash.

- **If school is open, discuss any new actions that may be taken** at school to help [protect children and school staff](#).

## **Facts about COVID-19 to discuss with children**

Try to keep information simple and remind them that health are working hard to keep everyone safe and healthy.

### **What is COVID-19?**

- COVID-19 is the short name for “coronavirus disease 2019.” It is a new virus. Scientists and doctors are still learning about it.
- Recently, this virus has made a lot of people sick. Scientists and doctors are trying to learn more so they can help people who get sick.
- Doctors and health experts are working hard to help people stay healthy.

### **What can I do so that I don’t get COVID-19?**

[You can practice healthy habits](#) at home, school, and play to help protect against the spread of COVID-19.

### **What happens if you get sick with COVID-19?**

- COVID-19 can look different in different people. For many people, being sick with COVID-19 would be a little bit like having the flu. People can get a fever, cough, or have a hard time taking deep breaths. Most people who have gotten COVID-19 have not gotten very sick. Only a small group of people who get it have had more serious problems.
- If you do get sick, it doesn’t mean you have COVID-19. People can get sick from all kinds of germs. What’s important to remember is that if you do get sick, the adults at home will help get you any help that you need.

**If you suspect your child may have COVID-19**, call your healthcare facility to let them know before you bring your child in to see them.



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

**The mission of the Reynolds School District is to provide an excellent education for all by all.**

*[The mission statement avers the concept that all students are to be provided an excellent education, by all employees of the district, so that they may succeed in college, career and technical studies, or move directly into the workforce. Reynolds SD recognizes that this mission statement is intended to reflect the educational needs for each student to be successful in the 21st Century.]*

### VISION STATEMENT:

The Pennsylvania State Standards of Assessment and Keystone Exams will serve as the foundation of the Reynolds School District's educational program with the achievement of said standards being the expected outcome. The Reynolds School District will use purposeful assessment driven instruction to provide an educational program that meets the various needs of students in order to continuously improve student achievement. Educating Reynolds School District students will be a shared responsibility among all stakeholders: students, parents, the Board of School Directors, administrators, teachers, support staff members, and members of the community. High quality professional development will provide administrators, teachers, and support staff members with the tools and knowledge required to enhance the District's ability to deliver a high quality instructional program.

Adopted by Reynolds School Board—October 2018

