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Congratulations to Sharon Carlsen & Bruce Foote on their Retirement from ACS



A man of few words, is not Bruce Foote. We will miss using the excuse "Oh I ran into Mr. Foote in the hall, sorry I'm late". Whether you are trying to figure out what high peaks are in the background of a photo you took, or want to understand something in spanish, he is the person to see. Bruce has traveled, worked, built, cooked and lived in many places. He can always find a way to relate to any conversation, and make it go on for much longer than expected.

It is his diverse background that has made him such a wonderful addition to the faculty of Argyle CSD. While in Mr. Foote's spanish classes, students gain practical knowledge that goes beyond the language. His courses have opened the minds of many students and helped them to explore many cultures.

While Bruce is off exploring, his hard work, dedication and humor will be missed. We wish you all the best in your next adventure!

-By Mr. Garrison

*AN EXCELLENT TEACHER
IS RARE TO FIND
HARD TO SAY GOODBYE TO
& IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET!
HAPPY RETIREMENT SHARON & BRUCE!*



As you may know, Mrs. Carlsen is retiring this year. Her announcement was a surprise to me because it is obvious that she loves what she does...even after 33 years! There are many qualities that make Sharon an amazing teacher who deserves respect from colleagues and students. There is so much that does not go unnoticed.

Mrs. Carlsen has been teaching at ACS for 20 years. To put that in Music teacher terms, she has organized and performed at approximately 60 concerts! During the holiday season, our Argyle community enjoys two Christmas concerts, an elementary show during the day and a secondary performance in the evening. Each Spring K-6th grade classes, in addition to the Junior and Senior chorus groups, would perform a concert. Concerts demand a great deal of organizing, practicing, teaching and preparing behind the scenes as well.

Her hard work and dedication does not stop there. Sharon participated in, and played for, additional Elementary functions such as the second grade plays and the many Veteran's Day performances. I would guess there were about 30 or so of the extra productions. Let's not forget about Drama Club plays...at least a dozen over the years. I have discovered that quite a bit goes into preparing for the plays-- practices every night for about 2 weeks. That is a lot of extra time!

And then there are all of the graduations! Between Kindergarten, Sixth Grade and Senior graduation, Mrs. Carlsen has performed at about 50 ceremonies.

I have had the privilege of being classroom neighbors and eating lunch with Sharon, so I have come to know her quite well. This year we shared a room and she was the perfect roommate! You would never hear Mrs. Carlsen complain, even after losing her classroom and racing around the school to teach her Music classes from a cart. She probably covered for other teachers almost every day. Mrs. Carlsen is a team player and viewed it as doing her part during one of the toughest years for teachers and students. Despite the stress that accompanied this year, we had a good laugh about something everyday.

For over 20 years, Mrs. Carlsen has made sure that every ACS student was given an opportunity to participate in chorus and American Young Voices. And she made every class as fun as possible. We will miss you, Sharon Carlsen! By Mrs. Bartow

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...



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Argyle Elementary School

2009



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Argyle Elementary School

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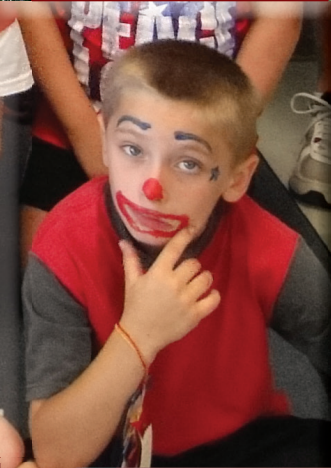
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TO MOVING ON,



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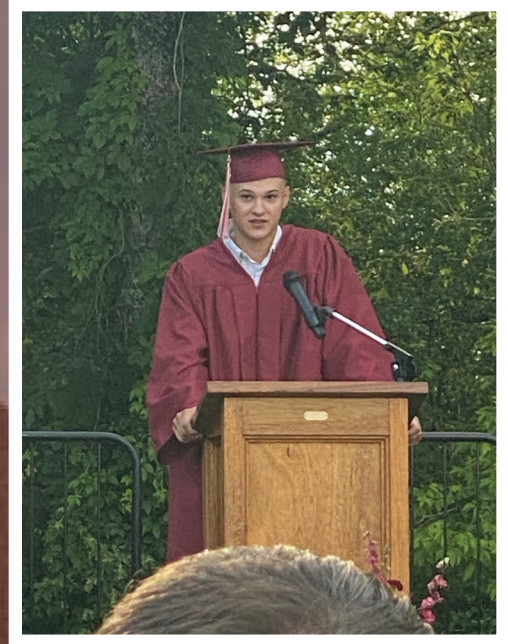


SENIOR PROM



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Serena Maria-Lee Ash
Kasey Marie Austin*#
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Nathanael Brian Bourn
Kenneth D. Bradway II
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Amina Zafar Dar
Brendan Tyler Darrah
Kaleb Scott Dennis
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Mason James Dow
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Jackilyn Diane Harris*#
Tyler James Humiston*

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Bryanne Leslie Mattison
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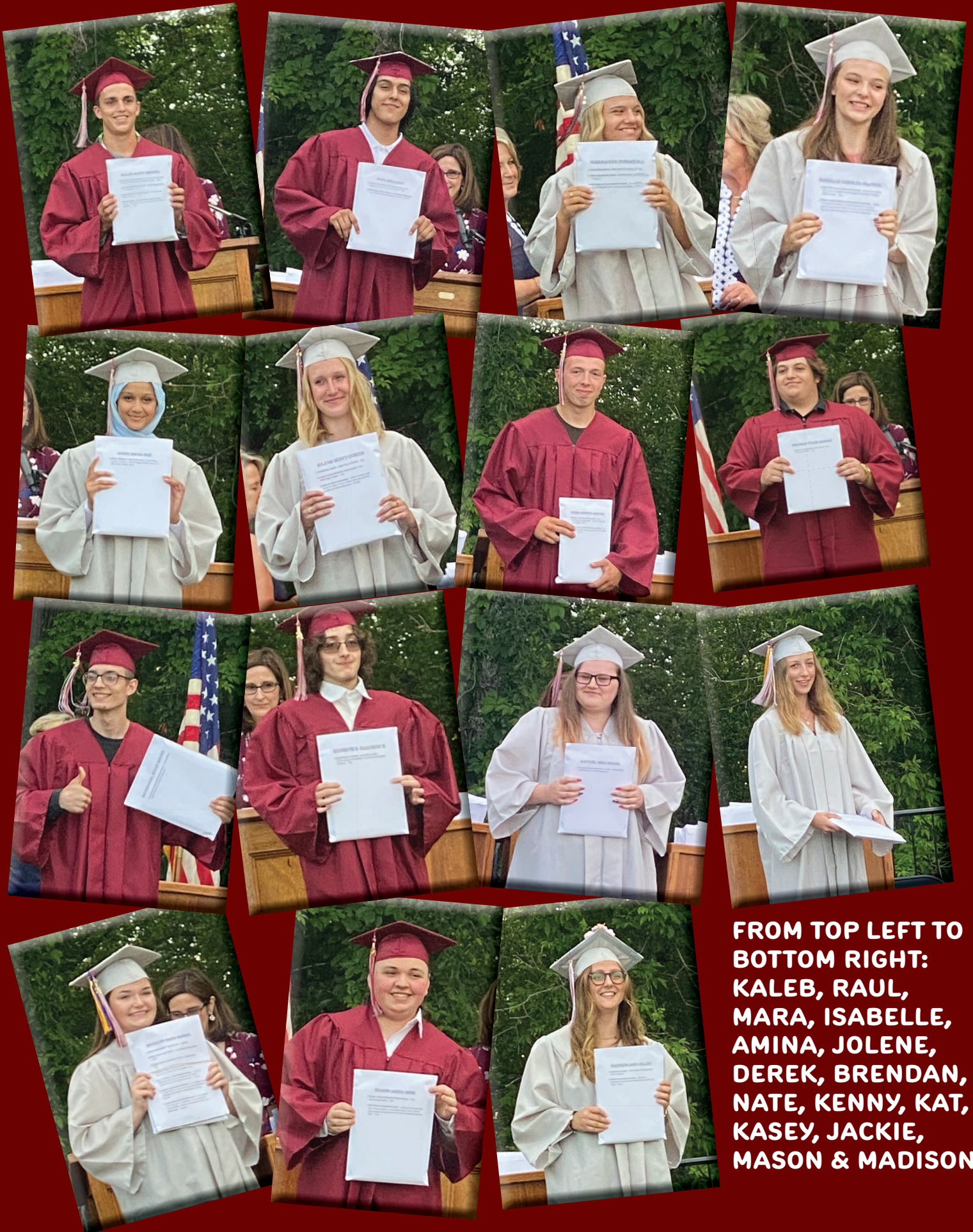
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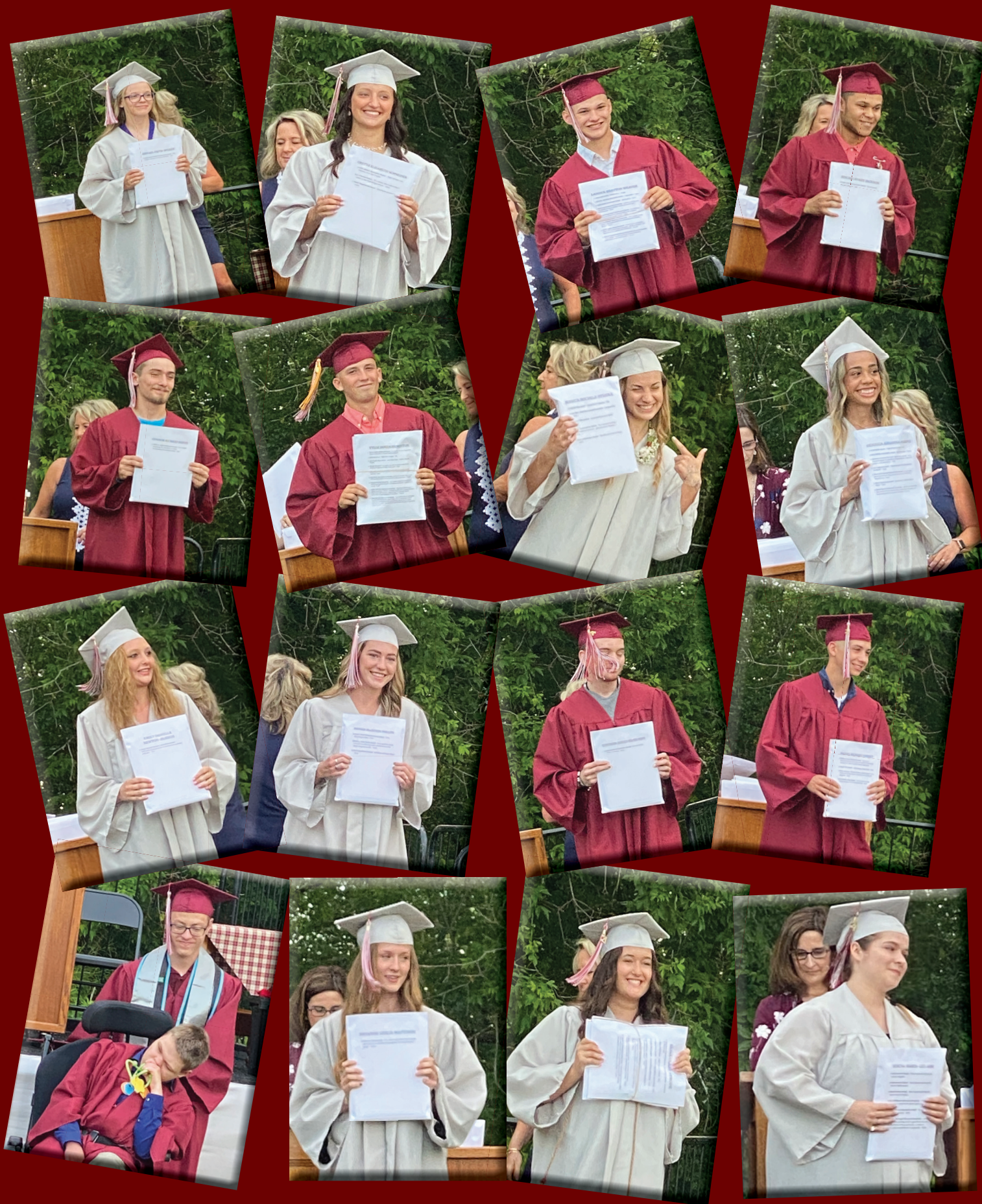
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INTRODUCING THE GRADUATES OF 2021



FROM TOP LEFT TO
BOTTOM RIGHT:
KALEB, RAUL,
MARA, ISABELLE,
AMINA, JOLENE,
DEREK, BRENDAN,
NATE, KENNY, KAT,
KASEY, JACKIE,
MASON & MADISON



**FROM TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT:
 ABBY, GRETTA, LANDEN, MYCAH, CONNOR J., TYLER, JESSICA, DENASIA,
 EMILY, HANNAH, CONNOR M., DAN, MATT, RYAN, BRY, ELISA & SERENA**

TEACHER & STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Who do you see running up and down the halls to help sick children, often wearing scrubs? Our school nurse, Lori Keith. Mrs. Keith has been working at Argyle Central School since September 2012. We see Mrs. Keith in the halls making sure everyone is healthy, keeping medical forms in order and assisting with various programs. But here is a little information you may not know. Mrs. Keith grew up in Hudson Falls. Right after graduating from Hudson Falls High School, she attended SUNY Adirondack and then transferred to SUNY Delhi- where she graduated as a Licensed Veterinary Technician (1996).

After getting married and starting a family, Mrs. Keith returned to SUNY Adirondack for nursing. Graduating in 2011, Lori took the state NCLEX test and is currently a Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Keith's family (husband, son and daughter) owns 40 acres in Salem where they have a hobby farm that includes three horses, a driving donkey, two Saint Bernards, a Clumber Spaniel, chickens, ducks, and several flower and vegetable gardens. Mrs. Keith has a slight obsession with Orchids (Oncidium in particular). Not only does Mrs. Keith enjoy farming and animals, but she also makes maple syrup. In the early Spring her family produces around 10 gallons of maple syrup, which typically lasts family and friends through the next season. "We try to live off the land as much as possible (vegetables, raising our own pork, meat birds, wood for heat, etc...)", Mrs. Keith explains, with passion.

Mrs. Keith enjoys working at Argyle Central School because of the "home-town vibe." "I like that I am able to establish relationships with families both professionally and socially. This past school year has proven that when you work hard (as a team) you can weather any storm!"

We are lucky to have you, Mrs. Keith.



What did YOUR Argyle PTSA do during the Pandemic???

- Assisted School Nurse with items for "Boo Boo" Bags
- Kindergarten Orientation snack
- Sponsored Adirondack School Photos
- Assisted with Lucky Puppy Community Outreach
- Sponsored Halloween Snack for K-6 classes
- Sponsored 1 Superintendent Conference Day Breakfast for Staff
- Spring Spirit Week - purchased Leis for all Elementary Staff and Students
- ToBe Fit Program - Juggling Nutrition Magician for 1 st - 6 th graders
- Appreciation Gifts (Nurse/Faculty/Board/Admin/Food-Service/Admin assist)
- ACS Mask Fundraiser
- Assisting with School Garden Initiative (sponsoring the raised beds)
- Class Day & Bucket Filler Awards and End of Year Scholarships
- END OF YEAR LUNCH COUPONS FOR FACULTY & STAFF

ACS HIDDEN TALENT...



Did you know Mr. Healy, our superintendent, does photography as a hobby? He is a self-taught photographer that captures beauty in landscapes, candid and anything else that may capture his eye. Here is a sample of his work.



Did you know Laurie Havens, a kindergarten aide at the school, bakes and decorates wedding cakes? Mrs. Havens indicates it is a hobby more than a side job. It's just something she enjoys doing. Here are a few of her creations. The one on the bottom right was a very special cake because it was for her daughter, Allison.



ACS SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coaches: Beth Ellis & Lexi McWhorter

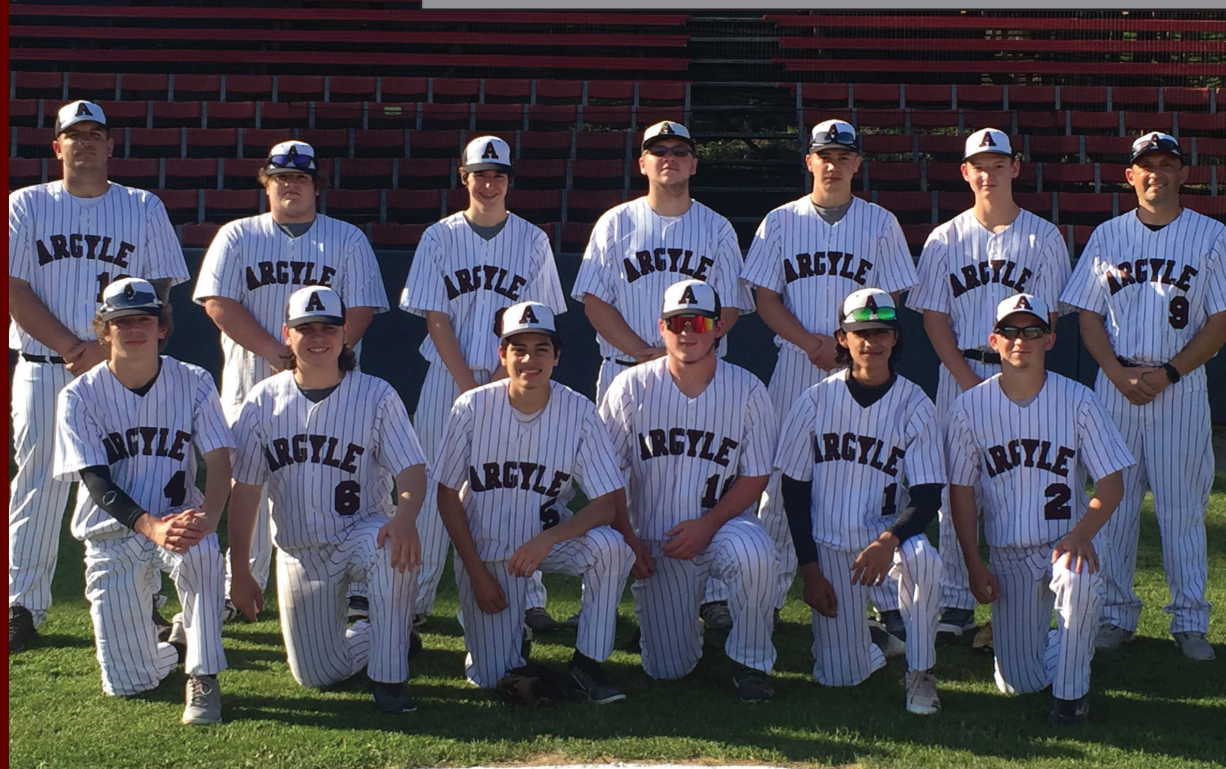
Players: Bryanne Mattison, Madison Gillis, Gretta Schneider, Lyndsey Milne, Lillirose Prevost, Paige Cormie, Skylar McDougall, Katy Lindsay, Anna Aubrey, Lillianna Kingsley & Kylee Humiston



VARSITY BASEBALL

Coaches: Matt Stevens & Matt Lohret

Players: Tyler Humiston, Brendan Darrah, Dan Lohret, Talha Dar, Nate Stanley, Caiden Cuthbert, Jacobie Depew, Jared Montello, Carsen Bartow, Clay Bates, Luke Kingsley, Victor Aguero, and Zack Riley



Spring Soccer

Written by TYLER HUMISTON

This year's soccer season is a little bit different than most. We have to wear masks and our season started in March instead of August. This is extremely different from the last few years I've played. But as a team we have adjusted to each and every situation we've encountered. This year our team is very balanced and consists of five seniors, Tyler Humiston, Kaleb Dennis, Daniel Lohret, Brendan Darrah and Matt Randals. The five of us have played soccer together since we were 5 years old and in Youth Commission, to the ACS Varsity soccer team. There will be many memories that we will remember forever. This year's team also consists of four juniors, five sophomores and five freshmen. The team is very diverse and we have an equal number of athletes per grade level.

So far this season we are 2-2; our season started with some more difficult teams. The most recent game we had was the Lake George game. What a game that was! Lake George has been a team that Argyle has struggled with in most sports throughout the years. Lake George has very good athletics and usually beating them is the highlight of the season. This game didn't turn out the way we wanted it to, but we fought and we fought hard. The main goal coming into this game was to show Lake George that we weren't afraid and that we have talent as well. We ended up losing the hard-fought game 2-1. This game was a stand out game and really showed that we are also a good team, as Lake George has won every other game so far this season by an average of five goals. To play them this hard was very impressive. But the work isn't over yet. Our goal this year is to make it to the Adirondack League final. Although we have two losses early, we still have a chance. Our team focus has been on bringing positive attitudes everyday and also leaving everything we have on that field everyday. Coach and the senior captains have all been stressing the little things. This season may be a short one but it will be an extremely eventful one. I can't wait to finish out the rest of the year and hopefully we can do something with this special team we have.



Senior soccer players:
DAN LOHRET, BRENDAN DARRAH, KALEB DENNIS, TYLER HUMISTON AND MATT RANDLES



ARGYLE VS. HARTFORD

Argyle wins the jug- second year in the row!



TENNIS & MODIFIED

TENNIS

Coach Mr. Endieveri

Players: Cole Schilling, Carlie Depew, McKenna McWhorter, Erica Siaulnski, Maddy Branion, Ben Randles, Matt Randles, Jake Durkee and Liam McKernon



MODIFIED BASEBALL

Coach Shanon Riley

Players: Brandon Saunders, Drew Austin, Gavin Porter, Logan Phillips, Ben Cuthbert, Connor Brockway, Nick Seybolt, Henry Hedges, Shea Squires and Brad Koopman

MODIFIED SOFTBALL

Coach: K. Brown

Players: Maddy Eldred, Rebecca Campbell, Paige Manney, Alexis Anderson, Karlea Lampmon, Liz Johnson, Riley Kober, Kyleigh Dennis, Brooke Austin, Maya Munoz, Carrie Humiston and Delainey Bates



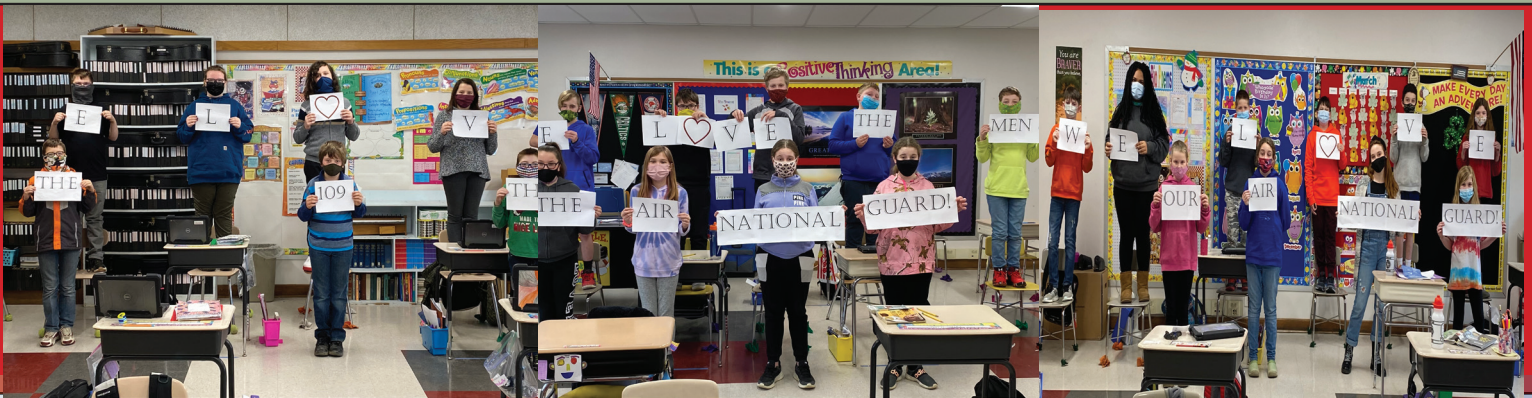
THE SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE ON EARTH

The Argyle 6th - 8th grade Drama Club Performs Virtually By Mrs. Vickie Myott - Director

On Friday, May 7, the Argyle elementary classes were treated to a virtual production by the Argyle 6th - 8th grade Drama Club. K-6 students watched *The Search For Signs of Intelligent Life On Planet Earth* by Jeremy Johnson and Brian D. Taylor with permission of the Pioneer Drama Service.

Alien host of "Earth Talk Tonight" Valendia Vortex, played by Zoe Smith, and her rambunctious blue sidekick, Troq, played by Adam McDougall, are on the search for superior beings on the planet Earth. So they call upon the monsters of the world to prove their universal mettle with the help of their announcer, Prawn Dardo played by Grayson McEvoy! They interview vampire "Vladdy" played by Logan Mattison, and his "Old Bat" mother, Rylan Janczak. Cole Thuning plays a frenzied "Frankenstein" and Natalie Dickinson plays his stoic author Mary Shelley, Caleb Bromley portrays "Wolfie" the wolfman, Edward Fish is the Not-Invisible Man and Kylie Mattison is the Invisible Woman who's extraordinary gift is really no gift at all! Thrown in are some crazy commercials that add to the funny, out-of-this-world play. It turns out that some special powers aren't as special as they seem and that intelligent life is in the eye of the beholder.

If you missed it, a copy of the play is on the school website for your viewing pleasure.



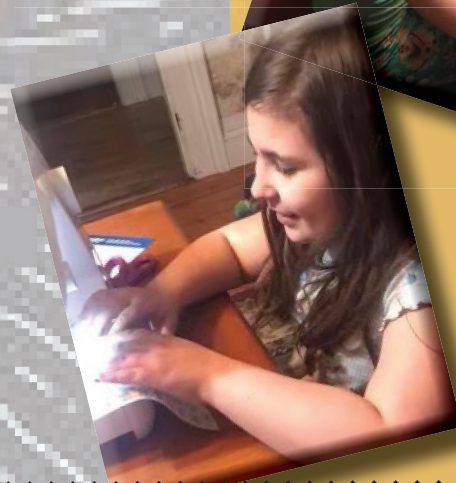
Act of Kindness Project: Argyle 3rd-6th Grades Adopt a Local Air National Guard Unit

No doubt you have seen the big C130 cargo planes fly over Argyle at some point. Perhaps you have wondered to yourself who they are and what do they do? Well, "they", are the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard. Their home base is the Stratton Air Base in Scotia, NY. They train constantly for their missions – typically scientific support in the Antarctic. This year they are deployed to Qatar. Using a US Air Base in Qatar, members of the 109th are supporting our fighting men and women by flying all over the Middle East to provide medical evacuations, medical assistance (while in flight!) and the transport of materials. As one member of the unit said of his experience while serving in Qatar, "There is no greater honor than caring for our wounded warriors."

As an Act of Kindness, Mrs. Myott and her sixth grade students have coordinated the collection of snacks and notes from Argyle grade 3-8 students for the men and women of the 109th while they are stationed so far from home. To kick things off Mr. and Mrs. Myott baked and shipped 25 dozen cookies on behalf of the students to the unit. This was followed up by the shipment of 23 pounds of snacks and dozens of hand written student notes. Members of the 109th have expressed sincere appreciation for all the kindness they have received while so far from home.

GOOD CITIZENS

The four primary attributes of a Scot are responsibility, trustworthiness, respect and citizenship. For over a year, the Alberico sisters have demonstrated how to be good citizens. Adrianna (grade 5), Isabelle (grade 3) and Laura (grade 1) were able to find a way to help others during the global pandemic. The Alberico family has made over 500 face masks since last March. They sent the masks to anyone who reached out to them, along with local businesses and security officers at Disney in Florida. The girls, along with their mom Tina, provided the masks at no cost but recipients would often offer donations. Addie, Belle and Laura used these contributions to provide over \$1,000 in food to the Washington County food pantry, Fort Edward food pantry and the ACS Backpack Program. When asked how she felt about making the masks Isabelle replied, "I felt happy and delighted that I could help people".



TRASH BASH

On Wednesday, June 16th both third grade classes participated in the 20th Annual Trash Bash.

Students picked up litter from the playground, athletic fields and surrounding school grounds. This event has become a tradition at ACS and prepares the area for Field Day. Go Green!



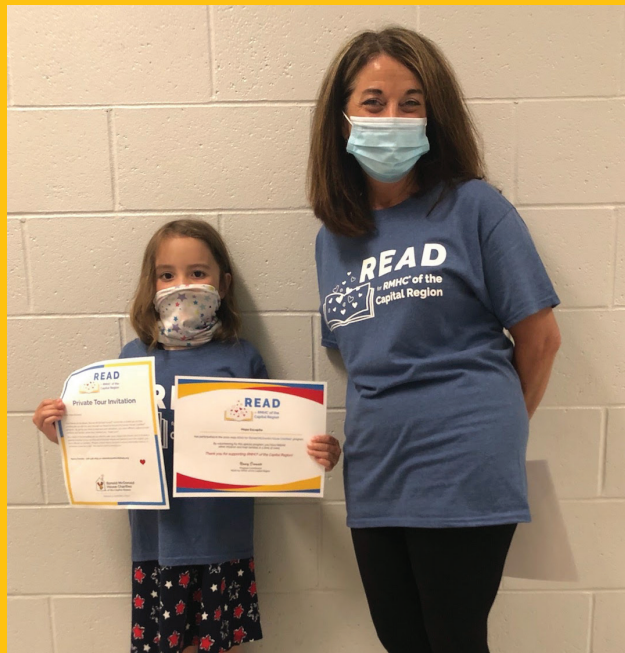
Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities

ACS was invited to participate in the Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities again this school year. Previously this program has been offered to students in grades 3-6, but this year all Argyle elementary students had the opportunity to participate. It is an optional fundraiser and allows children of all ages to read while raising money for a great charity. The Ronald McDonald House has offered its services to families in our district and the program encourages reading, so this was a win-win for our Argyle kids!

The elementary-wide event kicked off on March 1st with a virtual tour of the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. By month's end, ACS elementary students had raised \$5,635.73! Our top 11 fundraisers were Hope Escapite, Ayden Daniels, Bryar Ashline, Violet Ballard, Jake Wood, Trayce Tucker, Mad-die Kitchner, Kloee Winchell, Riley and Ryder Royallminns (tie) and Madison Charlebois.

Hope, Ayden, Bryar and Violet received RMHC shirts for raising over \$500 each. Our top three fundraisers have been invited to tour the Ronald McDonald House when it reopens to guests. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Roberson's second grade classes boasted the most student participation (8 and 7 readers, respectively).

Mrs. Wood graciously agreed to complete the Principal's Challenge when our goal of 50 participants was met. On May 27th, she entertained all K-6 classes during lunch by dancing on stage to popular dance songs! Awesome job, ACS Readers! You make a difference in so many ways!



National "Every Kid Healthy Week"

National "Every Kid Healthy Week" was celebrated at ACS April 26-30th. Elementary students participated in a "Get CAUGHT Eating YOUR Veggies" Contest. Miss Meaghan and the Food Service Team served two or three veggies each day so there were lots of choices. Trying a new vegetable, or eating veggie favorites, counted for tickets in the contest. If a classroom teacher or aide "caught" a student eating vegetables during snack time, he/she would get a ticket!

"It was a LOT of fun to see the kids really trying something new! For those kids that brought their lunch and maybe did not have a veggie with them, I went to the kitchen and got them one to try. Then they also got a ticket for their class," explained Food Service Team Supervisor Meaghan Wilkins.

Winners of the Veggie Eating Contest were Mrs. McKernon's 3rd grade class. They enjoyed a snack party on May 7th consisting of yogurt, fresh fruit and juice, among other treats.

High school students and staff were involved in a "Get Moving Challenge" and counted their daily steps for a full week. Congratulations to Miss Lajeunesse - the winner of this challenge!

Miss Meaghan and the Argyle PTSA sponsored a Food Play presentation during the week to keep the focus on eating healthy and making good choices. ToBe (pronounced "Toby") Fit, The Juggling Nutrition Magician, joined our elementary classes via a live Zoom virtual assembly. The K-6 students were very engaged during the event and are thankful to the PTSA for coordinating this program. If you are interested in additional information, you can visit www.foodplay.com.

Thank you Miss Meaghan and the ACS Food Service Team for all that you do to support the health and nutrition of our students!

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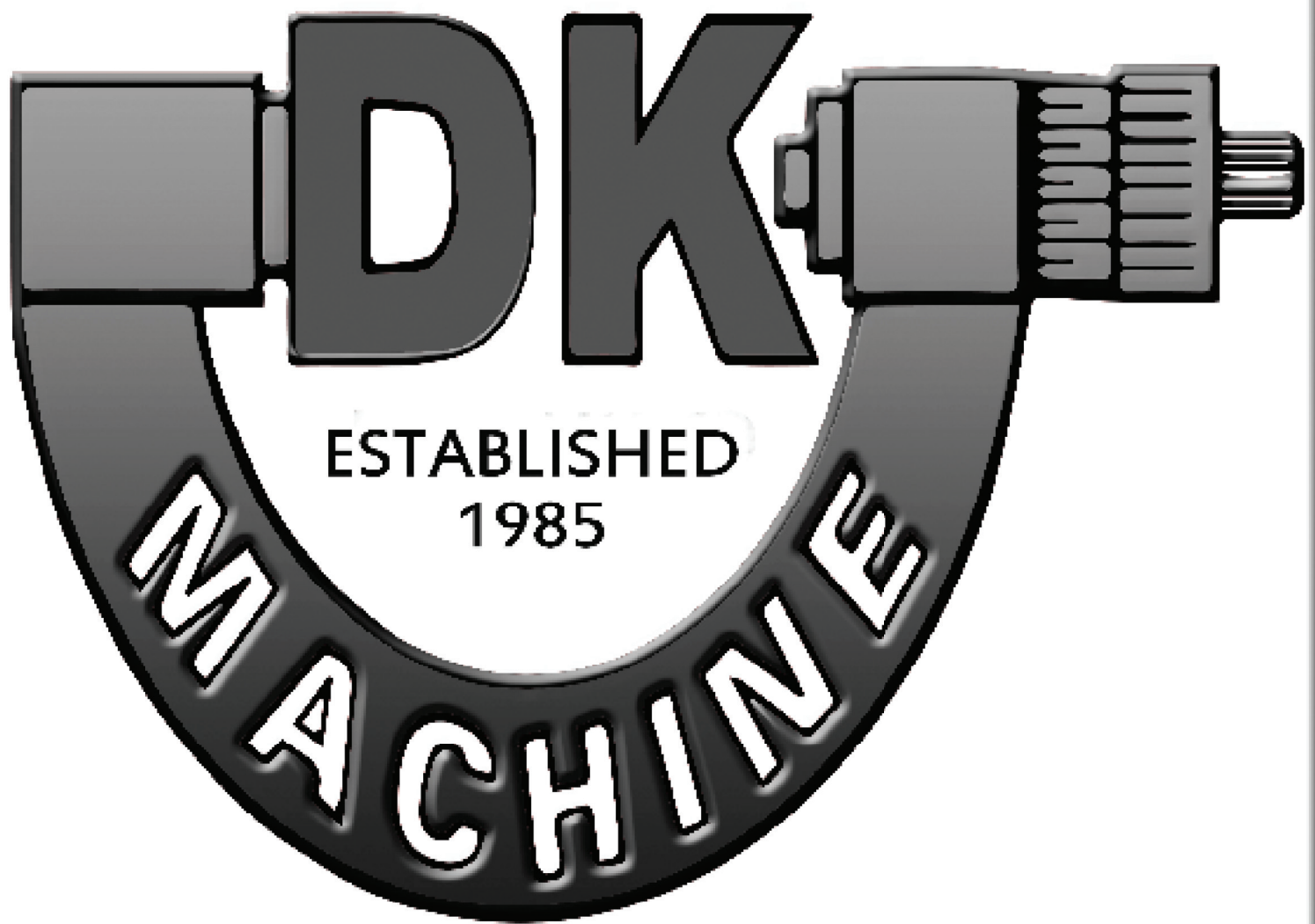
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