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GRIMSHAW HALLOWEEN PARADE

Although it was a mild day, rain forced all the ghouls, goblins, and beauty queens from Grimshaw School to file through the gymnasium this year for their annual Halloween Parade, led by the Minion Squad, aka teachers.

Parents, grandparents, friends, and community members lined the bleachers to enjoy the parade of all the costumed students as they “strutted their stuff” by the sounds of all the squeals and laughter, they certainly enjoyed their day!



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



Peter Tigh, Superintendent

Now that the voters have approved the Capital Project, it is time to move into the schematic design phase. This means we will be putting details to the approved work. In some areas, such as the renovations to the current LGI, detail work has already been discussed with some teacher/parent/community input. This process will continue and will go on through April, 2014. At that time, documents will be sent to the Board of Education for approval, and then to the State Education Department for review.

Building committees will be formed with key stakeholders including administrators, parents, students, and teachers. These committees will meet to discuss the design development and make suggestions within the scope of the project. If you would like to be a part of a committee, please contact me or one of the building principals at your convenience.

It is our goal to award bids in January of 2015, that's a little more than one year from now. Construction will occur in such a manner as to have little or no impact to the instructional program. As always, the great majority of construction will occur over the summer months.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We, as a school district, have much to be proud of.

On a sad note, we recently learned of the passing of Malcolm Knapp. For more than half of his 83 years he was the LaFayette Town Judge. He will certainly be missed in the community.

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

Paula Cowling, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

'Depth not Breadth' is a theme threading through the Common Core. Instead of a little bit of a lot, we are asked to teach a lot of a little bit. The belief was that education was, "A mile wide and an inch deep." To rectify the situation we were given Common Core "SHIFTS". In brief, for *ELA* they are: 1) Balancing Informational and Literary texts; 2) Knowledge in the Disciplines; 3) Staircase of Complexity; 4) Text-based Answers; 5) Writing from Sources; and, 6) Academic Vocabulary. For *Math*: 1) Focus; 2) Coherence; 3) Fluency; 4) Deep Understanding; 5) Application; and, 6) Dual Intensity.

Having been a *Jeopardy* fan for years, I have always been impressed by the breadth of knowledge contestants exhibit. In the course of one program, answers can range from 'ionization, to sotto voce, to DaGama, to gamete, to William Styron, to physiology, to Red Sea, to pork barrel, to Ground Hog's Day to Archimedes.' The categories span the disciplines, some general knowledge, but the majority of the answers reflect a depth of understanding.

So how did these successful contestants become experts who exhibit both depth and breadth? The answer is obvious—their teachers. Whether it is the passion for a subject or a talent shared by a parent, a guardian, a coach, or a teacher, someone in their life has lit the fire. We must be steadfast in our commitment, igniting this passion to learn, to go deeper. While the 'SHIFTS' provide the base, we provide the inspiration, the guidance, the curiosity, and the encouragement. We teach.

Wishing you Happy Holidays. Peace.

Capital Project

On October 25, 2013, the Capital Improvement Project proposal was approved by voters with 275 YES votes and 229 NO votes. We would like to thank those who have participated in public presentations, as well as everyone who came out to vote. Your continued input will be welcome as we take the next steps to finalize architectural drawings and designs to submit to the State Education Department. From there, we anticipate

several months of design review at the State level before the District will receive approval for funding from the State. Our hope is that the project will go to bid by the Spring of 2015.

Thank you again to all of you who participated; we look forward to working through the next steps in our Capital Improvement Project.

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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT INPUT

Hello LaFayette Residents,

We have just finished a tremendous exercise in democracy. The vote on a Public School Referendum is the one place that we as Americans can see that our vote counts. As a district, we voted to make a bold move into the future by providing a strong education for our children that has the flexibility to meet the needs of a broad base of children. As technology becomes more pervasive in our society and information becomes easier to procure, the way we teach our children must continually evolve. Change is never comfortable and it is never easy. I have found that when I have been in the throws of the agitation caused by change, trying to discover why the change is necessary is my only consolation.

In LaFayette, we have a unique opportunity over the next two school years to determine how we can meld two different approaches to teaching our children. The time between the bond vote and the beginning of actual construction will provide us time to heal the wounds we have experienced during this most recent democratic decision-making process. To begin actual construction on a project like ours in New York State, we must go through a very large number of processes that take significant time to complete. For that reason the actual construction cannot begin until February 2015, with a target completion date of September 2015. That time will provide us the opportunity to examine our schools' needs to become a school that is recognized as a place that people want their children to attend because of its excellent approach to education. We all know that people learn in different ways and they learn at different speeds. For this reason, our educational process must be flexible enough to meet the needs of high performing and mid-range performing students, as well as the students who must overcome many challenges in the learning process. We have learned that by providing different approaches to teaching students who might not be as successful in the traditional classroom, we can reach these students' inner drive to learn and unlock the doors that have blocked their ability to learn. Our challenge is to make these two learning processes fit together in such a way that they can operate effectively without interfering

with each other's learning styles or operational procedures.

One of the BOE's goals for this year is to have everyone in the district pulling in the same direction. That means that every decision that we make must answer the following question: "Is it going to improve our children's ability to prepare to have a successful life?" The 275 to 229 vote on October 25th that approved the district's ability to bond \$12,477,222.00 indicates that the voters in the district are in favor of moving forward with the full scope of the project. Although the margin in this vote is greater than the margin on our last Capital Improvement project, there is much to be done to better understand the opportunities we have as a district as we move through the 21st Century. We, as a district, need to come together and focus on how we can get behind this project to make sure we get the greatest value for each dollar to improve our educational process to meet the needs of all of the students in LaFayette.

There were a number of issues that surfaced during the weeks before the vote. Many of them were not relevant to the scope of the project, but still played into the voter's decision process. Some of those issues were: test scores, communication styles, administration, cost of the project and its relevance to the tax levy, lack of enrichment for high performing students, lack of electives, and lack of trade-related courses. These, as well as other concerns, will be addressed via discussion held in community-based groups.

We on the BOE want to thank all of you who took part in the decision-making process. What may have seemed on the surface to be an insurmountable obstacle became an opportunity for us to get the architects to provide us with visuals that showed just how the seemingly undoable can be done. We have a good school district with dedicated teachers, administrators and staff. With a voter number of 504, it is obvious that we have a lot of community members who are interested in what is going on in the schools. We need everyone's help to move forward in our quest to have our school district recognized as a "School of Distinction".

Let us all work together to build what we have into a shining example of what "great" looks like. Be positive and remember to smile each day and to look for the good in everything and everyone you see.

Sincerely, Tom Scofield

Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early, i.e., weather emergencies.

Please listen to the following stations for school related information:

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| 95X Radio (95 FM) | WSYR TV (Channel 9) |
| 93Q Radio (93 FM) | YNN (Channel 10) |
| Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM) | WSEN Radio (92 FM) |
| WSTM TV (Channel 3) | WHEN Radio (6.20 AM) |
| WTVH TV (Channel 5) | WSYR Radio (5.70 AM) |

January GREENSHEET Deadline

The deadline for the January 2014 Newsletter is **Friday, December 29th**.

The LaFayette News (Greensheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online @ lafayetteschools.org.

This year, BOCES will be preparing and mailing the Newsletter. We must adhere to each month's deadline in order to publish the issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The District has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

Information should be sent to: ritabush@secny.net It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. It is important that a photo is not inserted or embedded within the actual Word article or email.

Your adherence to these requests is greatly appreciated.

◆ **LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News** ◆

JSHS PRINCIPAL INPUT

We are pleased to announce and recognize two of New York's inaugural group of Master Teachers. Mr. David Amidon and Mrs. Nan Terry were chosen as two out of the 104 most qualified math and science educators from four regions in the state. As part of this program, Mr. Amidon and Mrs. Terry will assist their peers in the classroom, further develop their own expertise, and be able to enhance the overall learning experience of our students for years to come. If you see them, please be sure to congratulate them on this significant achievement.

On a different note, December is such a busy month for everyone including the students. We need to be reminded that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season does not erase our academic demands. It is important to remember that you can view your child's grades at all times through the online grading system. If you don't have a password to access this system, just ask your child or e-mail your child's teacher. Please take a moment to check out the Jr./Sr. High School link on the lafayetteschools.org website.

We continue to have after school time that is designed to help our students with extended academic support. This support is offered to students on Monday through Thursday from 2:38 to 3:15 p.m. This time allows the students to complete their work with the assistance of teachers from all the disciplines.

A couple of important dates to remember:

- ◆ December 13th, early dismissal at 1:25
- ◆ Jr./Sr. High School Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 18th
- ◆ Community Give Day will be on December 20th; all of the grade-levels will go out into the community and offer our services and support to those in need.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have an enjoyable holiday season and a wonderful start to your 2014.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer M. Blosssey, Principal
LaFayette Junior-Senior High School

SU Project Advance Psychology



Twelve students from the Syracuse University Project Advance Psychology class took a field trip to Syracuse University on Tuesday, October 15th. Students sat in on a college class lecture, visited the campus library and completed a scavenger hunt to learn how to find library resources, and took a tour of campus. Students also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Larry Lewandowski, a Psychology Professor at Syracuse University who will be guest-lecturing at a later point in the course.

ACT/SAT Testing Dates:

ACT

ACT recommends registering online at:
www.actstudent.org/start

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
12/14/13	11/8/13	11/9-11/22/13
4/12/14	3/7/14	3/8-3/21/14
6/14/14	5/9/14	5/10-5/23/14

SAT

SAT recommends registering online at:
sat.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
12/7/13	11/8/13	11/22/13
1/25/14	12/27/13	1/10/14
3/8/14	2/7/14	2/21/14
5/3/14	4/4/14	4/18/14
6/7/14	5/9/14	5/23/14

SAT Prep

There will be SAT preparation after school with STEP at the Big Picture School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

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• SEPTEMBER •
Student of the Month



Bridget Walsh, Grade 8

Where do you think you will be in 10 years? Probably in college. I'm not sure what I want to do, but I want to be able to play hockey.

What is your favorite subject? English. I just like to read and write.

Who inspires you to do your best? My dad, because in hockey he pushes me harder. He can get a little more out of me even if I'm pretty tired.

What other activities or groups are you involved in at school? I did soccer, I am going to do softball, and I'm planning on doing the play.

What do you like to do when you're not at school? Play hockey!

What advice do you have for others to be successful? Just do your best and pay attention.

• OCTOBER •
Student of the Month



Evan Spratt, Grade 8

Where do you think you will be in 10 years? I'll probably be out of college. I want to be an engineer.

What is your favorite subject? Phys Ed. I like playing sports.

Who inspires you to do your best? My mom, dad and older brother. They are always hard working and do their best in everything.

What other activities or groups are you involved in at school? I play basketball, football and lacrosse.

What do you like to do when you're not at school? I like to play lacrosse, and hang out with friends.

What advice do you have for others to be successful? Always try your best.

RISING STAR

Jack Johnson

The **Rising Star Award** is given to one student in both seventh and eighth grades each month. This award is given to a student, chosen by the seventh and eighth grade teams, who has demonstrated a commendable improvement in their effort, attitude, achievement or attendance.

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Rising Star award recipient, Jack Johnson. Keep up the good work!!

District Meal Charge Policy

Students in Grades K-8 may charge a reimbursable breakfast and/or lunch.

However, if a student owes five dollars (\$5.00) or more, they will not be allowed to charge. A student with a charge balance of \$5.00 or more will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk for lunch and fruit, graham crackers and milk for breakfast at no charge.

At no time will a student with a \$5.00 or more charge balance be allowed to charge ala carte items.

A negative balance letter will be sent home for students who have charged a negative balance of \$5.00 or more. If the charges are not addressed once a letter has been sent home, the food service manager will ask the school principal to become involved in the collection of funds.

**Please Note:* High School students, Grades 9-12, are not allowed to charge meals at all. If a student does not have money, they will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk for lunch and fruit, graham crackers and milk for breakfast at no charge.

***Students who have peanut allergies will have an alternative lunch option of a cheese sandwich.*

Robert Kennedy, Food Service Manager

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The Happenings in FACS

The mission of Family and Consumer Science is to “prepare individuals to be competent and caring in managing their personal, family and career lives.”

In the middle school, the 7th graders are taking Home & Careers. They have been busy exploring their personality, studying values, and learning about the different types of families. We started November studying nutrition, where they will also learn some basics about cooking.

The high school students are taking the Culinary I (baking). They started by learning how to bake quick breads. They made pie crusts, and of course, apple pies! Nadiyah Person came in 3rd in the LaFayette Apple Festival’s pie contest out of 40 entries. Congratulations, Nadiyah! The Culinary students have also been teaching our BOCES students how to make apple pies. The wonderful aromas will keep filling the halls of our school!



Nadiyah Person



SUNY ESF Class - Fall Activities

Field trips and class work have kept SUNY ESF Global Environment students busy both inside and outside of the classroom this fall.

The September trip to Seneca Lake involved microscopic examination of the minute creatures living in the lake, chemical analysis of the lake water, and an in-depth examination of sediments (mud) scooped from the lake bottom by the vessel’s dredging mechanism. Kaylee Skeval and Allie Baird are shown here in an enthusiastic examination of lake bottom sediments as they attempt to gain insight into the lake’s ability to resist and recover from recent quagga and zebra mussel invasions.

SUNY ESF hosted students for an on-campus day in October, which involved working with other ESF High School students as well as some work in the geology department’s hydraulics lab. Chloe Blaisdell is pictured reading a gauge on the river tank as students investigated the effects of a weir on the flow of water in a river system.

--Submitted by Nan Terry – ESF Adjunct Instructor/ LaFayette Science Department



NHS Blood Drive

The National Senior Honor Society held a blood drive for the Red Cross on Tuesday, October 22nd. NHS members advertised the blood drive, helped to recruit donors, and manned the check-in and refreshment tables. A total of 32 donors were scheduled but by the end of the drive, 40 donors showed up! In all, 38 pints of blood were collected, enough to help **112 people!** We came close to reaching our goal.

Special thanks to everyone who donated! Our next Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2014. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call the high school to schedule an appointment time.

--Kristeen Cool and Michelle Storie, National Honor Society Advisors



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Guidance And Counseling Department

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The School Counseling Department's annual Financial Aid Night will take place on **Tuesday, December 3rd** in the High School Large Group Instruction Room at 6:30 p.m. Professionals in the financial aid field from Le Moyne College will be with us to present information and answer questions you may have. **Parents of juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend.** Everyone is welcome.

COLLEGE NEWS

Up through November, college representatives visited the counseling center almost daily. We advised juniors and seniors to check the schedule and pick at least two presentations to attend. Students signed up by visiting the Guidance Webpage and clicking on Naviance.

SENIORS

Applications should be out to 4-year colleges prior to Thanksgiving break! Seniors should have asked their teachers for recommendation letter(s), written at least one college essay (corrected by an English teacher), and have completed their college applications.

All seniors began the common application in September. Most four-year colleges will accept the common application.

JUNIORS

Juniors will receive their PSAT results in late December/early January. We will begin the college search process once we review their scores.

Additionally, the 11th grade class went on Naviance in September. This web-based planning and advising system allows parents to have access to critical information about their child's interests and post-high school plans. Juniors created a resume in 9th grade and each year they are encouraged to update it. They will begin a college search in February using this system. Naviance can be accessed at www.connection.naviance.com/ljshs. There is also a link on the guidance webpage. Contact your child's school counselor for more information.

HALO Students Involved in Anti-bullying Program

Students from the HALO (Helping and Leading Others) class went into a seventh grade Home and Careers class conducting icebreakers and activities to get to know the seventh grade students. This was done in preparation for the Stand Up, Speak Out anti-bullying program, which was led by the HALO students on Friday, November 8th.



HALO students learn public speaking, facilitation skills, and activity development as part of the class. The students currently taking the HALO class include Rachel Coulter, Stephanie Daniels, Bryce Haynes, Abbey Hoxie, Alexis Manley, Cayli Marnell, Jordan Mitchell, Doug Scheftic, and Jenny Spelder.

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◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

Project Lead The Way Classes and Big Picture School Visit Welch Allyn

Students in the Project Lead the Way classes at the Junior/Senior High School together with students from the Big Picture School were invited to attend Welch Allyn's Manufacturing Career Day on Friday, October 4th. The field trip was an opportunity for students to visit the local engineering firm, which specializes in designing and building equipment for the medical profession.

Students toured the facility in small groups to learn the history of Welch Allyn, understand how the design process comes to life in industry, and get a first-hand glance at the management processes. The groups were invited onto the manufacturing floor where students learned how engineers and technicians interpret design drawings to assemble and produce medical equipment.

The event also included a track for educators and business leaders to have a dialogue regarding ways to boost manufacturing in the region. According to the Manufacturing Alliance of Central New York, one of the event sponsors, manufacturing jobs in Central New York have been on the decline. Manufacturers like Welch Allyn have trouble filling jobs that require technical skills. Superintendent Peter Tigh participated in a panel discussion aimed at better understanding what skills manufacturers are looking for and what career opportunities are available for our students here in Central New York.



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

From the Desk of the Grimshaw Principal

Join GAPS Today

Our parent association is called GAPS (Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff) and all are welcome. This is a great group who work together to support not only the students of Grimshaw but all of the children in our community. One of their flagship programs, *Imagination Library*, is available to all children in the LaFayette community. Through this program GAPS provides every child from birth to their fifth birthday with a free book every month. On their fifth birthday a child who was enrolled in this book giveaway since birth will have received 60 free books from GAPS. As of today, over 4,500 free books have been delivered to the children of LaFayette.

You can see GAPS volunteers at the Apple Festival, operating the games at the Halloween party, sponsoring our annual skating event, staffing our kindergarten screening, coordinating Grandparents' Day, and serving as room parents in each classroom. I know it is Friday when I see GAPS parents pushing a cart down the hall delivering smart snacks for every student at Grimshaw. Our students have had everything from apples to kiwi fruit. Our GAPS volunteers work extremely hard each week to provide this unique and special treat to our students. Over the last few years during tough budget times our teachers had to turn to GAPS for assistance. Two years ago, our entire Grimshaw budget was frozen during the second week of September. This could have been a crisis in any other school but Grimshaw. We had GAPS and they made sure that the teachers and the students had what they needed to make it a great year.

There have been so many great GAPS volunteers over the years and each has helped out in their own way. If you have not been to a GAPS meeting, please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Library on one of the dates listed below. This is a great organization and they would welcome all who are interested.

Dates are: 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9.

Frankenstein meets Pablo Picasso

As I go down the halls my head is always turning looking at the student work displayed on the bulletin boards throughout the school. It is so great to see student work on display. I had to do a double take on this one. Who would have believed that second graders would be studying the work of Pablo Picasso?



Our Art teacher, Amanda Reppi, posted this description about her students' work: *Our second grade students are smart artists! Ask them what they know about Pablo Picasso and his paintings. Second grade students viewed many portraits by Pablo Picasso including, "Girl with a Boat". Through VST (Visual Thinking Strategies), we discussed how silly, goofy and mixed up Picasso's portraits look. Picasso's paintings remind our students of a puzzle that isn't quite put together properly. Our second grade artists learned how Picasso mixed the frontal view of a person with the profile of a person. Inspired by Picasso's cubist portraits, our second grade students created their own mixed up Frankenstein portraits.*

Greg Bump, Elementary Principal
LaFayette Central School District
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◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Grimshaw Running Club

Grimshaw started off the school year running with a total of 86 participants in our after-school Running Club. Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in running laps and running games. In only five weeks of the running club, students ran a total of 647 miles!

Three of our students then went on to earn medals in the 1K Apple Fun Run, held on Sunday, October 13th at the Apple Festival. Congratulations to Evelyn Ryan, who came in first for the girls, and Grace Caughey, who came in second. For the boys, congratulations to Kyle Crouse, who came in third among the boys. We also had eleven Grimshaw Running Club participants complete the 5K Apple Run. Excellent job to Tori Albro, James Baker, John Baker, Jack Caughey, Collin Dix, Jonathon Dix, Allison Evans, Marissa Evans, RJ Shaver, Michael Hill, and Adam Walton.

To help students maintain their fitness but to also work around Band/Chorus conflicts, we will be moving to a monthly running club schedule. We will not hold running club the months of November or May, since Band/Chorus students will be preparing for their concerts, yet we will hold two running club sessions the following month.

Our schedule will be as follows:

- Thursday, December 12
- Wednesday, December 18
- Thursday, January 9
- Wednesday, February 12
- Thursday, March 13
- Wednesday, April 16
- MAY: NO RUNNING CLUB
- Thursday, June 5
- Thursday, June 12
- Thursday, June 19



There will be a new permission slip for students to participate in the monthly running club, so be on the lookout when we get closer to our first running club date. The permission slip can also be downloaded from the Grimshaw website. Special thanks to all of the teachers and support staff who helped run the Grimshaw Running Club this past fall, including Mrs. Hoy, Mr. Benz, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Dool, Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. McClary, Miss Pettitt, Mrs. Silvestro, and Mr. Zimmerman.



Grimshaw Student Council



The Grimshaw Student Council members have been busy! Students have been helping to run the school store every Friday morning, have signed up for after-school mentoring (which should be beginning shortly), and have been signing up for some local volunteering events.

Five Grimshaw Student Council students helped out by running a water stop as part of the LaFayette Apple Run 15K on Sunday, October 13th. The students distributed water to participants in the 15K and cleaned up after the run. Special thanks to Mrs. Reardon and Jessica Battelle, Terri Clarke, Heaven Elliott, Brianna Park, and Lauren Poplawski.

Upcoming events include a Food Drive at the Tops in Camillus on Saturday, November 23rd, creating holiday cards and sending letters to military members in December, and baking cookies for residents at the Ronald McDonald House in January.

Student Council is open to any sixth grader at Grimshaw Elementary School. Students are expected to uphold the Grimshaw Code of Conduct as well as participate in service volunteer opportunities over the course of the year. Please contact Mrs. Reardon or Dr. Storie with any questions at kreardon@lafayetteschools.org or mstorie@lafayetteschools.org



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Free Book Every Month

The GAPS' Imagination Library program provides a free book each month to every child who is under the age of five that resides in the LaFayette Central School District.

Each participating child will receive their free book through the mail until their fifth birthday.

Families may register their children by e-mailing the following information to gaps@lafayetteschools.org

Please include the following information:

Child's Name _____

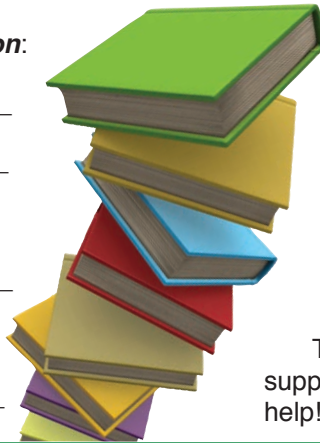
Birth Date _____

(Month/Day/Year)

Names of Parent(s)/ _____

Guardian(s)

Mailing Address _____



Box Tops for Education

Students at Grimshaw are collecting *Box Tops for Education* to earn money for classroom supplies. Please save these “coupons” printed on many products and drop them off at Grimshaw School, if you do not have students in the school. If you do have students in school, label them for a particular class.

Here is a list of some of the products that have Box Tops:

General Mills Cereals

Betty Crocker

Hanes Clothing

Ziploc

Yoplait

Green Giant

Old El Paso

Pillsbury

Progresso

Avery Office Supplies

Scott

Kleenex



The more Box Tops the students collect, the more supplies they are able to obtain for their classroom. Please help! And, thank you for your efforts!

+ Health Office News +

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving holiday break!

We had a fairly healthy November here at school seeing mainly respiratory viral illnesses with a few cases of strep throat and croup. We also had a stomach bug that hit quite a few students and staff. Please continue to keep your children home after any illness until they are fever-free for a period of 24 hours without the aid of medication. Following this rule of thumb helps tremendously in containing the spread of viral illnesses. The 24 hour rule should also be followed after vomiting or starting on antibiotics. I appreciate all of your cooperation as we try to keep our school healthy. I know many of your children have received flu shots which will also help to keep us all healthy. Please consider getting your child a flu shot if you haven't already done so, as well as yourself!

Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent for any reason. Please try to call by 8:30 a.m. if possible. You may also leave a message before school or the night before, or send an e-mail if that's more convenient for you.

Most 2nd and 4th grade and new students have now had their physicals and handed in the paperwork – thank-you! We have some students scheduled for private exams who still need to have their exam and/or hand in the paperwork. Please get this information in to me as soon as possible after your child has had their exam. If your child has an appointment scheduled, please notify me of the date if you

haven't already done so.

All 6th grade students are required to have a Tdap vaccine when entering 6th grade or when they turn 11 years old. If your child was not 11 when school started, they will need to have the vaccine as soon as possible after turning 11. Please notify me of the date your child is scheduled to have the vaccine and turn in the documentation as soon as completed. Parents of 5th graders should keep in mind the Tdap vaccination will be required for their child next year and plan ahead for this. It can be given as soon as your child turns 11.

Please remember all medicine given at school must have a prescription or written note from a physician. This includes all over-the-counter meds also such as Motrin, Tylenol, cough syrup, antacids and even cough drops. If your child needs a rescue inhaler or Benadryl or Epipen at school, please be sure we have them available here.

Please continue to update emergency information and be sure your child is dressed warmly for the winter weather as most classes do play outside daily(weather permitting). Please remember to have extra clothes available for your K-2 students for an “emergency”.

As always, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season with your family and friends!

Sincerely, Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
677-5501 (direct line) • 677-3154 (fax)
pbush@lafayetteschools.org (email)

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

ONS Students Learn About Fire Safety

Fire Fighters from the Onondaga Nation presented fire safety to students in the After School Program. Students in grades K-3 watched as fire fighters geared up and showed the various equipment used in a fire. Students saw firsthand that women and men work side by side to extinguish fires. The men and women in the presentation stressed that they will be there to help and not to be afraid when seen with the gear on.

Plastic fire hats and packets were given to students and adults in the room. What a great learning experience for all.

A special THANK YOU to the Onondaga Fire Department.



A Whacky Looking Bus Visits O.N.S.

O.N.S. students in Grades Pre-K to 8, took part in the LaFayette School District's bus safety presentation. The "wacky" looking bus was loaned to LaFayette from the Phoenix School District. The design of this particular bus allows children to actually practice escaping from the hatch and back door. The front half of this unique vehicle is like all buses but the back half is built to simulate a bus on its side.

Miss Tammy and Miss Dottie instructed students on bus safety and ways to escape in case of an accident. Students were shown where blind spots on the bus are, how to cross the street using the driver's hand signals, and behavior on the bus.



After the basic bus safety talk, students were then shown the emergency radio and brake. Each child was given an opportunity to look through the roof escape hatch and then to practice getting out using the second half of the bus. After doing these, students were able to slide out the back door.

B.o.b. (by own bus) was a stuffed dummy that students were able to watch as "he" demonstrated dangerous situations and their possible results. B.o.b. was carried out by seventh graders as Tammy and Dottie timed the escape. All ten students, including B.o.b., were out of the bus in 33 seconds.

The demonstration and instruction served to remind everyone that knowing and practicing bus safety is important for all.

Our thanks to Tammy and Dottie for presenting bus safety to O.N.S.



◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

ONS JUGGLES: Juggling Skills vs. Academics

Recent research is correlating juggling to improved academics. School districts that include this skill in their curriculum find students improve their coordination, academic performance and behavior. Classroom teachers report improvement in students' academic work and focus after starting juggling. Because students use both sides of the brain while juggling, participants enhance their concentration, eye-hand coordination, improve behavior, gain self-confidence, and a physical workout.



Another benefit for participants is the level everyone starts at. Since most

students have never juggled before, everyone starts at the very beginning. Those students, who normally do not excel in other areas of athletics, *can* juggle. This "sport" can be done without a coach, expensive equipment, and on an individual basis.

This individual activity has many benefits in the educational world. Teachers have noticed students who have trouble learning juggling, also have trouble learning to read. With extra practice juggling, reading abilities improve. Team work and better concentration all become side benefits of this skill.



From the Earth Arts and Crafts Festival

The Parent Teacher Student organization of ONS will hold a *From the Earth Arts & Crafts* Festival on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Onondaga Nation School. Over 40 arts and craftsmen/women from all of the Haudenosaunee Nations, as well as artist guests from the Navajo Nation will be there.

Artists include painters, carvers, soapstone sculptors, weavers, potters, antler carvers, flute makers and lacrosse stick makers. Artwork includes native medicine, ornamental beadwork, jewelry designed with precious stone, and silver jewelry.

There will be Entertainment, Native foods, Sweets, Stews, Coffee, and Sassafras tea.

The show is free but donations will be accepted. Parking is free and more parking will be available at the Onondaga Nation Health Center.



FABULOUS PHYSICAL FACTS

How Physical Activity Affects the Brain

Cognitive skills and motor skills appear to develop through a dynamic interaction.

Research has shown that physical movement can affect the brain's physiology by Increasing ...

- ◆ Cerebral capillary growth
- ◆ Blood flow
- ◆ Oxygenation
- ◆ Production of neurotrophins
- ◆ Growth of nerve cells in the hippocampus (center of learning and memory)
- ◆ Neurotransmitter levels
- ◆ Development of nerve connections
- ◆ Density of neural network
- ◆ Brain tissue volume

These physiological changes may be associated with ...

- ◆ Improved attention
- ◆ Improved information processing, storage, and retrieval
- ◆ Enhanced coping
- ◆ Enhanced positive affect
- ◆ Reduced sensations of cravings and pain

Taken from: The Association between School-Based Physical Activity, Including Physical Education, and Academic Performance

◆ WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULES ◆

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	11/11	Practice Starts		
Fri	11/29	vs DeRuyter (LaF vs Cancer Tournament)	2pm	
Sat	11/30	TBA LaF vs Cancer Tournament)	TBA	
Wed	12/4	at Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Wed	12/11	vs OCS	5:30 pm	
Fri	12/13	at MPH	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Mon	12/16	at Tully	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Fri	12/20	vs Weedsport	5:30 pm	
Fri	1/3	at Port Byron	2:00 pm	12:30 pm
Sat	1/4	DeRuyter @ OCC	TBA	TBA
Wed	1/8	vs Pulaski	5:30 pm	
Fri	1/10	vs Faith Heritage	5:30 pm	
Wed	1/15	at Cato	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Fri	1/17	vs Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	
Fri	1/24	at OCS	5:30 pm	4:45 pm
Fri	1/31	vs MPH	5:30 pm	
Wed	2/5	vs Tully	5:30 pm	
Fri	2/7	at OCS (JV only)	5:30 pm	4:45 pm
Sat	2/8	at Crossover	TBA	TBA
Tue	2/11	vs Tyburn	7:00 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Modified Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Fri	11/1	Practice Starts		
Thur	11/14	at Phoenix (scrimmage) (EJD Middle School)	4:45 pm	3:30 pm
Mon	11/18	vs MPH	4:30 pm,	
Thur	11/21	at Port Byron	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Fri	11/22	vs Fabius-Pompey	4:30 pm	
Mon	11/25	vs OCS	4:30 pm	
Wed	12/4	vs Cato	4:30 pm	
Sat	12/7	at OCS	10:00 am	9:15 am
Tue	12/10	at Hannibal (Middle School)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Fri	12/13	at Fabius-Pompey (Middle School)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	12/19	vs Weedsport	4:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT GRIMSHAW



JV & Varsity Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	11/11	Practice Starts		
Tue	11/26	vs Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	
Tue	12/3	at SAS	5:30 pm	4:15 pm
Thur	12/5	vs Pulaski	5:30 pm	
Tue	12/10	at Cato	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sat	12/14	vs OCS	11:00 am	
Thur	12/19	vs Port Byron	5:30 pm	
Sat	1/4	at Tully	12:00 pm	11:15 am
Thur	1/9	at Fabius-Pompey	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Tue	1/14	vs SAS	5:30 pm	
Thur	1/16	at Pulaski	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Tue	1/21	vs Cato	5:30 pm,	
Thur	1/23	at OCS	5:30 pm	4:30 pm
Tue	1/28	vs Weedsport	5:30 pm,	
Thur	1/30	at Port Byron	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Tue	2/4	vs Tully	5:30 pm	
Sat	2/8	at Jordan-Elbridge (at OCC)	TBA	TBA
Mon	2/10	at Weedsport	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Tue	2/11	vs Tyburn	5:30 pm,	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Modified Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Mon	1/6	Practice Starts		
Tue	1/21	vs APW	4:30 pm	
Fri	1/24	vs OCS	4:30 pm	
Tue	1/28	at Weedsport (Elementary)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	1/30	vs Port Byron	4:30 pm	
Tue	2/4	at Cato (Middle School)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	2/6	at APW (Elementary)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	2/11	at OCS (Wheeler)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	2/13	vs Weedsport	4:30 pm,	
Tue	2/25	at Port Byron	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thur	2/27	vs Cato	4:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT GRIMSHAW

Modified Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Bus
Thur	10/28	PRACTICE STARTS		
Thur	11/14	at OCS (Wheeler)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	11/19	vs Cazenovia	4:30 pm	
Thur	11/21	vs J-D	4:30 pm	
Mon	11/25	at ESM (Pine Grove)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	12/3	vs CBA	4:30 pm,	
Fri	12/6	at Cortland (High School)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	12/10	vs Chittenango	4:00 pm	
Thur	12/12	at Homer (Jr High)	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mon	12/16	at Fabius-Pompey	4:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tue	12/17	vs OCS	4:30 pm	

HOME GAMES PLAYED AT GRIMSHAW

◆ ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◆

Congratulations to the following Cross Country runners who were selected to the All-League teams: **(Boys)** Connor Oakman - 1st Team; John Miske - 1st Team; Tanner FitzPatrick - Honorable Mention. **(Girls)** Lexi Peebles - 2nd Team; Jane Schaefer - 2nd Team. *Great Job!*

Congratulations to the following Varsity Soccer players who were selected to All League teams: Allie Exposito - 2nd Team; Alyssa Murray - 2nd Team; Cierra Oakes - Honorable Mention; Cassidy Doster - Honorable Mention; Ondraya Kunai - Honorable Mention; Noni Crouse - Honorable Mention; Axie Amidon - Honorable Mention. *Great job!*

The Varsity Boys' Basketball team will kick off their season on Friday, November 29, in the Lancers vs. Cancer Tournament here at the high school. Come out and support the JV and Varsity teams and help raise some money for the fight against cancer. The JV team plays at 2:00 p.m. and the Varsity at 3:30 p.m. Thank you, as always, for your support in the fight against this disease.

Congratulations to Dave Turner who qualified for Golf sectionals. *Great job!*



The Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams donated \$1,000 to the Upstate Cancer Center. Thank you to all who supported the golf tournament. We were also able to put \$1,500 into the Mary Jo Kelly Scholarship Fund, which last year gave out \$1,500 to graduating seniors.

Congratulations

to former LaFayette student/athlete

Shannon Knapp

who is currently a freshman at Binghamton.

Shannon was one of two athletes selected to represent Binghamton at the NCAA Leadership Conference in Providence in November.

Congratulations Shannon, we are very proud of you!

Booster Club News

The LaFayette Booster Club would like to begin by thanking fellow Alumni, family, friends, student athletes and their parents for making this year's Apple Festival such a success.



Special thanks go out to A Taste of Heaven, Nice-n-Easy, U-Cut Enterprises, B&B Lumber, Maine's, Roger Carbonic, LaFayette Fire Dept., and Mark Schumacher for donating your time or supplies needed.

The Booster Club will be doing a Spirit Sale this year **including the students at our Elementary School**. We are hoping students will show their school spirit while supporting the Booster Club. We are offering several great items to choose from!

Please donate your cans and bottles to our Athletic Booster Club beginning December 1st through the New Year. We are collecting cans and bottles in the Dollar General parking lot. Your donations will help fund equipment needed for our Varsity teams that our budget simply cannot cover. We appreciate your time and effort in helping make our Booster Club a success.

We are always looking for new ideas, thoughts, suggestions, and comments. Please feel free to join us at a meeting to share, or find us on Facebook (LaFayette Booster Club).

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Save your cans and bottles for a good cause!
Donate your cans and bottles to the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club. We could use the help!!!

When: December 1st through the New Year

Where: The Dollar General Parking Lot

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Every Nickel Counts

◆ Library Matters ◆

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one. ~Neil Gaiman



Then . . .



Now . . .

The Jr/Sr High School Library Gets a Makeover ...

Computers, shelves and books... oh my! Lots of changes in the Jr./Sr. High School Library.

New computers have finally arrived in the library! The new computers replaced computers that were at least 8 years old... Yikes!

Aside from the numerous new books, the library has a new look with shorter shelves that allow more light to get to the back of the library. The shelves can now be used to display books and artwork, but also can be used as workspace. This shelf-shortening project that included disassembly, cutting, and reassembly of the shelves, as well as moving *thousands* of books around, could not have been done without the help of several people – who I would personally like to thank:

Bernie O'Donnell - for your time and wood-working expertise – for working faster than anyone could have expected – for fixing a few other things along the way – thank you, this project would have been dead in the water without you.

Amy Flemming – for going with the flow – for disassembling, reassembling, cleaning, moving books – for doing it all with a smile on your face – thank you, thank you, thank you! Done in 2 weeks? You're unbelievable.

Thanks also to Ron Spicer, Joe Fox, and Dave Amidon who answered the call to help from time to time.

And an apology to Gary Oelkers... whose office is right below the library... for putting up with a little more noise than usual from the library.

On to the next project... who's ready?

~ Mrs. Bang

Bernie O'Donnell took time from his busy schedule to help out with the library project.



Grimshaw Library News

The Grimshaw Library is hopping! Students in K-4 are learning the importance of choosing good books, enjoying the act of reading, and the excitement of researching, and using our Online Catalog to find just what they are looking for in the library. We are also learning about the timeless art of storytelling. As students become storytellers, they are showing their understanding of beginning, middle and end, voice inflection, and many other elements of literacy, including the fun of a good story. Storytelling is also a way to keep culture and tradition alive. Encourage storytelling with your child by telling them a good story that you remember from your childhood.

Fifth graders at Grimshaw are now participating in Library Club. We meet once a week and students in Library Club are responsible for adopting a shelf within the library. Students have to keep the books on their "adopted" shelf in order, and are welcome to decorate their shelf to get more kids to check books out from their shelf. This is a great exercise in volunteering, taking ownership of their school space, and organization.

Many students also learned about an amazing discovery, made by a marine biologist on a leisurely snorkel a few weeks ago, of a 13-foot oarfish off the coast of California. After listening to a brief story on NPR and seeing an article and picture of the giant fish, students were reminded that their interests can lead them anywhere! Our ocean section, 550's, is full of great books for those who want to learn more about the life that awaits discovery undersea!

~ Mrs. Chambala

New computers were installed in the library in November.



GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH - DECEMBER 2013

2 Popcorn Chicken w/Dipping Sauce and Dinner Roll BBQ Baked Beans, Steamed Carrots, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	3 Pizza Dippers w/Sauce Tossed Salad w/Dressing, California Blend Veggies, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	4 Whole Grain French Toast w/Sausage Star Potatoes, 100% Dragonfruit/Veg Juice, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice, Cookie	5 Turkey and Cheese Whole Grain Wrap w/Tortilla Chips Crispy Veggie Plate w/Dip, Homemade Cole Slaw, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice	6 Assorted Homemade Pizza Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Steamed Broccoli Cuts, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice
9 Hot Dog on Whole Grain Bun Pasta Salad w/Veggies, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	10 BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Whole Grain Bun Baked Beans, Potato Gems, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	11 Whole Grain Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup w/Crackers, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	12 Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Roll Sweet Potato Fries, Cut Green Beans, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice	13 Big Daddy Pizza Slice Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Steamed Broccoli, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice
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SANDWICHES & WRAPS

Monday: Yogurt Meal
Tuesday: Chicken Patty
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Chicken Salad
Friday: Turkey

Chef Salad and Peanut Butter & Jelly offered Daily.

Student Meal

Breakfast: \$1.25 • Milk: 60c
Lunch K-6: \$2.05

District Meal Charge Policy

Students in Grades K-8 may charge a reimbursable breakfast and/or lunch.

However, if a student owes five dollars (\$5.00) or more, they will not be allowed to charge. A student with a charge balance of \$5.00 or more will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk for lunch and fruit, graham crackers and milk for breakfast at no charge.

At no time will a student with a \$5.00 or more charge balance be allowed to charge ala carte items.

A negative balance letter will be sent home for students who have charged a negative balance of \$5.00 or more. If the charges are not addressed once a letter has been sent home, the food service manager will ask the school principal to become involved in the collection of funds.

*Please Note: High School students, Grades 9-12, are not allowed to charge meals at all. If a student does not have money, they will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk for lunch and fruit, graham crackers and milk for breakfast at no charge.

**Students who have peanut allergies will have an alternative lunch option of a cheese sandwich.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH - DECEMBER 2013

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Student Meal

Breakfast: \$1.25 • Milk: 60c
Lunch 7-12: \$2.15

ONONDAGA NATION SCHOOL LUNCH - DECEMBER 2013

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Community News ♦ Community News ♦ Community News



VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The LaFayette VFW will hold another **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, December 22, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.**

The price is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6-12, and children age 5 and under are free. Santa will be there!!!

TREE LIGHTING

On **Sunday, December 8**, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. there will be **Holiday Activities** in the center of town!

The **Tree Lighting** will take place between 4:30 & 5:00 p.m. There will also be **Music and a Christmas Skit** at the Presbyterian Church.

Games, food, & face painting will be available at the Community Center.

There is an **Art Contest** for high school students: 7-8 Grades and 9-12 Grades. **Your art must be a Christmas or Winter theme and is due by December 4th.**

Watch for flyers from school and around town!
Also, you can check out: www.townoflafayette.com

LaFayette Public Library News

Our story hours are Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us!

We would like to remind you that we do circulate two Nooks. They have about 150 titles downloaded. For books on your own device, go to www.onlib.org and go to the digital download catalog, where you can download audiobooks and eBooks for free with your public library card. We (the county libraries) are increasing the amount of eBook titles by the day. There are instructions there to download your eBooks. For any questions please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott. The library system has also taken on another vendor for ebooks – you will notice in the catalog the icon for “3M” which is eBooks only (no audio or video). We would also like to remind you that you can also download eBooks on to your Ipad and other devices, as well. We have been getting many of the latest feature films on DVD, as well as many popular adult and juvenile audiobooks on CD. In addition, we are expanding our video game collection.

We are offering computer training for our patrons. This will be one-on-one

sessions by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

At the circulation desk, we have a publication called “Book Page”. It has up and coming novels, reviews, author interviews and much more. Pick up your free copy anytime. You can also view it on www.bookpage.com.

We would also like to remind you of the Grimshaw program for free books for preschoolers. We have the information at our circulation desk. We ask to you to supplement this early literacy experience at our story hours on Wednesday mornings.

We are always looking for fresh ideas for programming at the library. If there is something you would like to see or would like our help facilitating, please feel free to call and ask for Scott – 677-3782.

The LaFayette Library Quilters hand-quilt old or new quilt tops. The fee charged for the quilting is donated to the LaFayette Public Library. If you have quilt top that you would like hand-quilted, please contact the library at 677-3782 and a quilter will call you. Thank you!

Here are some titles we have or are coming:

December - Print

Robards, Karen – *Hunted*
Parker, Robert – *Bull River*
Krentz, Jayne – *River Road*
Woods, Stuart – *Standup Guy*
Patterson, Richard North – *Loss of Innocence*
Kingsbury, Karen – *Fifteen Minutes*
Albom, Mitch – *The First Phone call from Heaven*
Thayer, Nancy – *A Nantucket Christmas*

December - DVD

Great Gastby
Olympus Has Fallen
Boardwalk Empire: The Complete Third Season
Pain and Gain
Now You See Me
The Big Bang Theory: The Complete Sixth Season

December - Audiobooks

Kepler, Lars – *The Fire Witness*
Pessl, Marish – *Night Film*
Galbraith, Robert – *The Cuckoo's Calling*
Flynn, Michael – *The January Dancer*
Gollner, Adam – *The Book of Immortality - The Science, Belief, and Magic Behind Living Forever*

And many, many more...

plus we are adding more and more ebooks to both the digital catalog and to 3M library.

Toolon Tigers News

Congratulations to the TOOLON TIGERS Junior Pee Wee & Midget teams for placing First, league champions in their divisions at the local CNY Pop Warner competition!

Both teams are headed to the Eastern Region championships in NJ & Albany in hopes of becoming a finalist for DISNEY! These teams consist of girls from LaFayette, Onondaga Nation, Onondaga, Tully & Fabius.

GREAT JOB, GIRLS & GOOD LUCK!



Community Council News

Youth Basketball

5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball began in November. 5th and 6th Grade Girls will begin in December. The 3rd/₄th Grade programs are held after February break.

Song Mountain Ski Registration

Thursday, December 5th, 6-7:30p.m., Grimshaw cafeteria.
Watch for notices from school, or check www.townoflafayette.com, go to Community Council, then skiing. Be prepared to get your picture taken and to pay in full with check to LCC.

Youth Wrestling

Beginning January 7th, 6-7:30 p.m. at the JSHS. Call if you are going to be able to coach! 677-7272.

Zumba!

Now on Mondays, too! Step up your exercise routine--join us Mondays and Wednesdays. Call 677-7272 for details.

Yoga

Yoga is held on Mondays at Grimshaw. Call to see if there is room as space is limited. 677-7272

Daytime Exercise

3x's/week, 8:30-9:30a.m. at the Community Center. Call Kathy, 677-9174 to find out exact days. You can join in anytime!

Men's Basketball

Mondays, Grimshaw, 7-9 p.m.

Walk the Halls!

Don't quit walking just because it gets cold and snowy! You can walk the halls at Grimshaw, M-F, 5-7p.m. You must enter by the cafeteria, sign in the log book and have dry shoes to walk in. October through March.

Trunk or Treat

LaFayette Community Council participated in this year's Trunk-or-Treat, hosted by the Columbian Presbyterian Church on Halloween night. Coach Conk Ushion handed out candy and other treats to trick-or-treaters and parents. Thanks to the Community Council and Columbian Presbyterian Church for offering a venue to keep our children safe!

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December IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of December, 2013. Particular dates to note are:

Tuesday	December 3	Financial Aid Night, JSBS LGI, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	December 5	National Honor Society Induction, JSBS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Sunday	December 8	Community Tree Lighting, Maher Plaza between 4:30-5; Other Activities at Community Center and Presbyterian Church, 3 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	December 10	Grimshaw School Winter Concert, JSBS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Thursday	December 12	Board of Education Meeting, District Office, 5:30 p.m.
Friday	December 13	EARLY DISMISSAL - Professional Development/Early Release: JSBS, Big Picture at 1:25 p.m. ONS at 1 p.m. Grimshaw at 1:15 p.m.
Saturday	December 14	From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival, Onondaga Nation School, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	December 17	ONS Winter Concert, Onondaga Nation School, 6 p.m.
Wednesday	December 18	Big Picture School Family Dinner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday	December 18	JSBS Winter Concert, JSBS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Friday	December 20	JSBS Community Give Back Day
Sunday	December 22	VFW Pancake Breakfast (<i>Santa is There!</i>), 8 a.m. - 12 Noon
Monday	December 23	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Holiday Recess
	through	
Wednesday	January 1	Classes Resume at Onondaga Nation School
Thursday	January 2	NO SCHOOL – Grimshaw, JSBS, and Big Picture - Happy New Year!
Thursday	January 2 and 3	
Monday	January 6	Classes Resume at Grimshaw, JSBS, and Big Picture