

## LaFayette Educator Joins NASA Ambassador Program



LaFayette Central School District now has a direct connection to the stars.

LaFayette Junior/Senior High School science teacher David Amidon was recently named a 2017 Solar System Ambassador (SSA) by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The SSA program is a volunteer public engagement program managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

As an ambassador, Mr. Amidon will lead public speaking events that inform community members about current space missions, including briefings from project scientists and engineers who are working on the missions.

In 2016, the program had about 700 ambassadors from the United States, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands and Guam, according to the organization's website.

"Ideal candidates are ambitious people who are enthusiastic about space exploration and active in their communities," said Kay Ferrari, national coordinator for the Solar System Ambassador program based at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

To be considered for the program, candidates must complete an application process. Once accepted, members are required to run four SSA events during their one-year term, report on their events, and listen to briefings on current space projects.

## Welcome Back Rock Fest!



The 2017 LaFayette Rock Fest supporting the Matthew Nastasi Scholarship Fund will be making its return to the Jr/Sr High this year after taking a one year road trip to Onondaga Central. The show is scheduled for Friday, March 31, in the newly renovated auditorium. With the appearance of several musical acts and a festival-like atmosphere, we expect to keep this tradition as exciting as ever. We

hope to see you there.

If you'd like to donate directly to the scholarship or send items to be raffled during the event, please contact senior Emily Long, at [17lonemi@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:17lonemi@lafayetteschools.org)

## SHREK

### the MUSICAL

**MARCH 3 & 4, at 7pm**  
LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets:  
Students \$7 • Adults \$10  
Family Max \$35

*2017 Junior Senior*

## Prom

**Sat • May 13 • 7-11pm**  
Doubletree Hotel, Carrier Circle

Tickets:  
\$30 for Class of 2018 only  
\$35 for all others

## HALO Class Creates Positive Environment for Students



*HALO Students: Serena Harrington, Claire Frier, Molly FitzPatrick, Alexi Harrington, Alex Campbell, Bridget Walsh, Sean Corby, Tori Obit, Shania Knafelc, Seeyoh Homer, Taylor Tummino, and Kayla Doupe.*

HALO (Helping and Leading Others) is a group of students ranging from grades 10 to 12 that provides a safe environment for younger students to have the ability to express their feelings without being judged. This year, we created a program (StressLess) focused on helping the seventh grade students learn how to manage their time, and more importantly, relieve stress. The students of HALO did this by collecting answers from a survey given to the Junior High students, and created activities, scenarios, and a skit to help engage the students in the topics we were teaching them.

At the beginning of the year, students in the class broke up into groups to create a few icebreakers to get to know the Junior High students better. We chose two ice breakers that helped the participants of HALO and the seventh grade students become comfortable with each other. After the survey was evaluated following the icebreakers, we created a three day program. Each of the HALO students led these activities at least once throughout the program. During the second semester, there will be a second group of HALO students who continue to work with the Junior High, as well as create their own program for the incoming 7th grade orientation. If you're interested in being a part of HALO for the 2017-2018 school year, please see Mrs. Amidon or Mr. O'Leary in guidance.

## LaFayette CSD is No Longer on the State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress List

LaFayette Central School District is no longer deemed “susceptible to fiscal stress”, according to a report recently released by the New York State Comptroller’s office.

On January 20, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli’s office released its Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report for 2016 which, based on financial and environmental indicators, purports to identify local governments and school districts that are moving towards – or are already in – fiscal stress.

The system creates an overall stress score by measuring a variety of factors including year-end fund balance, short-term debt issuances, cash position and patterns of operating deficits. The score is based on the fiscal year ending on June 30, and reflects financial information taken from each district’s annual financial statements.

The district was classified as being in “moderate” fiscal stress for the 2012-2013 year when the statewide evaluation system was implemented. For the past two years, the Comptroller’s annual report classified LaFayette CSD with an upgraded “susceptible” designation, which is the mildest label included in DiNapoli’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System.

According to the recently released 2016 report, LaFayette CSD’s fiscal health continued to improve to the point that it is no longer designated as a fiscally-stressed or even susceptible to fiscal stress.

### Why was LaFayette CSD on the list?

In June 2011, LaFayette CSD’s year-end financials reflected a deficit of \$2 million dollars due to outstanding receivables which negatively impacted the district’s cash position. The monitoring system uses a cash ratio as a way to determine whether a district has enough money to pay its obligations on time.

Throughout the following two years, the district eliminated its deficit – an improvement, said Laura Lavine who became superintendent in July, 2014, but far from the district’s goal of funding a 4 percent fund-balance, which is the maximum retainable amount permitted by law.

Complicating the situation is that SED gives revenue to LaFayette CSD to operate its Onondaga Nation School, but – even though it is also a state entity - refuses to provide the funds prior to each operating

year. Instead, SED requires the district to borrow the money in advance then reimburses the district, including interest, the following school year, according to Superintendent Lavine. In turn, she avers that Comptroller DiNapoli’s office essentially punishes the district for complying with SED.

“Comptroller DiNapoli knows that SED requires us to borrow money upfront to operate ONS, yet he will not make an accommodation for it,” she said. “I won’t say that ‘one hand doesn’t know what the other is doing’ because the Comptroller’s office is aware of this situation. Instead, it appears that his office doesn’t care as evidenced by his continuing to assign six points against us for doing what we are forced to do.” She also finds it inexplicable that the state would rather pay the interest on the amount borrowed than provide the money in advance to run the school. “That seems like a waste of state funding,” she said.

Despite these challenges, Superintendent Lavine said she and Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Turner continued to focus on improving the district’s cash flow. In 2014, the district’s fiscal outlook improved through the Comptroller’s report and the district was downgraded from “moderate” to “susceptible.” In 2015, the district’s year-end fund balance increased from 1.55 to 2.4 percent and its cash position improved.

Their continued efforts resulted in LaFayette CSD’s 2016 year-end fund balance reaching four percent.

“We accomplished these improvements through contract negotiations, by deploying staff more judiciously, finding cost efficiencies and avoidances, generating additional revenue and properly seeking transportation aid and Medicaid reimbursements,” said Lavine.

Superintendent Lavine is pleased that the financial improvements were made within a relatively short period of time – all while literacy rates increased, more learning opportunities have been provided to students, and safety and security have been improved.

“The district has not been in fiscal difficulty these past few years but we are happy to have our financial acumen and efforts recognized in the form of being removed from the list,” Superintendent Lavine said.

**District News ♦ District News ♦ District News**

**Fire Inspection Report from Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities**

Required Annual Fire Inspections took place throughout the District's buildings on Tuesday December 27, 2016.

The inspections were conducted by Don Warnow, Safety Officer for OCM BOCES, Connie Wallis, NYSIR (Insurance) representative and Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities for the District.

Once again, the inspections went very well. Mr. Warnow, Mrs. Wallis, and Mr. Kesler were pleased with the conditions. As with most inspections, some minor violations were detected. Examples of the violations were extension cord use, untreated curtains, fire doors not completely latching, and breaker boxes not properly labeled. All items have been corrected.

Reports were completed then approved by the Superintendent. On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, the forms were electronically sent to SED. On Wednesday, January 4, 2017, SED approved and awarded Certificates of Occupancy which have been posted in each building. Copies of the reports and certificates are also on file in the Director of Facilities office.

Mr. Kesler wants to thank all Building Principals, staff, as well as the entire custodial and maintenance staff for all their cooperation. Without their continued support these inspections would not have the results that they do.

**Fabulous News!**

The OCM BOCES region has been asked to partner with the **Smithsonian Science and Engineering Center** for the 100Kin10 organization's *Every Student Succeeds* with STEM grant. The focus is on supporting engagement in engineering practices at the early elementary levels. Seventy teachers, including LaFayette Central School District's own Kelly Davidson, Meagan Jean, Ashley Kolbeck, Melissa Terrell, and Megan Zehner have been asked to participate.

*From the Desk of the Director of Instruction and Pupil Services , Dr. Karen Ocque*

**ATHLETIC NEWS**

**Varsity Baseball Spaghetti Dinner**

The LaFayette Varsity baseball team is hosting a spaghetti dinner / silent auction on February 4th at the LaFayette Fire Barn. This dinner / auction is to support a spring training trip to the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our event will run from 4pm-7pm and the silent auction will follow from 7pm-8pm. You can expect a homerun of a meal featuring pasta, fastballs (meatballs), bread, salad and dessert all served by the finest group of baseball players around. But wait, that's not all...Our silent auction will blow you away like a fastball from our star pitcher. Don't be left out in the cold, come out on February 4th to help a great bunch of players reach their Field of Dreams!

**♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦**

**2017 Scholastic Art Awards**

Over 75 individual entries from the Junior Senior High School were submitted for judging to the Central New York Scholastic Art Awards Competition this January. Our students competed with over 90 other junior and senior high schools throughout the Central New York region. There was a record number of pieces submitted to the competition this year reaching over 5,400 individual entries. Two days of rigorous judging resulted in 26 of our students receiving a total of 38 awards in this prestigious competition. All award winners have their artwork on display at the Whitney Applied Technology Center at Onondaga Community College. On opening night, the Gold Key winners are invited to a special Awards Ceremony and a first look at the exhibit which takes up an amazing three floors of display space. The exhibit is on view to the public beginning Friday, January 13th, and closes on Saturday, March 4th. Gold Key winners will have their work go on to compete at the National Competition in New York City in March. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Robinson wish to congratulate these students for their hard work and achievement.

Gold Key

- Raegyn Garbutt** (9th) Printmaking
- Kierstin Rurka** (9th) Design
- Keegan Hemlock** (10th) Photography
- Viktor Szabo** (12th) Photography

Silver Key

- Jenna Reese** (7th) Printmaking
- Megan Sanders** (9th) Printmaking
- Layton Harris** (9th) Printmaking
- Nathan Martinez** (9th) Printmaking
- Ashley Ohstrom** (10th) Painting
- Charlotte Ryan** (10th) Mixed Media
- Emily Haines** (10th) Photography

Silver Key, continued

- Keegan Hemlock** (10th) Photography
- Viktor Szabo** (12th) Photography Portfolio
- Viktor Szabo** (12th) Photography (5 awards)

Honorable Mention

- Kendra Doupe** (8th) Printmaking
- Ethan Maines** (7th) Sculpture
- Miranda Simmons** (7th) Ceramics
- Morgan Bice** (7th) Ceramics & Glass
- Brianna Park** (9th) Photography
- Tim Kramak** (9th) Printmaking
- Josh Jewett** (10th) Design
- Bethany Miller** (10th) Mixed Media

Honorable Mention, continued

- Emily Haines** (10th) Digital Art
- Keegan Hemlock** (10th) Photography
- Bridget Walsh** (11th) Painting
- Ivy Bennett** (11th) Mixed Media
- Ivy Bennett** (11th) Painting
- Danielle Duby** (11th) Photography
- Ritah Lyons** (12th) Painting
- Viktor Szabo** (12th) Photography Portfolio
- Viktor Szabo** (12th) Photography
- Maya Brothers** (12th) Photography
- Seeyoh Homer** (12th) Photography
- Taylor Cook** (12th) Drawing & Illustration



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

*From the Desk of the*  
**JSHS PRINCIPAL**

At this point, we are more than halfway through the 2016/2017 school year. We have just wrapped up our January Regents testing and are continuing to prepare our students for the approaching June Regents exams.

We have begun a composting program here at the Jr./Sr. High School. In collaboration with OCRRA, our students are making an effort to decrease their impact on the environment. Students are placing all of their food scraps into a separate composting bin which is later transformed into useful composting material. We are excited to be among the first schools in the area to implement this program.

The Junior-Senior High School spring drama production will take place on Friday, March 3rd, and Saturday, March 4th, in the High School auditorium at 7pm. The students will be performing “*Shrek, the Musical*”. Mark your calendars, as it is sure to be a fun filled evening.

*Jason Ryan, Principal*

**LaFayette Science Club Participates in Robotics Competitions**

This fall the Senior High Science Club began designing and creating robots for competition in the VEX EDR game “Starstruck”. In this game, teams form alliances and battle against other robots in an attempt to knock foam stars onto each other’s side of the field.

The teams were comprised of Catelyn Battelle, Sam Camione, Mattie Caughey, Cecelia Robinson, Ian Schaeffer, Ethan Theel, and Brennen Thrall. They participated in events this January at Bodley High School (Fulton) and Baker High School (Baldwinsville). Each team had seven matches per event and were therefore kept busy all day in making adjustments to their robots’ mechanics, programming, and game strategy.

The Science Club will be participating in the Onondaga County Envirothon this April, as well as the CNY Rocket Team Challenge this June.



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**GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to colleges for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year:

Mattie Caughey	Le Moyne College SUNY Cortland SUNY New Paltz
Kayla Doupe	Le Moyne College Niagara University St. John Fisher College
Andrea Dwyer	Becker College (MA) Elmira College
Wyatt Houde	Cazenovia College
Jennie Lamson	College of Charleston (SC)
Wadely Miller	SUNY Brockport SUNY Cortland Keuka College
Vivian Mueller	Binghamton University University at Buffalo
Shelby Ohstrom	Nazareth College
Sophia Powless	Adelphi University Franklyn Pierce University (NH) Pace University
Cecelia Robinson	Alfred University Hofstra University Florida Institute of Technology Le Moyne College Loyola University (MD) SUNY New Paltz
Kaitlyn Rurka	University at Albany
Thomas Whitney	Le Moyne College Canisius College

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

All scholarships that come to the guidance office are listed online on Naviance. Most you can apply to online; some you may have to pick up an application form in guidance.

**STUDENT SCHEDULING**

The scheduling process has changed. On Friday, February 3, we will hold assemblies for grades 8, 9, 10, 11 regarding the scheduling process. The following Monday, February 6, students will receive a triplicate scheduling form in their period 1 class. The students will have the form signed by their teachers for next year's courses (English, social studies, math, science, LOTE) as they go through the day. The period 8 teacher collects all forms and returns them to guidance. The students keep the bottom page of the triplicate form to get signed by their parent/guardian.

On either Thursday, February 9th or Thursday, February 16, students register on schooltool. Schooltool will be opened up on the morning of both days for students to register in their English class. Individual appointments with their school counselor will follow in April. Students will sign up for electives at this point.

The course guide is available online on the guidance webpage. If you do not have computer access at home, your child can pick up a printed copy in the guidance office.

Parents of 8th and 11th grade students are invited to sign up for scheduling meetings with their school counselor. This is the time to plan and learn about high school and graduation requirements for your student and we encourage you to attend. Mrs. Cool will be meeting with 8th grade families and Mr. O'Leary will be meeting with 11th grade families from 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 2nd. Please call 677-7849 to set up an appointment for these evening meetings. Students must attend these meetings with their parents.

**2016-2017 SAT DATES**

**SAT**

**Deadline to Register**

March 11, 2107	February 10, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

SAT recommends registering online at:  
[sat.collegeboard.com](http://sat.collegeboard.com)

**2016-2017 ACT DATES**

**ACT Test**

**Deadline to Register**

April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

ACT recommends registering online at:  
[www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### PRINCIPAL INPUT

Happy February! This month, our primary grades will celebrate the 100th day of the school year. It is difficult to believe that we are already half-way through the 2016-17 school year. Since the school year is moving so quickly, we need to start planning for next year.

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 1st, 2017, please contact the Grimshaw Main Office to inquire about our Pre-K program. We currently offer an AM/PM program and the LaFayette After-School Program offers wrap-around care for the students who require child care. We would love to have your child as part of our Grimshaw family. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 1st, 2017, please contact us as we are beginning to start the sign-up for Kindergarten screening.

Continue to stay warm and thank you again for your continued support of our students and staff.

--Jen Blossey, Principal

### Alice in Wonderland

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th Grade students of Grimshaw Elementary, pictured below, for their wonderful performance of *Alice in Wonderland Junior!* The show, directed by Ms. Kelly Cook, was performed on Friday, January 13th in the LaFayette Junior-Senior High School Auditorium. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy to show.



Alice in Wonderland

Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse  
Phone: 677-5501

### Health Office News

Fax: 677-3154  
pbush@lafayetteschools.org

I hope you all enjoyed the winter weather in January with your children and stayed healthy, too. Even when temperatures are unseasonably warm, please dress your children for outdoor play as classes will go outside whenever possible. Please be sure all primary grade students have extra clothes in their backpacks/cubbies/lockers in case they need them.

In January, after we returned from Christmas break, we had many children at all grade levels sick with a stomach virus as well as a variety of upper respiratory infections including some flu cases and flu-like illnesses with fever. As always, we ask that you keep children home for 24 hours after having a fever of 100 or greater, vomiting or starting on antibiotics for a bacterial infection. These measures help immensely in decreasing the spread of infectious diseases at school and I appreciate your cooperation on following the "24 hour rule". Please remember to notify me directly (677-5501- you can leave a voicemail anytime or email me at pbush@lafayetteschools.org) whenever your child is out of school for any reason.

A few more 2nd and 4th grade physicals came in this month- only 12 more to go! Please send or fax the paperwork in as soon as your child's is done. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in getting these physicals completed. If your child is new to the school, he/she will also require a physical along with their immunizations.

If your child is restricted from gym by a physician I must have a note from a physician to release them to play again.

This issue comes up from time to time so hopefully this clarifies it for you.

Another reminder regarding medications- I must have a physician's note or prescription as well as parent permission to give your child any medicine at school. This would include any OTC meds, as well as, prescription meds. All meds must be in the original container and should be delivered by a parent. I can't give your child any meds sent in an envelope or other container or with a parent note only. These measures are for your child's safety and must be adhered to.

As mentioned last month, the Tdap vaccine is now required for students entering 6th grade as soon after they turn 11 as possible. Fifth Grade parents should receive a letter around report card time with a detailed explanation of this requirement. If your child is 11 when school starts in September, they should have had this vaccine to comply with N.Y. state education law. If your child has had only 1 chickenpox vaccine, they will need a 2nd one to enter 6th grade as well. Please discuss these changes with your child's doctor to be sure they're up to date before school starts next fall. As was detailed in last month's newsletter the meningitis vaccine will be required to enter 7th grade.

Please keep updating any emergency numbers and contacts so I can reach you quickly. As always feel free to call me with any questions or concerns regarding your child's health.

Enjoy your February break!



## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### Paws 2 Read

Grimshaw has gone to the dogs! We have kicked off the **Paws2Read** program which allows students to build their confidence and reading skills through reading to a certified therapy dog. Students enjoyed spending their Wednesday evening reading various books to their new found furry friends. The **Paws2Read** program will take place on Wednesday evenings at the Grimshaw Library from 6-7:00pm. For further information on this program, please contact Kelly Fredericks at [kfredericks@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:kfredericks@lafayetteschools.org).



### What is it?

An opportunity for students to build their confidence and reading skills through reading to a certified therapy dog.

### When is it?

Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 7:00

For specific dates see Kelly Fredericks

### How do I sign my child up?

Just come! Any time between 6-7:00pm

### Where is Paws2Read?

The Grimshaw Elementary Library

### Who Can Come?

Any Grimshaw Elementary student!

### Can I bring my own dog?

Please leave your furry companion at home.

We will supply the pups!

### Why do I need to sign my student in?

This helps us keep track of who has come to the program and if there is enough interest to keep the program running.

### Do I need to stay with my student?

Yes please!

### I need more information!

Contact Kelly Fredericks at [kfredericks@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:kfredericks@lafayetteschools.org)



## Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

### Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 100

Troop members had a chance to visit the *Albany Indoor Rockgym* climbing facility. This was a unique way for the participants to challenge themselves to reach new heights. The indoor caves of the facility were a favorite. This is another example of the exciting opportunities that are available to the Boy Scouts of Lafayette.

Camping for Troop 100 is a yearlong activity. Each month the scouts plan a campout (even if for just one night) regardless of the season or weather. During the past few meetings, the scouts have been working on food handling, preparation and safety, as practice for this month's campout at Camp Woodland's annual Ontario Klondike Derby. Camp Woodland

is located in Constantia, NY, near the north shore of Oneida Lake.

Troop 100 members helped at the recent Cub Scout Pine-wood Derby serving as judges, served snacks and cleaned-up at the annual event. Thank you, Devon, Dante, Sammy and Thomas, great work!

Troop 100 welcomes new members, so, if you know someone who might be interested in joining an active Boy Scout troop in Lafayette, come check it out on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church. More information can be gained by contacting Kevin Gretskey, Scoutmaster [gretskey@aol.com](mailto:gretskey@aol.com) or Brian Kramak, Assistant Scout Master, [bkramak@gmail.com](mailto:bkramak@gmail.com).

# ◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆



We are so thankful for all of the businesses and mentors who support our students and the mission of our school. One of the goals for Big Picture students is to spend two days a week at internship sites outside of the school building. Students begin the process of choosing their internships by exploring their interests and passions. Once they have selected areas to explore, students participate in informational interviews and shadow days. After shadow days, 8-10 week internships are established. We

have had internships last for just the 8-10 week period or last for as long as 3 years. Our students benefit greatly from the internships, but we also hear from mentors who have valued the experience just as much. We are always looking for opportunities for informational interviews, job shadow days, new sites and new mentors. If you would like to learn more, please contact us. Thank you again to all of our existing sites and mentors.

--Susan Osborn, Principal



**PHOTO KEY** 1: Big Picture student at Lune Chocolate in Manlius; 2: Big Picture student at LaFayette Public Library; 3: Big Picture student at CBS 5 in Syracuse; 4: Big Picture student at CrossFit Core Fitness in Syracuse; 5: Big Picture student shadowing at Cazenovia Equipment in LaFayette; 6: Big Picture student at LaFayette Kennels; 7: Big Picture students at Lacrosse Unlimited in Fayetteville; 8: Big Picture student working with LaFayette resident Chad Dawson.





## LaFayette Public Library News

We would like to welcome our new children's librarian **Teresa Fisher**, who comes to us after serving as the librarian at the Onondaga Nation School for many years. Welcome aboard!

### Life of a Shoe

by: LaFayette students in Studio in Art 1

If you were ever asked to write a story about a shoe, what would you write? Would it be a fictional tale about its experiences? Maybe you would create a personal, non-fiction description of its color, texture, and use. Please enjoy reading what these students in Studio in Art Level 1 composed as part of this project.

Additionally, students learned various drawing, composition, and watercolor techniques for this assignment.

We have a new student art display, the theme of which is *"The Life of a Shoe"*. This is a combination of narrative and art. Come see the stories that are told by the following students: Tori Albro, Marissa Evans, Allison O'Kane, Heaven Elliot, Nora Vancalcar, Teri Clark, Zach Powless, Kierstin, Rurka, Lorenza-Wayne Hemp-hill, Adam McIntyre, Timothy

Kramak, Raegyn Garbutt and Jasmine Middleton.



Did you know that you can bring your public library books to the school library in Grimshaw? Ms. McDonald has a bin there that gets picked up on a weekly basis by someone from the LaFayette Library. You still have to come to the public library to get the items you takeout from there, but once you are done with them you can drop them off at Grimshaw School library or back to the public library.

We want to remind you that if you haven't done so already, when you go to shop on Amazon, instead of logging on to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) go to "Smile.Amazon.com". You then logon to your account as you normally would. The

first time you use that portal, you will be asked to choose a charity. They have some national ones featured, or you can choose your own. Type in "LaFayette Public Library" (make sure you choose the one in LaFayette, NY). From then on, anytime you long on to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to shop on Amazon, .5% of your purchases go to the library. So for every \$1,000 spent, we get \$5. And you will be spending the same amount of money as you did before! So remember, Smile. Amazon.com.

### Imagination Lab for February:

- February 1st – Air Mail!
- February 8th – Valentine's Day Cards
- February 15th – Lego Free Play
- February 22nd – House of Cards

For the March 1st Imagination lab, we are happy to welcome Jenn McDonald – Grimshaw School Librarian – and Jana Silvestro, third grade teacher at Grimshaw School, to do a presentation of their trip to Africa. 3:30-4:30

Speaking of imagination, our 3D printer is available for public use. Please come on in and be creative!

### Teen Book Club: on hold for the moment

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are held every month on the third Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is February 14 (Valentine's Day!).

Don't forget to visit: [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org). You can follow us on Facebook and at the Twitter handle: @LafayettePublib.

In addition to the student art that we have on display the Lafayette Library is looking to celebrate the artists in our community. We would like to display your pieces of art around the Library. Bring your art (paintings, drawing, pottery, etc.) to the library with a name plate. This is an ongoing display. Come visit the library to see the talent of others in the community.

A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

Story times: **Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

[www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org)

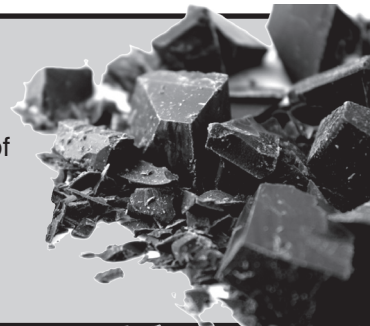
## LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

E-mail: [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com)

LCC Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078

### A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE

**Sat. Feb. 11, 1-4:00 pm, at the Columbian Presbyterian Church**, corner of routes 11 & 20, LaFayette. This is a food-tasting event where you can purchase samples of dozens of home-made goodies with one thing in common: CHOCOLATE!! Choose from white, dark or milk chocolate, in cookies, muffins, candies, breads & more! Samples are only 50¢ Half of the proceeds will be donated to LaFayette Outreach (our local food pantry). More info/donations, call or visit: 677-3293; [www.ColumbianPresbyterianChurch.com](http://www.ColumbianPresbyterianChurch.com).



#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Basketball, Grades 5 & 6:** The girls and boys seasons are underway. Practices are mid-week and games are on Saturdays. The season will wrap up the week prior to the February school break.

**Basketball, Grades 3 & 4:** Coed practices will be held 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium beginning March 1, and will run for 6 consecutive weeks. The last practice will be April 5. If you haven't already signed-up, you can register on the first night of practice. The fee is \$5. Please watch for notices coming home from school for additional information or check the LCC website.

*\*\*LCC will not be offering instructional basketball for boys and girls below the third grade as no volunteer has come forward to coach at this level. If you are interested in helping out with this program, please contact LCC at 315-677-7272. Should this situation change, notices will be sent home from school.*

**Wrestling:** The season is underway. For boys and girls grades K-6. Practices are M-W-F; 6-8 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School's wrestling room (downstairs). Optional matches are held on Fridays or Saturdays. The season runs through early March.

**Volleyball:** Program for girls in grades 3-6. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m., February 28. The program will run for six weeks. If you haven't already signed-up, you can register on the first night of practice. The fee is \$5. Please watch for notices coming home from school for additional information or check the LCC website.

**Skiing:** Bus transportation and lessons continue Fridays in February: 3rd, 10th and 17th. NOTE: Friday, February 17th will be the last day for bus transportation.

**Baseball and Lacrosse:** Apple Valley League Baseball and Upstate Lacrosse Association sign-ups will be held in March. Flyers will be coming home from school with details for each respective sport.

*\*\*\*LCC cannot offer its youth programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Baseball*

*and lacrosse coaches are needed for the upcoming seasons. Please contact LCC at 677-7272 if you are planning to coach this upcoming season or would like additional information. We need to know of your intention to coach so that we can plan accordingly.*

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Daytime/Senior Exercise:** Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The current session runs through February 9. The cost for this session is \$35. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class. Subsequent sessions are: February 14 – March 23 and March 28 – May 4.

**Yoga:** Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 21. Costs for this session are \$63 if attending classes one night per week, and \$126 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

**Zumba/Aerobics:** Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria. The current session, which began November 7, runs through March 27. Contact LCC for a pro-rated fee. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

**Tabata** (interval training): Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15-7:15. Cost is \$5 per class. Call 677-7272 for additional information regarding location of classes.

**Tai Chi:** Beginner classes are held at Grimshaw School Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Advanced classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center, Mondays, 10-11 a.m. Call 677-7272 for additional information.

**Men's Basketball:** Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through March.

#### Announcements

**Community Council Meetings:** Board meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Dates of upcoming board meetings are: February 2 and March 2. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.



— A Walk In The Park —

# Taking Steps to FIGHT CANCER

LaFayette seniors Grace Terrell, Sara Beresovoy and Jennie Lamson are chairing the event this year and they need you to participate. Whether you register to walk or make a donation, please help spread the word to make this the best walk ever. The walk starts at 1:00 (pre-registration at noon) and precedes the LaFayette Community Days.

To register to walk: print off the registration form, complete and drop form and payment (*cash or check payable to More Than a Game Foundation*) at the Lafayette Junior Senior High School office or to the Grimshaw office to the attention of Melissa Terrell. Let's go LaFayette!

**Stafford Park, LaFayette NY**

## SATURDAY JUNE 3rd, 2017

**Registration at Noon • Walk begins at 1pm**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F

(check one below)

T-shirt Size:  YM  YL  S  M  L  XL  XXL

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby understand that upon my entry into the 2017 **TAKING STEPS TO FIGHT CANCER**, I waive any and all claims or damages that I may have against More Than a Game Foundation, Upstate Cancer Center, promoters, sponsors, or any individual involved in the production of this walk in regards to any and all injuries suffered by me while walking, running, traveling to or from, or participating in this event for myself, my heirs, and/or assignors. I give my full permission to More Than A Game Foundation and their sponsors and corporate partners to use any photographs, videotapes, and other recordings of me that are made during the course of the event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Participant Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18)*

### Registration:

**Pre-Registration - Up to May 14 - \$10**

Early Reg. Gift:

Taking Steps to Fight Cancer T-Shirt

Mailed entries **MUST** be received by

May 14, 2017

### Late Registration - \$15

(After May 14) and the Day of the Race



Registrations can also be emailed to:

Grace Terrell 17tergra@lafayetteschoolr.org

Sara Beresovoy 17bersar@lafayetteschoolr.org

Jennie Lamson 17lamjen@lafayetteschoolr.org

**Please make checks payable to  
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## February

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of February, 2017. Particular dates to note are:*

Thursday	2	Progress Reports mailed
Friday	3	Half Day for Students, Dismissal at 11:30 Professional Development
Thursday	9	BOE Meeting
Mon-Fri	20-24	Winter Recess (GS/HS/BP)
Thursday	23	BOE Meeting (rescheduled from 3/2/17)
Mon-Tues	27-28	Dr. Seuss Week at Grimshaw

