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Global Game Jam

In January, Big Picture students participated in the Global Game Jam at Morrisville State College. Eight students: Abe Stanton, Dan Conover, Janef Grant, Jaheal Smith, Joey Campbell, Layton Sherman, Nick Park, and Zaire Smith spent 48 hours creating two video games around a central theme.



These eight students joined thousands of people worldwide to test their creative skills. Students used two different video game making softwares, *Game Maker Studio* and *Unity 3D*, to create their games.

Students created their own artwork and design. Students also wrote their own computer code to make their games functional. Please stop by Big Picture if you want to check out and play the video games, and to learn more about the effort put into creating these games.

Art Exhibit at Beaver Lake Nature Center



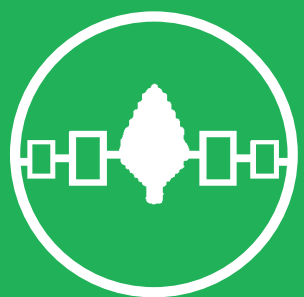
Artwork by Grimshaw 6th graders, Grace Caughey, Paul Coon III, Aidan Griffin, Jessica Hart, Milaan Lyles, Hannah Moltion, John Poplawski, and Andrew Porter was selected to represent Grimshaw Elementary School at a special exhibit celebrating the artistic achievements of intermediate level students. During the month of March, visitors to Beaver Lake Nature Center will enjoy a variety of work relating to nature themes, including animals and landscapes in the form of paintings, drawings, prints, collage and more. The styles range from highly realistic to incredibly imaginative.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd from 5:30-6:30pm to honor the artists. Each of the students will receive a certificate and ribbon in recognition of his/her participation in the show. Refreshments will be served while family members and friends enjoy the reception.

“Student Art – Naturally” is organized annually by the Central Region of the New York State Art Teachers Association in co-operation with Beaver Lake Nature Center. Contact Amanda Reppi, Grimshaw Art Teacher, at areppi@lafayetteschools.org for more information regarding the exhibit.

“Go Home Early” Drill

New York State requires all school districts to hold an annual “Go Home Early” drill to ensure that students and staff know what to do in case an emergency requires school grounds to be cleared and students to be transported home or to another location. The LaFayette Central School District will conduct this drill on Friday, April 22. All schools will dismiss 15 minutes earlier than their regular dismissal that day.



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Kelly Fredericks

LaFayette Central School District psychologist Kelly Fredericks said she chose her profession because she wants to help students succeed.

“I thoroughly enjoy helping people work through challenges,” she said. “I am always interested in learning about unique strategies that can help students learn and new ways to support students academically, socially and emotionally.”



Kelly, who serves kindergarten through twelfth-grade students, received a Bachelors, Masters and Certificate of Advanced Study in school psychology from the State University of New York at Oswego. She started working for the district in September of this school year.

“By the end of the year I hope every parent, guardian, student and staff member knows who I am and what I do,” she said.

In her spare time, Kelly, who’s also a certified Play Therapist, enjoys reading, baking, playing with her dog, listening to Luke Bryan, and spending time with friends and family at the St. Lawrence River. Her favorite animal is the penguin.

Each month, Staff Spotlight will highlight a LaFayette Central School District employee.

Family Session Information

Led by Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

Workshops on a variety of topics are still being offered. The next one will be held Thursday, March 3rd beginning at 6:00 pm in the JrSr Library. The focus of the session will be on the Committee on Preschool Special Education including transitioning to Kindergarten. Representatives from the Early Childhood Direction Center and Syracuse University Parent Assistance Center will be in attendance. A four part series focused on 504 plans and the Committee for Special Education will start on Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 pm in Grimshaw’s library.

Primary Strategy: Read Each Word with Your Finger. Beginning readers (Kindergartners and Beginning First Graders) train their eyes to notice each word on a page by pointing to each word with their finger as they read. If your child is having difficulty controlling their finger, ask them to point to two objects, three objects, four objects, five objects or more in a sequence one after another, as a warm-up activity. Language to promote this behavior “Read it with your finger.” “Did that match?” “Were there enough words?” “Did you run out of words?”

Intermediate Strategy: Making Connections to Build Understanding. Readers naturally make connections between books and their own lives. They begin to connect themes, characters, and issues from one book to another. When children understand how to connect the texts they read to their lives, they begin to make connections between what they read and the world. Once children understand the concept of connections, there seems to be no stopping them. They link books (text to text) and experiences (text to self). When readers see connections, they will better comprehend what they read. One way to help your child use this strategy while they are reading is to have them write down their connections on sticky notes in the book. After reading the story, have your child go back and share their sticky note connections. Happy reading and just watch as their understanding grows.

Secondary Strategy: Identifying the Central Idea
Read the first text chunk. Make or highlight a list of words and phrases that contain the most important information in that chunk. Identify the connection among the words and phrases. Based on the connection, identify what the text is mainly about and write the central idea. Repeat steps 1-4 for all remaining text chunks. Identify the connection among the central ideas for each chunk and write the central idea for the entire text. Ask: What is the text mainly about? *McEwan-Adkins, E. K., & Burnett, A. J. (2013). 20 Literacy Strategies to Meet the Common Core: Increasing Rigor in Middle & High School Classrooms. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.*

Private and Parochial Transportation

If you will require school bus transportation for your child to a private or parochial school for the 2016-2017 school year, you will need to submit a written request to the District Office no later than April 1, 2016. The school you are considering should have forms for this purpose. The deadline date is set by the State of New York. Requests received after this deadline may be denied.

If you have questions concerning private or parochial transportation, please contact our Transportation Supervisor, Ron Cooper, at 677-9700.

Annual Fire Inspection

Required Annual Fire Inspections took place throughout the District on Friday January 29, 2016. The inspections were conducted by Don Warnow, Safety Officer for OCM BOCES and Jim Kesler, Director of Operations for the District.

Overall the inspections went well and Mr. Warnow was pleased with the District buildings and their conditions. As with most inspections, some minor violations were detected. Most of those items were corrected immediately. Others were/have been corrected within the following days.

Copies have been sent to SED electronically and the District has received & posted each building’s Certificate of Occupancy.

If you have any questions regarding this most recent inspection, please feel free to contact jkessler@lafayetteschools.org.

◆ *Junior/Senior High School News* ◆

◆ ◆ ◆ **2nd Quarter Honor Roll** ◆ ◆ ◆

7th Grade

High Honor

Brandon Benjamin
 Kylee Breed
 Lindsay Carroll
 Grace Dow
 Colton Keane
 Hunter Martorella
 Molly Rogers
 Evelyn Ryan
 Mason Shute
 Luke Wanlass
 Dawsun Weil

Honor

Kyle Crouse
 Sara Donnelly
 Kendra Doupe
 Kyle Farewell
 Harlee Farrar
 Cameryn Hill
 Jessica Lamson
 Jack Martorella
 Colin Morel
 Hanna Pierce
 Daphne Reyburn
 Samuel Rosokoff
 Jorja Shaffer
 Amelia Shenandoah
 Emma Shute
 Cameron Walsh

Merit

Wyatt Jacobs
 Hanna Pierce
 Jonathan Pierce

8th Grade

High Honor

Tierra Bucktooth
 Jack Caughey
 Nikolas Cromley
 Collin Dix
 Allison Evans
 Raegyn Garbutt
 Emma Gretsky
 Layton Harris
 Victoria Kostiv
 Timothy Kramak
 Adam McIntyre

Allison O’Kane
 Ryan Zajac

Honor

Noah Brothers
 Terri Clarke
 Marissa Evans
 Kailyn Leach
 Brianna Park
 Branden Pope
 Lauren Poplawski
 Kierstin Rurka
 Megan Sanders
 R.J. Shaver
 Nicholas Wager
 Emma Gretsky
 Jeff Hartnett
 Lauren Poplawski
 R.J. Shaver

9th Grade

High Honor

Celia Bertlesman
 Leanna Crouse
 Joshua Denué
 Mya DeJoseph
 David Jackowski
 Kyle Lamson
 Bethany Miller
 Nathan Mott
 Ashley Ohstrom
 Olivia Prince
 Regina Prince
 Charlotte Ryan
 William Tiller
 Michael Wais
 Carha Williams

Honor

Benjaimn Appel
 Jackson Denué
 Isaac Dow
 Samantha Formoza
 Cory Hart
 Thomas Long
 Carol Meldrim
 Mary Moltion
 Grace Quick
 Brianna Szentmiklosi

Jacob Tiller
 Kyle Tracy

Taylor-Sierra Watson
 Christopher Wieszczynski
 Amanda Wilson
 M. Anthony Young

Merit

Karis Frazier
 Matthew Meyer

10th Grade

High Honor

Marissa Booth
 Sean Corby
 Ian Evans
 Patrick Prince
 Tucker Reiss
 Ian Schaefer
 Evan Spratt
 Brennen Thrall

Honor

Jasmine Appleton
 Catelyn Battelle
 Caitlin Campbell
 Andrew Clemens
 Claire Frier
 Alexi Harrington
 Riley Jones
 Joseph Lamson
 Andrew Maloney
 Roman Reiss
 Jacob Shaffer
 Morgan Shute
 Ethan Theel
 Taylor Tummino
 Bridget Walsh

Merit

Marissa Booth
 Caitlin Campbell
 Trevor Griffin

11th Grade

High Honor

Rhiannon Abrams
 Sara Beresovoy
 Logan Booth
 Mattie Caughey
 Lauren Gates
 Lashiva Gonnella-
 Sigworth
 Jannah Grant
 Andrew Hall

Jennie Lamson
 Riley LaCava
 Emily Long
 Wadely Miller
 Shelby Ohstrom
 Natasha Powless
 Sophia Powless
 Cecelia Robinson
 Dana Scofield
 Grace Terrell
 Zackery Thrasher
 Olivia Travis

Honor

Samuel Adams
 Taylor Cook
 Jacob Doster
 Kayla Doupe
 Andrea Dwyer
 Jonathon Grass
 Ronnie Jones
 Joshua Mayotte
 Vivian Mueller
 Ethan Murray
 Alexander Rogers
 Gunnar Schumacher
 Jurnee Shenandoah-Kurtz
 Chad Warren

Merit

Destiny Pitcher

12th Grade

High Honor

Ryan Agedal
 Justin Applegate
 Robby Bender
 Hannah Blum
 Rachel Coulter
 Mallory Edwards
 Jacob LeBlanc
 Elizabeth Pierce
 Megan Skinner
 Katelyn Tiller

Honor

Samantha Claffey
 Cassandra Dodge
 Allie Esposito
 Tanner Fitzpatrick
 Matthew Hughes
 Levi Krebs
 Jordyn Marchiano
 Cierra Oakes
 Evan Pelton
 Kersten Perez
 Jack Ramie
 Emerson Shenandoah
 Silas Slater

Merit

Christopher MacMackin
 Jack Ramie
 Silas Slater



◆ Junior / Senior High School News ◆

National Junior Honor Society Fundraising to Fight Cancer

The NJHS students have been active these past few months raising money for the Golisano Children's Hospital through the More Than A Game Foundation. All of these have been student- driven efforts and our young leaders have really shown their Lancer Pride with these efforts aimed at a great cause. The students raised almost \$200 in December with the "Multi-Holiday" Dress Up Contest and selling Candy Canes to students with messages for their friends.

In January, students started selling the Hoops for the Hospital "bricks" at the boys and girls basketball games and making a display outside the gymnasium at the Jr/Sr High

School. With a donation, people can sign their names to show their support, or sign in honor of a loved one. The NJHS members will continue to sell these through the month of March at events throughout the district, including the upcoming Drama Club performance and Grimshaw's Open House.

Finally, the NJHS is ramping up for a Can and Bottle drive, #Cans4aCure, to be held on April 9th. Please look for more information to follow.

If you have any questions or would like to contribute in some way, please contact the advisor of the National Junior Honor Society, Mr. Amidon, at damidon@lafayetteschools.org.

The LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame

There is an ongoing effort to establish a First-Ever LCS Sports Hall of Fame that is working towards inducting the first class in Year 2016. Individual athletes, teams, and individuals who have made significant contributions may be nominated by using the following criteria. Individuals may be nominated from the five separate categories. Individuals cannot nominate themselves. Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and moral character.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to assist in maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of excellence in the athletic programs at the LaFayette Central School District. In addition, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the athletes, teams, coaches and individuals / contributors who have made a significant contribution to these athletic programs.

The inaugural Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee is a collaborative effort that includes former LCS Alumni and the LaFayette School District. The HOF committee is seeking nominations for consideration for this initial class of inductees. Nominations will be due no later than April 1, 2016 and should be sent to: Attn: LCS Sports Hall of Fame, LaFayette Central School District, 5956 Rte. 20, LaFayette, NY 13084.

Criteria for Selecting an Induction Class

Nomination as a Player: The nominee, must be an alumnus of LaFayette School District and must have graduated at least five years ago. 1. An Athlete: Any person who distinguished themselves in the field of athletics while a student at LaFayette High School. Criteria should include: a. School, league, state or national records; or, b. League, state or national recognition; such as All-Conference Team, All-District Team, or individual championship; or, c. Individual statistics for a given athlete. 2. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates in college and gains honors at this level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. 3. An athlete not honored for their high school athletic achievements but who participates at the Professional Sports Level may be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Nomination as a Coach: A coach with at least five (5) years of service at LaFayette High School or is an LCS Alumni, who has at least 10 years of coaching experience, may be con-

sidered for the Hall of Fame. Consideration should be based on accomplishments that merit significant contributions of the Alumnus. The nominee, must have retired / departed as a Coach from the LaFayette School District at least five years ago.

Contributor: An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic programs at LaFayette High School other than coaching or playing.

Team Selection: The Hall of Fame Selection Committee may choose to select a LaFayette School District team (s) for induction into the Hall of Fame. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, the team (s) must have distinguished themselves above and beyond normal standards. These may include: 1. Unde-feated seasons; and / or, 2. League, sectional, district, regional or state championship; and / or 3. State appearances. The nominated Team (s), must have graduated at least five years ago.

Posthumous Candidates: This is open to deceased athletes, coaches or contributors that have met eligibility criteria.

Any persons from the above categories who are nominated, but not selected to the Hall of Fame during the years, will have their nomination form kept on file to be reviewed yearly for possible consideration up to (5) five years after the original submission.

Nomination Instructions: The person(s) nominating an individual or team should supply the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame Executive Committee with the information on the Candidate Recommendation Form (available on the school's website). A detailed explanation should be provided as to why you believe this individual or team should be inducted into the LaFayette School District Sports Hall of Fame. Your explanation should reference all sports played or coached and any awards, records, or recognitions garnered while a student, coach, special contributor, or team at LaFayette Central School. Please include any relevant post high school athletic or coaching activity of your nominee's candidacy. Be as accurate and specific as possible.

Please contact: Mr. David Knapp, LCS HOF representative @ dknappmb@aol.com, 315-558-0154, or Mr. Jerry Kelly, LCS Athletic Coordinator / LCS HOF representative @ jkelly@lafayetteschools.org, or 315-677-3087 to assist with any questions that you may have.

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

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to colleges:

Ryan Agedal	Clarkson University
Samantha Claffey	Lyndon State College (VT)
Cassandra Dodge	University at Albany
	SUNY Fredonia
	SUNY Potsdam
	SUNY Purchase
Lucas Frigon	University of Maine @ Preque Isle
Jordyn Marchiano	The College of St. Rose
Megan Skinner	Daemen College
	Niagara University

NCAA – ATTENTION JUNIORS

Now is the time for college-bound student-athletes in the junior class to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if they plan on participating in college athletics. Early registration promotes positive planning and involvement, bypasses the last-minute rush and helps college-bound student-athletes avoid issues that may delay their academic and amateur certifications. The registration process is easy and can be done by logging on to the Eligibility Center’s new website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

College-bound student-athletes need to apply to the college or university they are interested in attending in their senior year. Some student-athletes think that because they are being recruited or because they have registered with the Eligibility Center, they do not need to apply for admission. Athletics eligibility and admission to a college or university are two separate processes and both need to be completed.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Please visit LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School’s Guidance Office for available summer programs for students. They are open to high school students primarily and are sometimes program specific. These programs all have deadlines to apply and some are quite competitive.

SCHEDULING

All students in grades 7-11 will have completed their schedule for next school year by mid- March. The course selections will be mailed home in May for review.

We are pleased to announce the Onondaga County Guidance Counselors Association and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) will host:

21st ANNUAL SYRACUSE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR
Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, New York
Thursday, March 10, 2016
9am-12pm and 5-8pm

The Fair is open and free to all students, parents, and counselors who are interested in learning more about opportunities in higher education. There are currently over 200 colleges and universities registered to participate in the Fair. The Counseling Center will be available for students and parents to have one-on-one advising about the college admission/selection process and programs of study.

All juniors will be attending the fair in the SRC arena at Onondaga Community College on Thursday morning, March 10. You may access the website at www.nationalcollegefairs.org. On this website, you can view additional information including the most current listing of institutions in attendance and workshop information.

UPDATES

23 LaFayette seniors completed their initial placement testing for OCC on January 29 in the high school instead of taking the exam at OCC. This opportunity was offered to schools that have a significant number of students applying to OCC. The goal is to simplify the admission and enrollment process for potential OCC students.

Testing sessions required 2 hours to complete. They consist of initial assessments in English, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. The placement testing was computerized; students took this in the computer lab.

Seniors will be able to register for fall courses in the guidance office in April and May. A representative from OCC will register students. Parents are encouraged to attend.

2015-2016 ACT/SAT DATES

ACT

April 9, 2016	Deadline to Register March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016
ACT recommends registering online at:	www.actstudent.org/start

New SAT

May 7, 2016	Deadline to Register April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 6, 2016
SAT recommends registering online at:	sat.collegeboard.com

YEARBOOK

It’s not too late to purchase a yearbook!
 From now until May yearbooks are only \$65!

Visit Jostens.com to purchase
 And help your student treasure their memories!

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

The LaFayette Players
present

An Evening of Dinner, Drama and Song

March 4th & 5th
Dinner at 6:00 pm/Show at 7:00 pm
High School Cafeteria

Due to renovations in the High School Auditorium,
the Players will be entertaining with dinner theatre!
The Student Council will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner
for the audience to enjoy prior to the start of the production.

Reservations are required!!!!

Admission: **Adults \$10**

Children (6 & under) and **Seniors** (65+) **\$8**

Admission includes 'family style' spaghetti dinner and performance

Complete and submit order form to: Tiana Poplawski in the LaFayette Jr/Sr HS
Main Office. You must include payment with order form. Make checks payable to
LaFayette Student Council. **Deadline** to reserve your seats is **February 26th.**
Dinner is set to include (although subject to change): Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread

When your order form and money is received, you will be mailed your admission tickets.
You **MUST** present your tickets at the door for admission!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

We would like to reserve our seats for: check one **Fri., March 4th** **Sat., March 5th**

of adult/kids age 6+ dinner/show tickets _____ x \$10 each = _____

of Senior/kids under 6 dinner/show tickets _____ x \$8 each = _____

Total Amount = \$ _____

(Checks can be made payable to LaFayette Student Council)

For Office Use Only Date Received _____ Paid by: ___ Cash ___ Check Number of seats _____

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆



LaFayette Big Picture
OPEN HOUSE/OPEN ENROLLMENT

Wednesday, March 9th
6pm-7pm

All students, parents, and community members are invited to attend.

Do you have questions about the Big Picture School?
Do you want to learn more about how students learn at the Big Picture School?
Are you just curious?
Join us for this casual evening of sharing!

STEP– Morrisville STEP is offering SAT Prep every Thursday after school. Get yourself prepped for the new SAT that begins this March.

Join Morrisville STEP's after school Science Group on Wednesdays and explore various topics in science. Please contact David Stablein at 504-1000 or dstablein@lafayetteschools.org to learn how you can get involved.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Health Office News

Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
Phone: 677-5501

Fax: 677-3154
pbush@lafayetteschools.org

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed February break with their families! By the time you read this we may be seeing signs of Spring! As many of you know we hold Kindergarten screening each year in the Spring here at Grimshaw. This year it's going to be held from Tuesday, May 10th through Wednesday, May 12th. You may call the main office (677-3152) to make an appointment for your child if he/she will be starting school in September. Please bring a copy of your child's immunizations with you to their appointment. I have put a copy of current NY state immunization requirements in this newsletter for you to review and compare to your child's record. Your child will also need a physical (done after 1/1/2016) before starting school. You may mail or fax (677-3154) it in or drop it off at school anytime between now and September. If your child will require medication at school or has a medical condition I should be aware of please contact me before school starts in the fall to discuss it. At the time of the K-screening I will be doing a hearing screen and a very basic vision screen. The children (almost) always have a great time!

As most of you are aware last month we had many children sick with a stomach bug and viral illness with a fever as well as some strep throat, "pink" eye and the usual array of URI's we see this time of year. Please continue to notify me if your child has a specific contagious disease such as strep-throat or conjunctivitis. It is very important to keep children home 24 hours after they vomit or start on antibiotics. They should also be fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication, following any illness before returning to school. Please call or send a note in whenever your child is sick so they will receive a legal absence. It would be best to call me directly or e-mail me. You may leave a message on my voice-mail the night before or in the morning. Please notify me as well as the teacher if your child will be out of town also.

All children entering 6th grade and have turned 11 will need to have a Tdap vaccine before starting school in September. Fifth graders will be bringing home a letter several times during the year with detailed information regarding this immunization. They should have had one in their backpack the Friday Report Cards went home. The letter also includes information on the new Meningitis requirement as well as the chickenpox vaccine. Please discuss these requirements with your physician and plan to have them done on schedule. Call me if you have any questions regarding this.

As I'm sure you're all aware from the news we've had reported cases of some vaccine preventable diseases across the country including Pertussis (Whooping cough), Mumps and Measles. This would be a good time to review your child's immunization record with your physician to be sure they are up to date on all their vaccinations.

We're making progress on the required physicals- only 8 left! Please turn the paperwork in to me as soon as they're done. All children at Grimshaw have their vision/hearing checked each year and I will notify you if I have any concerns after your child's testing. If you have any concerns/questions about your child's vision/hearing please call me.

Please keep updating emergency information and be sure to have extra clothes available at school for your child in case they need them.

As always I appreciate your support and cooperation. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

We are excited to begin the registration process this month for incoming Kindergarten students (must turn 5 by December 1, 2016) and our half-day Pre-K program (must turn 4 years old by December 1, 2016). Please contact the Grimshaw Main Office with your child’s name, date of birth, parent name and district address. After we receive this information, we will contact you in the near future to set up a screening appointment. Screening dates are Tuesday, May 10th through Thursday, May 12th and the appointment takes approximately one and a half hours.

As always, if you have any questions about whether your child is eligible for either program, please do not hesitate to contact us at 315-677-3152.

*Jennifer Blossey,
Grimshaw Principal*

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 and Phone Number

**P.E.
Corner**

Save the Date for the **Jump Rope For Heart** event. Friday May 6th at 1pm in the newly re-furbished Grimshaw Gymnasium. You can help get a head start on your fundraising for your students participation now! Go to the site jumpropeforheart.org and follow the prompts to our event. The children can make up their own secure web page to help. JRFH has also found good success with posting our event on your various social media sites. Our goal is to break our all time record of \$6,800 to help this worthwhile cause. Kids can earn a variety of prizes and the opportunity to participate in our JRFH event.

As an added bonus... The students will have the opportunity to “slime” our “selectively” volunteered principal Mrs. Blossey!! Students will again be able to jump in memory of someone that has been affected by heart disease. We will be sending material home over the next few months. Check out our link on the newly created Grimshaw PE web page under Grimshaw, on our LaFayette web page, along with fun and important information about our Grimshaw PE program and fitness!

We have now completed our Archery and Project Adventure units and our Grimshaw Health Spa unit which included new stations that used Fitness drums and TRX training materials. (We are always in need of gently used fitness equipment such as steppers, resistance bands, rowers etc). We will be starting our ever popular units of gymnastics and Basketball units this month.

As always we thank you for your support of Physical Education!

*Yours in Physical Education,
Mr. LaRose and Mrs. Polinsky*



◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Coach Rick Storrier and his Lady Lancers Basketball Team on making sectionals. Also, congratulations to the Varsity Boys' team for making the sectionals.



Jordyn Marchiano



Ryan Agedal

LaFayette Lacrosse Association Thank You's

The LaFayette Lacrosse Association would like to thank the community and our friends and family for their continued support of the Annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. This fundraiser was a big success, and will help us purchase things that are needed for the team throughout the year.

The LaFayette Lacrosse Association would also like to thank the community for continuing to support our bottle drives!

...Jordyn Marchiano who was named the *Zebra Classic Most Outstanding Player*, and was selected as the *Toyota CNY Central Athlete of the Week*. Great job, Jordyn.

...Ryan Agedal, the recipient of the *National Football Foundation* and the *Zebra Classic Scholarships*. Great job, Ryan.

Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

News and Notes from BSA Troop 100:

Hello LaFayette residents! Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a boy scout in LaFayette? Well for Troop 100 it is a lot of fun! Meetings are held each Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 in the Columbian Presbyterian meeting hall building. Each meeting begins with a call to order and a recitation of one of their pledges. One such pledge describes a scout: A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. In troop 100, our boys are working to become everything in that pledge, and it is done through fellowship with one another, community work, bonding experiences, and commitment to the greater good. It really is. After the call to order, the boys do the meeting work scheduled for the night. This varies, depending on what is currently happening. Some nights it is work on merit badges, other nights there might be a guest speaker, or perhaps it is a night of fun game playing at Grimshaw. The meeting would then be concluded in a formal manner as well.

Here are some highlights of recent experiences our boys have had:

February 9- Meeting night outside, around a fire with cookies & hot chocolate, followed by a friendly snowball fight.

February 5-9 Ski trip to Gore and McCauley Mountains. This trip was an invitation event from neighboring troops in Tully and Skaneateles. Our boys left early on Friday morning and traveled to Gore. Once there, they met up with the other boys and had a fun filled day of skiing. At night, the revelry continued with games and activities at a local church. The next day it was on to McCauley Mountain and more of the same. This experience allowed our scouts to practice courteous and obedient behavior as they had to follow the directions

and advice of adults who were not their typical leaders. All in all the trip was a great experience and allowed for good skill building and lasting friendships to be made.

January 22-23. Overnight at the Ledge at Pacific Health Club. This overnight experience gave the boys an opportunity to learn and practice the skill of rock climbing. Various levels of ability were available, so all could participate. As in any overnight experience, the boys slept in the facility and had many laughs and fun times together.

December 15- The ever popular White Elephant Christmas Party. This event is definitely a favorite and involves not just the scout but family and friends. What you do is bring a gift, wrapped in some way as to get someone to want to pick it. Numbers are given out and the number who is up gets to pick a gift. It must be opened in front of the group. Others that go after can either pick from the table or steal a gift. Let's just say that some of these gifts no-one wants, unless you really like monkey butt powder or ten rolls of toilet paper that was wrapped up in the biggest box on the table! This event is LOADS of fun!!

Other news: Devon Scott and Jacob Shaffer are both aspiring to be an Eagle Scout, the highest rank a boy can achieve. If you see them out and about, ask them what it is they are working on to achieve this rank.

As you can see, being a scout is a great thing! If some of the experiences you have read sound good to you and you want to check out scouting please come to a meeting. We would love to have you.

Also, feel free to check out what is happening or get contact information via our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1704927869719565/>

TAKING STEPS TO FIGHT CANCER STAFFORD PARK

LAFAYETTE, NEW YORK

SATURDAY - JUNE 4th, 2016

TO BENEFIT:

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Golisano Children's Hospital

LaFayette Public Library News

Imagination Lab events for March. Registration is not required but appreciated so we know how many to prepare for:

- 3/2 Dr. Seuss Day
- 3/9 Rainbow Science
- 3/16 Lego Leprechaun Trap Challenge
- 3/23 Let's Make Origami
- 3/30 Fun with Engineering

March 15 from 2-4 p.m. **Tuesday Tea** – Tea/coffee and cookies. Bring your book club, or your knitting, or a good book and relax.

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. The first book scheduled for March is *"Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy"* by Karen Foxlee. Hope you can join us.

As we mentioned previously, 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.

We would like to thank County Legislator Dave Knapp for getting the LaFayette Library additional funding for technology, so we can continue to provide a valuable service to our patrons.

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.

As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it is print, audio, or video. Come on in and "check out" the collection (pun intended).

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 time hours: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Information about Community Council programs can be obtained through the following sources:

- ◆ 24/7 on the Town's web site:
www.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab
- ◆ By calling 677-7272 - leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages retrieved at least twice a week.)
- ◆ By speaking to an LCC representative during the new "Open for Business - Town Hall Tuesday Nights" at the Town Offices every Tuesday from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- ◆ E-mail:
lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com

Current Youth Sports:

Basketball

3rd/4th grades boys and girls; practices have begun and will continue Saturdays through March (5, 12, 19); 1-3 p.m.; Grimshaw gymnasium

Upcoming Youth Sports: Notices with details will be sent home from school for the following activities:

Baseball and ULA Lacrosse sign-ups

Tuesdays, March 15, 22, & 29; 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Town Hall Commons (NOTE: not at Grimshaw School)

Volleyball

5th & 6th grade girls; Tuesday and Thursday practices, possible Saturday scrimmages; beginning in April through May; time and location TBD

Adult Exercise:

Men's Basketball

Mondays; 7-9 p.m.; Grimshaw gymnasium. Continues through April.

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; LaFayette Community Center. Current session (began February 16) ends March 24; cost is \$35 for the session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. Next 6 week session: March 29 – May 5.

Yoga

Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30-7:45 p.m.; Grimshaw School. Current session (began January 11) continues through June 20.

Tabata (interval training)

Next session begins March 10 and runs through May 5; 6:15-7:30 p.m.; Grimshaw Cafeteria; \$25* for the session or \$4/class walk-in fee.

Zumba/Aerobics

Wednesdays; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grimshaw Cafeteria; Current session (began February 3) runs through June 15; \$50* for the session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. *Reduced combined cost if doing both Zumba and Tabata.

Adult and Youth Activities:

First Aid and CPR/AED course

to be offered in April; time and location TBD

Hall Walking

weekday evenings 5-8 p.m.; Grimshaw School

Ski club – Friday evenings; Song Mountain

Indoor programs held at Grimshaw, HS or ONS gyms. Outdoor programs held at any LaFayette town park or Toolon. Both travel to opposing team's towns, as well.

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March

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of February, 2016. Particular dates to note are:

March	3	GS Open House 6-7pm
March	4	End of 25 week marking period
March	7	GAPS Meeting
March	10	BOE Meeting, 6pm College Fair at OCC Progress Reports Mailed
March	15	Family Literacy Night, 5:30-7:30pm, ONS
March	17	Fine Arts Festival, 7pm
March	18	No School - Staff Development Day
March	21	Jr/Sr High School Parent Group Meeting, 6 pm
March	24	BOE Meeting
March	25	No School - Good Friday