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Dr. Seuss Week at Grimshaw Elementary



Asha Christiana and Lily McElhannon, 3rd grade Dr. Seuss crossword puzzle winners.

Grimshaw students, teachers and staff celebrated *Dr. Seuss's* works and *Read Across America Day* with an entire Seuss themed week including days such as crazy socks day (Fox in Socks) and red & white day (Cat in the Hat). Clementines decorated to look like the Lorax made for a healthy snack. Thank you to Vanessa Tryon for creating these adorable treats.

We were fortunate to have wonderful guest readers join us for the festivities on March 2nd to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Thank you to the following people for taking the time to help make our day special: Jim Keefe (Board Member), Jennifer Blossey (Grimshaw Principal), Jenni Prentice (6th Grade Teacher), Matt Priest (6th Grade Teacher), Cheryl Polinsky (Grimshaw P.E. Teacher), Tom Scofield (Board Member), Terri Fredenburg (Grimshaw Teaching Assistant), Colleen Woodworth (Grimshaw Reading Teacher), Mike Mahoney (5th Grade Teacher), Kristen Reardon (Special Education Teacher), Bob Risavi (Grimshaw Counselor), Tiana Poplawski (LJSHS Secretary), Vanessa Tryson (Superintendent's Secretary) and Sue Shannon (Grimshaw Secretary).

Thank you also to the many teachers who added to the excitement with special classroom activities and hallway decorations!

Project Lead the Way Students Visit SU

On March 9th, students in Ms. Angello's *Project Lead the Way Design and Drawing for Production* class visited Syracuse University's College of Engineering and Computer Science. The class first met with a recruitment counselor from the college and learned what types of engineering disciplines are taught at SU. Next, they toured the engineering buildings and met with teaching assistants and students to learn about the kinds of projects engineering students create. An electrical engineering student demonstrated his senior design project: a piano-playing robot. The engineering student brought the LaFayette students to his work bench and showed them the failed designs he and his partner attempted, then emphasized the importance of taking risks and learning from your failures.



Examining various designs that were 3D Printed by Syracuse University engineering students.

The LaFayette students also visited the college's machine shop, where students use 3-D printers and computerized lathes to create custom parts for their design projects; the civil engineering lab, where students create construction-size concrete beams and break them to learn about structural failures; and the flight simulator, where students program their own aircraft designs into the computer then "fly" them. The class also took a campus tour to learn about Syracuse University's culture and traditions. The students left the field trip excited about engineering and technology!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Board of Education Elections

On May 17, 2016, LaFayette Central School District voters will choose two district residents to serve on the LaFayette Board of Education from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. According to the New York State School Boards Association's website, "A school board member takes on one of the most important citizen responsibilities: overseeing the education of the community's youth. In these challenging times for public education, school boards are seeking men and women who find excitement and satisfaction in confronting tough challenges and working collegially to rise above them and help students in their communities succeed.

"The board of education is a uniquely American institution. It ensures the public schools are flexible and responsive to the needs of the community. School boards are comprised of volunteers within the community who dedicate their time to better public education. Except for those in Yonkers and New York City, board members are elected."

With schoolchildren always their ultimate focus, school board members act officially at the board table, working with other board members to serve students and accomplish many tasks including creating a shared vision for the future of education, setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance, adopting and maintaining current policies, maintaining district facilities, establishing an annual budget, and setting a tax levy.

Board members benefit from having the following attributes— *Effective Communicator*: Can describe what he or she wants and describe what others want; a good listener. *Consensus Builder*: Capable of working toward decisions that all can support and willing to compromise to achieve goals. *Community Participant*: Enjoys meeting a variety of people,

can identify the community's key communicators and reaches out to the community. *Decision Maker*: Is comfortable making decisions and can support group decision-making. *Information Processor*: Can organize priorities and schedules to handle large amounts of verbal and written information. *Leader*: Willing to take risks, be supportive of board colleagues, district staff and community. *Team Player*: Helps promote the board's vision and goals

The LaFayette Central School District's Board of Education is comprised of seven school district residents elected by voters. Each board member is elected to a three-year term. Board members are not financially compensated. To qualify for board membership, an individual:

1. Must be able to read and write;
2. Must be a qualified district voter;
3. Must be, and have been, a district resident for at least one year prior to the election, but need not be a taxpayer;
4. May be the only member of his/her household on the board;
5. May not be an employee of the board;
6. May not simultaneously hold another public office, which has been determined by law, court ruling, or Commissioner's decision to be incompatible.

In order to have his/her name placed on the ballot, each interested resident must collect 25 signatures from qualified school district voters. The signatures must be on nominating petitions that must be filed by 5 p.m. on April 18, 2016, in the District Clerk's office, 5955 Route 20 West, LaFayette. Contact District Clerk Vanessa Tryon at 677-9728 if you would like a nominating petition.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent

My SchoolBucks

LaFayette Central School District offers MySchoolBucks.® This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. Note that there is a \$1.95 fee per transaction when using a credit/debit card.

You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for FREE! Please visit our website for enrollment details.

MySchoolBucks provides:

- Convenience - Available 24/7 on the web or with the Mobile App for your iPhone, Android or Windows phone!
- Efficiency - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- Control - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- Flexibility - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- Security - MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

Thank you – Robert Kennedy, Food Service Manager

Head Start

is recruiting for the new school year 2016-2017

Head Start is a federally funded program that helps low income families that are in need. We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds living in the LaFayette, Nedrow, Tully, Pompey, Fabius etc. area.

Stop by our location at 2777 Route 11 LaFayette, NY 13084 or call us today at (315) 677-7814.

You may also fill out an application online at <http://www.peace-caa.org>.

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LaFayette Responds to “Susceptible To Fiscal Stress” Label

The office of New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli released a report on January 28, 2016, which showed 82 school districts – more than 12 percent of schools state-wide – being designated as fiscally stressed.

The LaFayette Central School District was one of five Central New York schools classified as “susceptible to financial stress,” having been assigned a score of 36.7 percent. “Susceptible” is the mildest designation of DiNapoli’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System.

The system creates an overall stress score by using a variety of factors including year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits. The score is based on the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015, and reflects financial information submitted as part of each district’s ST-3 financial report filed with the State Education Department as of December 31, 2015.

LaFayette was classified as being in “moderate” fiscal stress for the 2012-13 school year then improved to “susceptible” to fiscal stress in 2013-14.

Why is LaFayette CSD on the list?

New York state gives additional revenue to LaFayette CSD to operate its Onondaga Nation School but refuses to provide the funds prior to each operating year. Instead, the State Education Department (SED) requires the district to borrow the money in advance; it is reimbursed to the district the following school year, according to LaFayette Superintendent of Schools Laura Lavine. The district must pay interest on the borrowed funds which the state also refunds.

Further complicating the situation, the reimbursements from the State are often months late which results in LaFayette having to manage its cash flow differently.

“The state requires us to borrow the money up front and then they characterize us as fiscally irresponsible for doing what they require. This makes no sense and it creates the wholly inaccurate impression that we do not have adequate cash flow,” Superintendent Lavine said. “Not only that, they would rather make the state’s taxpayers pay the interest that we incur on our forced borrowing than part with the cash in advance. When you add the lateness of the payments, one

might ask, ‘Who is the fiscally irresponsible party here?’”

Superintendent Lavine said there is ample evidence that the district is not in, nor is it susceptible to, fiscal stress.

“Standard and Poor’s Rating Service recently upgraded the district’s outlook from negative to stable and our financial audits continue to show no significant deficiencies,” she said. “However, despite our excellent fiscal planning and management, the state continues to paint a different picture.”

The New York State Office of the Comptroller’s website provides a range of tools to help local governments manage their finances prudently including a budget self-assessment tool, training, management guides, research and best practices gleaned from local governments and school districts across the state.

“In our case, ‘best practice’ should be on the part of the state. They should either fund the district in advance or not punish us for borrowing by assigning points that we do not deserve,” Superintendent Lavine said. “We also need them to acknowledge the deleterious effect of their system on our cash flow. If it were not for our excellent fiscal management, their faulty system would contribute more than it already does to our being on the stress list.”

To that end, Superintendent Lavine requested that the state change its process so the district receives the operating funds up front versus a year later. She also requested that the Comptroller’s office change its scoring system so the district is not penalized for a factor they cannot control. In its response, the Comptroller’s office wrote, “While every district is unique and the challenges that they face vary, the system is limited in its ability to tell the individual stories behind the numbers.” They also indicated, “...while I understand the concerns you raised, at this time we are not ready to make changes to the scoring calculations of our system to address your unique circumstances.”

That response is unacceptable to the district.

“We have the very good fortune of being able to serve Native American students at the Onondaga Nation School, but either the funding process or the fiscal stress system has to change. The data are clear -- we do not belong on the list,” Superintendent Lavine said.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Tuesday, **April 13**. The LaFayette News (Green Sheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online at www.lafayetteschools.org. All material is subject to editing. Information should be sent to: ehayes@lafayetteschools.org.

It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi.

Grimshaw's

PARADE OF BASKETS

Presented by: Grimshaw's Reading Depart. & Student Council
Proceeds fund materials & activities for Grimshaw Students

Friday, May 6, 2016

4-7pm • Grimshaw Elementary Cafeteria

Basket Drawings @ 7:10pm

Need not be present to win

Cost: 13 tickets for \$10 • 6 tickets for \$5 • 1 ticket \$1

Want to donate a basket? Call 677-3152 or email
ebailey@lafayetteschools.org or cwoodworth@lafayetteschools.org

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Family Session Information

Led by Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

The four part series focused on 504 plans and the Committee for Special Education is under way. Session number two will be held on Thursday, April 14th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Jr/Sr library.

Literacy Strategies

Primary (K-3) Strategy: Reread, “Guess”, and Check the First Letter

When your child gets stuck on a word have them reread the sentence and make a “guess”. The attempt needs to make sense and sound right. After they have made an attempt, look at the first letter to see if their attempt(s) match the word.

Language to promote these behaviors “Read that again and say the first part.” “What do you expect to see at the beginning?” “It could be ... and look at ...” “Were you right?” “How did you know?”

Intermediate (4-6) Strategy: Questioning

Questions open the doors to understanding. Proficient readers ask questions before, during, and after reading. They question the content, the author, the event, the issues, and the ideas in the text.

Questioning helps the reader construct meaning, enhance understanding, find answers, solve problems, acquire information, and clarify confusions. To begin working with the strategy of questioning, you can simply share the questions readers have before, during, and after reading, and talk about them. Another favorite technique is the use of sticky notes. Encourage your child to use a sticky note and place it at the point of confusion or question in the text. They can write down the question they have or write Huh? (code for I don’t know). As kids continue reading or rereading to clarify meaning or answer a question, they often clear up their confusion or find the answer in the text. This coding technique supports their efforts to monitor their own comprehension, which will foster independence.

Secondary (7-12) Strategy: Summarizing the Text

1. Read the first text chunk.
2. Identify the central idea and list the key supporting details.
3. Succinctly combine or blend the most important information into your own words.
4. Repeat this process for all remaining chunks.
5. Write a short statement that compiles the information from all of the summary sentences from each chunk.
6. Ask: What is this text most importantly 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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Meagan Jean

Second-grade teacher Meagan Jean wants to inspire students and help them to achieve their goals. “The opportunity to have a positive impact on the future really excites me,” she said. “I believe the field of teaching is the foundation for everything else to come in a student’s life and I feel privileged to be part of the process.”



This is Meagan’s first year working for LaFayette Central School District full-time. She’s no stranger to the district, though. Meagan completed her college observation work inside LaFayette’s classrooms and spent the past two years as one of the district’s substitute teachers. “The small, close-knit community is so welcoming,” Meagan said.

Originally from Buffalo, NY, Meagan received her Bachelor’s Degree in teaching from the State University of New York at Cortland. She is currently working on obtaining her Masters Degree in the field of special education from the same college.

“My professional goal for this year is to create meaningful, hands-on experiences that my students will remember for years to come,” she said.

When she’s not at work or studying, Meagan enjoys listening to country music, going on hikes and watching football. She hopes to one day travel to Europe for a multi-cultural experience.

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

Boy's and Girl's BASKETBALL CAMP

- Who: LaFayette boys and girls who are entering grades 4th thru 9th in the 2016-2017 school year.
- When: July 11-12-13-14
8:00 a.m. until 11:30am
- Where: The High School Gym
- Cost: \$60.00 per student
(Includes a camp T-Shirt)



Please contact Jerry Kelly at 677-3087 for registration information.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

ATTENDANCE: The faculty of LaFayette Junior-Senior High School is responsible for teaching their students. In order to do so students must have good attendance. Regular and timely attendance is important to school success in much the same way a foundation is to a building; without it there is nothing upon which to build. More simply stated, effective teaching and learning does not happen when students are not in school on a regular basis.

Research on attendance and school success has shown that students with good attendance records have stronger connections with friends and faculty and are more likely to graduate on time; are less likely to drop out. In addition to research findings, maintaining a positive record of attendance supports the development of a work ethic which will contribute to success throughout one's life. Enabling children to be successful in school is a partnership of the school and families. An essential responsibility of families is to be certain children attend school regularly and on time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS: Spring-like weather seems to have come to Central New York already. When warmer weather arrives, discussions about student attire comes with it. All students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Essentially, the expectation is that a student's attire will be safe, appropriate, and not disruptive to the school (specifics of our dress code can be found on page 37 of the "Parent/Student Handbook"). Students determined to be in violation of the dress code will be required to make appropriate adjustments.

James Chupaila, Interim Principal

Junior-Senior High School BITS & PIECES

Congratulations to faculty member Kristin Angello (a member of our science faculty and a teacher in our Project Lead the Way program), who was recently selected by the Technology Alliance of Central New York (TACNY) as a 2016 TACNY Outstanding Teacher Award recipient.

Congratulations to Benjamin Kramak, a member of the Class of 2016 and a student in the BOCES Career and Technical Education program, who has been accepted into the National Technical Honor Society.

A Student Leadership Council was established recently. The purpose is to serve as an open line of communication between the building principal and the student body through regular meetings. *Members of the 2015-2016 Council are: Megan Skinner – Senior Class President, Rachel Coulter – representative for National Honor Society, Hannah Blum – representing Teen Institute, Emerson Shenandoah – representing Onondaga Nation students, Justin Applegate – representing Student Council, Morgan Palmer – representing Big Picture students, Ryan Agedal – Athletic Team Captain, and Robby Bender – representing the HALO program.*

April Testing – The 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts exam is scheduled for April 5, 6, & 7. The 7th and 8th grade Mathematics exam is scheduled for April 13, 14 and 15.

Congratulations to our Mock Trial Team for their outstanding victory on February 25th over Jordan-Elbridge. The team was led by Cecelia Robinson, Thomas Long and Bethany Miller. Strong witness performances were given by Hannah Blum, Ashley Ohstrom and Emily Long.

Congratulations to the cast and crew on the success of this year's drama production, "An Evening of Dinner, Drama and Song," and thank you to the community for your continued support! This year's production was slightly different due to the change in venue as our Auditorium underwent construction. Students, staff, parents and community members met the challenge with understanding and poise, so for that we thank you.

June 2016 Regents Exams Schedule

JUNE 14	JUNE 15	JUNE 16	JUNE 17	JUNE 20	JUNE 21	JUNE 22	JUNE 23
8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
RE in Global History & Geography	Living Environment	Algebra I (Common Core)	Physical Setting/Earth Science Algebra 2/Trig	LOTE (Spanish)	Physical Setting/Chemistry		RATING DAY
12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
RE in English Language Arts (Common Core)	RE in US History & Government	Comprehensive English	Geometry (Common Core)		Physical Setting/Physics		Uniform Admission Deadlines

JUNE 23 MORNING EXAMS 10:00 A.M. • AFTERNOON EXAMS 2:00 P.M.

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GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to colleges for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year:

Samantha Claffey	Nazareth College
Megan Skinner	Le Moyne College
	The College of St. Rose
Silas Slater	Buffalo State
	Cazenovia College
	Utica College
Katelyn Tiller	SUNY Geneseo

UPDATES

All students in grades 8-11 have completed their schedule for next school year. In May, a list of the classes all students enrolled in will be mailed home for final review.

The junior class attended the Syracuse National College Fair at OCC on March 10. Prior to the visit, they conducted a college search.

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

On January 29, LaFayette Junior Senior High School hosted a College & Career Fair. Grades 9-11 attended five 35 minute blocks and obtained information from the following colleges and occupational routes:

Alfred University, Crouse School of Nursing, ESF, Haude-nosaunee Promise, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Keuka College, Le Moyne College, Medaille College, Military (Ma-rines), SUNY Morrisville, Nazareth College, OCC, SUNY Oswego, Tompkins Cortland Community College, St. John Fisher, St. Josephs School of Nursing, and Wells College.

Bryant & Stratton discussed digital footprints, both Mor-risville and ESF were on hand to talk about their College Step programs, and LaFayette graduate, Devon Knapp, spoke to students on the benefits of becoming a resident advisor in

college. Additionally, students chose to hear about the vari-ous programs they can take at BOCES during grades 11/12.

On the same day, the 7th and 8th grade students from both the Jr. Sr. High School and ONS attended five 35 minute career presentations given by professionals in various ca-reers. Students were able to choose from 18 different pre-senters, many of whom were LaFayette alumni, parents, and community members:

Carolyn Bice**	Communications Professor
Lynn Bowser	Financial Advisor
David Cotter	Performing Arts
Jason Evans**	Architect
Gretchen Gretskey**	Physical Therapy
Marianne Hunt**	Speech Language Pathologist
Devon Knapp**	Event Planner/Graduate
Molly Matott	Meteorologist
Kelly McArdell	Engineer
David Metz	Police Officer
Brittany Miller**	Occupational Therapist
Dr. Louise Prince**	Emergency Room Physician
Renata Rehder**	Veterinarian
Bruce Wanlass**	Mechanical Engineer
Frank West	Guitar Teacher
Tom West	Secret Service
Chuck Wilbur	Lacrosse Coach
Aimee Wooding	Content and Systems Analyst

If you are interested in presenting to our Junior High students about your career, or know of someone who might like to do so, please contact Kristeen Cool at the Jr. Sr. High School by calling 677-7848, or via email at kcool@lafayetteschools.org.

***presenters are LaFayette alumni, parents, or community members*

#Cans4aCure

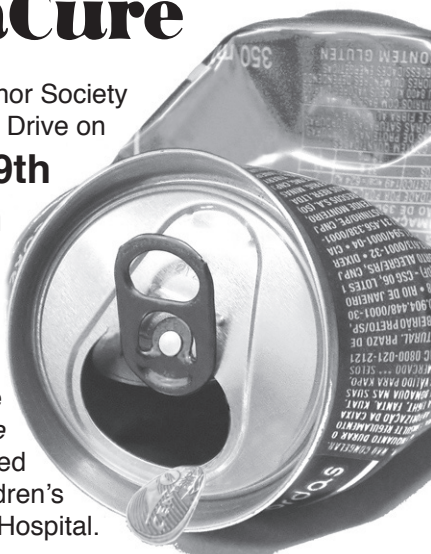
The National Junior Honor Society is holding a Can & Bottle Drive on

Saturday, April 9th

from
9am-1pm
at the

Jr/Sr High School.

All proceeds will go to the
More Than A Game
Foundation to be donated
to the Golisano Children's
Hospital.



Are You a Tech Savvy Girl?

You will be after a day of hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics! **Tech Savvy** prepares you to be a scientist, engineer or technology expert. A special session for your parents and families shows them how to help you on your path to college and a career.

WHO:	Girls in grade 6-9
WHERE:	Tompkins-Cortland Community College (TC3)
WHEN:	Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 8:30am-4:30pm
COST:	\$5 per person

Thanks to our sponsors: TC3, WSKGscience, SUNY Cortland, AAUW of New York, SciGirls

Questions? Visit <http://www.aauw.org/>
To register visit

<https://app.certain.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x2302421dd19>

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

Students Compete in Regional Science Olympiad Competitions



Senior High Science Olympiad Team - Caitlyn Battelle, Cheyanne Brockway, Justin Applegate, Matthew Hughes, Destiny Pitcher, Brennen Thrall (Mattie Caughey not pictured).

Students at Jr/Sr High School participated in Regional Science Olympiad competitions this winter. Science Olympiad competitions are like a science track meet where students compete in pairs in various events. Some events are building events where students design, construct, and calibrate a device and bring it to the competition; other events are more like tests where students bring binders of notes and research; and some events are more problem-solving in nature where students need to use science skills to design an experiment, replicate a chemistry lab, or communicate an idea.

On January 30th, the Senior High Science Olympiad team competed in the Division C Regional Competition held at LeMoyne College. The team fared well and was awarded medals in the event "Chem Lab".

On March 5th, the Junior High Science Olympiad team competed in the Division B Regional Competition held at North Syracuse Junior High School. The Junior High team had a strong finish and earned medals in four events, including "Microbe Mission", "Disease Detectives", "Picture This", and "Wind Power".



Junior High Science Olympiad Team - Kendra Doupe, Hanna Pierce, Evelyn Ryan, Luke Wanlass, Ryan Zajac, Noah Brothers, Colin Dix, Nikolas Cromley, Colin Morel, Hunter Martorella, Jack Caughey, Jack Martorella, Rebekah Reyburn, Sara Donnelly (Colton Keane not pictured)

A GATSBY GALA

Saturday, May 14th 7:00—11:00 pm
Traditions at the Links - East Syracuse

Tickets: \$30 for members of the Class of 2017 ONLY
\$35 for all others including guests of LaFayette students
Contact: Mrs. Kane at B.P. or Mrs. McElhannon at H.S.

Driver's Education ^{2016 Summer Course}

LaFayette Jr.-Sr. High School is offering its Driver's Education summer course again this year.

**Class component will be held July 7– Aug 8
8:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. Monday – Thursday.**

In-car driving will be scheduled weekdays during non-classroom time as well as possibly Fridays and Saturdays, and may be scheduled through mid-August.

Enroll in the Guidance Office

Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 13th.

Priority given first to Seniors, then Juniors, etc.

and then by registration date. Student must be 16 years old on or before July 7. Fee \$140

Art News: Good Job, Tony

Congratulations to 8th grade student Tony Mesano. Tony created a graphite portrait of one of his favorite music artists and presented it while at a concert. The artist was highly impressed and invited him to a meet and greet after the show!



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

First Graders Discover with “Oobleck”

After reading *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss and learning about the properties of solids and liquids, students



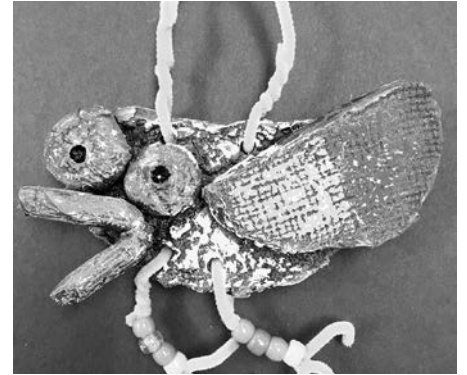
experimented and played with Oobleck (called a non-Newtonian fluid because it exhibits characteristics of both a solid and a liquid). The kids loved

predicting which objects would sink or float in the Oobleck and rolling the Oobleck into a ball and watching it ‘melt’ back into a liquid. Sticky...Goopy and FUN!

Art Exhibit at Beaver Lake

Art works by Kindergarteners Dawson Maines and Damien Peete, and 3rd graders Spencer Dix, Gabrielle Lazore-Crouse, and Gavin Slishesky were selected to represent Grimshaw Elementary School at a special exhibit celebrating the artistic achievements of elementary level students. During the month of April, 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.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, April 10th from 5:00-6:00pm 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.



Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
Phone: 677-5501

Health Office News

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pbush@lafayetteschools.org

Welcome to Spring! I know we're all anxious to get some fresh air, sunshine and warm weather! Hopefully the fresh air both inside and out will help everyone get healthy again.

In March we had URI's, strep throat, some stomach virus and a virus with a fever and body aches. Please continue to keep your child home when they would clearly be contagious to others (i.e. productive cough, discharge from the nose/eyes, vomiting, rash of unknown origin, fever). A child with a fever should stay home until their temperature returns to normal without the aid of medication for 24 hours. Children should also stay home 24 hours after vomiting or being diagnosed with a bacterial infection treated with antibiotics (i.e. strep throat/conjunctivitis). Please notify me directly when your child is absent for any reason (illness, injury, surgery, vacation, etc.). You may leave a voice mail or send an e-mail if that is more convenient for you or school's not open.

If your child has asthma/allergies requiring an inhaler or Epipen/Benadryl please be sure we have the medication at school to care for your child in an emergency. Remember all medicines require a doctors note and should be brought in by the parent for safety reasons.

All children in grades PreK-6 have their vision and hearing checked every year and I will notify you if I have any concerns. If I sent home a vision referral I would appreciate a follow up report from the doctor when your child is examined. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these screenings please call me.

I will also be screening 5th/6th grade students for scoliosis (curvature of the spine) during April/May unless they've had a physical this year on file at school as the doctor would've already screened him/her. If your child is being followed for this condition please send in a copy of their annual check-up.

If your child is one of the few students still needing a required physical this year please send that paperwork to me as soon as possible. Please keep in mind 6th graders will need a physical entering 7th grade. Also required to enter 7th grade in September 2016 is the meningitis vaccine. Parents of students entering 6th grade please remember to schedule your child's required Tdap vaccine before September if they've turned 11 by then. All 6th graders will also need 2 doses of the Varicella(chickenpox) vaccine. Most students have 2 already but some do not so please check your child's record.

As mentioned last month Kindergarten Screening will be held May 10th through May 12th here at Grimshaw. Please call the main office to schedule an appointment for your child if you haven't already done so. We look forward to meeting all our new students! Please bring a copy of your child's immunizations to date as well as any physical done after 1/1/16. If your child has any serious medical issues or will require medication at school please call me or stop in to see me.

Keep updating any emergency information and have a great Spring Break!

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



New Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

The Pre-Kindergarten and New Kindergarten Student Registration will be in the mornings on May 17th, 18th, and 19th for the 2016-2017 school year. (Students presently enrolled in Pre-K do not need to re-register). There will be assigned sessions for each child who is on the registration list.

To start the registration process for your child, please call the school (469-6991) and provide the following information:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Parent Phone Number

On the day of your child's registration, he or she will be part of the pre-kindergarten class or kindergarten class. Your child will go with the pre-kindergarten/kindergarten class when he or she is not actively participating in the registration process.

The A.M. session will start at 8:30 and end at 11:30. Your child will need transportation to and from ONS on registration day. We would like you to stay and fill out the necessary registration paperwork during this time.

ONS looks forward to meeting your child on registration day.

First Grade

Mr. Jaacks' and Mrs. Burt's first grade class at ONS has been very busy. After doing a unit on telling time, the students decided to show the time with their bodies. They constructed a huge clock on the classroom floor and students had a fun time being the "hands" of the clock. Students were asked to make their time slots for their class schedule.

Students worked very hard on our Academic Fair projects. They did projects on a specific insect and had the opportunity to do research on our school's new Chromebooks.



We have spent lots of time working on building a strong classroom community. Every day during morning meeting we have been doing activities together as a class. In this picture, we had to roll a piece of yarn to each other in order to make a spider's web.

ONS Physical Education

ONS Physical Education classes are learning individual sports, i.e. bowling, hopscotch, putting, shuffle board and ladders. These are lifetime activities that enable individuals of all ages to enjoy physical activity without depending on several people to form a "team".

As weather permits, students will also have an opportunity to use boomerangs, Frisbees, and play croquet.

Science Meets Art Meets Science

Science 7 teacher Mrs. Harris and ONS Art Teacher Mrs. Capella combined the concepts of physical and chemical change along with the beauty of clay into one lesson.

As students rolled out and designed clay plates, they were able to observe a combination of both physical change and chemical changes.



Rolling out the clay to the shape of a plate is a physical change. Mrs. Capella guided students in how to roll out a plate that had an equal thickness throughout. Air drying and kiln drying are both examples of physical change. A chemical change occurred when the glaze was added. Students loved designing the plates and understood that physical and chemical change was an integral part of the process!

Community News ♦ Community News ♦ Community News

News and Notes from BSA Troop 100:

Troop 100 is indeed having a lot of fun while they build close relationships and support the growth of others in their community.

February 26-28: The Lock-In held at the LaFayette Fire Barn. This event is a favorite of the scouts. It is solely for them to get together and have fun playing games. When all the boys arrived they set up tents outside (in the very frigid cold!) to prepare for the sleeping portion of their weekend. The young cubbies were also using the fire barn for their Blue and Gold ceremony, so the boys were able to share with them some of the special and important things that they will be able to do once they reach their age and rank.

March 18-20: The real deal in outdoor camping- Lake Grampus outdoor camping weekend. The boy scouts hiked in with their gear packs and lived for the weekend in what they brought.

April 29-May 1: Trip to Gettysburg This road trip blends the camping experience with learning a great deal about the significance of this place and its part in our country's history. Some of the experiences they look forward to are camping at Camp Conewago, participating in the Gettysburg Heritage Trail, going through the battlefields, visiting the Eisenhower Farm and doing a ghost walk!

July 10-16: Summer Camp experience at Camp Massawepie. This is a fantastic camping experience allowing the boys to learn new skills, camp, socialize, and work on earning various badges including merit badges.

Remember, if these experiences sound fun and enticing, and you are curious about scouting, a reminder that the troop meets each Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 in the Columbian Presbyterian meeting hall building. We would love to see new faces!

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

Until next month, Maria Brothers for BSA Troop 100

TAKING STEPS TO FIGHT CANCER

at Stafford Park

Saturday

June 4th, 2016

Registration @ 1pm

Walk starts @ 2pm

To Benefit UPSTATE Cancer Center

Registration:

Pre-register up to May 15 for \$10

Early registration gift:

Taking Steps to Fight Cancer T-shirt.

Late registration, after (May 15 up to day of Race) \$15

For more info: More Than A Game Foundation at 315-342-7223 or email MTAG@txcny.rr.com

To receive a registration form by email:

Megan Skinner at 16skineg@lafayetteschools.org

Ryan Agedal at 16agerya@lafayetteschools.org

Jordyn Marchiano at 16marjor@lafayetteschools.org

SENIOR CLASS OF 2016 PROJECT

LaFayette Public Library News

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

4/06: Bubble Towers

4/20: Paper Roll Binoculars

4/13: Lego Free Play

4/27: Spinning Hot Air Balloon

Tuesday Tea, April 19, 2-4 p.m. Tea/coffee and cookies. Bring your book club, or your knitting, or a good book and relax.

Fundraiser for the library at Barnes & Noble: Kickoff event May 7 (just in time for Mother's Day and graduations!). Details TBA.

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

We have a **new student art display** from the following students: Taylor Watson, Charlotte Ryan, Kanahrah Tens Oakes, Carla Williams, Jes Houghmaster, Allison Carroll, Thomas Jocko, Cheyenne Brockway, Camille Steeprock, Taylor Cook, Claire Frier, and Bridget Walsh.

In addition to the student art that we have on display the Lafayette Library is looking to celebrate the artists in our community. 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.

Story time hours: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Sports

Baseball/Softball and ULA Lacrosse Last call for registration – contact LCC ASAP! Phone: 677-7272;
e-mail: lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com

Volleyball – 6th grade girls; Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm.; beginning May 3 and running through May 19; Grimshaw Gymnasium

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

Soccer Camp offered through Ultimate Goal at Stafford Park, July 25-29

Tennis Camp – dates and time TBD

Swimming Lessons – will begin in early July, dates and time TBD

Adult and Youth Activities

Hall Walking – weekday evenings 5-8 p.m.; Grimshaw School

Announcements

CPR/AED and First Aid course – Saturday, April 9, 9 AM – 4 PM (lunch will be provided); LaFayette Fire Department, \$20.

Baseball Picture Night – May 4th & 5th at Grimshaw School

Annual Duck Race – At Community Days, Saturday, June 4 – more information to come.

Next LCC Board Meeting - Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7 PM at Town Offices; All are welcome to attend.

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 March 29 and runs through May 5th. Cost is \$35 for the session or \$4/per class walk-in fee.

Yoga – Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30-7:45 p.m.; Grimshaw School. Current session continues through June 20.

Tabata (interval training) – Thursdays; 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Grimshaw Cafeteria. Current session began March 10 and runs through May 5. \$25* for the session or \$4/class walk-in fee. *Reduced combined cost if doing both Zumba and Tabata

Zumba/Aerobics – Wednesdays; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grimshaw Cafeteria; Current session began February 3 and runs thru June 15; \$50* for the session or \$4/per class walk-in fee.

Thank You

LCC would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts as coaches to provide the children of our community with positive and quality sports experiences; you have our sincere gratitude for all you do.

Basketball: Steve Evans, Jim McElhannon, Adrian Shute, Chris Porter, Mark Dadey, Bill Bergamo, Chris DeJoseph, Shannon Booth, Tom Scofield, Erin Scofield, Dave Caughey

Volleyball: Mackenzie McElhannon, Simone Thornton

Wrestling: Mark Chapman

Ski Club: Wendy Moltion, Cindy Seiter, Corey LeBlanc

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 are 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
LCC Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98 Lafayette, NY 13078

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April

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:

Friday	1	Matt Nastasi Memorial Rock Fest
Monday	4	GAPS Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday	7	BOE Meeting
Friday	8	End of 30 week marking period
Thursday	14	Progress Reports Mailed
Saturday	16	From the Earth Arts & Crafts Festival at ONS 10am to 5pm
Wednesday	20	Jr Honor Society Induction
Thursday	21	BOE Meeting
Friday	22	ONS Spring Dinner
Mon-Fri	25-29	No School - Spring Recess ALL BUILDINGS

Date Changes for Spring Concerts

Tuesday May 17:

**Senior High Concert (SH
Band, SH Chorus, Vocal
Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble)**

Thursday May 19:

**Junior High Concert (JH
Band, Junior High Chorus)**

Monday, May 23:

**Elementary Concert
(Grimshaw Elementary
School, 7:00pm)**