

Second Grade Slurps Science



Who ever thought that science could taste so good? In January, our second grade students found out just how good science could taste. After learning about the different states of matter, the students moved on to physical and chemical reactions while making root beer floats.

Students identified the state of matter for ice cream and root beer soda. The classes discussed what might happen when the solid ice cream and the liquid soda were combined. They were excited to see if a chemical reaction would occur.

Each student got his/her own cup to see up close what would happen. Students recorded their observations of what happened during the chemical reaction.

The classes concluded that when they mixed their solid and liquid together, it made a gas (foam), and that since it could not be returned to its original state that it was a chemical reaction and not a physical reaction.



Big Picture National Film Festival

This year, LaFayette Big Picture Senior Caleb Gretskey will host the first ever Big Picture Network National Film Festival. Students who attend a Big Picture in the United States will have the opportunity to compete in the film festival.

The LaFayette Community will be hosting the National Film Festival on **April 28, 2017**, at the Jr/Sr High School auditorium at 7:00pm with a \$5.00 admission fee.

There will be concessions for sale, entertainment, and student projects on exhibit. If you have any questions please contact Caleb at 17grecal@lafayetteschools.org.



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From the Desk of the SUPERINTENDENT

In recent months, we have seen change in the political landscape resulting in discord among some adults. Such discord is often reflected in the words and deeds of children at school. Unfortunately, some of the words and deeds are unkind, disrespectful and divisive.

In the last couple of weeks, there have been instances of a few students making insensitive, hurtful comments to others. Fortunately, these instances have been few and far between. Nevertheless, they are addressed quickly and thoughtfully, and students are instructed that such behavior will not be tolerated.

The LaFayette School District has a long, successful history of celebrating diversity and teaching respect for cultures and beliefs. We strive to maintain that rich tradition but in more trying times, we realize that we need to take extra measures to ensure our success. We also stay mindful that we work with children. They are at impressionable stages of their development and it is our duty to teach them how to treat others so that they will mature into respectful, caring adults even if they have opposing viewpoints.

Our administration, faculty and staff are working on several initiatives to achieve that goal. For examples, we will be offering a Conflict Resolution Workshop, are planning a Heritage Celebration Week and have created a "Great Native Writers" after-school workshop series. These are in addition to our longstanding programs such as Teen Institute, HALO, and others.

Your support by talking with your children about these topics is greatly appreciated. I invite you to also share your opinions and suggestions for how we can continue to keep our school dialogues productive and maintain our district's well-deserved reputation for being inclusive and respectful. Please contact your child's principal or me with your feedback.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent

SAVE THE DATE TRANSITION CONFERENCE

FINDING YOUR WAY! UNDERSTANDING TRANSITION PLANNING IN AND AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

A Free Conference for Students with Disabilities, Families, & Educators

Monday, March 13, 2017

Onondaga Community College



Keynote
Informational Sessions
Vendor and Resource Fair
Giveaways
Lunch is provided
CTLE credits available



Questions? Contact SUPAC at 315-443-4336 or supac@syr.edu



Neighboring School Districts Partner to Educate Community on Drug Abuse

A forum designed to educate community members about the dangers of substance abuse will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the auditorium of LaFayette Junior/Senior High School.

Organized by members of the school-based Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Education Program (ADAPEP) who are counselors in the LaFayette, Tully, Onondaga, and Fabius-Pompey school districts, the Community Forum on Drugs will feature a panel discussion focusing on emerging substance abuse trends such as the growing abuse of opioids including heroin and narcotic pain medications, and how they are affecting students locally.

Guest speakers will include local law enforcement members, a clinical toxicologist from Upstate Medical University, representatives from the Prevention Network and Crouse Chemical Dependency Treatment organizations, and individuals whose lives have been affected by addiction.

Representatives from local services and community groups will also be on hand before and after the presentation to answer questions and provide information.

The event is free and open to the public.

Board of Education Approves Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption

During its January 26 meeting, the LaFayette Central School District Board of Education approved a property tax exemption for district residents who are Cold War veterans.

Authorized by Governor Andrew Cuomo in August, the tax exemption is offered to veterans who served in active duty (excluding active duty training) in the United States Armed Forces between September 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, and were discharged or released under honorable conditions.

The exemption will take effect for the 2017-18 school tax year and will remain in effect for subsequent school tax years. It applies only to residential property (or the residential portion of a property) that is the primary residence of the Cold War veteran, or the surviving spouse of the Cold War veteran (who has not remarried), unless either is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization.

The qualifying property is exempt from taxation to the extent of 10 percent of its assessed value, provided the exemption does not exceed the lesser of \$36,000, or \$36,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the applicable town within LaFayette Central School District.

An additional benefit is available to disabled veterans equal to 50 percent of their service-connected disability, up to \$20,000.

There is a 10-year time limit for the exemption, although no time limit is imposed for the additional benefit due to disability.

The Cold War veteran's exemption is not automatic. Eligible veterans should verify that an application is on file with the town assessor or complete the required application form and submit it to the assessor by the March 1 deadline. Application forms are available from the assessor's office and on the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website.

In 2015, the LaFayette Board of Education authorized an Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption for veterans who served during a period of war, veterans who served in a combat zone, disabled veterans and Gold Star Parents.

An individual is not eligible to participate in a Cold War Veterans' Exemption and an Alternative Veterans' Exemption simultaneously, but can switch from one to another, if applicable.

For more information about the Cold War Veteran's Exemption, please visit the New York State Dept. of Taxation and Finance website. <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/coldwaroverview.htm>

From the Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

As you are aware, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires school districts to administer assessments to students in grades 3-8 for English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to determining how students perform in terms of learning standards, the data are used to determine whether or not districts and/or schools need additional support. During the 2015-2016 school year, LaFayette Central School District was designated as a Focus District for the 2016-2017 school year because some student populations scored well below the state-determined point for identification in Math.

As a result of the identification, a District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) was developed, presented to the Board of Education, and posted on the District's website. The DCIP is compartmentalized into six tenets with aligned SMART (Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Results-Oriented, and Timely) Goals.

Tenet 2 focuses on School Leader Practices and Decisions. The SMART Goal for Tenet 2 is:

By June 2017, the district will have established and disseminated a clear mission and vision as evidenced by 70% of all stakeholders demonstrating knowledge of the mission and vision components.

Beginning February 7th, a group of community and district representatives met to revise the District's mission statement as well as create a vision statement. Those statements will be presented to the Board of Education on Thursday, March 16th.

Sincerely, Dr. Karen Ocque



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

With spring quickly approaching, so are the New York State 3-8 assessments. Our 7th and 8th grade students will be taking the ELA exams starting on the mornings of Tuesday, March 28th and running through Thursday, March 30th. New York State is no longer timing these exams. This means that your child has as much time as he/she needs to complete the test within the confines of the school day. Following the ELA assessments, the New York State assessments in Mathematics will be given. These exams will begin on Tuesday, May 2nd and run through Thursday, May 4th.

Lastly, there is a State Assessment in the area of Science that only pertains to our 8th grade students. The New York State Science Exam consists of two parts: a written exam that will take place on Monday, June 5th, and a performance test with a flexible date, that will vary based the group to which your child is assigned. The performance test is comprised of small groups that progress through a series of different lab activities. As a result of the smaller setting, the performance test will occur over several days, but each 8th grade student will perform in only one session. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming State Assessments, please contact me by e-mail at jpryan@lafaytteschools.org or by phone at 315-677-3131.

Jason Ryan, Principal

**Onondaga County Guidance Counselors
Association and the National Association of College
Admissions Counselors (NACAC) will host:**

**22nd ANNUAL SYRACUSE
NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR**
at Onondaga Community College
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
9 am – 12 pm and 5 – 8 pm

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 in the SRC arena
at Onondaga Community College on
Wednesday morning, March 8.

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.

OCC Initial Placement Testing

Twenty-two LaFayette seniors completed their initial
placement testing for OCC on January 27 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 con-
sist of initial assessments in English, Reading Comprehen-
sion and Mathematics. The placement testing was computer-
ized; students took this in the computer lab.

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

2016-2017 TESTING DATES

SAT

Registration Deadline

March 11, 2107
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

February 10, 2017
April 7, 2017
May 9, 2017

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

ACT

Registration Deadline

April 8, 2017
June 10, 2017

March 3, 2017
May 5, 2017

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

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GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

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.

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

On January 27, LaFayette held its annual College & Career Fair. Students in grades 9-11 attended presentations given by twenty-six colleges. The colleges discussed a specific

major and students signed up for five presentations based on the field. While this was going on, the junior high students spent time with professionals in 14 different career fields.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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

Sara Beresovoy

SUNY Oneonta
Keuka College

Caleb Gretskey

Vivian Mueller

Jurnee Shenandoah-Kurtz

Alex Rogers

Kyla Smoke

Thomas Whitney

Point Park University (PA)
SUNY ESF
Sage College of Albany
SUNY Morrisville
Cazenovia College
Springfield College (MA)

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.

National Honor Society

The LaFayette chapter of National Honor Society would like to announce two events in March. The first is our spring blood drive for the **American Red Cross** on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. This will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the small gym at the high school. The public is encouraged to participate, and walk ins are welcome! The second event is a **Junior High Fun Night** planned for **Friday, March 10, 2017** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The 7th and 8th graders are invited to take part in a great night of basketball, volleyball and a dodgeball against the Senior High National Honor Society members. This event is planned and run by the senior high students. Refreshments will also be available.

LaFayette Science Class Students Participate in International Student Carbon Footprint Challenge

LaFayette students joined with students around the world to participate in the latest round of the International Carbon Footprint Challenge. Participants included BIO 1 classes and the entire 8th grade.

Students shared a questionnaire with their families and entered their answers into the Carbon Footprint Calculator and received a value based on their estimated energy usage, travel, food choices and shopping habits. After uploading the class data set to the website, the average was shared on their world map alongside other locations.

The next phase allowed the students to participate in a controlled social media environment. To support ISTE Standard 5 - the classes had a discussion about using the platform for academic purposes as an introduction into Digital Citizenship. Students then wrote responses to various prompts - such as "Sustainable City" or "Reuse and Repurpose," and shared their thoughts through the portal. They were also given an opportunity to respond to other students' thoughts from around the world.

This endeavor is a product of the Inquiry to Student Environmental Action (I2SEA) project: "a collaboration between research groups at two marine stations and their home institutions:

- The Sven Lovén Centre for Marine Sciences —Kristineberg of the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, in Pacific Grove, CA USA.

The I2SEA project has a dual set of goals: to provide engaging resources to teach students about climate change and ocean acidifications, and to empower them to take action to address these growing, worldwide challenges."

The students had a great time and an eye opening experience. On average, our LaFayette students' release 19027 kg -or almost 21 tons- of CO2 every year!

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HONOR ROLL 2ND QUARTER 2016/2017

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Christopher Bergamo
Morgan Bice
Grace Caughey
Jonathan Dix
Amanda Evans
Tyler Fabend
Anna Goddard
Aidan Griffin
Jessica Hart
Scott Heath
Mark Humphrey
Andrew Porter
Carolyn Redmore
Jenna Reese
Toby Tummino
Claire Virnoche
Julia Zehner

Honor Roll

Bryton Boyce
James Clemens
Vernon Cooke
Paul Coon
Maili Denney
Griffin Garbutt
Devon Harris
Julie Herron
Rylie Ives
Karina Magyar
Ethan Maines
Hannah Moltion
Ryan Oakes
Caitlyn Oristian
Cianna Papineau
Jada Pollack
John Poplawski
Alina Sherman
Brianna Thrall
Sean Zajac

Merit Roll

Alex Bush
Vernon Cooke
Devon Harris
Milaan Lyles
Julia Zehner

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Kylee Breed
Grace Dow
Hunter Martorella
Evelyn Ryan
Luke Wanlass
Dawsun Weil

Honor Roll

Brandon Benjamin
Lindsay Carroll
Sara Donnelly
Kendra Doupe
Kyle Farewell
Harlee Farrar
Morgan Jachim
Colton Keane
Jessica Lamson
Jack Martorella
Hanna Pierce
Molly Rogers
Jorja Shaffer
Amelia Shenandoah
Emma Shute
Mason Shute
Farrah Spratt

Merit Roll

Sara Donnelly
Morgan Jachim
Areiana Simmons
Rylie Skinner

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Jack Caughey
Collin Dix
Victoria Kostiv
Allison O'Kane

Honor Roll

Victoria Albro
John Baker
Grady Collingbourne
Nikolas Cromley
Marissa Evans
Kenji Frazier
Raegyn Garbutt
Layton Harris
Timothy Kramak

Adam McIntyre
Branden Pope
Kierstin Rurka
Megan Sanders
Nora Anne Vancalcar
Ryan Zajac

Merit Roll

Victoria Albro
Tim Kramak
Megan Sanders
Nick Wager

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Celia Bertlesman
Leanna Crouse
Mya DeJoseph
Joshua Denué
Samantha Formoza
Bethany Miller
Nathan Mott
Ashley Ohstrom
Olivia Prince
Regina Prince
Charlotte Ryan
Brianna Szentmiklosi
William Tiller
Carha Williams
Amanda Wilson

Honor Roll

Benjamin Appel
Alexandra Campbell
Jackson Denué
Isaac Dow
Emily Haines
Cory Hart
David Jackowski
Nathan LaJoie
Kyle Lamson
Thomas Long
Carol Ann Meldrim
Mary Moltion
Nuria Perez Rivas
Grace Quick
Kyle Tracy
Michael Wais
Bradley Wallis
Taylor Watson
Christopher Wieszczyński

Merit Roll

Emily Haines
Elan Lazore
M. Anthony Young

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Catelyn Battelle
Sean Corby
Ian Evans
Alexi Harrington
Patrick Prince
Roman Reiss
Evan Spratt
Brennen Thrall
Bridget Walsh

Honor Roll

Sam Camaione
Caitlin Campbell
Allison Carroll
Madison Coon
Danielle Duby
Molly Fitzpatrick
Claire Frier
Kaitlyn Koons
Joseph Lamson
Cienna Oakes
Cameron Reiss
Tucker Reiss
Ian Schaefer
Jacob Shaffer
Morgan Shute
Taylor Tummino
Bert White

Merit Roll

Riley Jones
Kaitlyn Koons
Keith Robson
Cole Shute

12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Rhiannon Abrams
Sara Beresovoy
Logan Booth
Mattie Caughey
Kayla Doupe
Lashiva Gonnella-Sigworth
Andrew Hall
Riley LaCava
Jennie Lamson
Cameron Leach
Emily Long
Wadely Miller
Vivian Mueller
Ethan Murray
Shelby Ohstrom
Natasha Powless
Gunnar Schumacher
Dana Scofield
Grace Terrell
Zackery Thrasher
Olivia Travis
Thomas Whitney

Honor Roll

Sam Adams
Jacob Doster
Lauren Gates
Jack Grass
Lorenz Hemphill
Eric Humphrey
Ronnie Jones
Joshua Palin
Sophia Powless
Sierra Reese
Cecelia Robinson
Kaitlin Rurka
Chad Warren

Merit Roll

Lorenz Hemphill
Joshua Mayotte
Ethan Murray
Joshua Palin
Sierra Reese
Jurnee Shenandoah-Kurtz
Kyla Smoke



◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆



Open Enrollment Begins for the 2017 – 2018 LaFayette Big Picture School

**We will host an
Open House and Q & A session on:
Wednesday, March 1st and 22nd from 6-7:30pm**

The LaFayette Big Picture School is located at 3122 Rt. 11 North (South Corner of H.S.)

Is the BIG PICTURE SCHOOL Right For You?

We believe that students learn best when they are doing something about which they are passionate. In the Big Picture School, students are encouraged to explore interests and to work on subjects that meet that goal. One of the basic structures in a Big Picture school is that students will spend two days a week out of the building at an internship site. By Learning Through Internship (LTI), the students will learn math, science, reading, writing, and many more 21st century skills that they need to be successful. At the LTI, students will learn the skills needed to go on to college and beyond.

Each student in a Big Picture school has an individual learning plan. The learning team (the student, parent, mentor, and advisor) work together to create a challenging and exciting plan. These meetings will be held three/four times a year and will exhibit his or her work. Each student will have an advisor who knows him/her well and helps him/her work toward individual learning plan goals. Families play an important, perhaps the most important, role in a student's education. From helping the students plan his/her learning plan to participating in events, we rely on parents as an integral part of our community.

Things you should know:

- We have the capacity to enroll 15 new freshmen and a possibility of students in grade 10, 11, 12.
- Students will be graduating with a New York State Regents Diploma.
- You will also have the opportunity to ask questions of our advisors, staff, students, and parents during the Open House.
- Even if you have a child who is not interested in enrolling, we encourage you to still attend and learn more about our school.
- LaFayette students are encouraged to submit applications early as open enrollment for out of district students will begin in the spring. We fill our spots with LaFayette students first.
- If you have additional questions or cannot attend the Open House, please contact Susan Osborn at 504-1000 or email at sosborn@lafayetteschools.org.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

We are excited to begin the registration process for incoming Kindergarten students (must turn 5 by December 1, 2017) and our half-day Pre-K program (must turn 4 years old by December 1, 2017). 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 Monday, May 8th, through Friday, May 12th, and the appointment takes approximately one and a half hours.

Also happening this month, students in grades 3–6 take the State English Language Arts (ELA) test each spring. These assessments measure the students' understanding of Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS). The ELA test is an untimed test that contains several different types of questions. Students answer multiple choice questions based on short passages they read, and write responses to open-ended questions based on stories, articles, or poems they listen to or read. The teachers at Grimshaw use student test results to identify areas where the student needs extra help or more challenging material. Educators also examine school-wide results to identify broad instructional areas that require improvement.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 315-677-3152.

Jen Blossey, Principal

Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
Phone: 677-5501

Health Office News

Fax: 677-3154
pbush@lafayetteschools.org

I hope everyone enjoyed February break with their families. By the time you read this we may be seeing signs of Spring! As you may know we hold Kindergarten screening each year in the Spring here at Grimshaw. This year it's going to be held from Tuesday, May 8th, 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 on our website for you to review and compare to your child's record. Your child will also need a physical (done after 1/1/2017) before starting school. You may mail or fax (677-3154) it 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. 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 confirmed flu cases, strep throat 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 as well as in the morning. Please notify along with the teacher if your child will be out of town

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 on 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 10 left. Please turn the paperwork into 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 you child's testing. If you have any concerns/questions about your child's vision/hearing please call me.

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Grimshaw's PE Corner

Mrs. Polinsky and I would like to thank GAPs for purchasing some new PE equipment.

We are using our new exercise bikes, rowers, mats and other equipment already. The students have really enjoyed these wonderful gifts. Thank you. We welcome Mr. Jesse Behm who is joining us for 8 weeks as Mr. LaRose's student teacher from SUNY Cortland.

Mrs. Polinsky has experience teaching yoga and did 15 minute burst activities in the classrooms and just completed a short yoga unit after school with over 40 participants and a couple of adults. We had a very successful Vacation Fitness Plan program this year over the Holiday break in grades 2-6. A record 55 students participated and earned a free PE day and their names prominently displayed in the gym lobby.

We had our third successful year teaching archery to our 5th and 6th grade classes that was well received by the students. During this time our younger students participated in our Cooperative Games/Project Adventure unit. The students did activities that stressed cooperation, sportsmanship, tolerance, and problem solving.


Using our new equipment we completed our "LaFayette Health Spa" unit where the students rotated to 16 different fitness stations. They learned about the components of physical fitness, pulse, heart rate, and other fitness related vocabulary. We have now started our floor hockey and Pillow-Polo units. We will start our ever popular basketball unit that we align with March Madness after winter break.

If you have any concerns regarding our PE program or have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by school email or voicemail.

Yours in the physically educated student.

Mr. LaRose and Mrs. Polinsky

Relay For Life Kickoff Event! Friday, March 3, 2017, 6 pm



RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

RELAY FOR LIFE

“
No matter where you are, you can call a phone number and get the answers you need about cancer, Relay For Life funds that.
”

“
The American Cancer Society was a major resource for me. They gave me a wig and scarves, as well as referrals for rides to treatment.
”

Come to Grimshaw Elementary and learn more about **Relay for Life** and how you can be involved in this great event in your community.

Talk with people in your community who have joined our committee to make this event a success in raising important funds for the American Cancer Society.

Be a part of helping save a life today. Hope to see you there! www.relayforlife.org/applecountryny

Chorus News

Grimshaw Elementary Chorus, directed by Ms. Kelly Cook, sang the National Anthem at a Syracuse Crunch Hockey game on February 11th. Students who dressed in the Lafayette colors --green and yellow-- got to show off their Lancer pride at the game. Thank you to parents and students for a wonderful evening. Way to go, Grimshaw!

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



Hello ONS!

Can you believe it? We have completed half of the school year! We have had an interesting first semester. Some events that occurred were: we had to reschedule the Harvest Dinner due to the snow day in November; the Commissioner of Education came for a visit; the ONS Leadership Group hosted a wonderful dance where students from Grimshaw and the Jr/Sr. High School attended and are planning to host another dance; several of our Grade 7 and 8 students are participating in the Science

Olympiad; PreK-3 celebrated the 100th day of school, and starting at the end of February we will begin the composting project along with recycling milk cartons in the cafeteria.

We just completed the winter benchmark assessments for Literacy and Math. I am pleased to say all of the students improved their skills in these respective academic areas. Kudos to the students, teachers and staff for working to improve student achievement.

In September we developed four goals to strive for this school year.

1. **Onondaga Language:** Increase the number of written words on display in the school and increase dialogue.
 - When you enter the school you will see an increase in posters and written words throughout the school in the hallways, cafeteria, rooms and library.
 - Onondaga to English Dictionaries were distributed throughout the building for students and staff to utilize.
 - Speech lessons, book productions, student dictionaries, audio and visual clips to promote language learning are being developed.
 - Pre-Kindergarten students have take-home color and shapes booklets.
 - Three (3) language teachers and one (1) culture teacher are now employed at ONS to teach the students.
2. **School Citizenship:** Enhance character strengths to see and appreciate the good in others.
 - The Positivity Project has been implemented in classrooms from PreK-8. Parents are encouraged to go on the Positivity Project website to see what character education is being emphasized with the students.
 - We hosted the Boxout Bullying Prevention Group which was well received by students, parents and staff alike. Teachers used the information learned in this assembly to have wonderful, positive conversations with students which continues today.
3. **Literacy:** Read and Write at Grade Level.
 - Using the AIMSWEB and Reading Inventory Assessment the teachers are able to monitor the students' Literacy Progress. The Winter Assessments were administered and the results are very positive. Similar to last year's results we are seeing that many of our students are exceeding the rate of growth that had been set for them and that all of our students have improved their reading skills.
4. **Math:** Increase accuracy of math facts for use in mathematical operations.
 - All classroom teachers are practicing math facts in their classrooms with flashcards and other supplemental materials.
 - The NYS Math Modules are used at all the grade levels to provide vertical alignment as well as the use of common math language.
 - Teachers are using the STAR MATH Assessment to determine areas the students are strong in and areas that need improvement.

Upcoming activities for the remainder of the school year are: Academic Fair, Grade 8 Elder's Project, Spring Dinner, Spring Concert, Jamesville Beach Day and 8th Grade Graduation.

On behalf of the students, teachers and staff, we would like to thank the parents and the community for all of their support and commitment to ONS.

*Diane Ellsworth
ONS Principal*

◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

Varsity Baseball

The LaFayette Varsity Baseball team, coaches and parents would like to thank our fantastic community for your support at our Spaghetti Dinner / Silent Auction fundraising event held on February 4th. Your generosity has helped us reach our goal of traveling to Myrtle Beach for spring training. So the next time you want to root – root – root for the home team, come out to a game or two this coming spring season...we would love to thank you in person for your support. Go Lancers!



Booster Club News

The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club is currently looking for a new Secretary starting in the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested, or would like to know more about it please contact Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz @ 315-415-7932 or Mackenzie McElhannon @ 315-420-4883.

Thank you to the many community members who contributed to our successful bottle drive. A special thank you to Bob Storrier, Alfie Klaiber, and Tom Kurtz who continued to keep the area clean, and free from snow pile up, along with putting the bottles in the trailer. We appreciate your help.

Congratulations Lady Lancers!

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the Fabius Pompey Christmas Tournament.

Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations to Varsity Volleyball for bringing home the OHSL Championsip!

Girls and Boys Modified Cross Country

Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Modified Cross Country Teams on winning League Championships!

Girls Soccer Go to Sectionals

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Soccer team on reaching sectionals for the first time in a long time!

CNY Central Athletes of the Week

Congratulations to Sophie Powless, Rhiannon Abrams and Logan Booth for being selected as CNY Central-Athletes of the week!

Spring Sports

Girl's Lacrosse - Modified, JV, Varsity
Boy's Lacrosse - Modified and Varsity
Softball - Modified and Varsity
Baseball - Modified and Varsity
Tennis - Varsity

Winter Sports

Girl's Basketball - Modified, JV and Varsity
Boy's Basketball - Modified, JV and Varsity
Volleyball - Modified girl's

Fall Sports

Golf - Varsity
Volleyball - JV and Varsity Girls
Football - Varsity and Modified
Cross Country - Girls and Boys Modified and Varsity
Girl's Soccer - Varsity and Modified
Boy's Soccer - JV and Modified
Football Cheerleading - Varsity

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JJ SOCCER CLINIC

GRADES 2-4

**To learn and improve basic soccer skills
through drills and games**

Soccer Clinic

MAY 19 & 20

6-7:30 p.m. FRIDAY

1-4:30 p.m. SATURDAY

Clinic hosted by Josh Jewett, LCSD Sophomore

No cost to attend clinic

Clinic T-shirts available for \$12

**Contact Josh at
19jewjos@lafayetteschools.org
or call (315) 504-1000**

“Thars Gold in them thar hills! But to get it you must overcome many challenges along the trail. So Be Prepared!”

This was the challenge presented at this year's winter Klondike Derby for area boy scouts at Camp Woodlawn in Constantia. The annual winter Klondike Derby had many participants including 5 of our own from Lafayette Troop 100. Our group also had a guest scout who joined in the fun, from the Tully troop.

The Klondike event had many challenges for both teams and individuals. Building a fire and speed boiling eggs, shelter building, planning a hiking program, and first aid challenges, to name just a few. Congratulations to the hard work of the Lafayette human sled race team; Second Place, not too shabby. Additionally, Troop 100 was the only group to successfully rescue an injured winter hiker, in the mock rescue competition. Their training and teamwork was evident in each of their contests.

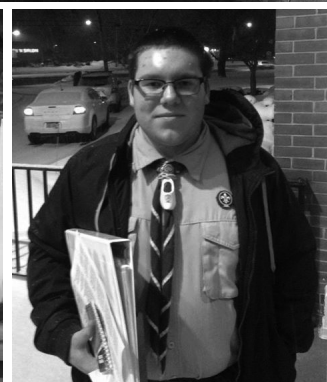
Tents pitched in the snow and cold, provided great opportunities for the scouts to apply what they have learned about preparedness and protecting themselves from the elements. Using the snow as an insulator around the tents and securing tarps, provided shelter and overnight warmth during the campout.

The weekend outdoor fun carried into the latest week night meeting. Boys met outside, built a fire and prepared hot chocolate and “beaver tails” in Dutch ovens. Not sure what a beaver tail is? Find a local scout and ask.

In addition to honing winter camping skills, the boys have been rebuilding a miniature trebuchet to launch snowballs. In an effort to bring valuable STEM skills to the scouts, the trebuchet rebuild provides an exploration of physics and engineering in a fun and hands-on way.

And finally-Congratulations to Lafayette's newest Eagle Scout: Jacob Schaffer. Well done!

More information can be gained by contacting Kevin Gretskey, Scout Master gretskeyk@aol.com or Brian Kramak, Assistant Scout Master, bkramak@gmail.com.



LaFayette Public Library News

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CONTACT:	Phone (315)-677-3782	Fax (315)-677-0211	www.lafayettelibrary.org
HOURS:	Mon 10am to 8pm Thurs Noon to 8pm Closed All Sundays	Tues 10am to 8pm Fri 10am to 5pm	Wed 10am to 5pm Sat: 10am - 2pm*

*Closed Saturdays from July to Labor Day

We want to remind you 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 take out from there, but once you are done with them you can drop them off at Grimshaw School library or back to the public library to return your borrowed items.

Imagination Lab for March:

- ♦ **March 1st** - African presentation, presented by Grimshaw librarian Jenn McDonald and Grimshaw's Third grade teacher, Jana Silvestro.
- ♦ **March 8th** - Read Across America. Celebrating Dr. Seuss's 103 Birthday. Children are welcomed to pick a partner and Buddy read some of their favorite Dr. Seuss stories to one another, after the children will be invited to make a cat in the hat craft, while enjoying some yummy treats.
- ♦ **March 15th** - pinecone bird feeders
- ♦ **March 22nd** - marshmallow and gumdrop sculptures
- ♦ **March 29th** - Game Day, children are invited to enjoy playing various games with another, on a rotating basis. The games that will be provided are: Head bands, Jenga, Google Eyes, Uno, checkers. Please feel free to share one of your favorite games as well.

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

Besides our ongoing student art display, we encourage local artists to display their work. Right now we have some of the work of Lynn Perrine, who is also our resident certified Tai Chi teacher. She is displaying a beautiful set of pastels. Please come in to see them. If you have any further interest you can email Lynn at Lynn@perrine.net.

We would like 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 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 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. Thanks!

Teen Book Club: on hold for the moment but we are looking for additional members. If interested please contact Amber Williams at alwilliams@onlib.org

Just a reminder about our **Tuesday Teas** which are every month on the third Tuesday of each month 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is March 21. Come join us!

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Basketball -- Grades 5 & 6: The girls and boys seasons have finished. Thank you to Chris DeJoseph, Chris Porter and Adrian Shute for coaching.

Grades 3 & 4: Coed practices, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium, through March. The last practice will be April 5. If you aren't registered, you can still participate. Download a permission slip from the LCC web site, or obtain one at the Town Offices or by mail (call 315-677-7272), and bring it to a practice with the \$5 fee.

Instructional Basketball: 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 wrestling season is drawing to a close. The end of year tournament will be held the second weekend in March. Thank you to Mark Chapman for coaching the program this year.

Volleyball: This program is for girls in grades 3-6. Practices are 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Grimshaw Elementary School's gymnasium. The program will run for six weeks. The last practice is April 6. If you aren't registered, you can still participate. Download a permission slip from the LCC website, or obtain one at the Town Offices or by mail (call 315-677-7272), and bring it to a practice with the \$5 fee.

Skiing: The six weeks of bus transportation and lessons has concluded, but you can still ski as long as there is snow and the ski areas are open.

Baseball and Lacrosse: Apple Valley League Baseball and Upstate Lacrosse Association sign-ups will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m., March 15, 22, and 29, in the cafeteria at Grimshaw Elementary School. Flyers will be coming home from school with details for each respective sport. Because of league deadlines and the need to assign players to teams, etc., no baseball registrations will be accepted after March 31.

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 March 23. The next session will run March 28 through May 4. The cost for each session is \$35. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

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: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria. The current Monday session will run through March 27. The current Wednesday session, which began February 1, will run through June 21. The cost of the entire session is \$55, or you can pay \$12 per month. 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 on 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, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hall Walking: Don't let the weather keep you from getting some exercise during the winter months; the hallways of Grimshaw Elementary School are available for walking weekday evenings from 6-8 p.m., through April. Please use the cafeteria entrance and bring dry footwear to wear while walking the halls. A note book will be provided near the cafeteria entrance for sign-in.

Southern Hill Storm Football: The Lafayette/Fabius-Pompey and Tully school football teams will be completing their merger this Fall; the Modified teams merged last season, and the varsity teams will merge beginning this upcoming season. In light of this merger, the youth football league in Tully, formerly known as the Tully Youth Football League, would like to extend an invitation to youth in LaFayette, Fabius, Pompey, and Tully to participate in the new Southern Hill Storm Football program. Details regarding this program are forthcoming.

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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 March, 2017. Particular dates to note are:

Wed-Fri	1-3	Dr. Suess Week	Friday	17	No School Staff Development
Thursday	2	GS Open House 6-7pm	Thursday	23	HS Concert 7pm
Friday	3	HS Musical	Mon-Fri	27-31	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Test
Saturday	4	HS Musical	Thursday	30	BOE Meeting
Monday	6	GAPS Meeting 6:30pm	Friday	31	End of Marking Period HS Rock Fest
Thursday	9	College Fair at OCC Progress Reports mailed			
Thursday	16	BOE Meeting			