

From the Desk of the Superintendent

In the area of increasing student achievement which is the focal point of our Strategic Plan, we are making dramatic gains in our students' literacy levels. This is being accomplished with the implementation of an intensive phonemic awareness initiative with our primary grade students, expansion of our use of literacy interventions, creation of two new AIS positions at the Jr./Sr. HS, introduction of a program that increases students' vocabulary, and use of research-based progress monitoring and data collection/analysis for discussion at newly-formed Data Team meetings.

We are adding a new teaching position in the area of technology, will utilize a half-time technology coordinator to help implement our Smart Schools Bond Act "1:1 devices" initiative, have introduced a business course for junior high students, and enrolled students in online courses so that they may benefit from instruction that we do not offer in-district.

In the area of communication which the community has indicated is a top priority, we expanded our use of School Messenger to include text and email, revamped our website, and began using social media in the form of a district Facebook page and Twitter account. Student and staff achievement are recognized in a variety of formats. We also now bring the highly-rated "Parent Today" publication at no cost to our families.

In the area of safety and security, we added cameras to the original Capital Project plan which have proven to be extremely beneficial in managing student behavior. We also created a Safety and Security Committee comprised of representatives from the parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators. The Committee has addressed such topics as how to communicate with the community in times of urgent matters, public use of our buildings and providing professional development to our staff on the topic of students' mental health.

All of this and more have been accomplished with a 0.12% tax increase which is under the tax cap. Thank you to the members of the budget development committee, staff of the Business Office and the Board of Education for their help in creating a budget that balances the needs of our students with our fiduciary responsibility to our community.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent

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

eabaily@lafayetteschools.org or cwoodworth@lafayetteschools.org

Oratorical Contest

On May 12th, 2016, 7th and 8th grade students will have an opportunity to show off their public speaking abilities. The Oratorical Contest is sponsored by the Optimist Club and will be held in the LaFayette Jr./Sr. Library. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and speeches will be about how optimism brings out the best in others. Come out to support these students!

Memorial Day Benefit

The Columbian Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Routes 11 & 20, will be hosting its' annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, on Monday, May 30, from 8am to 12 noon.

All the proceeds will be donated directly to LaFayette Outreach, which is our local food pantry and service-referral agency. **The event consists of a silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, "Red, White & Blue Ice Cream Sundaes," & a free kid's craft area.** Questions/Donations: 677-3293, cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com

Digital Photography & Design Show



IDENTITY

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & DESIGN SHOW

Show runs from May 20th- May 29th.
Opening reception Thursday, May 26th 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Apostrophe'S Gallery
1100 OAK STREET, SYRACUSE NY

Presented by Mrs. Robinson's Digital Photography & Design class at LaFayette in collaboration with Mrs. Reppi's 6th grade artists at Grimshaw Elementary.

Mrs. Robinson's Digital Photography & Design class has been planning and preparing for their own Art Show which will be held at Apostrophe'S Gallery in Syracuse, NY. The show will be up and available to the public from May 20th-May 29th and the opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

The show features artwork from the Intro to Digital Photography & Design class from Big Picture as well as a special installation made in collaboration with Mrs. Reppi's 6th grade artists at Grimshaw Elementary. Apostrophe'S Gallery is located at 1100 Oak Street, Syracuse NY. We invite you to come see the hard work and talent of our LaFayette CSD artists.

Family Session Information

Led by Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

The last two sessions of our four part series about 504 plans and the Committee on Special Education are Thursday, May 12th beginning at 6 pm in Grimshaw School's Library and Thursday, May 26th starting at 6 pm in Onondaga Nation School's Library.

Literacy Strategies

Primary (K-3) Strategy: Taking Words Apart While Reading and Making Analogies. Learning how words work is critical. Word chunking (looking for parts students know) helps students get into the word. For example, if a child sees the word "sand" in a story, they might recognize "and" and add "s" on the front to make "sand". The use of analogies is another way to help kids learn how words work. This can be done by showing children that words that look the same at the end usually sound the same and rhyme. For example, if a child sees the word "Mike" in a story, the word "like" (that they know) will help them to read "Mike".

Intermediate Strategy Visualizing: Visualizing is a comprehension strategy that allows readers to make the words on the page seem real and concrete. Teachers often explain visualizing as creating a movie of the story in your head. Research has found that when students create scenarios and pictures in their minds while reading, their level of engagement increases and their attention remains strong. Younger children in particular are able to "live through the stories" they read.

Visualizing can also be used throughout other genres. Photographs, diagrams, charts, and maps in non-fiction books support the ability for students to understand what the text is trying to teach. Teaching children to visualize and construct their own mental images when reading helps them stop, think about, and picture the text content.

Secondary Strategy: Drawing a Conclusion

1. Read the entire text.
2. Make a list of the important evidence used to support the central idea of the text.
3. Identify and connect the most important and relevant evidence.
4. Make a decision (draw a conclusion) about what the evidence means about the people, events, or ideas in the text.
5. Ask: What important decisions can I make based on the evidence?

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.

Lead Testing

The district gets its water from several different sources. The Onondaga Nation has its own water system that supplies the Onondaga Nation School. Our other buildings' water comes from wells. Because of this, the District is considered a public water supplier for the C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School, the District Office building, the Jr./Sr High school, and Big Picture. As such, the District is required to follow strict water monitoring requirements.

One of the requirements is to test for lead. Lead samples are required every three years with the next required lead sampling due by September 30, 2017. In light of the lead issues in drinking water around the country and state, the District took a proactive approach and conducted lead testing in all of our schools' water systems on March 18, 2016, well ahead of schedule.

Samples were collected from several areas and various types of fixtures from all school buildings. These samples were taken by Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities for LaFayette Schools, and Don Warnow, Health and Safety Officer for OCM BOCES. Samples were taken to Microbac labs in Cortland for analysis. The results of the samples are very favorable. All samples were fewer than 15 parts per billion which is the threshold set by the EPA, State, and County Health Departments. The results have been forwarded to Onondaga County Health Department for their records.

Any questions regarding lead sampling in LaFayette Schools water should be directed to Jim Kesler, Director of Facilities at 677-7725.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Ashley Kolbeck

Second-grade Grimshaw Elementary School teacher Ashley Kolbeck was inspired by one of her own teachers to enter the education field.

"I loved my second grade teacher," Ashley said. "She made me want to be part of children's lives and help them reach for success."

This is Ashley's first year working for LaFayette Central School District. She has spent several years teaching, however, and has worked as an elementary and special education teacher in both rural and city school districts.

A native of central New York, Ashley received her Bachelors Degree in elementary education from Syracuse University and a Masters Degree in literacy from the State University of New York at Oswego.

She hopes that by the end of the year she will have made a difference in her students' lives, just as her own second grade teacher did.

"It's been amazing watching these children grow," Ashley said of her LaFayette CSD students.

When she's not at work or preparing lesson plans, Ashley enjoys listening to country and classic rock music and spending time with her husband and two daughters.

"We love spending time together outside as a family," she said.

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



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

Rock Fest

Rock Fest hit the road for the first time in the history of the event! On April 1st, 2016, four local bands were able to showcase their talent at Onondaga Central High School while raising money for the Matt Nastasi Scholarship Fund. Over 200 students from multiple school districts showed up to support this event and listen to the music of Mr. Fox's band, Shakey Joe and the Rhythm Squirrels, Vivid Recall, The Cuddle Fish and LaFayette's very own Decent. Decent is a junior high band made up of 8th graders Grady Collingbourne, James Baker and Kailyn Leach. This was Decent's second appearance at Rock Fest. (They were also featured on Cool Schools on NewsChannel9.) In addition, LaFayette's Mattie Caughey and Lucas Frigon made guest appearances with Shakey Joe and the Rhythm Squirrels while Steve Terry, a LaFayette graduate of 2005, came back to play the show.

Onondaga Central School displayed a true sense of community by welcoming LaFayette's tradition with open arms. A huge thank you goes to Andrew Dolloff from OCS for preparing the auditorium for the show and advertising the Rock Fest at his school. Mr. O'Leary's OCS track team worked the concession stand during the show while Mr. Fox's LaFayette tennis team assisted with the setup and breakdown of the event. Thank you to Sue Bang who created all of the posters, bookmarks and displays to advertise for the show. Finally, this event could not have happened without all of the LaFayette staff that gave up their Friday night to attend and help the night run smoothly. Due to this collaborative effort, the event raised enough money to continue the scholarship for years to come.



Scientist in the Classroom

This spring, Mr. Amidon's classes participated in the Scientists in the Classroom program through the National Center for Science Education (NCSE, <http://ncse.com/ScientistsIn-TheClassroom>). This "program is a platform for teachers and scientists to collaborate as colleagues, peers and partners in the scientific enterprise to further science education."

Our 8th grade students were fortunate to host Laura Schoenle, a PhD candidate from Virginia Tech who is also a Fellow at the Global Change Center at the University. She is conducting research investigating how the stress levels of birds affect reproduction in Canada and is currently working out of Cornell University.

On Ms. Schoenle's first visit, she brought many examples of the tools she uses in research, including a freeze-dried bird they use for trapping birds. She also shared many images of the scientists she works with in the field. The students had the chance to see how these tools were used and examine some different videos of animal behaviors.

On the second visit, Ms. Schoenle introduced a lab activity designed to model sickle-cell anemia, a genetic disorder, in human populations. The lab mimics the detrimental nature of the gene in a normal population, then shows how it can be a survival advantage in parts of the world with high incidence of malaria. In those areas of the world, people carrying the gene but not showing the trait have a better chance of survival through natural selection.



Outdoor Education Club Visits Oneida Lake Fish Hatchery

On March 31st, the Outdoor Education Club visited the Oneida Lake Fish Hatchery. The purpose of the trip was to observe the hatchery's scientific process of harvesting walleye eggs. After harvesting the eggs from the females and milt from the males, the hatchery employees carefully fertilize them, and raise them in specialized tanks. By Fall 2016, there are viable fish that they stock New York State's major waterways with. This is also a great career exploration experience for the students, as many of them are interested in possibly working for the Department of Environmental Conservation in some capacity someday.



Students gather around to hear about the extensive water filtration system that keeps the egg harvesting process sterile at all times.

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7th Grade Project Based Learning



This year, 7th graders have been involved in many unique projects that have cultivated critical thinking skills and are applicable to real life situations. In December, students worked diligently with the help of Ms. Nastasi, Mrs. Bang and Mr. Fox to complete a cross-curricular inquiry research project pertaining to the American Revolution. Students developed their own “what if” questions and had to research their chosen topic and the surrounding events. For example, if a student was researching the Boston Tea Party, he or she might develop the following question: *What if the colonists hadn't thrown the tea overboard?* In a research paper response, students developed thesis statements and defended their answers to the questions they developed with properly cited research information. The end result was a more comprehensive view and a better understanding of the connection between American Revolution events and also a solid foundation for how to conduct research and write a proper research paper.

In Ms. Nastasi's ELA class, students explored current discrimination issues in society. Working in groups, students researched statistics, personal stories and the organizations/laws in place to help stop different types of discrimination. This was the basis for the *#don'tdiscriminate2016* campaign and involved a wide range of projects. Some students organized a day of equality and encouraged staff and peers to wear the color green to show unity while providing a challenge to say hi to someone new. Another group of students created an Instagram page to inform peers about gender inequality. There was also a movie night organized with the plan to show the movie *Remember the Titans* which centers around overcoming racial discrimination.

7th grade students also began to work on their *Raise Your Game* project. After they conducted their experiments, students researched Newton's Laws of Motion and analyzed how it applied to their experiment. The 7th graders were able to use their knowledge of forces and motion to help them understand how to improve in their chosen sport. This led to students formulating an answer to the overall question: How can you raise your game? The end products of the project were a webpage to display their experiment and results, an official science article write-up, and a presentation of their findings to their fellow classmates.

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Ryan Agedal Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Silas Slater SUNY Cortland

REMINDER TO JUNIORS

If you have not signed up for it already, juniors should be registering for this last SAT/ACT test in June.

SAT registration @ www.collegeboard.com (deadline to register is May 6) ACT registration @ www.act.org (deadline to register is May 6)

Scores are sent directly to students as well as to the counselor. On-line registrants can receive their scores sooner on the web.

2015-2016 ACT/SAT DATES

ACT	<u>deadline to register</u>
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

New SAT	<u>deadline to register</u>
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 6, 2016

ATHLETIC NEWS

Booster Club Varsity Dinner: It's hard to believe the Varsity Dinner is only a few months away. Please save the date of **Monday, June 6th** at 6:00p.m., as the Athletic Booster Club in coordination with the Athletic Department will be celebrating another great school year and athletic seasons for our athletes at the Orchard Vali Golf Club.

If you have any pictures you would like in the program or slide show, please email them to Lisa Kurtz at Lkurtz1975@verison.net or send them to Mackenzie McElhannon at: Onondaga Nation School, RR #51 Route 11A, Nedrow, New York 13120.

It has been our pleasure serving all the varsity athletes and supporting each team in any way possible.

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 Gymnasium

Cost: \$60.00 per student (Includes a camp T-Shirt)

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

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Kindergartners Enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham

Students in Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Ouimette's Kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. The students discussed their favorite Dr. Seuss stories with

Mrs. Fisher. She then read *Green Eggs and Ham* with the class. After that Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Ouimette and Mrs. Hayes helped the kindergartners make a delicious green eggs and ham breakfast. The children got to crack their own eggs, put the milk in, and stir the eggs together. The children did a story map with Mrs. Fisher to retell the details of what happened in *Green Eggs and Ham*. The children recalled who the characters were, the setting, the problem along with the solution, and the lesson that was learned from the story. Each child celebrated in style with a Dr. Seuss hat and received a special Dr. Seuss pencil. It was a great way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Working On 21st Century Skills

On March 23rd, Onondaga Nation School students took part in the school's 18th annual Academic Galleria. This year, second graders used collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity to impress judges and families!

This year, Ms. Pettitt assigned students the task of researching animals. Not only were second graders required to get to know all about their chosen animal, they were asked to complete a 3-D shadow box along with writing a nonfiction book.

Students used the website PebbleGo and some non-fiction texts to complete their research. Students were required to research their animal's diet, habitat, and attributes. ONS librarian, Teresa Fisher, helped guide students into completing their research using these tools.

After students completed their research, they collaborated with ONS Art & MST teachers, Chris Capella and Jeff Capella. In Art, with Mrs. Capella, students used materials to create their chosen animal's habitat in a shoe box. In MST, with Mr. Capella, students cut pieces of wood to create their animals, which they later painted.

During student's oral presentations, they were required to complete a 5 step process, which Ms. Pettitt reviewed with students. (1) Shake hands with your judge and make eye contact. (2) Introduce yourself and your project. (3) Explain your project, share your book, and share your shadow box. (4) Ask the judge if he/she has questions for you about your project. (5) Thank your judge for taking the time out of their day to hear about your project. Each student completed each of these steps as they presented and it was much appreciated by our guest judges.

Second graders should be so proud of their progress through this project and the use of their 21st century skills!

18th Annual Academic Galleria

The Onondaga Nation School hosted their 18th annual Academic Galleria on Wednesday, March 23rd. The Academic Galleria involved Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students.

Each year, ONS teachers assign students a topic. From there, students are guided into completing a research project on which they are evaluated. For this evaluation, Second through Eighth Grade students are assigned an arbiter. The Academic Galleria committee carefully selects dozens of professionals from the Central New York area to take part in this event. These judges assess students knowledge based on their oral presentation, their visual project, and their ability to present the material.

Brycin Jones, a second grader at ONS stated, "I liked that we had someone judge our projects because it helped them learn about the animals we chose."

The Academic Galleria is used to promote educational rigor at its highest level. Judges this year stated this was the best year yet. Between dioramas, 3D models, technology, and posters, students shared their knowledge on their assigned topic with judges, families, and friends.

The staff at the Onondaga Nation School did an incredible job preparing their students for this event. This was truly our best year yet and we could not have done it without them.



Family Literacy Night

On Tuesday, March 15, ONS hosted a Family Literacy Night for ONS and Grimshaw students. With the help of the honor society students and the ONS and Grimshaw librarians this event was a great success. Families came together to hear wonderful stories and spend time with one another doing group activities, which were provided by the honor society students. Mrs. Fisher's theme was kindness and she read several stories that inspired kindness and encouraged students to help others. The stories that were read were Mrs. Fisher's personal favorites. The next time you are at your local library or your school library check out these beautiful stories: *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt*, *a Marine*, and *a Miracle* by Major Brian Dennis, *The Legend of The Blue Bonnet* by Tommie de Paola, and *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event, especially the honor society students and custodians. It was so nice to see the students and families together enjoying themselves.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

This month is an exciting time at Grimshaw Elementary. On Friday, May 20th, we will welcome many special guests to our annual Grandparents Day event. We are excited to share our wonderful school with our guests. We will complete Kindergarten Screening starting Tuesday, May 10th through Thursday, May 12th. If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall, please be sure to complete a registration packet and contact the Grimshaw Main Office to set up a screening time. Near the end of the month our 6th grade students will be given the opportunity to go and see the Jr/Sr High School and learn about all of the exciting opportunities that they will have when they transition there next year.

Jennifer Blosssey, Grimshaw Principal

Beaver Lake Art Reception



An opening reception was held on Sunday, April 10th from 5:00-6:00pm to honor artwork from the following Grimshaw students: Dawson Maines, Damien Peete, Spencer Dix, Gabrielle Lazore-Crouse, and Gavin Slishesky. Each of the students will received a certificate and ribbon in recognition of his/her participation in the show.

P.E. Corner

The Jump Rope for Heart event is upon us! Please help our students raise money for a very important cause. Packets are due back at the end of spring break. Our event will be in the gym at 1 pm on May 6th. Please make sure that your child has brought back the permission slip in order to participate. The earned prizes will arrive before the end of the school year. You



can make online donations and make your own web page to pass on information to your social media site. You can find the directions on our PE site, listed under Grimshaw from our school website, www.lafayetteschools.org. Thank you for your support!

We completed our unit on basketball which went along with this year's NCAA Basketball tournament. Go Orange! We will finish our year with units on bowling, golf, tennis, and track and field, all leading up to this year's Grimshaw Olympics! Enjoy the nice weather, whenever it arrives. Be active, it's good for you.

Yours in Physical Education, Mrs Polinski and Mr. LaRose.

Ronald McDonald Breakfast

Members of Grimshaw's Student Council made breakfast for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House on March 26th. They were given a tour of the house and learned what the Ronald McDonald House provides to the families of children staying at the Golisano Children's Hospital.



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All County Ensembles

Congratulations to Grimshaw's All County Band Students: Carolyn Redmore (flute) and Aidan Griffin (baritone), and All County Vocal Students (Left to Right) Julie Herrron, Amanda Evans, Karina Magyar, and Morgan Bice. All County Ensembles consist of the best musicians from the school districts all around Onondaga All County. Grimshaw's students worked hard learning their All County music and put on a wonderful concert on Saturday, April 9th, at North Syracuse Junior High School.



Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
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Health Office News

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I hope everyone enjoyed Spring break last month with your children! Hopefully you all got some fresh air and exercise and are coming back to school healthy!

There were still some cases of strep throat last month but mainly viral illnesses including colds, upset stomachs as well as some flu but overall we had a healthier month at school.

Please remember to keep any child with a fever home for 24 hours after their temperature returns to normal without the aid of medicine and for a full day after vomiting also.

We sometimes see a spike in cases of lice in the spring as children are sharing ballcaps, batting helmets, etc. This would be a good time to remind your child not to share anything with other children that goes on their head/hair such as hats, hair-ties, combs and brushes. I would suggest your child use his/her own pillow and blanket if they sleep over at a friend's house. It is a good idea for girls with long hair to keep it pulled back or up at school. Please try to check your child's hair at home a couple of times per week, especially if they are scratching their heads more than normal, as the main sign of lice is an itchy scalp.

All children entering PK/K/2nd and 4th grades in the fall will need to have a physical exam. Please send in a copy of the exam as soon as your child's is completed. The state is also requesting that a dental exam be done and a form be filled out by your dentist and sent into school the same years that physicals are done. The dental forms will be attached to the physical forms that will be sent home with your child at the end of the month for your convenience.

I'm planning on offering physicals this year for 6th graders entering 7th at Grimshaw as usual. However, as of press time I didn't have a definite date yet. I'm aiming for the first week in June. The paperwork regarding these physicals with the date will be sent home with your child on or about May 20th. A parent must sign and send back the form to school by the deadline in the letter if you want the exam done here.

Please send in any medicine your child may need for asthma/allergies/bee stings as this is the season for asthma, pollen and bees. Many children are suffering from allergies this time of year and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between allergies and a cold. I can offer a few guidelines that may be helpful. Colds usually start with body aches, low-grade fever and scratchy throat followed by a cough and runny nose with yellow mucous. Allergies, on the other hand do not present with a fever and body aches but with itchy, watery eyes, cough and runny nose with clear mucous. A cold usually runs its course in 3-14 days where an allergy can last weeks or even months.

Kindergarten screening will be held this month (5/10, 5/11, 5/12) and I always enjoy meeting all your little ones that will be joining us next year. Please remember to bring or send in a copy of your child's immunization record if you didn't bring it to your child's screening. We will also need a copy of any immunizations received over the summer as well as a copy of their Kindergarten physical done after 1/1/16.

All students entering 6th grade are required to have a Tdap vaccine before entering school in September if they've turned 11 years old. You should have received a letter before the April break with detailed information about this. All 6th grade students will be required to have had 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) to enter 6th grade also. Please discuss this with your child's doctor so you can have this taken care of before school starts in the fall.

All students entering 7th and 12th grades will need a meningitis vaccine. If you have any questions regarding these or any other vaccination requirements please call any one of the building nurses to clarify for you.

As most of you know from last year several changes were made by the NYS-DOH regarding immunization requirements at each elementary grade level. Please review your child's immunization record with your doctor. I'll keep you posted if any more changes occur for next fall. Available on our website are the latest NYS requirements for school entrance.

Please keep updating emergency numbers right through the end of the year and thank-you for your cooperation on all of the above. As always, if you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact me.

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

CNY Science and Engineering Fair



Big Picture students participated in the annual Central New York Science and Engineering Fair. The fair is organized by the Museum of Science and Technology (the MOST). Students from Canada, Pennsylvania and 11 counties in New York participated in the fair.

The students have spent weeks preparing for the event. We witnessed so many examples of perseverance in the face of failure. These are the experiences that foster real growth and learning. During the fair, our students represented the district well. The students did a good job presenting their work to the judges and the public.

In the Senior Division, Dan Conover, Alex Rogers and Caleb Gretskey were Honors Medallion winners. Kya Gerber was awarded the Onondaga Community College Summer Scholarship. Her project was titled, *The Science of Chocolate*. Kya (pictured top, left) will be taking a 3 credit hour class at OCC this summer. Isaac Tenebaum (pictured bottom, left) was awarded the SUNY Cortland Science Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship is in the amount of \$10,000. Isaac's project was his homemade Pottery Wheel.

Congratulations to all of our students for all of their hard work.



Annual STEP Conference

On March 18th-20th students from the LaFayette Junior Senior High School and Big Picture represented Morrisville STEP at the Annual STEP Conference in Albany. Our LaFayette students were joined by over 500 students across New York State to participate in a week-end of exploring STEM. Our seven students Joey Campbell, Zaire Smith, Jacob Fox, Layton

Sherman, Josh Jewett, Nick Park, and Abe Stanton presented a Friday workshop where they led students from all over the state in computer coding and robot building. Our group was the only STEP students to present a workshop at the conference for the second year in a row. Layton Sherman acted as our student ambassador for the weekend and had the role of introducing Big Picture Advisor, Ken Keech, to a crowd of students who attended Ken's workshop on internships.

During the week of May 23rd-26th, STEP will hold a week long workshop after school that will incorporate STEM and Video Games. To learn more about these series of workshops please contact David Stablein at dstablein@lafayetteschools.org.

Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

News and Notes from BSA Troop 100

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

We have a nice group of young men here in our small town of LaFayette that take these words to heart. Each week they gather together at the Columbian Presbyterian Church to meet, plan, and socialize. Some meetings involve organizing outings like camping, while others emphasize goal acquisition; achieving higher ranks through the work and study of scouting. Here are some of the things they have or will be involved in:

March 18-20: Lake Grampus Winter Campout: the real deal in outdoor camping. The boy scouts hiked in with their gear packs and lived for the weekend in what they brought. The boys hiked Goodnow Mountain (elevation gain of 1,040 feet) and climbed the firetower for

a spectacular view. At just under 4 miles round trip, this hike was quite an enjoyable, yet robust experience.

April 29-May 1: Gettysburg Camping: This road trip blended the camping experience with learnings on the significance of this place and its part in our countries history. The boys set up camp at Camp Conewago, participated in the Gettysburg Heritage Trail, toured through the battlefields, visited the Eisenhower Farm and did a ghost walk!

May 20-22: Spring Camporee- Sandy Creek Fairgrounds. This year's theme is fun, food, and fitness. This camporee is put on by the Longhouse council and is an opportunity for all troops under this council to camp and interact with fun games and challenges.

Memorial Weekend: Our boys will spend a morning together working to prepare for our town's Memorial Day

Parade. They will weed beds and plant flowers to beautify the grounds of the VFW. Then look for our boys in the Memorial Day Parade, marching together in pride.

July 10-16: Summer Camping at Camp Massawepie. Archery, sailing, riflery, climbing and repelling and completing the one mile swim are just a few of the 40 skills that can be developed at camp to acquire merit status.

Remember, if these experiences sound fun and enticing, and you are curious about scouting, 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/>



SHOWSTOPPERS & SUPERSTARS

**Musical Theatre Adventure Camp
at the Homer Center for the Arts**
72 South Main Street, Homer
ONE WEEK ONLY! • July 25 - July 30, 2016

Showstoppers:
Grades K – 2 • 9:30am -12:30pm



Superstars:
Grades 3 – 5 • 2:00pm - 5:00pm

ACTING - Theatre Games/Improv
SINGING - Basic Vocal Technique
DANCING - Explore All Styles
Build Self-Esteem
Teamwork and Cooperation
Learn Creative Problem Solving

Musical Theatre Adventure Camp

- The purpose of Showstoppers and Superstars Music Theatre Adventure Camp is to provide a positive theatrical experience for your child's development.
- All sessions and rehearsals will be supervised by New York City Teaching Artists and may have assistance from performers from the CRT stage.
- A final presentation of the week's accomplishments will be presented on Saturday, July 30th. The program is open to any K-5th graders in the 2015-16 school year (in other words, they have completed a year in that grade).
- Proceeds go directly to the program to help defray the costs. Students are asked to bring their own snack.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 22, 2016
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**Theatrical Workshops NOW! with NEW MUSICAL
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- The purpose of Cortland Repertory Theatre's Stars of Tomorrow Theatrical Workshops is to provide a positive theatrical experience for your child's development.
- The program will consist of morning workshops in various aspects of theatre (acting, improvisation, make-up, technical design, scene study, etc.) The afternoon session will be rehearsals for a children's theatre production to be presented to the community on the final day.
- All sessions and rehearsals will be supervised by Bill Coughlin, actor, drama instructor and director, and feature guest workshops by some of the actors and technicians from CRT.
- The program is open to any 5th-12th graders in the 2015-16 school year. Students have the option of attending full-time or part-time. Payments may be made by the day (\$20.00), week (\$75.00) or for the entire program (\$250.00).
- All proceeds will go directly to the program to help defray the costs. Students are asked to bring their own lunch.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
Registration Deadline: JUNE 24, 2016
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Sports

Tee-Ball/Baseball/Softball – Practices have begun. League games to begin soon. Picture nights are May 4 & 5 at Grimshaw School. Coaches will have additional information regarding assigned date and time.

Volleyball – 5th & 6th grade girls ends May 19.

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

Pre-K Tee-Ball – Dates and times to be determined.

ULA lacrosse – You can still register to play. Opening weekend is June 17th & 18th at East Syracuse – Minoa. For additional information phone 677-7272 or send e-mail to: lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com

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

Swim Lessons – Offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey. Lessons are conducted at Cazenovia College. July 5-22, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation (directions available on line at Town's LCC website).

Tennis Camp – Dates and time TBD

Adult Exercise

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; LaFayette Community Center; cost is \$35 for the entire session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. Current session ends May 5th. Next session begins May 10 and runs through June 16.

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; \$4/class walk-in fee. Current session ends May 5. The next session will begin at the end of the summer.

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

Adult and Youth Activities

Walk the Halls – Grimshaw School, weekday evenings 5-8 p.m., or the Recreation Path at Stafford Park – everyday dawn to dusk.

*Forms for the above activities are also available on line through the Town's website under the Community Council tab or at the Town Commons.

Announcements

Adult Tennis – Dates and times TBD

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

Next LCC Board Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 2016 @ 7:00 PM @ Town Offices. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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

LaFayette Public Library News

Tuesday Tea – May 17 – 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!). Please join us for these events:

- ♦ Barnes & Noble story time at 11 a.m.
- ♦ Story and craft with children's librarian Miss Jackie at 12:30.
- ♦ Enjoy some goodies from the Barnes & Noble Café.
- ♦ Purchase a whole cheesecake from the café to celebrate Mother's Day.
- ♦ Can't make it that day? No problem. You can:
 - Visit bn.com/bookfairs from 05/07/16 – 05/12/16 using bookfair ID 11837168 at checkout
 - Shop in stores until 5/13/16 using bookfair ID 11837168 at checkout.

The following are the upcoming events for the **Imagination Lab** for May & June. Registration is not required but appreciated so we know how many to prepare for:

- ♦ May:
 - 4th - Game Day
 - 1th - Lego Free Play
 - 18th - Pet Rocks
 - 25th - Rainbow Salt Jars
- ♦ June:
 - 1st - Friendship Bracelets
 - 8th - Lego Free Play
 - 15th - Leak Proof Bag Experiments
 - 22nd - Imagination Lab End of the Year Party

We have an ongoing **teen book club** that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays: Here is the schedule for the remainder of the school year:

- ♦ May:
 - 3rd - The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd
 - 17th - Passenger by Alexandra Bracken
 - 24th - The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan
 - 30th - Stars Above by Marissa Meyer
- ♦ June:
 - 7th - Dodger by Terry Pratchett
 - 14th and 21st - Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands
 - 29th - The Wooden Prince by John Claude Bemis



Story Time Hours:

♦
**Wednesday
10:30 to 11:30**

The following is what we have scheduled so far for the **summer reading program**:

All ages:

- ♦ June 13th: Summer Reading Registration Begins
- ♦ June 29th: Summer Reading Kickoff Party - 2pm
- ♦ July 6th: Jeff the Magic Man - 1pm
- ♦ July 13th: Gravitational Bull - 2pm
- ♦ July 20th: Zoo to You - 11am
- ♦ July 27th: Movie Day - 'Cars' - 3pm
- ♦ August 3rd:
 - Hip Hop Dance Workshop - 11am
 - MOST - 2pm
- ♦ August 10th: Summer Reading Party - The Bubble Man - 2pm

Teens:

- ♦ July 7th: Teen Trivia Night - 5pm
- ♦ July 14th: Teen Movie Night - 5pm
- ♦ July 21st: Teen Trivia Night - 5pm
- ♦ August 4th: Teen Trivia Night - 5pm

Possible Teen programs (not scheduled thus far):

- ♦ Teen Program - Hula Hooping -
- ♦ Teen Program - Tai Chi -

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

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

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.



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May

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Thursday	5	BOE Meeting, 5:30pm
Friday	6	Parade of Baskets, 4:00pm
Thursday	12	Introduction to Committee on Special Education Part III, 6:00pm
Friday	13	1/2 Day - 11:30 Dismissal
Tuesday	17	BUDGET VOTE & BOE Meeting, 5:30pm Sr. High Spring Concert, 7:00pm
Thursday	19	Jr. High Spring Concert, 7:00pm
Thursday	26	Introduction to Committee on Special Education Part IV, 6:00pm
Friday	27	Memorial Day Recess – NO SCHOOL
Monday	30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

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)