

LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

2019

MAY 17

We are **STILL PRESENT, POSITIVE** and **PASSIONATE!**



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Another full week packed with activities and sharing our learning. Three Senior Thesis Projects were held this week, all at Loretto. Josh planned a Walleyball tournament for the residents (a mix of Wall and volleyball) and Hunter planned and executed a Senior Prom for the residents. Carlee helped residents get prepped and pretty by doing hair and make-up. She has been learning those skills at her Cosmetology BOCES program. In both events, the seniors invited other Big Picture students to help and participate. It was wonderful examples of service.



TGIF from Lenny:

It's been a couple weeks since our last TGIF and in that time 301s have presented their last exhibitions of the year and shifted their focus to yearend requirements and screeners. We are also preparing for our annual internship celebration, evaluations and internship wrap ups. I would like to share some of the highlights from exhibitions as they pertain to project work.

Bri's focus was dog training and she built a number of obstacles for a dog agility course. She showed a video of herself guiding her dog through the various course elements. This project is particularly relevant because it is setting the groundwork for her proposed STP, the creation of a dog park.

Tresah is also working with dogs and has maintained an internship at Blue Collar Doggie Daycare. Tresah's project is to create a photo wall with dozens of pictures that she is taking of the dogs. She is also using some photos on social media to assist in marketing. Although this project is not yet complete, it exemplifies a great project as it capitalizes on a student's existing talents, pushes them out of their comfort zone and benefits the worksite.

RJ taught the panel a great deal about roofing with his interactive presentation. RJ took what he learned from his mentor and crew members at STUDCO Construction and really narrowed the focus on aspects of roofing.

He even took the panel into the shop where he demonstrated the layout and installation process for 3-tab asphalt roofing shingles. It was a very informative presentation.

Jamus took us through the elements of wilderness survival and his personal trial and error with those elements. Jamus showed us the shelter prototypes (complete with operational door), how to start a fire

without matches or a lighter, and how not to store food in the woods. It was an engaging presentation with an edited video as documentation of the final excursion.

There were many other great projects as well.

Kyle showed us everything a car owner should know about brake safety, Thomas taught us how the commerce of online gaming card sales operates. Kaia showed us how to search for the right college. Kaleb tracked and correlated a good diet and rest with his daily moods and energy levels. Alyssa continued with her

recording studio project and shared a number of recordings that she made. And Audrey took us on a very informative virtual tour of the Onondaga Nation through photographs that she made.

Overall it was a solid exhibition cycle and hopefully we can keep up the positive momentum through the end of the year. Happy Spring and have a great week.



TGIF from Greg

The 101s have had a busy week. They started the week with Introduction to Algebra Regents practice tests and are getting ready to succeed in June. They're wrapping up their internships soon, and will be attending the Mentor Appreciation Luncheon this upcoming Tuesday. For now Aiden and Devin are still enjoying mentoring students at Grimshaw Elementary, and Kyler is loving learning about Lacrosse Sticks at Tama. The week ended with the last four 101 exhibitions for the 2018-2019 school year. Aiden taught the class about snowboarding and showed them how bindings work, demonstrating their use on Claire and showing how far his presentation skills have come in such a short period of time. Mason crafted mini wooden skis, proving to us in his first ever exhibition that he is a great addition to the Shark Tank Family. Caitlyn planted an herb garden, using scientific knowledge and experimentation to show the benefits of different growing methods. Evan blew everyone away with his meat smoker project, showing the class a completed smoker, explaining in detail the different welds, and teaching us how it works; we're hoping for a fantastic lunch soon! Saturday Claire was invited to WonderWorks to receive a WonderKid Award for her work in engineering and experimentation with homemade rockets and fuels; we are so proud of our scientist! In advisory the 101s are speeding through the book *Code Talker*, continuing with their World War II unit and learning about the Role Native Americans played the war. They are very interested in it and have been engaging in thoughtful discussions regarding American history and culture. They're looking forward to next week and preparing for the last couple of weeks that they are the 101



TGIF from April:

What an incredible week! SO many things were happening I could write for pages, but I am going to try and be as brief as possible. (And the photos I have could also fill up pages!) So fasten your seat belt for a speedy tour of a week packed with amazing student accomplishments!

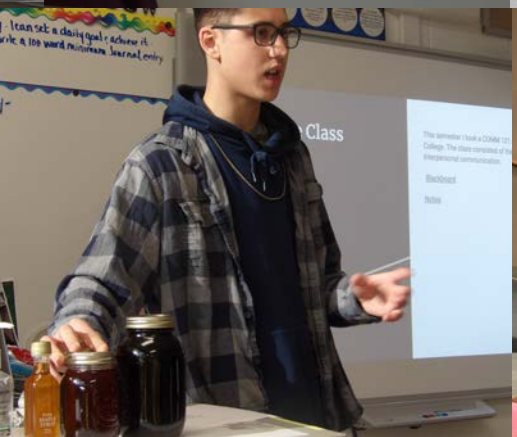
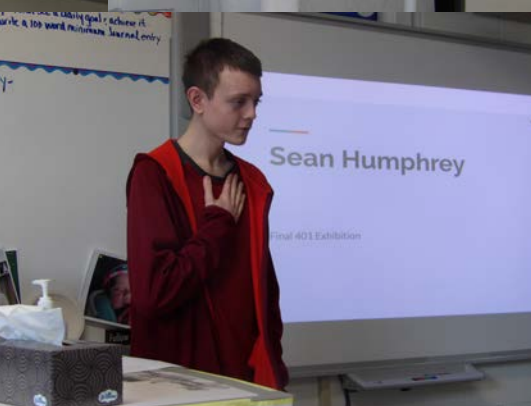
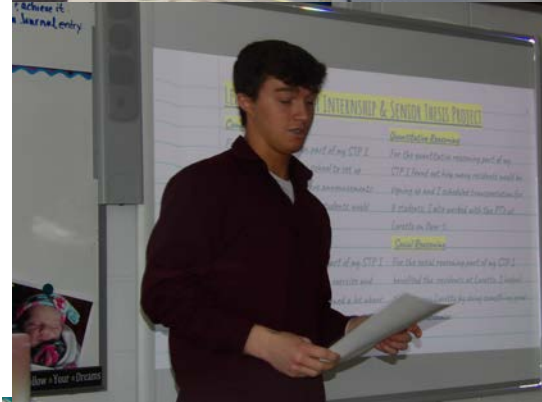
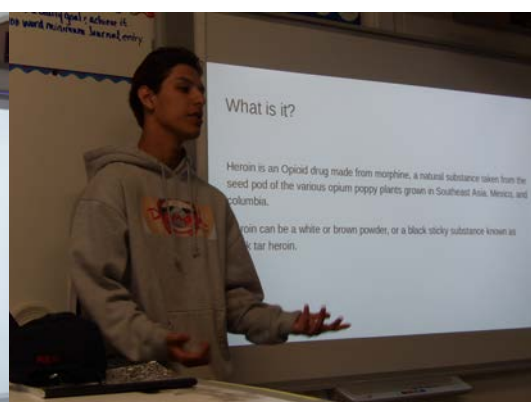
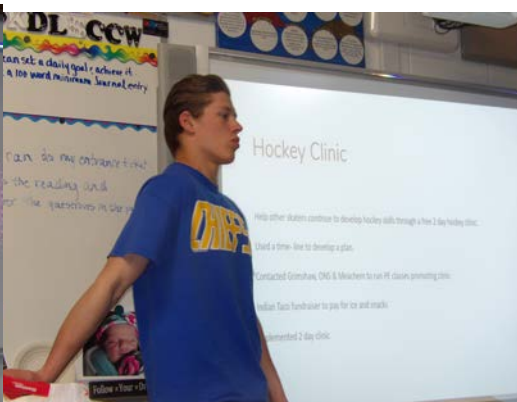
First CONGRATULATIONS to both the Girls and Guys Varsity Lacrosse teams for hosting senior night - Wyatt and Skariwate- and then winning their games in the first round of sectional play on Friday for the girls vs. Clinton and the boys Saturday vs. Tully. They were both outstanding contests to watch and we wish both teams the best as they each play very good Skaneateles teams on Tuesday (Girls at Skaneateles, Guys at ESM).

Also throughout the week and weekend there was a definite focus by students on the PROM! May is always a-buzz with talk about the prom this year was no exception. Big Picture had a huge turn out at the Crown Plaza for the prom last night. Twenty of our 301 & 401's were decked out in gorgeous outfits and grand behaviors. I am SO tickled that they all agreed to gather for a group photo- that was no small feat on my part, because the hotel and ballroom is cylindrical so finding them and then getting them to stay in one location while I gather took a certain amount of patience on their part. Thank you to the students for humoring me and taking the photo! Thank you to Mr. Ryan for having the pre-prom safety program for the districts 10-12 grade students on Friday. The program and simulators didn't just teach about driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, but also the dangers of distracted driving due to the cell phones. It was SUCH an important message.

This week each of the 401's presented their FINAL -EVER-Big Picture Exhibition. They each summarized their Senior-Thesis-Project and the impact they left on their 'chosen community'. We were fortunate to have a couple mentors be able to make it to exhibitions, which we are always extremely thankful for!

Josh J. had a successful Wallyball event at Loretto on Tuesday where he had plenty of help from other Big Picture Students allowing senior citizens to be active playing 'volleyball' with a ballon. **Rayton** completed his last afterschool event at ONS with his RC car team. **Sean** indicated he will continue his E Sports team afterschool at Big Picture as long as he can into June because the students are enjoying it and it is successful. **Brandon** showed the differences in colors of sap once boiled into syrup. **Cailin** demonstrated how she works in the lab at Ichor and progress with the ELISA. **Diana** has donations and the bench she made to take to Joseph's house. **Wyatt** summarized the impact he had and what he learned during the hockey clinic he hosted as his STP. **Dan** gave details on the social media organization and work he has done all year at Hard As Nails Ministry. **Skariwate** gave some details on the event planning he did helping Wyatt prepare for the hockey clinic.





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