

LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

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



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I had a phone conference with a first year Big Picture Learning Principal on Friday. I started the conversation with, "How are you?" Through the tears, she echoed the very same emotions I have been struggling with this week. She was frustrated and uncertain. She was exhausted and unsettled. She was appreciative and hopeful. It was hard not to take over the conversation and make it about me, but I was right there with her. This is really hard work. We are asking our staff and our students to do so many things out of their comfort zone. We are leading our buildings and programs in non-traditional ways yet at times being evaluated in very traditional means. Staff give so much but it is not an excuse to cut corners. Students are experiencing growth and trauma at the same. We need to provide instruction to all, but are committed to personalizing learning. It is hard work. It is heart work. I was on the call as a "veteran" Big Picture principal, but at times I still feel very much like a newbie. I ended our conversation with appreciation for knowing I am not alone in my work and a commitment to stay focused on what matters: providing the best educational system I can for my students. The pain, the frustration, the uncomfortable conversations, and the difficult decisions are worth it when we are witness to the individual growth of our students. Within 20 minutes of hanging up the phone, the individual growth of 5 different students came into view. This growth will never be measured on a state report but it will be demonstrated over the lifetime of the five young men who grew because of our work. It is hard work. It is heart work.

TGIF from Walt

Another busy week at Big Picture. Most of my time this week was spent working in the workshop on various projects, and also working with the 101s on Post Exhibition Narratives and preparing them for their first Learning Plans. I have enjoyed working with the 101s, and I am impressed by how well they are adapting to our program. They have great ideas for projects, and I can't see what they do.

This week's highlights:

This week I worked with Darryl to build a donation box/bench for the CNYSPCA. They needed a

receptacle to collect donations in when they were not open, because people would leave donations outside and occasionally items would be ruined by the rain or snow. Darryl and I created the donation box to also double as a bench so people would have a place to sit after walking the dogs outside. We worked on this box over the course of three days, and I was very happy with how it turned out. Darryl did a great job, and I was amazed at how quickly he picked up woodworking skills. Donna, the volunteer coordinator, loved how this project turned out and was very happy with their new donation box. Our next project for them will involve building an aquarium stand.

For Entrepreneurship workshop we have been

working to prepare for the holiday craft show at Grimshaw. We decided to switch our focus to making ornaments to sell at this event. This week we created some wood burned ornaments from wood rounds I cut from an oak branch. We also began experimenting with the vinyl cutting machine in order to print out custom stickers for ornaments.

Stuart has been working on a fursuit costume, and this week we created a custom duct tape dress form to use when tailoring the legs. This will be used to sew the fur on to make sure that it will be the perfect fit.

I have been working with Layton on a hydro-dipping and metal painting project. This week we experimented with painting different types of metal and seeing what paint adheres to metal the best. It has been a fun project, but we definitely still have more to learn.



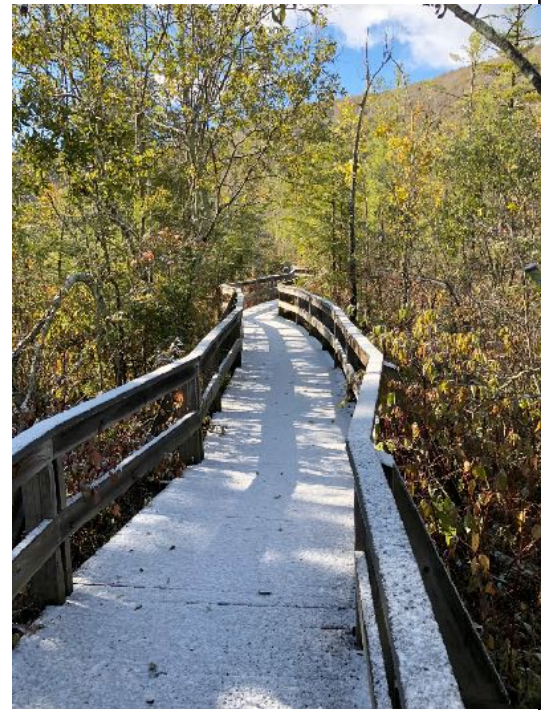
TGIF from Greg

This week we finished off our "PENS" (post exhibition narratives). Walt met with each student to ensure they were well written and followed Big Picture guidelines. Our photography students that includes Caitlyn, Julien, John and Josh continued there opportunity at Carol DiSalvo Photography and visited Labrador Pond. Aiden went to Black Mamba skate shop and learned skills to keep the



store running. He said he cleaned ramps, stocked shelves and loved doing it! We had a guest speaker from Onondaga Community College visit our advisory. She is an English Professor who

taught oratory skills to our students in preparation for their continued public speaking requirements. This week was very successful. SHARK TANK- HOO HAA HAA.



TGIF from Alex

So a week after their STP Proposals, things are going well in the 401 room! We had individual meetings with each of the 401s to go over various aspects of their proposals and go over the mentor feedback. Again, thank you to the mentors that came and provided invaluable feedback.

The focus for this week has been on Gradpoint, which is a health requirement for graduation. I'm setting a deadline that the seniors complete it by Friday of this week! Shout outs go to Sean & Dan who have completed that requirement for Big Picture Graduation. The rest of the class is hammering away at completing that requirement.

The Seniors also got their Public Policy paper assigned to them on Friday - a requirement for the Government credit. I am excited to have interesting dialogues as the students start to develop their ideas for their paper, as each student will be researching a specific policy and providing their commentary on the effectiveness & potential changes to policy.

Sean had a huge day on Friday, meeting with our Superintendent, Jeremy Belfield. The purpose of this meeting was to talk about starting an ESports team at

LaFayette. For those that do not know what an ESports team is, it is basically a video game team. This team would go around and play other schools' video game teams. Sean wants this to be one of his legacies at Big Picture. The meeting went extremely well and Sean now knows who he needs to talk to next in order to get the ball rolling on the next phase of the project. Mr. Belfield also sort of threw down the gauntlet and said, "If there is Mario Kart, I *might* come down and join you all!"

The ESports video game teams are looking like they are going to be the next big venture for sports.

Currently ESPN's Esports twitter has over 400,000 followers. And, just recently Ohio State University has invested significant funds to build an Esports arena and develop curriculum around the topic. Colleges are even giving out scholarships to students who are involved in Esports! Esports is a great way for students to learn teamwork and think strategically.

Overall, it was a good week for the 401s. As progress reports for the traditional high school came out this last week, all but two of our seniors are passing their PE class which is critical to graduating for Big Picture.

But, the advantage to knowing that now is that now we can make changes to our approach a little bit and cut out what isn't working and get back on track!

TGIF from Lenny

Last week was packed with opportunities and challenges. I feel that the 301s often take full advantage of the opportunities that are offered to them. The difficulty lies in navigating the challenges. We are slowly building the resistance and grit needed to navigate obstacles in and out of school. My goal is for our students to stop ignoring or running from challenges but to face each challenge with the appropriate skills and feel the success that comes from perseverance.

On Tuesday we took advantage of the beautiful weather and worked in the garden and greenhouse. We mowed and tilled the garden and moved plants into the greenhouse. We will be growing a portion of our garlic crop in our garden this year so we worked to prepare the soil. Around midday went down to the Apple Festival grounds to stake out where the garlic will be planted later this month. While we were down there we gathered the last of the apples destined for donation. Back at school RJ recruited more students for garden work and I made another batch of garlic oil to meet the

continued demand for our garlic oil.

On Thursday I had the opportunity to conduct a site visit for Kyle at Goodman Automotive. He was hard at work and his mentor explained the protocol for tire



rotations and oil changes. We also discussed a project for Kyle that focuses on NYS inspections and the importance of brake safety. I continued on to pick up RJ from his shadow day at Studco Construction. He spent the day working hard and received a great review from his supervisor. We also delivered the final load of apples to the Rescue

Mission in Syracuse.

On Friday we spent quite a bit of time in advisory setting goals, looking at our STAR benchmark scores, making an investing strategy, learning a new math concept and writing a Haiku about trust. In ER we continued to look at the carbon footprint of our food and in Living Environment we learned how plants make food. I have continued the Wellness Center Exploratory and I am very happy with the efforts of the students who have joined me. Attendees get straight to work and there is also a lot of collaboration and encouragement among the group.

We have another busy week ahead and our 301 focus will be on project work and acquiring internships.

And now that we have had a cold snap, its time to put our garlic crop in the ground. Stay warm and have a great week!



TGIF from David

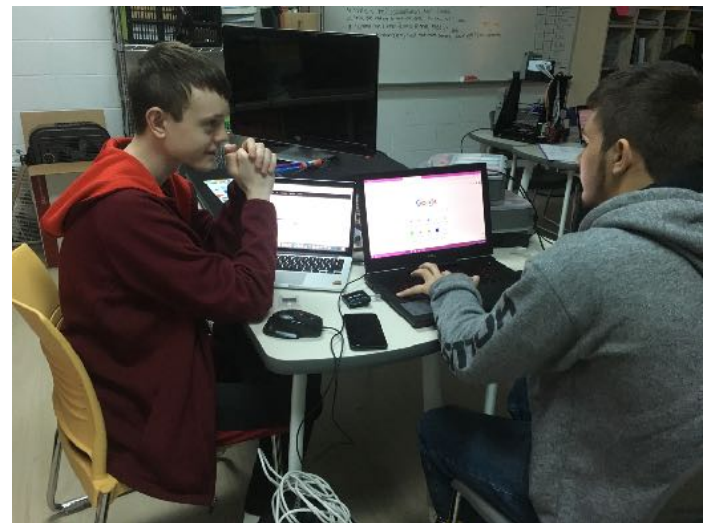
There are so many invisible people that pass by us everyday. Invisible people was brought to our attention this past Tuesday when we visited Art Rage Gallery in Syracuse. Sixteen students and I witnessed the Invisible People: Portraits of the Homeless by Neil Shigley exhibit at Art Rage. Neil Shigley is an artist and educator in San Diego that makes portraits of homeless people he meets on the street. Each portrait is accompanied by the people's life story and their stories show that homelessness is not discriminatory. This exhibit allowed us to talk about the Social Justice project we are going to develop along with CSTEP students at SUNY Morrisville. I challenged all of our students that attended to think about a social injustice that they have learned about, or a current social injustice they see everyday displayed in their social media. These are not easy discussions to have. Talking about homelessness was not an easy discussion, but a necessary discussion. All of our students were up for the challenge.

I guess most of my week was dedicated to topics on society and the struggles many face. On Friday, I was invited to lead a workshop at the Diversity and Equity Day of Dialogue at SUNY Morrisville. I led a workshop dialogue on socio economic barriers placed on students and families, and how we need to play a role in removing these barriers. Brandon joined me for this workshop and helped me engage with our audience. There was not enough time to adequately cover this topic, but we did engage in necessary dialogue. One of the attendees complimented Brandon on his ability to

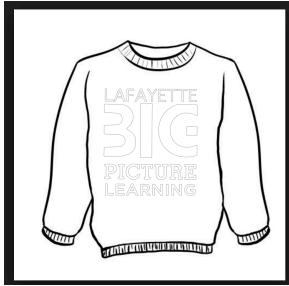
speak publicly and how that skill will give him a leg up in his future. Keegan operated as the official photographer for the event by photographing the keynote address, and the breakout workshops.

Friday was not our only day at SUNY Morrisville. On Saturday, students spent time with CSTEP students getting to know them, playing games, and engaging in a dialogue of our own.

These CSTEP students will continue to serve as mentors as the year progresses. Brandon was able to connect with an Agriculture major, as Brandon is thinking of making this his own major by attending SUNY Morrisville next year.



LaFayette Big Picture Learning Spirit Sale



Adult Unisex CREWNECK:
9 ounce 50/50 Fleece Dri Blend

Available Sizes: Adult Small-3xl
Available Colors:
Sports Gray Crewneck with Black Lettering
Black Crewneck with White Lettering
Purple Crewneck with White Lettering



Adult Unisex HOODIE:
8 ounce 50/50 Heavy Blend

Available Sizes: Adult Small-5xl
Available Colors:
Ash Hoodie with Black Lettering
Black Hoodie with White Lettering
Purple Hoodie with White Lettering



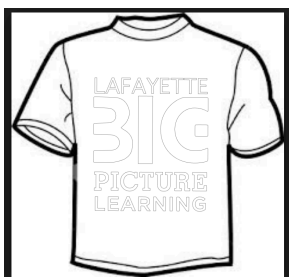
Adult Unisex FULL ZIP HOODIE:
8 ounce 50/50 Heavy Blend
Print on Left Chest and Back

Available Sizes: Adult Small-5xl
Available Colors:
Sports Gray Full Zip with Black Lettering
Black Full Zip with White Lettering
Purple Full Zip with White Lettering



Adult Unisex JERSEY HOODIE LIGHTWEIGHT:

Available Sizes: Adult Small-2xl
Available Colors:
White LIGHTWEIGHT Hoodie with Black Lettering
Heather Navy LIGHTWEIGHT Hoodie with White Lettering
Black LIGHTWEIGHT Hoodie with White Lettering



Adult Unisex Softstyle T-shirt:

Available Colors:
Charcoal Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-4xl
Navy Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-4xl
Black Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-4xl
Berry Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl
Purple Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl
Jade Tshirt with White Lettering: Small-3xl



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Adult Unisex Crewneck: 9oz 50/50 Fleece Dri Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Sports Gray CREW with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Black CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Purple CREW with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$22		
	2XL	3XL			\$28		
Adult Unisex Hoodie: 8oz 50/50 Heavy Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Ash Hoodie with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
	4XL	5XL			\$30		
Black Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
	4XL	5XL			\$30		
Purple Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL	3XL			\$29		
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Adult Unisex Full Zip 8oz 50/50 Heavy Blend					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Sports Gray Full Zip with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
	2XL	3XL			\$32		
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Black Full Zip with black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
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Purple Full Zip with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$29		
	2XL	3XL			\$32		
	4XL	5XL			\$34		
Bella Canvas Unisex Jersey Long Sleeve Hoodie: Lightweight					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
White Lightweight Hoodie with Black lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
	2XL				\$28		
Heather Navy Lightweight Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
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Black Lightweight Hoodie with white lettering	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$26		
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Gilden Softstyle T-shirt Unisex					PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Charcoal T-shirt	Small	Medium	Large	XL	\$15		
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