

# LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

2019

APRIL 5

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



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We have two Social Work interns with us this year. Desiree and Zeanna started with us in February. They will remain working with our students through next January. We are excited to have them join our team! If there is anything they can do for you or your child, please let us know!

Desiree: I am very excited to be joining Big Picture school as an intern this year! I grew up in a small town outside of Cooperstown NY, where I graduated with 38 classmates. I then went to Syracuse University and received my degree in education and sociology. Upon graduation I then worked for 10 years in various school settings. I live in Camillus with my husband and 3 children, Eden (13 y/o), Elysium (11 y/o) and Chase (15 months old). In 2018 I decided to pursue my dream of becoming a social worker and started my graduate studies with Fordham University. I look forward to working closely with the students and staff of Big Picture.



Zeanna: Hello, my name is Zeanna Otis and I currently live in Camillus. In 2017, I graduated from John Carroll University with my bachelors in psychology. After graduating, I took a year off before pursuing my MSW through Fordham University. I am excited to intern for the Big Picture to expand upon my experiences in the social work field!



## TGIF from Lenny

Our week began with disappointment as a two-hour delay on Monday sacked our trip to SUNY Morrisville. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule for this Monday and still have great activities planned. Last week was packed with challenges and opportunities. Here's a peek.

In Living Environment we continued our state lab, Relationships and Biodiversity. Students translated and transcribed DNA to RNA to amino acids and we simulated gel electrophoresis. In ER we continued to maintain our hydroponics system and even tasted a few tomatoes and jalapeno peppers. We also learned about the properties of various minerals using samples, reference tables and online simulations.

On Thursday Walt and I took a group of students to TCG player located downtown in the former Galleries location. TCG player is a fast growing e-commerce market place for buyers and sellers of collectable game cards. In addition, it is simply one of the coolest workspaces imaginable. We were only permitted to take photos in the medieval castle themed lobby, but the building also has spaces themed around pirate ships, wizard's chambers, Star Wars, Super Mario Bros and more. We were treated to a tour that showed off the



space, but also described the job and career opportunities available. Our students, and staff, left the tour excited and inspired. A big thank you to TCG Player for your time and hospitality.

In advisory we finalized our learning plans, looked at our STAR screener results and made plans to ensure a successful third trimester. We also looked at SAT testing dates and created strategies to prepare.

A number of 301 projects are well under way. RJ and Jamus continue to create prototypes for shelters linked to their wilderness survival projects. Bri is working with Walt and creating obstacle course elements for dogs. She is testing the elements using her own dog and recording the results. Her long-term goal is to create a dog park in her 401 year for her STP. Thomas and Emma are continuing their college classes at SUNY Morrisville and are working hard to balance all of their responsibilities.

Nikki and Audrey are developing photography projects with Carol's photography group and Tresah is still at Blue Collar Doggie Daycare putting her photography skills to work. Tresah is creating an entire wall of photos featuring the dogs she works with. This will be a great contribution to her internship site. Josh began mentoring a student at Grimshaw on Tuesday afternoons along with a couple other BP students. Kyle is still at Goodman Automotive, and Jamus and Kaia are still working at the school branch of the SECNY credit union.

We have a packed week ahead with Morrisville Monday, Cultural Heritage Day, internships, guest speakers, and much more. It's the week before spring break and the weather is supposed to warm up so there will certainly be high energy levels this week. Have a great week!



## TGIF from April

This week was great (for me)! ☺ My granddaughter was born and she is such a joy!

Considering I was out of school for a couple days with my daughter I asked the 401's what they were proud of this week for the TGIF. These are the responds I received:

Wyatt: is proud that the Lancers Lax won in over time over Homer on Thursday. (I am happy that he finished cutting out all of his mini hockey sticks for his STP clinic.)

Josh: had a meeting with his mentor at Loretto and has begun planning his wallyball day at Loretto.

This week Diana worked in the shop with Walt and began the bench she is making for Joseph's House.

Keegan: is working on his movie. Which is AWESOMELY cool!

Dan: received an acceptance letter from Eastern Michigan University.

Brandon: boiled some sap this week.

Sean: continues to attend his college classes and excel with his STP.

Layton: has been going afterschool to work with ONS students on his STP.

Hunter: has been busy setting up, and rescheduling (due to the snow day) guest speakers from SU and OCRRA to come to Big Picture that will happen this coming week, pertaining to his STP.

Me: I'm proud of my daughter and granddaughter. <3

All 401's should be progressing with their E-portfolio's. The pages students have completed so far are thrilling! It's going to be an exciting adventure as I watch them create digital portfolios detailing their personal experience over the last 4 years of their school career!

## TGIF from Greg

This week the 101's began presenting their WWII projects. Julien started off with the story of Iwo Jima. He presented a diorama that was awesome and explained in detail the significance of the island. He showed a real knowledge of his topic. Claire did a wonderful job explaining how women impacted the war. She concentrated on Rosie The Riveter. Caitlyn explained Operation Tidal Wave - the bombing of oil fields to stop NAZI progression in Eastern Europe. Adam explained why Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and provided a model of a Japanese airplane he built himself in the workshop with Walt. Garrett explained all about Kamikaze Pilots, their origins and motivations. It was very educational

for all of us and made us proud to be a part of this creative motivated group! In between presentations, 9 of the 101s were able to take a portion their WorkKeys test, all passing with flying colors. The class has all been very busy with their internships this week, with 6 of them still cooking delicious foods with Hollis. Our photography interns were photographing all of the students for the Big Picture yearbook! They showed extreme discipline and maturity in keeping to the rigorous schedule Carol had set and did a great job capturing the faces of our fantastic school! We are all excited to go to Morrisville College Monday for Morrisville Monday. The students are looking forward to ice skating this time and always enjoy burning their energy playing soccer and tail-tag.

## TGIF from Jessica

To say this week was a challenge would be an understatement. Monday feels like so far away that we have forgotten we had a two hour delay, we forgot how fast March went by, and we forgot that April has only just begun. It seems like time is closing in on us and we are a short two and a half months away from the end of the school year. Gateway is of the essence and time is not. I look forward to celebrating with my 201s their passageway into junior year and the accomplishments they've made along the way. We have a lot of growth and maturity to make in order to live up to the title of being a 301 junior.

We have had several one on one meetings, motivational talks, addressing actions, and reestablishing expectations of being a student. There is a sense of apathy among the 201s which is paralyzing our advisory. The lack of effort and even care is devastating individual success which over pours into the group. We have always called our advisory the Lynx with a dual meaning to chain links. We say that we are as strong as our weakest link and we need to help pull each other up to rise to the occasion and to new limits. After this week, some of our advisory members are starting to pull upwards, but they are fighting against a strong downwards pull.

Since last year I have wanted to read The Alchemist with the advisory. The timing couldn't have been better. We are reading about a character who has a dream; who is in pursuit

of his personal legend. He starts out as a shepherd, that already doesn't have much, who then sells all of his sheep in hopes of finding the treasure/his legend. He travels across the sea to a new country with a new language only to be robbed of all his money. Now he truly has nothing and he's in debate of working to go back to what he knows is safe, shepherding, or to continue to take risks into what he does not know to find the answer to his dream. The 201's are on the same path. They have succeeded through 10 years of schooling to be here and they are 2 years away from graduating. I am pressing them to work hard, to take the challenges, and overcome the obstacles to be one step closer to achieving one legend of graduation.

I have had a few students tell me I'm working them too hard, I never let them have a break, theres too much work, why are you being hard on us. I give a little smile to this, because I know sometimes we need a little refining. We need a little stretching and challenging to bring us to the next level and to be prepared for the things we are to face.

Trimester 2 Pens and Narratives are prepared along with Trimester 3 Learning Plans, Checklists, and Missing Work lists. All will be sent home this week. Please join me in working with the students to complete their goals. They need to use school time to complete school work. They also need to be working on things at home. Feel free to contact me with any questions as to what they can be working on at home.

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