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Girls Who Want to Change the World

"Girls who want to change the world." That's who Syracuse University's Project ENGAGE program was looking for when junior high students from all over New York State applied to participate in the program.

LaFayette JSHS High School was fortunate enough to have not one, but two 7th grade students selected to participate. Celia Bertlesman and Charlotte Ryan spent the week of July 6th at Syracuse University as part of a group of 32 girls learning about Sustainability and Alternative Energy.

Students live on the SU campus for the week-long program, but take field trips to places like the Seneca Meadows landfill, the Women's History Museum in Seneca Falls, and the Museum of Science and Technology for dinner with female engineers currently working in the field. Courses and activities

were led by faculty of the Syracuse University Schools of Engineering and Computer Sciences, technology and engineering teachers in middle and high schools, and professional engineers. It was an immersion experience that taught participants how engineers approach, design, and solve problems with teamwork and hands-on activities.

Both Celia and Charlotte were visibly excited to talk about their experience at Project ENGAGE and hope it will be a possibility for them in 8th Grade as well. They mentioned various hands-on experiences, such as working as a team to build a "Raspberry Juice Solar Cell," and a final project in which they spent time in a wood and metal shop designing and building a "green home."

Perhaps the best part, as described by both Celia and Charlotte, was meeting girls from all over New York State who were there because they have the same interests. The experience definitely took them out of their comfort zone, leaving a small town like LaFayette to live at a big university for a week, but both girls were excited to form friendships based not just on mutual history, but on future plans and ambitions. They said these were friends with whom they plan on staying in touch with for as long as possible.

Great job, Celia and Charlotte!



8th Graders Charlotte Ryan (L) and Celia Bertlesman attended Project Engage at SU.



APPLE FEST - Volunteers Still Needed for Apple Fest on October 11 & 12, 2014.

Call 677-7272 by October 8th, leave name, phone, mailing address and which day and two-hour slot. **We need your help!**

GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Hello, LaFayette School Community,

If you search online for “roles and responsibilities of school superintendents”, you might find 1,960,000 results. Yes, there were almost two million hits on what I do and/or am supposed to be doing. Entire administrative courses and degree programs are taught on the topic of school leadership. Professional journals are devoted to it and conferences abound. Even National Public Radio aired a segment on it this month. Still, there are discussions and sometimes debate about the purpose and value of the position.

On the first day of school, I visited each building and stopped into some classrooms. I asked students, “Does anyone know what a superintendent does?” From our very own Caitlyn Campbell came the best job description I have ever heard: “You make sure that bad things don’t happen” (and with help from her classmates) “and that good things do happen.”

My top two priorities are the safety and security of students and staff, and increased academic rigor and student achievement. As you know, the Jr./Sr. High School recently had to use the “lockout” procedure. We were truly grateful to learn that nothing untoward was occurring and that we had the opportunity to test our system for ensuring everyone’s safety as well as our communication system for keeping our families informed. Each one of our buildings ended up being involved: Grimshaw unexpectedly welcomed back their students, ONS had student athletes waiting for a decision about where to go, Big Picture students helped to keep the Grimshaw students calm and organized. Teachers, administrators, clerical and custodial staff, bus drivers, local law enforcement---everyone did a stellar job of responding to the incident. I believe that our community should be pleased at how well the event was

managed and feel confident in our district’s ability to handle similar occurrences in the future.

That leaves me with a promise to Caitlyn and her fellow students: I will always endeavor to make sure that bad things don’t happen and that good things do happen. The reality is that some things are out of a superintendent’s control, but you can rest assured that we strive to be well-prepared for any event and do our best to handle whatever comes our way.

With that in mind, we have been discussing what is currently referred to as Human Enterovirus 68 (HEV68), the respiratory virus that is causing some children to become ill. We have already started talking with students about the importance of good hygiene including covering one’s mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, and the role that handwashing plays in our health. We are paying especially close attention to our cleaning practices but are realistic about our limited ability to control the spreading of highly infectious germs. Please stress the importance of handwashing and other good hygiene practices at home. Be aware of cold symptoms such as a runny nose and coughing that lead to wheezing at which time your physician should be contacted, and keep sick children at home.

Our students are off to a great start of their school year. They are engaged in their academic and extracurricular activities, learning, socializing and, I hope, enjoying each school day. I thank each and every one of you for helping to make that possible, all of you for making sure that bad things don’t happen and that good things do happen.

*Proud to be a Lancer,
Laura Lavine*

School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website:

www.lafayetteschools.org

to find out what the menu is for your child’s school. There are changes that are made after the Menu is printed in the school’s newsletter, and it was decided that it would be more accurate and up-to-date to post the menus on the website.

If you do not have internet access, please call your child’s main office and a menu will be sent home with your child.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INSTITUTE’S TRAFFIC SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

November 22, 2014
9am to 3:30pm
LaFayette HS LGI Room

Saves 10% on Auto Insurance for 3 Years
\$30 per person • Cash or Checks payable to:
CNY Defensive Driving

*Attendance enters you into a drawing
for a \$25 gift card!*

*Bring a copy of your current policy and get
5 extra tickets for the drawing.*

Minimum 20 - maximum 40 people.

Please Respond to
Cherie Jean AT 315-468-4000 Ext. 54078
or Cherie.jean@libertymutual.com

Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early, i.e., weather emergencies. Please listen to the following stations for school related information:

95X Radio (95 FM)
93Q Radio (93 FM)
Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM)
WSTM TV (Channel 3)
WTVH TV (Channel 5)
WSYR TV (Channel 9)
Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10)
WSEN Radio (92 FM)
WHEN Radio (6.20 AM)
WSYR Radio (5.70 AM)

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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT INPUT DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION NEWS

The subject for the Board of Education in this month's newsletter is one that is very special to me: the sport of Archery. Our district was able to get this program started last year in our district due to much hard work by many people. I would like to personally thank all those involved in getting this program started.

Speaking with Mr. LaRose about the archery program in Grimshaw was very enlightening. This year, they will be partaking in Archery in the 5th and 6th Grades when doing their outdoor sport activities. I truly appreciate Mr. LaRose practicing over the summer with the equipment to have a leg up on his competition, the students.

Speaking with Mrs. Meaney at the high school, she will be implementing the program with the 7th and 8th Grade classes. I imagine this group of students is excited to participate in this activity and I can't wait to hear how they do. I would also like to thank Mrs. Meaney for her hard work and dedication in getting this program rolling. I would also to thank her for supplying us with a picture of the archery program.



I am very excited to see the sport of Archery being taught to the students in our district. This is truly a sport that can be enjoyed by all, no matter the physical attributes or abilities of the athlete. In my own experience, I have noticed the ones you didn't have much hope for are the ones that took "my" trophy home. Another great virtue of this sport is that it does not require power cords or a downloadable app, only the desire to participate. It also provides instant gratification, and success becomes contagious. I cannot wait to see this enthusiasm take off!

Again, thank you to all that are involved, and I look forward to seeing the success of this program in our district.

*Thank you,
Matthew Dodge
President, Board of Education*

Our beginning of year school bus safety drills were conducted the morning of September 10th at the JRSR High School. Thank you everyone for your patience during this time. The drills were completed successfully and we look forward to a great school year!



NOVEMBER Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November 2014 Newsletter is Monday, October 6th. Please send all information to: ritabush@secny.net. Photos should be in clear, jpg format.

Important Notice for Newsletter Recipients

Our District's newsletter is available on the district website at www.lafayetteschools.org. This allows you access to read the newsletter any place that Internet access is available. We also mail printed copies of the newsletter to district residents.

However, since publishing costs continue to escalate, effective with the November newsletter, we will mail printed copies only to those who request them. To do so, if you can use email, please send your email address to info@lafayetteschools.org, write "subscribe" in the subject heading, and your name and address in the body of the email.

If you do not have access to email, please call Sarah Munnell at 677-9728 no later than September 30, 2014.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

Our Master Teachers

On August 15th, the New York State Master Teacher program held their annual conference in Albany where seven initiatives were highlighted to mark their success of the year. Three of the seven initiatives that were highlighted were performed by LaFayette's Master Teachers. Dave Amidon, Nan Terry, and Mike Picciotti have been selected by New York State as Master Teachers, and even among this highly selective group, their accomplishments have risen to the top.

Our Student Leaders

Sixteen students from Central New York were selected to be a part of the Youth Leadership Staff for the New York State Teen Institute. This accomplishment is tremendous, and I am proud to announce that two of the students who were selected were from LaFayette. Kali Loughlin, a senior at the Junior-Senior High School and Caleb Gretskey, a junior at the Big Picture Program, will meet weekly with the other fourteen regional representatives to plan and develop the program for the four-day student leadership conference. Following the conference, their focus will shift to local initiatives that will create positive changes within their schools and communities, and promote healthy decision making.



Welcome

Danielle Robinson is joining the LaFayette Central School District this year as an art teacher in the Junior-Senior High School. Danielle had previously taught high school in the Ithaca area where she served as the yearbook advisor and volleyball coach. Her educational background includes Bachelor and Master degrees in Visual Arts Education from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. Danielle is excited to join the community and looks forward to a productive and exciting year!

Greg Bump, Principal

ACT/SAT Test Dates:

ACT Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
10/25/14	9/19/14	10/3/14
12/13/14	11/7/14	11/21/14
4/18/15	3/13/15	3/27/15
6/13/15	5/8/15	5/22/15

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

SAT Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
10/11/14	9/12/14	9/26-30/14
11/8/14	11/9/14	11/24-28/14
12/6/14	11/6/14	11/21-24/14
1/24/15	12/29/14	1/9-13/15
3/14/15	2/13/15	2/27/15-3/3/15
5/2/15	4/6/15	4/17-21/15
6/6/15	5/8/15	5/22-27/15

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

Irish Dance Champ

LaFayette Senior, Chloe Terrell, has achieved the top level in competitive Irish Dance. Chloe has been dancing for 8 years for the McDonald School of Irish Dance in LaFayette. Chloe, dancing at the Preliminary Championship level, won three consecutive first place finishes this summer, moving her up to the Open Championship level. This move allows Chloe to compete at the National competition to be held next July.

Achieving the Championship level has been Chloe's long-time goal. She could not have reached this goal without her unwavering determination, many long hours of practice, and the support of her parents, her dance teacher and the wonderful McDonald dance families. Congratulations, Chloe!



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Guidance presentations took place for Grades 11 and 12 in September. The presentations were held in the computer room. The purpose is to provide the student with information about what they need to do as he/she prepares beyond high school.

If you have not done so already, **Seniors** should be making an appointment with Mr. O'Leary to discuss their senior checklists and graduation preparation. College planning will be a main topic during this meeting and parents are encouraged to attend. Please call 677-7849 to set up an appointment time. At this point in the year, the senior college application process should be well under way.

SAT- All Seniors should complete SAT testing by the December 6th test date to ensure that scores will be returned in time for colleges to utilize the results. Register at www.collegeboard.com.

PSAT - The PSAT will be held on Wednesday, October 15. Cost is \$14. This test is open to all Juniors and those Sophomores who are in the accelerated math program. Sign up in the guidance office.

Scholarship News/College Representatives

All scholarship information and college representatives visiting our high school are listed in Naviance. This program can be viewed provided you have your username and password. There is a direct link to Naviance on the guidance webpage. Contact guidance if assistance is needed.

Listed below are schools that will visit during the month of October:

<i>College</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Cazenovia College	Wed October 1, 2014	8:45 a.m.
Clarkson University	Thu October 2, 2014	12:00 p.m.
Saint Joseph's School of Nursing	Mon October 6, 2014	1:15 p.m.
Onondaga Community College	Wed October 8, 2014	11 a.m.
Elmira College	Wed October 8, 2014	12:15 p.m.
SUNY College at Cobleskill	Thu October 9, 2014	9:30 a.m.
SUNY Alfred State College	Wed October 15, 2014	10:15 a.m.
SUNY College at Oneonta	Fri October 17, 2014	10 a.m.
Castleton State College	Fri October 17, 2014	11:20 a.m.
Binghamton University	Tue October 21, 2014	12:45 p.m.
SUNY College of Technology at Canton	Wed November 5, 2014	11 a.m.

**Note: there will be more schools listed. This list was as of September 8.*

The LaFayette After-Prom Party Committee

will have a

Bottle Trailer

in the **Dollar General** parking lot from approximately **October 6, 2014** through **November 22, 2014** to take your bottle and can donations.

*Please help support
this fundraising project
for the Junior and Senior Class
After-Prom Party.*

Thank you for support!

Pre-Holiday Extravaganza

Brought to you by the Class of 2016

Local Crafters, Home-Party
Representatives, Local Businesses/
Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffles
and Much More!

Your Holiday Shopping STARTS here

Saturday, November 8th, 9am-3pm
Grimshaw Elementary School
5957 Route 20, LaFayette

Junior Class 50/50 Raffle Winner
will be drawn at 3pm

Questions or Table Reservations:
Mrs. McElhannon at 315-677-5506

Junior Class Fundraiser 50/50 Raffle

Tickets on Sale:

**September 20th to
November 8th**

Cost: \$5 per ticket
or Buy 4 -- Get 1 Free!

Proceeds Assist in Funding
the 2015 Jr./Sr. Prom

Purchase tickets from any
Junior Class Member or in the
High School Main Office

Drawing to be held
November 8 at the end of the
Pre-Holiday Extravaganza

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LaFayette Lacrosse Association Clothing WebStore!!

The LaFayette Lacrosse Association will have a Web-Store open on the Graph-Tex website from 10/4/14 through 11/6/14. We will have men's, women's and youth clothing options.

Please check it out at www.shopgraph-tex.com. Click on the box that says Webstores. Then click on the link in red that says ShopGraph-Tex.com. Then click on the box that says LaFayette Lacrosse Webstore. Right from here choose and pay for your purchases and have them shipped directly to you or you can pick them up at Graph-Tex in Cortland. Once the store is closed, no more orders will be accepted until another store is posted.

If anyone has questions or suggestions for the next store, they can contact Kim Agedal at agedalk@gmail.com or Kimberly.agedal@nationalgrid.com.

A Visit with a Former LHS Student from Germany

During the 1985-86 academic year, a student from Germany spent a year at LHS as an exchange student. His name was Oliver Gruss. He stayed with Knowlton and Connie Foote and their son John, who was a senior at LHS at the time.

This past August, the Footes traveled to Germany and while there, they visited with Oliver after not seeing him for many years. Oliver has many fond memories of his year at LaFayette. He played on the football team as a halfback. He tried out for the basketball and baseball teams. He particularly enjoyed Mr. Todisco's classes. And, he had a chance to practice his English and see and learn about the U.S.

Oliver, after his year at LaFayette, returned to Germany where he finished high school. He now is a lawyer and lives in Munich with his wife Marta and their daughter Alba. Our son John, who now lives in Atlanta, spent a week's vacation with Oliver and his family two years ago - a friendship formed in LaFayette 28 years ago.



IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

1. Senior Pictures are due **October 3, 2014** or sooner. Many Photographers will send your pictures in so please make sure you have them taken with enough time for submission.
2. Parent ads for your Senior: Please see all details that are posted on the LaFayette Schools' web page.
3. Ask your student how they can EARN a yearbook or yearbooks can be purchased online for \$50.00 + sh/h at www.jostens.com. Price good till December 31, 2014. \$60.00 + sh/h until picnic day when the price will be \$75.00. **DON'T WAIT, ORDER TODAY!**
4. Please e-mail any photos you take on your phone or camera to aflemming@lafayetteschools.org or mnastai@lafayetteschools.org. These are their memories – help up preserve them.

MEMORIES MADE TODAY WILL LAST A LIFE TIME

Lancer Fan Fest a HUGE Success!!!!

The Booster Club would like to thank Byrne Dairy for their ice cream donation and our LaFayette Nice 'n Easy for the free slushy cards, a good portion of which have already been redeemed. A special thank you goes out to Nancy Muller, Karen Doster, and Patsy McElhannon for assisting in manning the tents. Our Football team made the rainy day that much brighter by providing LaFayette with a win over the Onondaga Tigers. The first touchdown was a 28-yard pass from Agedal to Marchiano, while Harder kicked the extra point. The second touchdown was Dickhut with a 40-yard run and a 2-yard pass to Krebs for a 2-point conversion. Way to go, Lancers!!!

The student raffle winners of the iTunes gift cards were Nathan LaJoie, Lauren Gates, and Lily Buck. We thank you for your support and are looking forward to the 2014-2015 sports seasons!

Look for an apparel sale at the Holiday Extravaganza in November! Orders will be taken -during that time, and previously purchased merchandise will be available for cash and carry.



◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

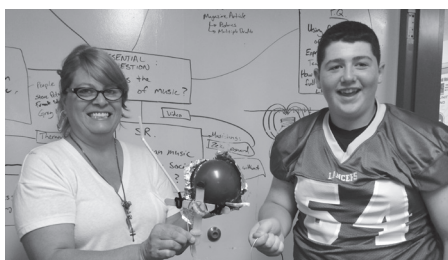
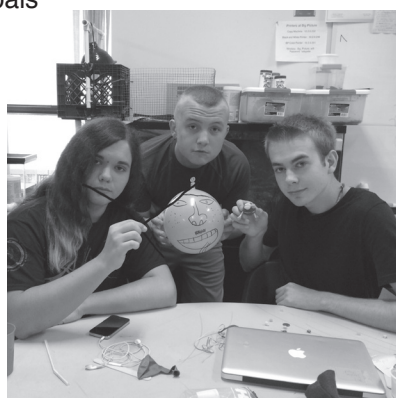
What a great start to the school year...

The staff at Big Picture was excited to welcome our new students as well as our returning students. It is great to have the family back together again! We also welcome Alison Bristol as a Special Education Teacher and Daphne Reyburn as a Teaching Assistant. Alison will be with us everyday in the afternoon. We also welcome John Gizzi back as a volunteer. Additionally, we are pleased to work with Binghamton University. Jessica Treadwell will be joining our Big Picture family on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the school year.

We spent the first day of school getting to know each other and discussing our goals and expectations for the year. Each Advisory is starting the year with a group advisory project. I am excited to see how each Advisory leads their students in discovery of social issues and solutions. We also completed our first of many mini design challenges.

We look forward to seeing our parents at our Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner.

Do you want to see what Project Based Learning and 21st Century Learning Skills look like in action? Come visit Big Picture. We would be happy to have you come in for an hour or a whole day.



STEP Chess Club

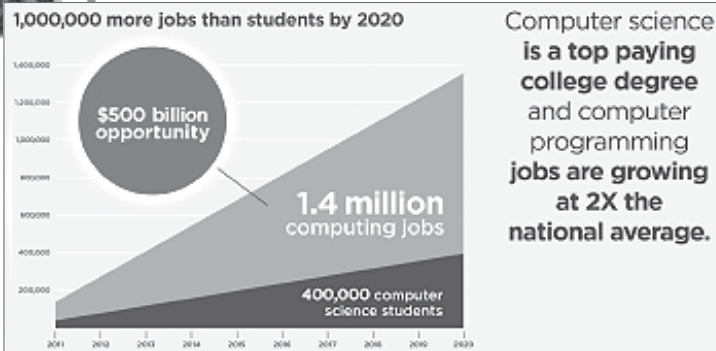
STEP (Science and Technology Entry Program) will host a Chess Club that will meet every Monday 3:15-4:15 after school.

Students in grades 7th-12th are eligible to join the club. This club will serve to support players no matter their skill level, experience, or age. The STEP Chess Club serves to provide a friendly and collaborative environment.

You may also contact your building's guidance office for more information. Club activities will begin on Monday October 6th.

STEP Programming Club

Encourages the growth and education of computer science in the LaFayette Central School District, STEP will start a Programming Club to meet after school. For students interested in learning more about computer programming and student programmers to have a place to meet and collaborate.



SAT Prep provided by STEP

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

STEP at Big Picture School

STEP is a partnership between the LaFayette Central School District, Morrisville State College, and the New York State Education Department to prepare historically under-represented students for STEM careers. STEP provides after school tutoring, SAT Prep, college visits, and much more. For more information on how your student can join STEP please contact David Stablein at 504-1002.

For more information on how to join **STEP**, the **Chess Club**, the **Programming Club**, or **SAT Prep**, please contact: **David Stablein at 315-504-1002 or dstablein@lafayetteschools.org**.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

From the Desk of the Grimshaw Principal

Leading up to the new school year, we implemented several changes throughout the building. The first change that we have made is to introduce NO TREAT BIRTHDAYS. In Grimshaw, there are many students that have, or have a sibling, with food allergies. So, to minimize the exposure to the allergens, we have requested that birthdays be celebrated with a pencil, bookmark, etc. Along with the birthday celebrations, we are limiting the holiday celebrations to fruits/vegetables and other approved snacks. Your child's room parent will be in contact with you to sign up for the holiday parties.

Another change that we have implemented at the beginning of this school year has been "Lancer Pride". "Lancer Pride" is the new Positive Behavioral Intervention System that Grimshaw is instituting this school year. To begin the year, we started by showing all of the students a video about the sound levels throughout the building. The teachers and I then discussed with the students in class meetings the changes in which we interact in the classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, etc. We begin each day with announcements, and at that point, the students are expected to be at Level Zero, which is silent. We then move to Level 1 in the classrooms and cafeteria, then Level 2 is the playground volume. The importance of these levels is that we all are utilizing the same language when we are talking to students throughout the school. Please take a moment and ask your child about the Levels in the school and see if they can tell you where they are supposed to be at each level.

Along with the building-wide changes, Grades 5/6 have expanded their time in the classroom. ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies are now an hour and ten minutes long. We continue to increase our instructional time in the upper grades to improve our students' overall academic progress. We have also adopted a new reading series in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. We will continue to add grade levels in the area of ELA to assist in aligning with the Common Core.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Jennifer Blossey, Grimshaw Principal

The LaFayette Optimist Club **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Friday, October 24th
6:30-8:30 pm T Grimshaw Elementary

The LaFayette Optimist Club
would like to invite all
Grimshaw students - and younger -
to our No-Cost annual Halloween Party

Come and enjoy the costume judging and Jack-O-Lantern carving contest... and don't forget the Haunted House!

And if that isn't enough, GAPS will be hosting
a gym full of amazing games and prizes.
Free donuts and cider provided...
All children go home with a gift bag!

So come on out on the 24th of October
with your spookiest costume
for a great night of fun!

Sign Your Child Up to Receive a FREE BOOK EVERY MONTH

The GAPS' Imagination Library program provides a free book each month to every child who is under the age of five that resides in the LaFayette Central School District.

Each participating child will receive their free book through the mail until their fifth birthday.

Families may register their children by e-mailing the following information to gaps@lafayetteschools.org

Please include the following:

Child's Name
Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)
Names of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)
Mailing Address
Phone Number

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Health Office News

Dear Parents,

I hope you've enjoyed the beautiful Fall we've had so far!

I know it's a busy time of year for everyone getting back in the school routine.

Hopefully, your child's school year is going well! We've been pretty healthy here so far this year. There have been some illnesses - mainly colds and allergies. If your child is diagnosed with a specific contagious disease such as strep throat, please let me know so I can notify other parents if necessary. We have not yet had any cases of "Influenza-like illness" which is defined as a fever >100 accompanied by a cough and sore throat. I encourage you all to get those flu shots! It is also very important to keep any child with a fever home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication and feel well enough to return to school.

Many children are suffering with allergies/asthma this time of year. If your child needs an inhaler, please be sure we have one available in school. If your child has a severe allergy requiring an EpiPen for emergency use please be sure to bring it in with a new order, if you haven't already done so. Remember, all meds must be renewed each year. They don't hold over from year to year. All meds require a physician's order. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription meds.

All students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th Grade, as well as those new to the district, should have a physical on file or have notified me of the date it's scheduled to be done. Be sure to send in a copy when it's completed. Thanks to all of you who have already sent in this information.

A big "thank-you" also to all the parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and 6th Graders who got their immunizations in on time! Your cooperation is certainly appreciated! As most

of you know, 6th grade students who are 11 yrs. old need to have a Tdap vaccine to enter 6th Grade. This is an ongoing requirement, so 5th Grade parents need to keep this in mind for next year, too. If your child turns 11 after school starts, they must get their Tdap as soon as possible after their birthday. 6th Grade and Kindergarten students will also need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) this year or a physician statement of disease.

There have been several changes in immunization requirements this year affecting elementary-level students. In some cases the number of doses required has increased or the spacing intervals of the doses has changed. You may want to review your child's records with your health care provider to be sure they're meeting the current NY State requirements. I'll notify you as well if I find any discrepancy in your child's record. Please review the information printed below, titled "Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for the School Year 2014-15" for more detailed information.

Please be sure your child has sneakers to wear on the playground as this prevents many accidents caused by flip-flops/sandals. If your child is in the primary grades please send in extra play clothes with them in case they need to change for any reason.

Please keep updating emergency information throughout the year as it is important we be able to reach you quickly in an emergency. Again thank-you for all your cooperation on the above! If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse

677-5501 • 677-3154(fax) • pbush@lafayetteschools.org

Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Immunization Requirements for the 2014-2015 School Year

General Info

- ◆ The new immunization requirements for school entrance/attendance go into effect July 1, 2014. Note: July 1, 2014 is the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

Vaccine Specific Info

- ◆ Students in grades K and 6th will need 2 varicella vaccines, and may need an additional dose of IPV. (Students in grades 1-5 and 7-12 are not required to have additional doses of these vaccines).
- ◆ Students no longer need 2 doses of MMR to enter kindergarten unless they are 7 years of age or older. Per NYSDOH regulations and ACIP Guidelines, a 2nd dose of MMR is required by age 7.
- ◆ Students in grades pre-K-6th may need additional doses of DTP/DTaP if under age 7, or Tdap/Td if 7 years of age and older.
- ◆ There are no changes for grades 7-12.
- ◆ Serologic evidence is now acceptable for Polio as well as MMR, Hep B and Varicella.
- ◆ For Polio, antibodies must include all three serotypes to be accepted as proof of immunity.
- ◆ Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually; and must specify the immunization exempted, sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to the specific immunization, and specify the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated. A sample medical exemption form is available at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf>

★ Onondaga Nation School News ★

September 2014						
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Location: C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School Cafeteria
Route 20 West, LaFayette, N.Y.

Fall Session: Wednesday*

September 3rd – January 28, 2015

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ★ Cost: \$55.00 for session
\$12.00 per month or \$4.00 walk-in per class
Certified Zumba Instructor, Tina Knapp**

**No Class if LaFayette Central School
has no after school activities or if the school is closed for vacation.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council Contact Information:

677-7272 • LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY, 13084

www.townoflafayette.com (departments-community council)

SONG MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM

Signups will be in early December.

Friday group program is still \$80. Season's passes for LaFayette participants is \$295 (good at Lab, too).

DAYTIME/SENIOR EXERCISE

Tues-Wed-Thurs all year long! \$35/six-week session or \$4 walk-in, at the Community Center, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
All levels welcome.

BOYS LACROSSE

Pizza in the Box! Grades 3-8 play Lacrosse on Fridays in September, 6-7:30 p.m., at LaFayette Beach lacrosse box, \$5 each time for pizza and drinks

SOCCER

Will continue through October.

VOLLEYBALL

May still need coaches for Girls Grades 3-6.
Please call now if you can help.

KICK BOXING

NEW! Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Community Center for October. \$4 walk-in.

YOGA

Mondays and Thursdays, Grimshaw School,
6:30-7:30 p.m., \$30 Oct-Dec for once/week.

APPLE FEST

Volunteers Still Needed! Call 677-7272 by October 8th

ZUMBA

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grimshaw café, \$4 walk-in.

LaFayette Public Library News

Town Commons, 2577 Rt. 11 North, PO Box 379, LaFayette, NY 13084

Telephone: (315) 677-3782 • Fax: (315) 677-0211

Email: lafayettelibrary13084@yahoo.com

Website: www.lafayettelibrary.org • Accessible Wireless Internet

HOURS: Monday 10 AM - 8 PM • Tuesday 10 AM - 8 PM • Wednesday 10 AM - 5 PM

Thursday 12 PM - 8 PM • Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM • Sunday closed

We are looking forward to some *collaborative programming* with the school district this year. One thing in the works is a **"Human Library"** event.

The Human Library, as mentioned here last spring, is where the "books" are people that have a story to tell. At the event, one can reserve a "book" for twenty minutes and then it's one-on-one. The event is planned to provide a safe environment for this. The books are vetted as well to that end. The plan is to make this a Senior Project, culminating in the actual event.

As mentioned in the last issue here, we are trying to develop our educational **Lego collection** as part of the "Maker Corner", and hope to get a Lego group going. There will be more about that coming up.

As always, we are *constantly updating our collection*, whether it be print, audio, or video. Come on in and "check out" the collection (pun intended).

We are still looking to add to our **Teen Task Force**, Grades 6-12, to do brainstorming about programming, collection development, etc.

If you are interested, please contact
Kyra Nay at 677-3782.

There is also a **Teen Book Club** underway.
Come in and check it out!

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.

Story hours:

Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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October

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of October, 2014. Particular dates to note are:

Wednesday	October 1	JSHS Curriculum Night, 6:30 p.m.
Friday	October 3	Senior Pictures Due
Monday	October 6	GAPS Meeting, Grimshaw Library, 6:30 p.m.
Monday	October 6	Bottle Trailer Available in Dollar Store Parking Lot for LaFayette After Prom Party Fundraiser
Thursday	October 9	Board of Education Meeting, Big Picture School, 6:30 p.m.
Friday	October 10	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Staff Development Day
Monday	October 13	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Columbus Day
Tuesday	October 21	Red Cross Blood Drive, JSHS, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	October 23	Board of Education Meeting (Board Recognition Night) JSJS LGL, 5:30 p.m.
Friday	October 24	JSJS 7th & 8th Grade Halloween Dance, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	October 24	Optimists' Halloween Party for Grimshaw School, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Monday	October 27	JSJS Parent Group Meeting, Room 117, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 29	ONS Picture Re-take Day, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 30	EARLY DISMISSAL – Grimshaw and ONS, 11:30 a.m. (for Parent Conferences)
Friday	October 31	Grimshaw Halloween Parade, 10:15 a.m.
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