

Students Visit Onondaga Creek Habitat Restoration Site

On the half-day, September 28th, the entire 8th grade went on a field trip to Onondaga Creek. They visited a project site, led by the Onondaga Environmental Institute (OEI) and Onondaga Earth Corps. The main project is a stream restoration to create a suitable Brook Trout habitat.



The Earth Corps is planting many types of trees to offer shade, removing invasive species and creating obstacles in the stream to offer a variety of habitats. From Amy Samuels: "The brook trout restoration project as well as the associated education and outreach is funded by a grant to Onondaga Environmental Institute from Sustain Our Great Lakes and NYS Sea Grant."

the students got an overview about the creek restoration and a tree planting demonstration. Students then helped by watering newly planted trees. They also participated in a watershed lesson and stream investigation to find and classify macroinvertebrates. Finally, they took a walk to the Tully Mudboils location. We wanted to say a special thank you to the staff who worked with us: Adam Effler and Amy Samuels, from OEI and Adrienne Canino, Safia Gravel, Kani Sanders and Tay Stenson from Earth Corps.

Homecoming Traditions

When it comes to school spirit, there's no shortage of it at the Junior/Senior High School.

Students gathered in the school's gymnasium to kick off Homecoming Weekend 2017. During the event, members of the cheer squad performed, fall athletic teams were introduced and students competed against each other in games like musical chairs and "build-a-Lancer," where students used aluminum foil to transform classmates into the school's mascot.



A collection of images from this year's pep rally is available on the district's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LaFayetteCSD.

LaFayette Sophomore Joins Peer Leadership Program

LaFayette Junior/Senior High School sophomore Kierstin Rurka is committed to leading a healthy lifestyle and wants to help her peers do the same.

During a Sept. 25 ceremony held at Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Kierstin was inducted into the Heart of New York Teen Institute (TI) as a member of the program's youth staff. Part of Central New York's Prevention

Network, TI is designed to empower teens with knowledge, skills and confidence so they can advocate for positive change within their schools and communities.

"Kierstin is working hard to become a strong leader and it shows," said LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School Counselor Kristeen Cool. "Since starting this journey last year when she attended the TI conference for the first time, Kierstin's changes have been remarkable. Her shoulders are back, she speaks with authority, and her self-confidence is absolutely soaring."

On Nov. 16-19, Kierstin will return to the Annual Teen Institute Conference in Penn Yan, NY – this time as a youth staff leader. To prepare for the multi-day event, she has been working with other youth staff members to develop presentations, experiential workshops, small discussion groups, and prevention planning sessions that will educate more than 175 student attendees from local high schools about topics pertinent to adolescents and young adults, including substance, alcohol, and tobacco abuse.

"I know she will do great things," Mrs. Cool said.

During the September induction ceremony, Kierstin signed a pledge to remain substance-free and help promote healthy lifestyles among her peers and community. As part of this year's annual conference, Kierstin and a team of LaFayette CSD student participants, under the supervision of team advisers Mrs. Cool and Kelly Fredericks, will develop an action plan unique to their school community that offers students strategies for navigating adolescent challenges and promotes healthy decision-making.

LaFayette Teen Institute is now on Facebook. Like their page at www.facebook.com/LaFayetteTI for photos, program information, important news and more.



LaFayette Central School District sophomore Kierstin Rurka (center) stands with LaFayette Junior/Senior High School counselor Kristeen Cool and Kelly Fredericks, school psychologist.

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Message from the Superintendent



During the past few months, our administrative team has been conducting a book study on Angela Duckworth's work *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*. Grit can be defined as an "ultimate concern" or a long term goal that you care so deeply about that it drives everything that you do. In order to illustrate this concept of grit, Angela Duckworth shares stories of the commitment and resilience of olympic and professional athletes, teachers

working in challenging environments, corporate executives who overcame challenging upbringings, and stories about students who excel in the midst of adversity. Our administrators have embraced the concept of grit and connected these ideas to our updated district-wide goals and strategic plan.

It is evident, even in these first few months, that our student athletes are experiencing grit firsthand. Our athletes and coaches have set lofty goals for postseason play and our athletes have worked hard throughout the fall sports season to meet these goals. For the first time in memorable history, all of our fall sports were represented in sectional competitions. Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, and fans on an excellent fall sports season. It has been exciting to watch all of our teams perform and hold their heads high whether it was a victory or defeat. Our fans have been exceptional. I received a compliment from one of our officials who stated that our fans showed "great sportsmanship and respect". Thank you to everyone who came out to support our athletes during the fall sports season. Be sure to check out our new athletics calendar on our district website and come out and cheer for our athletes during the winter sports season.

At this point in the school year, all of our students have taken fall screening assessments for reading and math. Our teachers have met with their principals to identify students who are in need of additional academic support and have set goals for improvement. Our staff members are committed to inspiring students to academic excellence. As we approach the end of the first quarter, it is important for students and parents to reflect on performance within the classroom. Take some time to review attendance, grades, reading and math performance results, and to set goals for improvement. Talk to your teachers and guidance counselors about your goals and seek out ideas to improve classroom performance and attendance. Come up with a plan to improve your child's attendance and academic performance if need be. Take time to celebrate the successes and goals attained and set new ones. Set the alarm a few minutes earlier, spend some time at the local library, and commit to a consistent time every night for homework and independent reading.

Be sure to visit our website to view our district goals and strategic plan. Our district will be reviewing and updating our district-wide mission statement beginning in October. We hope to complete a review of our district mission statement during the month of January and we look forward to sharing the final mission statement with the community during the spring months. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Sincerely,
Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

New York State Master Teacher Named

LaFayette educator joins Master Teacher program. LaFayette Central School District educator Kristin Angello has been named a New York State Master Teacher by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.



The statewide program identifies and rewards high-performing K-12 instructors who teach science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classes, including courses on the advanced-placement, honors, Regents and International Baccalaureate levels. Ms. Angello, who teaches science at LaFayette Junior/Senior High School and coaches the school's Science Club, is one of 48 new "masters" representing Central New York.

"The Master Teacher Program creates a community of teacher experts dedicated to providing a first-rate learning experience for students across New York, and contributes to our efforts to attract and retain the best and brightest in our STEM classrooms," Cuomo said.

The program is designed to boost STEM academics and is supported by State University of New York (SUNY) campus partners in each region of the state.

Throughout their four-year participation in the program, Master Teachers receive a \$15,000 annual stipend, engage in peer mentoring and professional development opportunities, and attend regional cohort meetings.

This year marks Ms. Angello's sixth as a high school-level science teacher. Prior to working at LaFayette, she was a civil/environmental engineer for a global design, engineering, and management consulting company.

The latest round of inductees brings New York state's total to 908 Master Teachers.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Jennifer Young

Mrs. Jennifer Young recently joined LaFayette Central School District as an Academic Intervention Services (AIS) reading teacher for junior and senior high school students. She specializes in helping students increase literacy skills by providing them with additional instruction that is tailored to their strengths and weaknesses.

"I chose this career path because I love reading and writing," Mrs. Young said.

She also knows first-hand the positive impact a reading teacher can have on a child.

"My daughter struggled with reading when she was younger," Mrs. Young said. "After working with an AIS teacher, she made great gains."

Mrs. Young holds degrees from SUNY Cortland in childhood education (grades 1-6), and literacy (birth-grade 12). Prior to becoming a reading teacher, she managed arbitration hearings for trucking companies. She also spent several years navigating the skies as an amateur pilot.

One of Mrs. Young's goals for this year includes finding new ways to integrate technology into instruction. She also hopes to become more familiar with using Google Classroom, which is the web-based learning platform educators often use to share lessons, assignments and activities with students.

When she's not working, Mrs. Young enjoys cooking, baking, camping, hiking, reading and watching football games. She and her husband Bill have two daughters.



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

From the Office of Instruction and Pupil Services

From the New York State Education Department:

The Board of Regents approved New York's Next Generation Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The State Education Department conducted a collaborative process over two years to revise the standards, which involved numerous educators, parents and stakeholders from across the State, and resulted in substantive changes while maintaining the academic rigor of the learning standards.

The State Education Department will work with BOCES District Superintendents, school superintendents, the Staff and Curriculum Development Network and teacher centers to develop and provide guidance on professional development for teachers to implement the new standards. Additional resources will be forthcoming to support the new standards.

The projected timeline for standards and assessments over the coming years is:

- September 2017: Adoption of Next Generation Standards
- 2017-2018 School Year: Two-day assessments measuring the current standards; professional development on Next Generation Standards;
- 2018-2019 School Year: Two-day assessments measuring the current standards; professional development continues on the Next Generation Standards;
- 2019-2020 School Year: Two-day assessments measuring the current standards; professional

development continues on the Next Generation Standards;

- September 2020: Full implementation of the Next Generation Standards;
- Spring 2021: New tests measuring Next Generation Standards.

The Board of Regents approved the New York State P-12 Learning Standards for Arts.

State Education Department staff, in collaboration with various stakeholders in arts education across the state, have engaged in a multi-tier process over several years to develop arts standards (dance, music, theater, visual and media arts).

The standards emphasize four processes common to all art disciplines:

- Creating - Students will generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
- Performing/presenting/producing - Students will analyze, interpret and select artistic work for presentation.
- Responding - Students will interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.
- Connecting - Students will synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

Full implementation of the arts standards will occur in the 2018-19 school year. State Education Department staff will work over the next year to develop professional development for teachers and identify arts education initiatives across the state to build a statewide arts education network that supports teaching and learning in the arts.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

History Students Save Almost \$30,000 in College Tuition

Students taking Mr. Tim Baker's HSTY 201/202 American History or POSC 103 American Government courses at LaFayette High School recently completed the paperwork necessary to have the \$573 tuition costs associated with the course eliminated. Fifty students altogether have saved a combined \$28,650 in tuition at Tompkins-Cortland Community College. In fact, a Senior who has taken all three of the courses over the course of two years will graduate with nine free college credits.

If taken alongside other college courses, many LaFayette High School students can eliminate their entire freshman year of college (30 credits or more) at very little cost to themselves. Even courses that have an associated student cost have income-based assistance programs available, so never assume cost will close you out of a college course. If you are an underclassman and have questions about how to start getting ahead, speak to your teachers and guidance counselors - we're here to help.

From the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

The 2017-2018 school year is well underway. We just finished up another amazing spirit week in which students dressed in various daily themes to show their school spirit. The week culminated with a grade level color war and pep rally. Much to the dismay of our seniors, the sophomore class took the pep rally trophy this year. As in the past, our spirit week festivities helped to get our students excited for a fun filled homecoming weekend. This year's homecoming was filled with athletic contests and the signature homecoming dance held at the Apple Fest grounds.

It's hard to believe that the first 5-weeks are behind us and we are well on our way to the completion of the first marking period. Academically, we are beginning to see a payoff from all of the hard work our teachers put in over the summer. A critical part of any child's success is open lines of communication between our parents/guardians and the school. With that said, we encourage you to continually monitor your child's academic success through the use of our parent portal. The parent portal gives you access to your child's grades as well as other information. If you currently do not have access to the parent portal, please contact the counseling office at 315-677-7849 to get your account activated.

We are continuing to talk with our students about the importance of being present and on-time to school. A child's attendance is a critical factor in their overall rate of success. We finished the 2016-2017 school year with an overall attendance rate of 93%. Our current rate of attendance for the 2017-2018 school year is 95%. We are excited to see that our efforts are paying off and look to you for your help and support in keeping this initiative moving in the right direction.

Jason Ryan, Principal

Outdoor Education Club Visits the Salmon River Fish Hatchery



Outdoor Education Club members who attended this year's field experience.

On Thursday October 5th the Outdoor Education Club, which is comprised of students of the Jr/Sr High School and BOCES classrooms, visited the Salmon River Fish Hatchery for a science and career exploration field experience.

Each year, the Salmon River is full of thousands of salmon who are swimming upstream to their original "home" (the hatchery) to spawn. The salmon released into the wild are genetically destined to return to their "home" due to the chemical makeup of the water that they biologically memorized while being raised at the hatchery. After spawning, salmon have finished their life cycle and will die.

The fish carcasses collected after the egg harvesting process are not fit for human consumption because salmon, in fact, begin decomposing before they spawn and die. The carcasses, rather, are composted over a period of eighteen months into fertilizer. The eggs of spawning salmon are collected so that future fish can be hatched, raised to maturity, and released into the wild.

Every year, the Salmon River Hatchery processes a total of approximately three million Coho Salmon eggs. The hatchery also raises Chinook Salmon, Brown Trout, and Steelhead (aka "Rainbow Trout").

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



From the Desk of the Principal

The staff at ONS have been creatively and collectively bringing their talents together to provide wonderful experiences for students. Staff, students and the community are still commenting on the fun and connections rekindled at the ONS Opening Picnic and LongBall game. All students, pre-k to grade 8, have walked on nearby trails to learn the Onondaga names, medicinal purposes and traditional uses of plants and trees.

Community members are teaching ONS students how to braid corn. Pre-K to Grade 3 students picked pumpkins delivered by Plumpton Farms. Mr. Joseph Bruchac, a world renowned artist, writer, and storyteller, visited ONS to share his experience and creative passion. As part of their social studies curriculum, our eighth graders will take a tour of six monuments in Downtown Syracuse.

In the midst of all the trips and enrichment experiences, ONS students are learning in all core curricula areas. Specials such as art, home and careers, music, technology education, physical education, and library are working on collaborative projects with core classes in addition to class specific lessons and projects. Our seventh and eighth graders as well as some high school students are receiving after school tutoring sessions on Thursdays. The tutoring sessions are provided by students from the Native Law Organization at Syracuse University. Additional academic support is being provided by SUNY Cortland students, in all grade levels, during the school day. There are many teachers doing great things with their students. One special acknowledgement goes to Mrs. Laurie Rabideau Rutter for winning funding from "Donors Choose" to engage students in a classroom project called 'The I Survived Series: Using Books to Teach Life-long Lessons'. Students will read books, donated to ONS by "Donors Choose", on topics ranging from the Great Chicago fire to the Sinking of the Titanic. This frenetic pace shows no signs of slowing down. If anything, the staff and students seem eager to take on even more.

John Gizzi, Interim Principal

Eighth Grade News

This is an exciting time for the 8th graders. Not only are they preparing for their transition to the Junior/Senior High School they are preparing for a special rite of passage. Each graduating 8th grader is making their own unique Regalia in Home & Careers to wear for their graduation ceremony from the Onondaga Nation School.

The 8th grade students and staff traveled to Joanne Fabrics on October 12, 2017 to select their Regalia supplies. Each student was responsible to follow a budget. The girls sew their own traditional dress, skirt, and leggings. Each student had to know their own measurements, types and amount of supplies needed, choosing a pattern, fabric, color, thread, and lace/ribbons for their unique design. The boys sew their own traditional Native American ribbon shirt and breech cloth.

The second grade students sang, "Hello, Good day!" a short song used as a warm up in our General Music class.



From the Desk of The Dean of Students

So many wonderful things have been happening throughout the halls of the Onondaga Nation School. We have had some amazing experiences that Mr. Gizzi has shared in his update, and we look forward to many more exciting adventures. The following classroom teachers have shared a one word descriptor of their class activities this year for our first 5 weeks of school.

Mrs. Perrone said Pre-K = Energetic
 Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Clemons said Kindergarten = Progress
 Mrs. Reyburn said 1st Grade = Routine
 Mrs. Marino said 2nd Grade = Discovery
 Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Gryzlo said 3rd Grade = Zestful and Boisterous
 Ms. Powless said 4th Grade = Funny
 Mrs. Powless said 5th Grade = Conversations
 Mr. McCoy said 6th Grade = Encouraging
 Mr. Seitz said 7th Grade = Sharp Witted
 Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Seitz said 8th Grade = On-Task

Please look for the following upcoming events: Spirit Week October 30th through November 3rd; November 8th -Paws to Reading in the Library 3:15pm - 4:00pm; Parent/Teacher Conferences November 16th and 17th early dismissal day 11:30am; Harvest Dinner November 21st at 11am.

Simone Thornton

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

Did you know we are now mandated to have twelve emergency drills each school year? Along with our fire drills, we are now required to practice lockdown drills in case we ever have an intruder in the building. In the near future, Grimshaw will complete their first lockdown drill of the year. Since the weather has been so cooperative, we have also completed the majority of our fire drills. Please take a minute to review with your children what they would do in case of fire in their house and/or in school. The more practice and discussion, the better off everyone will be in an emergency situation. This month we had therapy dogs come to the Pre-K through 3rd classrooms to explain how the dogs work with adults and children to make sure that they are safe and comfortable in their surroundings.

On October 19th, we had a wonderful visit from the New York State Police Canine Dogs. The students learned about how the dogs are trained to sniff out explosive devices, track missing persons and/or protecting their handler. Grimshaw would like to thank Trooper Bender and Trooper Black for coming to visit our school. The Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students had a chance to go and visit the LaFayette Fire House, learn about fire safety and climb on real firetrucks. Along with our special visits, we had our back-to-school pictures, and a visit from the Physician Assistant students from Upstate Hospital for the students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Please remember to take a look at our web page to keep up on all the happenings in the building.

Jen Blossey, Principal



Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
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Health Office News

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I hope everyone enjoyed the Apple Festival last month with your children. It's always a fun weekend! October certainly flew by!

All children in grades PK, K, 2 and 4 as well as all new students to the district need a physical exam as soon as possible if it's not already done. Please send or fax (315-677-3154) them to me as soon as they're completed. There is a copy of the physical form we currently use printed in this newsletter for your convenience if needed.

All PK, K and new entrants should already have their immunizations on file in my office. If you received a notice regarding any missing immunizations please address it promptly. All 6th graders need to show proof of having had chickenpox disease or vaccine (two Varicella vaccines are now required) as well as the Tdap vaccine. Please notify me with your child's appointment date and send in the paperwork as soon as completed.

We have had a fairly healthy year so far but there have been a few cases of a stomach bug (mainly in the primary grades) along with the colds/allergies we usually see this time of year. We had a few cases of strep-throat as well. Please notify me if your child is diagnosed with a specific illness (strep throat/conjunctivitis, etc.) so I can track "what's going around" and notify other parents if necessary.

Please call me in the morning if your child will be absent or late for any reason. I also check my e-mail each morning if you prefer to send in the information via e-mail. We have a policy here at Grimshaw to keep children home with a fever

greater than 100 degrees until fever free for a period of 24 hours without the aid of medication. Children should be kept home for 24 hours if they vomit. In light of the flu season approaching as well as other viral illnesses I can't stress enough how important it is to follow this best practice. It really helps reduce the sharing of contagious diseases among the students. Remind your children how important it is to wash their hands frequently. You may want to discuss with your doctor getting your child a flu shot this year if you haven't done so already. Please have a plan to keep your sick child at home and as always be sure your emergency numbers are up to date so we can reach you quickly if needed.

If a physician excuses your child from P.E. we must have a physician's excuse before they can participate again. If a child is excused from PE this restriction applies to the playground as well.

All children in PK through 2nd grade should have a spare set of play clothes at school in case of an "emergency".

If your child requires any medication at school please bring it in the original prescription container with the physician's instructions. Remember all requests for medication at school need to be renewed each school year. They do not carry over from year to year. The school cannot administer any over the counter meds without a doctor's note, as well as a parents.

If you have any questions on the above or any other concerns please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for your cooperation on all of the above- it is much appreciated.

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HEALTH CERTIFICATE / APPRAISAL FORM

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F Grade: _____

IMMUNIZATIONS / HEALTH HISTORY

☐ Immunization record attached
☐ No immunizations given today
☐ Immunizations given since last Health Appraisal:

Sickle Cell Screen: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Not done Date: _____
 PPD: ☐ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Not done Date: _____
 Elevated Lead: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not done Date: _____
 Dental Referral ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not done Date: _____

Significant Medical/Surgical History: ☐ See attached _____

Allergies: ☐ LIFE THREATENING ☐ Food: _____ ☐ Insect: _____ ☐ Other: _____
☐ Seasonal ☐ Medication: _____

PHYSICAL EXAM

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Blood Pressure: _____ Date of Exam: _____

Referral

Body Mass Index: _____

Weight Status Category (BMI Percentile):

☐ less than 5th ☐ 5th through 49th ☐ 50th through 84th
☐ 85th through 94th ☐ 95th through 98th ☐ 99th and higher

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☐ EXAM ENTIRELY NORMAL Tanner: I. II. III. IV. V. Scoliosis: ☐ Negative ☐ Positive: _____

Specify any abnormality (use reverse of form if needed): _____

MEDICATIONS

Medications (list all): ☐ None ☐ Additional medications listed on reverse of form

Name: _____ Dosage/Time: _____

Name: _____ Dosage/Time: _____

If AM dose is missed at home: _____

I assess this student to be self-directed ☐ Yes ☐ No Student may self carry and self administer medication ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: Nurse will also assess self-direction for the school setting. Please advise parent to send in additional medication in the event that emergency sheltering is necessary at school or if the morning medication has not been given.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION / SPORTS / PLAYGROUND / WORK QUALIFICATION / CSE CONSIDERATION

☐ Free from contagions & physically qualified for all physical education, sports, playground, work & school activities OR only as checked:

____ Limited contact: cheerlead, gymnastics, ski, volleyball, cross-country, handball, fence, baseball, floor hockey, softball.

____ Non-contact: badminton, bowl, golf, swim, table tennis, tennis, archery, riflery, weight train, crew, dance, track, run, walk, rope jump.

☐ Specify medical accommodations needed for school: _____ ☐ None☐ Known or suspected disability: _____ ☐ Please monitor☐ Restrictions: _____ ☐ Please monitor☐ Protective equipment required: ☐ Athletic Cup ☐ Sport goggles/impact resistant eyewear ☐ Other: _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION, if known

Specify current diseases: ☐ Asthma Diabetes: ☐ Type 1 ☐ Type 2 ☐ Hyperlipidemia ☐ Hypertension
☐ Other: _____

Provider's Signature: _____ Phone: _____ (Stamp below)

Provider's Name/Address: _____ Fax: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

From the Principal's Desk

The Big Picture School was excited to be included in issue 42 of the online magazine *Pioneering from education-reimagined.org*. Our hope is to continue to share our story with them and have a more detailed article about our school in the near future.

We have been very busy at school and in the community. We visited Morrisville State College and used the fieldhouse, courts and the CSTEP building. The 401s presented their Senior Thesis Project proposals to a panel of reviewers. Students will continue to refine their projects, utilize the feedback and suggestions from the panel and take the first steps toward completion in the coming weeks. We have a group of students who are volunteering at the CNY SPCA on a weekly basis. There is a memorial garden there that needed some weeding and maintenance, so we have spent time trimming back plants, pruning dead flowers and pulling weeds. The 401s also donated some plants and transplanted some of the perennials and mulched the landscape. Kaylee W, a 401, is also running an exploratory workshop on making cat toys. As part of her STP, she is making cat and dog toys that will be donated to the CNY SPCA. She has already made a bunch and brought them in. The cats loved the toys, and the SPCA was happy to have them. The 301s are going to Meachem Elementary school and mentoring/working with Ms. Porcello's kindergarten class. Each 301 has one to two kindergarteners that they are responsible for assisting academically and socially. A group of students visited the Habitat for Humanity agency. They learned about their program and the services they provide the community, and it turns out they are currently in need of volunteers on a consistent basis. We were able to go see one of the building projects and started working on the site. Students are working hard and learning a great deal.

We were also treated to a very special basket making demonstration by Jason Hill and Tianne Lazore. Our guests showed us traditional native techniques for harvesting and preparing black ash trees and sweet grass. They also walked us through the process of basket making from strips of wood to works of art. The students and staff took a lot away from this demonstration.

We celebrated the end of September by recognizing the 19 students with perfect attendance in September. That is just under 1/3 of our school that arrived ON TIME, STAYED ALL DAY, EVERYDAY for the month. We will continue to strive to add more students to celebrate! Our overall attendance rate is 90%. We are excited yet determined to do even better.

*Susan Osborn,
Principal*



◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

Congratulations

Varsity Boys Soccer team, Varsity Girls Soccer team, Varsity Volleyball team, Cross Country team, Football team and Golf team who all either qualified or had an athlete go to Sectionals.

Also, congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team on winning the Division Championship. Great job Coach Bajjaly and athletes.

Thomas Long made it to Sectionals for Golf.

RJ Shaver qualified for Sectionals in Golf and also qualified for the next round.



On Friday, December 29th, there will be an alumni basketball game here at the high school. Doors will open at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please email Jerry Kelly at jkelly@lafayetteschools.org, or call him at 315-677-3087. The cost to play is \$15, which will include a shirt (so make sure you indicate your shirt size, as well as the year you graduated when you register to play). We look forward to seeing you there.

Alexi Harrington who has been named a Wendy's High School Heisman winner. She will now move on and be entered into the State Competition.



Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 100

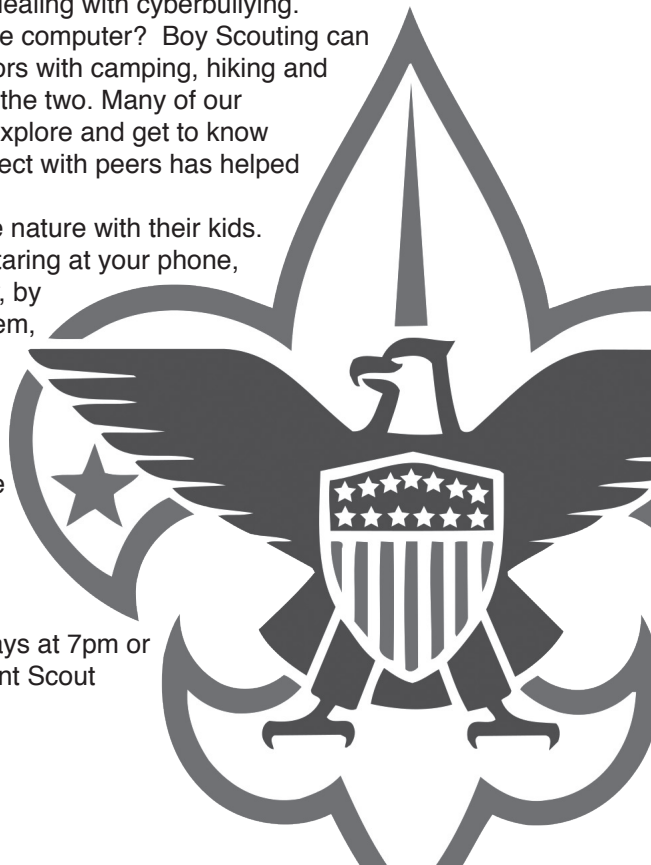
Is your scout aged boy digitally savvy? Well, there's a Merit Badge for that! Those with an interest in game design, digital technology, programming, or other computer related pastimes, may find working on these badges very rewarding. It all starts with the cyber-chip; an interactive way of learning basic internet and social media safety. A great place for an 11-12-year-old to start before they get too caught up in the digital world, and a good reminder for the older age groups. Important topics include staying safe and respectful online, as well as recognizing and dealing with cyberbullying.

Maybe your teen is a little too savvy, spending too much time on the computer? Boy Scouting can help balance their time and get them more physically active and outdoors with camping, hiking and other outdoor activities. Geocaching may be an excellent way to blend the two. Many of our campouts are technology free allowing the opportunity for all to really explore and get to know one another without the distraction of a screen. Helping scouts to connect with peers has helped create new and lasting friendships.

We need volunteers who are ready to get out there and experience nature with their kids. Come join in on the adventure. If you're tired of ruining your eyesight staring at your phone, come stare at a campfire instead. Communicate with your kids, directly, by telling jokes and stories of the good old days; get back in touch with them, neither of you will be sorry you did. Scouting is a family affair, and we welcome new families to join us!

Speaking of fun for the whole family, have you heard the news?! The National BSA has declared that boy scouting is expanding its offering to girls beyond the current co-ed venturing scouts. The timeline for implementation is girls to be eligible for Cub scouting in 2018 but after 2019, girls, too, will be able to work toward attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! Exciting news for families!

If you would like to learn more about Troop 100 and local scouting, check out our meetings at the Columbian Presbyterian Church, Tuesdays at 7pm or contact Brian Kramak, Scout Master - bkramak@gmail.com or Assistant Scout Masters, Kevin Gretskey, - gretskey@aol.com or Chris Fowler - christophefowler@gmail.com.



LaFayette Public Library News

We have a display case in which we like to have a monthly display. Right now we have a beautiful autumn arrangement. If you would like to **display your craft, hobby or collection**, or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work, please let us know and we would be happy to schedule an exhibit.

November **Imagination Lab** (Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30)

- Nov. 1st – DIY magnets
- Nov. 8th – Make a maze
- Nov. 15th – Stained glass art
- Nov. 22nd – Mason Jar Leaf/tree lantern
- Nov. 29th – Make your own interpretation of a Van Gogh painting

Besides our ongoing **student art display**, we encourage local artists to display their work. Right now we have some of the work of Lynn Perrine, who is also our resident certified Tai Chi teacher. She is displaying a beautiful set of pastels. Please come in to see them. If you have any further interest you can email Lynn at Lynn@perrine.net.

We recently had a consultant from the Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services at our 'Tuesday Tea' to speak about and field questions regarding all four parts of **Medicare and changes in 2018**.

It was very informative and she is offering to help in any way that she can to make decisions about what plans are the best fit. Her name is Myrna Koldin and can be reached at 315-435-2362 ext. 4944

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So for every \$1,000 spent, we get \$5. And you will be spending the same amount of money as you did before! So remember, Smile.Amazon.com. Thanks!

Speaking of imagination, our **3D printer** is available for public use. Please come on in and be creative!

Just a reminder about our **Tuesday Teas** which are held every month on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. We also have a jig saw puzzle set up. The next one is November 21. Come join us!

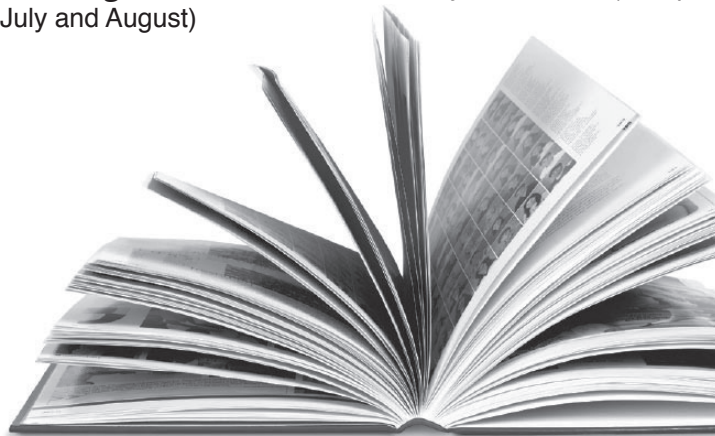
A reminder that we have a **children's computer** that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

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.

Don't forget to visit: www.lafayettelibrary.org. Also you can follow us on Facebook

Story times: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Imagination Lab – Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30 (except July and August)



LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Youth Programs

Basketball registration and first practice for boys and girls in grades 5 & 6 will be Tuesday, November 7th in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. The practice schedule is to be determined by the coaches. Practices generally take place on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays and/or Saturdays. Games will begin in January and will be played on Saturdays.

Registration forms will be available at the first practice, or can be obtained ahead of time from the Town Hall or on line (Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Community Council" tab, select basketball from the drop-down menu) and completed registration forms can be brought to the first practice. Registration fee is \$5.

Basketball for boys and girls in 3rd and 4th grades, instructional basketball for 2nd grade boys and girls, volleyball for girls in grades 3-6, and wrestling for boys and girls in grades K-6, will begin after January 1, 2018. Dates and times are TBA.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. The cost is \$35 for the entire session or \$4/per class walk-in fee. The current session ends November 23.

Yoga classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The Fall Session will run through December 20. Costs for this session are \$45 if attending class one evening per week, Monday or Wednesday, and \$80 if attending class both evening Monday and Wednesday per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

WERQ® moderate to high impact exercise class (replaces Zumba and Tabata programs) **WERQ®** is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hip-hop music. Participants follow the instructor through non-stop choreographed routines then cool down to balance and yoga style exercises. If you've tried Zumba and Tabata in the past, why not try a WERQ out? No dance experience is required and all levels are welcome. Class to be taught by certified WERQ® instructor Nicole "Niki" Spossey-Pitino.

Classes are Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

in the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. The current session will run through December 21. Costs for this session are \$45 if attending class one evening per week, Monday or Thursday, and \$80 if attending classes both Monday and Thursday evenings per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

Tai Chi beginner and advanced classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center on Monday mornings 8:30-11 a.m. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

Announcements

Ski Program registration will be Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. Call the LCC telephone number, 677-7272, if you have any questions prior to registration evening. Additional information, including pricing, is available on line (Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Community Council" tab, click on "skiing" from the drop-down menu).

Men's Basketball will be held on Mondays, 7-9 p.m., in the Grimshaw Elementary gymnasium beginning Monday, November 13 through March 2018. Participants must sign a waiver, which will be available on the first night of the session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

Walking the recreation path at Stafford Park is also available, every day, dawn to dusk

Community Council Board Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings are scheduled for November 2 and December 7.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.

Thank You

LCC would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time and efforts to help LCC provide our community with positive and quality sports experiences; you have our sincere gratitude for all you do.

Soccer – Kevin Morel, Lance Benjamin, Erin Scofield, Dylan Kinsella, Barbara Brown, Sandra Ortiz, Stephanie Loughlin, Katie Olrich, and Mike White. Also, a big thank you goes to Varsity Soccer players Colin Morel, Mason Shute, Olivia Prince, Mya DeJoseph, Charlotte Ryan and Aidan Griffin for helping referee the youth games.

Please consider following these fine people's examples and volunteer to help out – we need your participation for LCC to continue to thrive.

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November IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 6 | GAPS Meeting 6:30pm |
| 9 | JS HS Picture Makeup Day |
| | BOE Meeting |
| | End of 10 weeks |
| 10 | No School - Veteran's Day |
| 16 | Half Day GS/ONS only |
| | Parent/Teacher Conference |
| 17 | Half Day GS/ONS only |
| | Parent/Teacher Conference |
| 21 | ONS Harvest Dinner |
| | GS Picture Retake Day |
| 22-24 | No School - Holiday Recess |

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