



LaFayette CSD Kicks Off 2017-18 School Year

LaFayette Central School District's classrooms and hallways are again buzzing with activity.

On September 6th, students attending Grimshaw Elementary School, Onondaga Nation School, LaFayette Junior/Senior High School and Big Picture School returned to campus to begin the 2017-18 school year.

Elementary students spent the first day of school getting to know their new teachers and classmates, learning classroom routines, listening to stories read aloud, and testing out art supplies. Junior and senior high school students reconnected with old friends, navigated new schedules and learned about course expectations.

Whether they were returning for another year or attending school for the first time, many students said they are excited to start the academic year.



OCM BOCES Recognizes LaFayette Senior, Casey Crouse

A LaFayette Central School District senior was recently honored for his commitment to academics and the community.

During a June 6th Onondaga-Madison-Cortland BOCES graduation ceremony, **Casey Crouse** received the **Joseph S. Tucci Memorial Award**. For more than 30 years, the award has been given annually to a student who has exemplified effort and achievement while receiving special education services from OCM BOCES in Cortland.

The award was established in memory of former and longtime OCM Board of Education member Mr. Tucci whose desire was to better serve students with special needs.

For several years, Casey participated in OCM's STAR Program at Homer High School. The program offers students of various abilities the opportunity to become educated according to New York State Learning Standards while having their individual needs met.

Casey was nominated for the award by his STAR Program teacher, Ms. Rebekah Stull, and program counselor Trisha Ladley, who in their nomination letter referred to Casey's work ethic as "relentless."

He is a seven-year member of Boy Scout Troop 81, an Onondaga Nation member, and recently performed a school-to-work job session at Greek Peak Mountain Resort. He frequently volunteers in his community and shovels sidewalks and driveways during the winter months.



Staff Spotlight: Wendy Stafford



In September, Mrs. Wendy Stafford joined LaFayette Central School District as Onondaga Nation School's music teacher.

A professional flautist and vocalist, Mrs. Stafford holds a bachelor's degree from Ithaca College and master's degree in flute performance from the Boston Conservatory. She taught music in Boston-area schools for 13 years before relocating to New York state.

She has twin stepdaughters who are attending college, a stepson finishing up his high school career and twin boys embarking on second grade. In her free time, Mrs. Stafford enjoys reading and practicing yoga.

"I am looking forward to teaching the students at ONS and to a great year at LaFayette," she said.

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Message from the Superintendent



October is one of my favorite months of the year. As a sports fan, it means that college and professional football are in full swing. As a parent, it means that my own children are back in regular routine bedtimes, homework, and after school activities. As Central New Yorkers, the month of October is our chance to pick fresh apples and enjoy the beauty of the leaves

changing colors.

To our district athletes, I want to encourage each of you to try your very best in all pursuits both on and off the field. While each athlete wants to see more goals in the net, more touchdowns in the end zone, a faster time on the cross country course, less strokes on the golf course, or more spikes on the court, be sure to also keep your eye on the goal of our athletic program. Our ultimate aim is to create well-rounded athletes both in the classroom and on the field. Committed student athletes practice after-hours and off-season. They push past their comfort zones and raise their teammates up. Most importantly they recognize that academics are a priority, not an afterthought. To all who have shown up to support our teams, I want to say thank you for encouraging our athletes, supporting our coaches, and modeling positive sportsmanship for our visiting teams and fans. It has been an exciting fall sports season with the return of Boy's Varsity Soccer and the new football program, Southern Hills Storm Football, which combined the LaFayette, Tully, and Fabius-Pompey football teams. I am looking forward to seeing these programs grow and flourish in the future. Go Lancers! Go Southern Hills Storm!

To our students and parents, I encourage you to establish your own routines at home. Make sure that you establish a regular time each day for homework, review, and enrichment (ex: independent reading, practicing math facts, studying and preparing for exams). These help to support student success at school. For our students, be sure to build in time for rest by establishing a regular bedtime and a consistent wake up time. To our families, be sure to schedule time together throughout the week. Whether you sit down every night for family dinner, have a game or movie night, be sure to cherish your time with one another in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the school year.

For our community members, be sure to get outside and enjoy what remains of the warm weather. Visit the LaFayette Apple Festival on October 7th and 8th to enjoy some fresh apples and support our community. I am truly grateful to be a part of this district and I am looking forward to building a lasting bond to support our students. Thank you for a great start to the 2017-18 school year.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools

After Prom Paint Night Fundraiser

Looking for an afternoon of fun with your friends? Come out and join us for a paint night to help support our LaFayette Juniors After Prom Party.

What: Glass pumpkin centerpiece
Where: LaFayette Community Center
When: Sunday, October 15, 2017
Time: 2:45-5:00 pm (beginning promptly at 3pm)
Cost: \$40.00 includes: beverages, paint, glass pumpkin, instructor led
Why: Fundraiser for a safe and fun After Prom event

How to register: Step 1 Go to: www.eventbrite.com
Step 2: Search event: type in: After Prom Painting
Step 3: Search City/location: LaFayette NY

Please register by: Thursday , October 12th

Questions: contact Tess Miller 315-677-3152 or tmiller2@lafayetteschools.org

Bring a friend, a group or attend by yourself.

We hope to see you there.



BOTTLE COLLECTIONS

Please join us in helping to raise funds, so that we can provide a **safe After Prom** for our students this year.

About the middle of October through Thanksgiving break you can drop off your cans and bottles to the bottle trailer located at the Dollar General store in LaFayette.

There will be a sign for the After Prom on the orange gated area in front of the trailer when it is our turn.

Please look for this sign. Once the trailer is picked up and the cans and bottles are counted, the proceeds will be donated to the After Prom Committee. The proceeds will be used to help pay for a safe venue for after prom.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHANGES AHEAD FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

Schools to begin phasing in new science standards that set expectations for what all students should know and be able to do from prekindergarten to twelfth grade.

Your child's science class may start to look different in the 2017-18 school year as his or her school begins to introduce the state's newly adopted science learning standards.

Please keep in mind that standards are not curriculum, and do not tell teachers how to teach. Standards are learning goals and expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade. Schools and teachers establish their own curriculum and decide what to teach when and how, based on the state's learning standards.

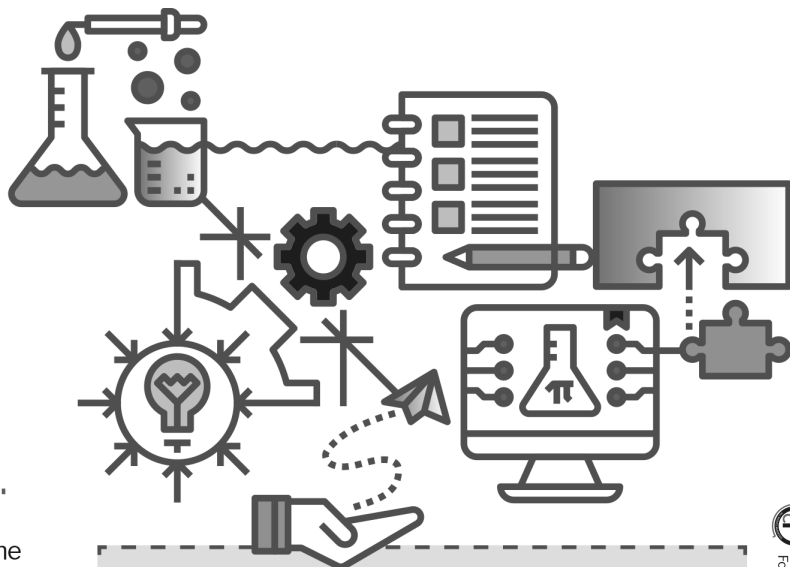
Here's an overview of what you can expect in the year ahead:

Roll-out will vary by school district statewide

Many schools began moving towards the new standards while they were still in draft form while others are just getting up-to-speed. No matter where they are in the process, all schools and teachers can use the 2017-18 school year as a transition year to better understand the standards, and get the training, support and resources they need to adjust instruction.

State tests will not change for a while

New state exams will need to be developed to align with the new standards, but no timeline has been set. Until then, fourth- and eighth-graders will continue to take the state's existing exams in the spring, and all science-based Regents exams will stay the same.



New standards developed with public input

The New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards were developed with input from teachers, administrators, business leaders and parents over the past five years, and based on frameworks established by the National Research Council and Achieve Inc. They were adopted by the New York State Board of Regents in December 2016, and went into effect July 2017. The changes will be phased in slowly over the course of several years with full implementation expected in 2020-21.

More attention to real-world application and deeper knowledge

Students will explore and engage in science as it's done in the real world, including through the introduction of engineering practices at all grade levels. They'll also incorporate skills that scientists and engineers use every day to investigate and solve problems, such as asking questions, developing models and interpreting data. Students' understanding will grow as they begin to see a clear connection between what they learn from one year to the next and across subjects, such as English and math.

Reasons for the new science standards

TO KEEP PACE WITH AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

Since the state's previous standards were adopted in 1996, there have been major advances in science and research on how students learn.



TO BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS.

A strong foundation in science helps students think critically, analyze information and solve problems—skills that are necessary for their everyday lives.



TO BUILD A STRONG FUTURE WORKFORCE.

Nationwide, there are millions of unfilled positions in science, technology, engineering and math.



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

Spanish Club



(Pictured left to right) Bridget Walsh, Alexi Harrington, Claire Frier, Ian Schaefer, and Serena Harrington

On the first week of classes at Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School, students entering their senior year in Señora Romeu's class chose new officers for the Spanish Club. The president is Alexi Harrington, secretary is Serena Harrington, treasurer is Bridget Walsh, and the two public relations officers are Claire Frier and Ian Schaefer. The Spanish Club is ready to jump into the new year and is excited for all to come this year.

Come visit us on Apple Festival weekend where we will be selling all types of goodies. Don't miss out on our sweet apple cider, donuts, and more!

YEARBOOK --- Did you know?

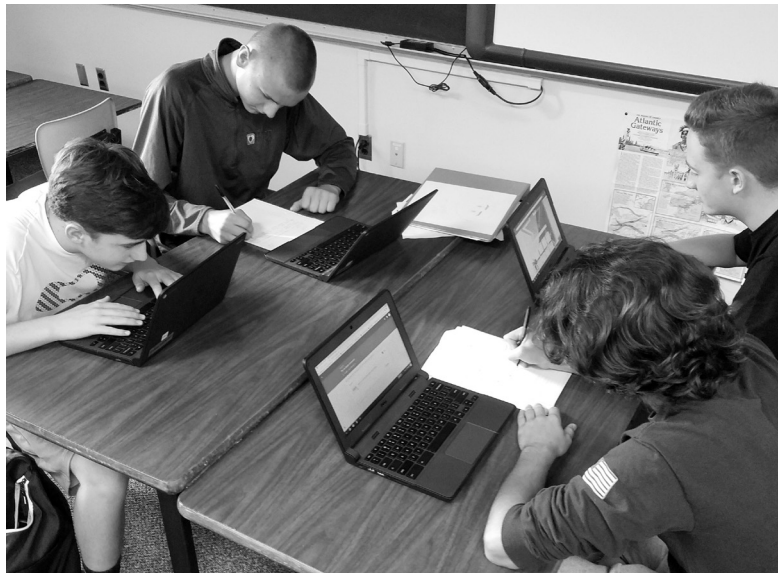
Share photos of your student with the click of a button! Download the *Replay-it* app to your device and share your memories. More information on *Replay-it* is available at the Yearbook's website.

Caramel apples are coming soon. Come visit our booth at the Applefest and support Yearbook while satisfying your sweet tooth.

Secure a Section for your Senior Soon! Take an opportunity to tell your senior student how proud you are of his/her accomplishments! Space is limited, so don't wait until the last minute!

Reserved by Dec. 31, 2017: Full page - \$250. Half page - \$130. Quarter page - \$70. **After Jan 1, 2018:** Full page - \$350. Half page - \$180. Quarter page - \$95.

Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School Goes 1:1



This year, the Jr./Sr. High School began issuing computers to each and every student. A statewide referendum that passed in 2014 allocated two billion dollars to New York state districts for the purpose of increasing student access to technology. With our portion of the funds, we have initiated a program to make our district a 1:1 district. Becoming a 1:1 district means there is one device available for every student. At the Jr./Sr. High, students are issued their own Chromebook computer. Students pick the computers up at the beginning of the day, carry them throughout the day to all of their classes and return them at the close of the school day. We realize that to be ready for the challenges of college and careers, our graduates need to possess relevant technology skills. Teachers and students utilize the new chromebooks every day to communicate and collaborate. Students are learning to problem solve and model their ideas in new and more relevant ways. One great example is Mrs. Edwards' seventh grade English class. Students in her class construct websites to convey the results of experiments they conducted in science class.

The 1:1 deployment of devices in the Jr./Sr. High is the last step in the process that began two years ago. Two years ago, Susanne Bang, our Library Media Specialist initiated the drive for us to become a Google School. This step brought students and staff a wide range of tools for communication and collaboration. Last year, all of the instructional space in the district gained Wi-Fi coverage. Finally, we deployed devices to the entire district. Students and faculty are very excited about this new change and we are fortunate to join the very small list of districts that can truly claim to be a one to one district!

SOPHOMORE CLASS FUNDRAISER

The Class of 2020 will be conducting a fundraiser this year from October 10th thru October 23rd. **They will be selling Java Joe's Coffee and Fudge.** It makes for a great Holiday gift. For ordering information, please contact Mr. Miller at the High School ~ tmiller@lafayetteschools.org

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

Grimshaw is dedicating an entire month to safety this October. The safety of our students is our first priority, so we will be taking some time to introduce the students to several different helping professionals in our community, running safety drills within our building, and reminding students of general safety practices. The month will have three spectacular events where students will have the chance to learn from and interact with helping professionals. Students will have the opportunity to learn what Police Officers and their K-9 companions do for our community and how important they are to keeping us all safe. We will also have a group of therapy dogs coming into Pre-K through 4th grade to introduce them to what they do and how they help our in our community. Finally, the month will wrap up with our annual fire prevention day, teaching students the importance of fire safety, the great work that Firefighters do, and their contributions to keeping our community safe. We are looking forward to introducing students to the great First Responders and helping professionals within our community.

Along with these presentations a few important dates to remember:

- **October 2nd - GAPS Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**
- **October 6th - No School for Students/Staff Development Day**
- **October 16th/17th - Grimshaw Picture Days, information will be forthcoming**
- **October 31st - Halloween starting at the Cafeteria Doors at 1:15 p.m.**

Thank you again for all you do to support all of Grimshaw students.

Jen Blossey, Principal

Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
Phone: 677-5501

Health Office News

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pbush@lafayetteschools.org

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. 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. This 24 hour rule also applies to vomiting-children who have vomited should wait to return to school for 24 hours after to prevent the spreading of stomach viruses.

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 to all the parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten-

ers 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 physician statement of disease. There have been several changes in immunization requirements the last few years 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 requirements for the School Year 2017-18 in the chart on our website. Please call me with any questions you may have.

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.

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Fourth Grade Field Trip



Grimshaw's 4th graders became real-life archaeologists for a day. Students in Mrs. Gel-off, Mrs. Saba and Mrs. Prentice's classrooms took a field trip to a 15th century Onondaga Village site in the Town of Pompey. Students worked together with Mrs. McDonald, Grimshaw's Library Media Specialist, to carefully search their area for artifacts left behind by the Onondagas.



Summer Reading Challenge



Dozens of Grimshaw students accepted the Reading Room's Summer Reading Challenge. Students filled in squares on a bingo board that encouraged them to read different types of books in different places. For example, students could choose to read an award winning book, a book that a parent or grandparent loved when they were little, or they could even read to a pet or stuffed animal. Collectively, participants read hundreds of books. Each child who completed the challenge received a prize bag full of goodies from their reading teachers. We couldn't be more proud of our students.

Pictured here are our grand prize winners Jacoby Hydeberg (sixth grade) and Kennedy Harmatuk (second grade). They did an exceptional job of keeping their skills sharp during the summer months by kicking their regular reading routine up a notch.

2017-18 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

NOTES: Children in a prekindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For grades Pre-k through 9, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. (Exception: intervals between doses of polio vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12.) Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 10 through 12. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule.

For further information contact:
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Immunization
Room 649, Corning Tower ESP, Albany, NY 12237
(518) 473-4437

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Program Support Unit, Bureau of Immunization
42-09 28th Street, 5th floor, Long Island City, NY 11101
(347) 396-2433

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Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2 and 3	Grades 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9	Grades 10, 11 and 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older		3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) ³	Not applicable			1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses			
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years			
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸	Not applicable			Grades 7 and 8: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable			
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable			

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

From the Principal's Desk

We are happy to be back together at school and the first few weeks have been amazing. We are celebrating our 10 years as a school. We welcomed new staff. Greg Scott, special education teacher, transferred from the Junior Senior High School to Big Picture. Jessica Giordano is our new Math teacher and 101 Advisor. Jessica is a SUNY Cortland graduate and has worked in Charlotte Valley Central Schools, Canastota Central Schools and most recently Dryden Middle School. Hollis Rotella has joined the Big Picture team after working with her family business for many years. She has two adult children who live in the Syracuse area. Hollis is thrilled to be working at Big Picture as a teaching assistant. Erin Virnoche is also a teaching assistant at Big Picture. Living in LaFayette with her husband and 3 daughters, Erin has spent the past 14 years as a stay at home mom and volunteering for classroom activities, GAPS and other community services. She has joined the team at The Big Picture school and is thrilled to be part of such an amazing opportunity.

We hosted our annual Welcome Back Potluck dinner on September 12th. Almost half of our students were represented with families. We enjoyed a delicious meal together and learned more about each other. We also attended our annual overnight camping trip to Camp Hoover. The weather was a bit soggy, but we had a great time building our community and learning more about each other.

The Big Picture staff is eager to begin working collaboratively on addressing the District goals of academic growth, attendance, behavior, and communication. We have set four additional goals: belonging, leaving to learn, parental involvement, and daily goal attainment. I will be writing about each of these goals in future newsletters. We are so excited about the work ahead of us.

The Big Picture staff reflects on the work we do in an almost weekly newsletter called the TGIF. If you would like to join our email list, please contact Susan Osborn at sosborn@lafayetteschools.org to be added.

*Susan Osborn,
Principal*



◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆



Friday, December 29th

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Basketball
game at
LaFayette
High School

More information to follow

New Game Schedule Program

We are excited to announce the District's use of Schedule Galaxy for our athletic events. When looking for game schedules, please go to the Athletic web page and click on the link for schedules. You will be directed to our Schedule Galaxy home page. From here you can toggle the drop down boxes in the upper left-hand corner to search for a particular team. All events have start times, bus times, as well as the actual locations (fields, arenas, etc.) of these events. You can even sign up to receive emails for changes made to a particular sports team.

Congratulations

to former Lancer,
Ondraya Kunai,
who was selected as the
Mohawk Valley Community
College Athlete of the Week
for her role as goalie on the
soccer team.
Great job, Ondraya!



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Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 100

After many years, Kevin Gretskey is stepping down as Scout Master for Troop 100. He passes this torch, filled with commitment, genuine ideals of scouting and a true ability to connect with his scouts, to Brian Kramak, our new Scout Master. Luckily for the troop, Kevin will continue as an assistant, and Chris Fowler will join as an assistant, too. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated dads, moms, grandparents and other adults, willing to work with the scouts all year. Thank you to each of you!

Recently, Troop 100 had a Court of Honor Ceremony at Stafford Park. An event for all the families, this is a recognition and award ceremony to acknowledge the completion of merit badges, rank advancement, Eagle Scout completions and other noteworthy accomplishments for each of the scouts, from the past several months. Fifteen scouts worked on 50 different merit badges, completing 35 over 12 months. Many of the requirements for merit badges can be completed during weeklong summer camp, at weekly meetings, or at an individual's own home. Some of the merit badge topics this past year included: art, camping, fishing, emergency preparedness, geology, and search and rescue.

Although merit badge completion is not mandatory, it certainly gives the scouts opportunities to explore new things and to meet new people. It is a way for them to share and learn from each other.

September always brings a renewal of the scouting season. We welcome several new members and their families to Troop 100 and wish others well as they move on to their next steps of high school graduation, college, and /or the work force. This becomes an important planning time for the year ahead and the senior patrol leaders of the troop have been doing this on several occasions. Monthly camping trips, weekly meeting focus, and overnight trips, have all been included in the calendar building process. The scouts are looking forward to trips to the Buffalo Naval Shipyard to sleep on a ship, skiing Whiteface Mountain, visiting the Smithsonian Museum and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. An exciting year seems to be in the works.

If you interested in learning more about the opportunities that Boy Scouting can offer, feel free to stop by our weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Columbian Presbyterian Church, in Lafayette, or contact Brian Kramak, Scout Master at bkramak@gmail.com or Kevin Gretskey, Assistant Scout Master at gretskeyk@aol.com. New faces are always welcome.



LaFayette Public Library News

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Hours: Mon/Tues 10am-8pm • Wed 10am-5pm • Thurs Noon-8pm • Fri 10am-5pm • Sat 10am-2pm • Closed Sundays

Summer vacation is over, but we had a very successful summer reading program. Thank you to all who participated—adults, teens and children.

School is back in session but you know what that means... Imagination Lab is back!

October Imagination Lab (Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30)

Oct. 4th – Cereal box Aquarians

Oct. 11th – Button balloon balls

Oct. 18th – Glove monsters

Oct. 25th – Pasta skeletons and pumpkins

We have a **new student art display**. Here

are the students displaying their work: Kelly Jocko; Marissa Book; Bridget Walsh, Taylor Watson; Ivy Bennett; Keegan Hemlock; Charlotte Ryan; Mya DeJoseph; Camille Steeprock; Danielle Duby; Nathan Martinez; Caitlin Campbell and Mackenzie Caron. Come take a look!

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@perrine.net.

We have a **display case** as well. If you would like to display our 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.



We are looking for interested parties for beginner **Sign Language classes** for the fall. It's a 6 week course, 1 hour a week, and the cost is \$100.

Interested people should call the library and leave your contact information.

We would like to thank you for your continuous use of "**Smile.Amazon.com**". If you have never used it you go to Smile.Amazon.com (vs. www.amazon.com). You then logon to your account as you normally would. The first time you use that portal, you will be asked to choose a charity. They have some national ones featured, or you can choose your own. Type in "LaFayette Public Library" (make sure you choose the one in LaFayette, NY). From then on, anytime

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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 each month from 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 October 17. 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 ever one 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.

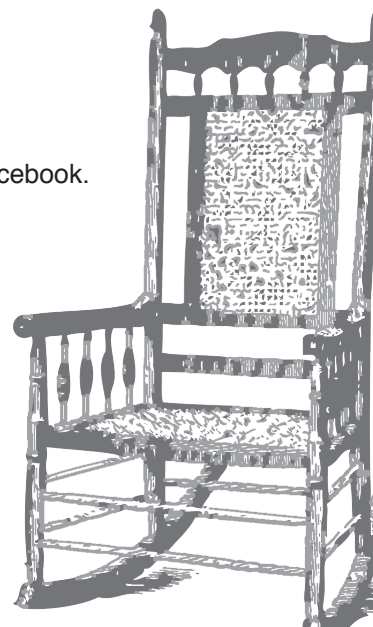
Don't forget to visit:
www.lafayettelibrary.org .
You can also follow us on Facebook.

Story times –

Wednesday
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Imagination Lab –

Wednesday
3:30 – 4:30



LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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.

Wayne Brennan and Mike White, Summer Baseball.

Andy Reed; Maddie Appel; Travis Homer; Trevor Jones; Riley Jones; Patrick Prince; Todd Briggs; Nate Loughlin; and Megan Skinner, Lacrosse.

Joe Fox; Taylor Featherstone, and Caleb Gretskey, Tennis Camp.

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

Announcements

Ski Program: Registration for the ski program generally takes place at the end of November. The date and time are TBD. In order that we don't miss updating you about ski-club sign up, feel free to call the LCC telephone number, 315-677-7272, and leave your name/information and LCC will make sure you receive notification about the ski program.

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

Trunk-Or-Treat: LCC will be participating in Trunk-Or-Treat at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Halloween, October 31.

Youth Programs

Soccer: The Fall season is under way and runs through October.

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.

Basketball: Registration and first practice for boys and girls in grades 5 & 6 will be Tuesday, November 7 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.

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 and 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, volley-

ball 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.

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 October 12. The subsequent session will run October 17 through November 23.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Grimshaw. The Fall Session begins September 11 and will run through December 20. Cost for this session is \$45 if attending class one evening per week, Monday or Wednesday, and \$80 if attending class both evenings Monday and Wednesday per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

Announcement: LCC is happy to offer a new moderate to high impact exercise class - WERQ® to replace the 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 will be held Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School. The session will run September 11 to 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. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

Tai Chi: Beginner classes are held at Grimshaw School Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Advanced classes are held at the LaFayette Community Center, Mondays, 10-11 a.m. Call 677-7272 for additional information.

Next Board Mtg: October 5 at LCC's booth, Apple Festival grounds

LCC Contact Information:

www.townoflafayette.com

(under the Depts. tab)

677-7272 - leave a message

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October

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

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| 2 | GAPS Meeting, 6:30pm |
| 5 | End of 5-week Marking Period
Financial Aid Night |
| 6 | No School - Superintendent's Conference |
| 9 | No School (GS,HS,BP) - Columbus Day |
| 11 | ONS Welcome Back Dinner 5:30pm
Open House 6:30pm |
| 12 | BOE Meeting |
| 13 | JSHS Pep Rally |
| 14 | JSHS Homecoming |
| 16-17 | GS Picture Day |
| 19 | PSAT Test |
| 20 | Jr High Dance |
| 24 | ONS Picture Day
7&8 Grade Halloween Dance |
| 26 | BOE Meeting |
| 31 | GS Halloween Parade - 1:15pm |

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