

LaFayette Educator Studies World's Largest Freshwater Lake



Junior/Senior High School science teacher Nancy Hummel spent six days aboard a Great Lakes research vessel studying the health and ecology of Lake Superior.

Mrs. Nancy Hummel was one of 15 educators selected to participate in the 2016 Lake Superior Shipboard Science Workshop, an annual research opportunity offered through the Sea Grant's Center for Great Lakes Literacy and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's workshop took place aboard the Lake Guardian, a research vessel owned by the EPA that features three on-board laboratories and serves on the Great Lakes. During the expedition which started July 9 in Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Hummel worked alongside scientists and biologists researching the health of Lake Superior, including its ecology, geology and water quality.

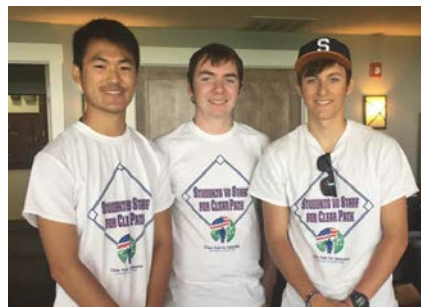
"I learned about water quality issues in Lake Superior and how these problems are potentially impacting the St. Lawrence River ecosystem," Mrs. Hummel said. "I came away deeply impressed with the robust work being done throughout the Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan region."

During the six-day research trip, the team of educators and scientists conducted tests to examine, among other things, the temperature, pH, and absorption of light fluorescence and transmittance levels in water samples taken from varying lake depths. They also studied aquatic organisms living in the sediments and water to better understand Lake Superior's ecology.

At the conclusion of the expedition, participants presented their research and discussed how they will integrate their knowledge into classroom lessons and applications. "The shipboard experience provided educators with insight and new curricula they can use to inspire students," Mrs. Hummel said.

Whiffle Ball Tourney Raises \$1,100 for Local Veterans

Despite drizzling rain and claps of thunder, the spirit and generosity of LaFayette Central School District students and staff were far from dampened during a recent fundraiser.



During a July 20 luncheon at ClearPath for Veterans, LaFayette Central School District Class of 2016 members Jacob LeBlanc, Lucas Frigon and Jack Ramie presented a check to the organization's Director of Event Management, Terri Scanlin

On June 11, members of LaFayette's senior class went head-to-head against district staff members in a whiffle ball tournament organized to raise money for ClearPath for Veterans, a local non-profit organization that offers supportive programs and helps physically, mentally and emotionally wounded soldiers transition back into society.

Led by Class of 2016 members Jacob LeBlanc, Lucas Frigon and Jack Ramie, the event, which was originally billed as an outdoor softball game, but was moved indoors due to inclement weather, raised \$1,100 through event donations, a raffle and bake sale.

On July 20, Jacob, Lucas and Jack attended a special luncheon at ClearPath, which is located in Chittenango, and presented a check to the organization.

Check Out the Website for the MODIFIED FOOTBALL TEAM at
<https://sites.google.com/a/lafayetteschools.org/modified-lancer-football/>

From the Desk of the SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. With last year's second highest budget passing rate in recent memory, increased literacy and graduation rates, and continuation of the first substantive curriculum development work in many years, we have many commendable areas of success on which to build to meet the goals of our strategic plan.

In addition to our efforts in those areas, we are initiating other areas of enhancement. Two examples are the adoption of School Tool which is a robust student data management system including its parent portal, and our faculty using My Learning Plan to request and document their professional development. I am also pleased to share that Mr. David Amidon, who recently was honored at the White House with the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators, is leading several tenth grade students in a recycling and composting initiative in the district.

More good news is that, in addition to our current bus runs, we are adding a 5:30p bus run so that more students will be able to avail themselves of after-school activities.

With my thanks to everyone whose hard work has gotten us to this point, and to those who worked over the summer, especially our custodians and maintenance workers to prepare our buildings for September, I look forward to another great year.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent



From the Desk of the Director of Instruction and Pupil Services

Society perceives schools to be quiet and low-key during the summer months. However, the reality is schools try to accomplish quite a bit in a short amount of time during the summer, and LaFayette Central School District is no different.

In the month of July alone, the following occurred: A group of teachers and administrators gathered to assess and revise our PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, and New Entrant screening procedures. The goal was to develop a more consistent approach to these State mandated regulations.

Teachers of Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Social Studies gathered to discuss how the year went, determine areas still needing improvement, adjust curriculum maps in accordance with the feedback, and create/revise common formative and summative assessment across grade levels and buildings. All other areas ranging from Art to Physical Education were provided time to continue developing their curriculum maps as well. Again, the theme is consistency in expectations.

Teachers of Science gathered for a day with Jessica Whisher-Hehl from OCM BOCES, who provided updates on the adoption of the revised New York State Science Learning Standards that are based on the Next Generation Science Standards as well as professional development on the upcoming changes. This work is preparing the District for the updates to LaFayette's science curriculum which will begin next summer.

With Sean Zehner taking the helm as our new Technology Coordinator, he along with representatives from across the dis-

trict convened to look at the ITSE Standards and how teachers could incorporate that learning into the lessons they already provide to their classes.

The Response to Intervention District Design Team met to evaluate how our first year of implementation went. Adjustments were made which included officially adding Math to the screening process. Staff will be informed of the changes upon their return in September.

The Special Education Department met to discuss the improvements made this past school year as well as areas they wish to improve upon to continually make our procedures more user friendly and consistent.

In August, Lyn Seres returned to support teachers in developing students' phonemic awareness as well as strategies to transition to phonics. Phonemic awareness and phonics along with fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension composing the five pillars of literacy that have the most influential impact on students' ability to decode and comprehend a variety of text.

Consistency is at the heart of everything we do here at LaFayette Central School District. We are continually striving for a guaranteed, viable curriculum along with procedures to help support this realization so that LaFayette students graduate with the skills and strategies to tackle the future with confidence and success. I appreciate the efforts of everyone who is working to reach that goal.

Dr. Karen Ocque

District News ♦ District News ♦ District News

Providing the First and BEST Source of LaFayette Central School District News

Collaborating with parents and guardians has always been a huge part of our success, and we know that the community desires to be connected and informed about what's happening across our district and in our schools. Below are several communication tools we hope you will find helpful as we work together to fulfill the district's goal of developing an environment of excellence where every student achieves success.

District Website



The district website is updated with information about district and building level activities, programs and announcements. Check it out! www.lafayetteschools.org

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter
@LaFayetteCSD



Get up-to-date district news and announcements, including emergency school closings and delays.

Become a fan on
Facebook



www.facebook.com/LaFayetteCSD

View photos and videos of school events and receive updates on district news.

School Calendars

Information about district and school events can be found on online calendars at www.lafayetteschools.org.

The district calendar which includes Board of Education meeting dates and districtwide school closings, is available on the website's homepage.

Calendars detailing building level events such as academic and extracurricular activities can be viewed on each school's homepage.

The calendars are web-based and can be synced to mobile devices.

SchoolMessenger

SchoolMessenger allows the district and each of its schools to send messages via telephone, email and text to notify families and staff of upcoming school events, emergency situations, closings and delays, etc.

This service is available only to parents and guardians and individuals they designate to receive notifications.

Parents and guardians will automatically receive phone calls and emails via SchoolMessenger, but will need to **text the word "subscribe" to 68453 to sign-up for text notifications.**

Community Newsletter



The district produces a monthly newsletter called the "**Green Sheet**" for families and community members.

It contains news, announcements and calendar updates.

The newsletter is available electronically at the beginning of each month on the district's website, www.lafayetteschools.org.

Residents can join the newsletter's postal mailing list by contacting the district office at (315) 677-9728.

Mobile App

Get your news and information on-the-go with LaFayette CSD's app for iOS (Apple) and Android devices.

Download the app for free from iTunes or Google Play.

Parent Today

LaFayette CSD believes that informed parents/guardians help develop students. We want to thank our students' parents for their continued engagement in the education of the children in our community. We also want to offer you an additional way to be even more engaged.



Parent Today is an award-winning opt-in email newsletter delivered for free to subscribers' inboxes twice a month. The information it provides allows us to foster stronger connections between families and our schools, and encourages parents to be even more involved in the education of their children.

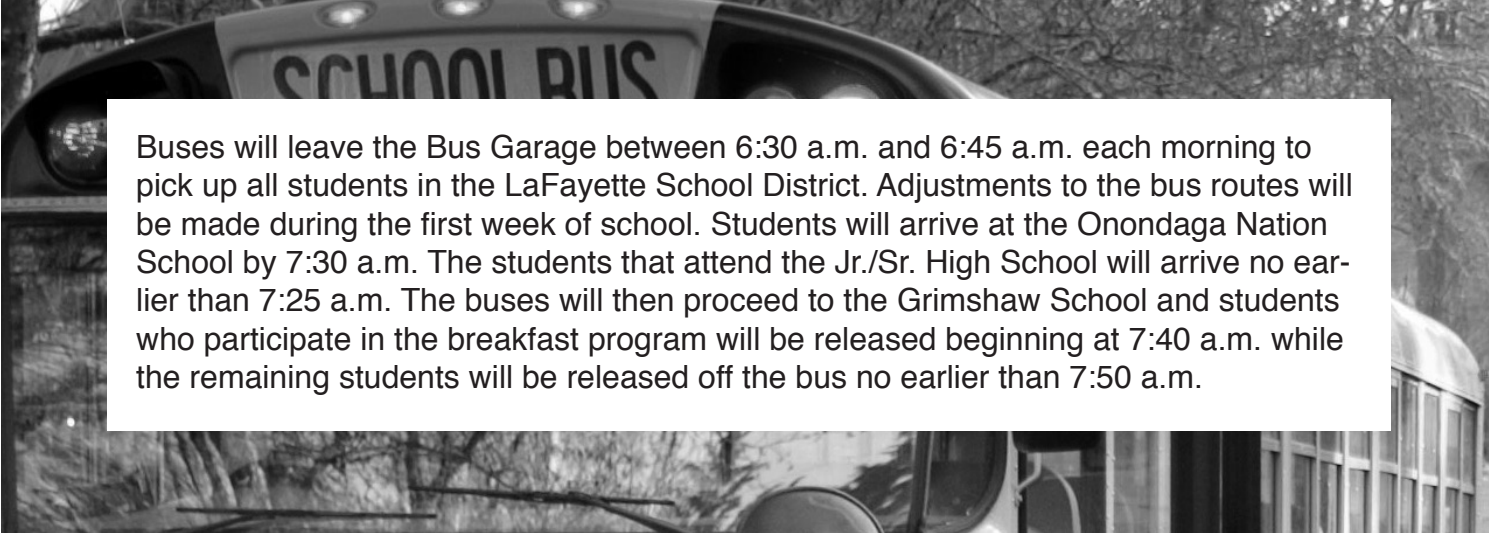
Sign up at www.parenttoday.org, and use district ID number 13084.

School Closings and Delays

School closings and delays are also announced on the following local television stations: WSTM (channel 3), WTVH (Channel 5), WSYR (Channel 9), Time Warner Cable News (Channel 10) and posted on Syracuse.com.



◆ SCHOOL BUS ROUTES 2016-17 ◆



Buses will leave the Bus Garage between 6:30 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. each morning to pick up all students in the LaFayette School District. Adjustments to the bus routes will be made during the first week of school. Students will arrive at the Onondaga Nation School by 7:30 a.m. The students that attend the Jr./Sr. High School will arrive no earlier than 7:25 a.m. The buses will then proceed to the Grimshaw School and students who participate in the breakfast program will be released beginning at 7:40 a.m. while the remaining students will be released off the bus no earlier than 7:50 a.m.

All private and parochial students will be picked up by regular LaFayette bus routes and transported to the Jr./Sr. High School where students will board respective buses for the school they are attending. In the afternoon, students will ride their respective bus home or meet an activity run bus at the LaFayette Jr./Sr. High School to ride an activity bus home, depending on the time.

Be sure to carefully check to see which route and bus your child(ren) has been assigned. There are slight adjustments in a few route assignments for this year. If you have any questions on any of the routes, or if it is not clear what bus your child should ride, please contact Ron Cooper in the Transportation Office at 677-9700. You are welcome to call this number whenever you have a concern, comment or suggestion. The following pages list the morning bus routes for the upcoming school year.

Bus #132 A.M. Route (ONS & LCS)

– From Bus Garage proceed north on Route 11 towards Nedrow to Quarry Rd. turning right onto Old Route 11. Proceed to Frontage Rd. Then Continue down the hill to the first left onto Maybee Lane. Return to bridge then left on Hemlock up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock to Webster turning left on Webster up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock proceeding to Martins Lane then continue to upper Martins Lane and turn around back down Martins Lane to Route 11A to Nation School. Return on Route 11A north to Route 11 shuttling students to High School. Return to Bus Garage.

Bus #136 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will turn right on Route 20 picking up students on north side of Route 20 as bus proceeds onto Ortloff Rd. From Ortloff Rd., bus will turn left onto Route 11A continuing to Nichols Rd. Turn Right onto Nichols Rd., right on Tully Farms Rd., and then right onto Webster Rd. to turnaround point. Return to Webster Rd., turning right onto Tully Farms Rd., and then

left onto Bear Mountain Rd. to turnaround point. Turn left off of Bear Mountain onto Tully Farms Rd. and then left onto Route 20 west to turnaround. Return to Route 20, turning left onto Tully Farms Extension to Route 11A north. Turnaround Route 11A, head to Rowland Rd., and then back to Route 20. Proceed to LaFayette High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #138 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 to Kennedy Rd. picking up students on Route 11, north of McClary Rd.. Turn right from Route 11 to Kennedy Rd. to Sentinel Heights. Turn right on Sentinel Heights to Graham Rd. Left on Graham, beginning pickups at this point to LaFayette Rd. Left on LaFayette Rd. to Forestry turnaround. Back on LaFayette Rd. to left turn onto Barker Hill Rd. to turnaround. Barker Hill Rd. to right turn on Brevity Lane, then left turn back onto LaFayette Rd. to Coye Rd. turnaround. Proceed to High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #139 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. to Reidy Hill Rd. Turn right on Reidy Hill then right onto Persse Rd. Turn around on Persse, turn right on Reidy Hill, and then right on Eager Rd. to Apulia Rd. Turn left on Apulia Rd. to turn around and then proceed on Apulia to Route 20. Left on Route 20, left on Dodge Rd., and then to Apulia Rd. and turn right. Proceed to Colton Rd. Turn right on Colton to O'Connell Rd. Turn right on O'Connell and then right on Route 20 proceed to the High School and then to Grimshaw.

Bus #145 A.M. Route (ONS & LCS)

– From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route 20 to Everingham Rd. then back to Tully Farms Rd. Extension to Route 11A. Turn left on Route 11A beginning pickups just over Reservation Line. Continue on Route 11A to Gibson Rd. Turn left on Gibson to Route 80. Continue right onto Route 80 to

◆ SCHOOL BUS ROUTES 2016-17 ◆

Commissary Rd. Turn left on Commissary and continue up to turnaround point. Return on Commissary to Route 80 to Gibson to Route 11A. Turn left on Route 11A picking up students as bus proceeds to turnaround point. Go to the Onondaga Nation School. Then proceed to Grimshaw.

Bus #148 A.M. Route (ONS) – From Bus Garage proceed left on Route 20 then left on Route 11 north. Continue on Route 11 to the arena and start pickups. Continue to the Bus Loop then to West Conklin Ave. Proceed South on Route 11A to Hemlock. Turn right to Long House and turn around. Proceed back to 11A to the Nation School. Wait at Nation School until students are allowed in building then return to Bus Garage.

Bus #150 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 beginning pickups just north of the High School. Continue on Route 11 to McClary Rd. Proceed onto McClary, then Kennedy, and then to Sentinel Heights. Continue on Sentinel Heights to Mercun Drive. Turn right on Mercun to turnaround point. Back to Sentinel Heights turning right on Sentinel Heights and continue entire length of road to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to the High School then proceed to Grimshaw.

Bus #151 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route 20 to Naughton Rd. Turn right on Naughton to turn around and back to Route 20. Proceed on Route 20 to Webb Rd. and turn right. Turn left onto Amidon Rd. up to turn around on Summer Ridge. Back on Amidon to Webb. Turn left on Webb and continue picking up students as bus proceeds to Shute Rd. Turn left on Shute Rd. up to turnaround. Return to Webb Rd., turn left, and proceed to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to Mondore Dr. Right on Sentinel Heights and right on Winacre Dr. picking up all students on Winacre. Proceed to High School then to Grimshaw.

Bus #154 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. beginning pickups on both sides of LaFayette Rd. from Rte. 20 to Coye Rd. Turnaround at Coye and Old Coye Rd. and continue on LaFayette Rd to Bull Hill Rd. Turn Right on Bull Hill Rd. picking up students on Bull Hill as bus proceeds to McClary Rd. Left on McClary to Route 11. Left on Route 11 then left on Norman Dr. Pick up students on Norman Dr., Pioneer Rd., and then Bella Vista Dr. Right on Mondore

and proceed to High School then to Grimshaw.

Bus #158 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Rd. to Reidy Hill Rd. Turn right on Reidy Hill to Eager Rd. Turn left on Eager Rd. beginning pickups at this point. Proceed down Eager to Coye Rd to turnaround. Proceed back on Coye Rd. to LaFayette Rd. Turn left on LaFayette Road proceeding to Commene Rd. Turn right on Commene Rd picking up students on Commene as bus proceeds to Route 11. Turn left on Route 11 pick up students on the West side of Route 11 (stopping at Apple Ridge Apartments) to the Dollar General Store turn around and then pick up students on East side of Route 11. Continue to High School then to Grimshaw.

Bus #159 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 picking up students on south side of Route 20 to Berry Road. Right on Berry Road to Newell Hill Road. Right onto Newell Hill Road to Clark Hollow. Left on Clark Hollow to turnaround. Clark Hollow to Route 20. Left off Route 20 onto Palmer Road. Turn around on Palmer Road and back to Route 20. Left on Route 20, then left onto Apulia Road picking up students on west side to turnaround point then picking up students on east side. Left on Route 20 and then left on Applewood. Turnaround and back to Route 20 to Festival Gardens. Proceed to Willow Wood Apartments then to High School. From High School proceed to Grimshaw.

Bus #160 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed south on Route 11 to Feather Dr. looping through to Sturgen back to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to Meeker Hill Rd. Turn left on Meeker up to turnaround. Back on Meeker Hill Rd, turning right onto Sky High Rd. to turnaround. Back to Meeker to Holcomb to Meadowlark Circle; back to Holcomb turning left to Deer Run. Right on Deer Run to turnaround and back on Deer Run to opposite end and return to Holcomb to Meeker Hill to Route 11. Left on Route 11 to the AT&T Towers then proceed to Maple Grove Dr. to Sugar Bush Dr. then proceed back to North Rd., turning left on Scammell Rd. Left on Route 11 to turn around on the South end of Route 11, then proceed to High School then to Grimshaw.



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

from the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

The start of the 2016-2017 school year is quickly approaching and we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our students. The custodial staff and grounds crew have been working diligently over the summer and the building is looking great. The contractors are putting the finishing touches on the Sport Hall of Fame Lobby and we are excited about this new addition to our building. This new area brightens up the building and provides us a place to honor LaFayette graduates that have achieved athletic excellence.

In addition, our teachers have spent the summer collaborating on their different curricula to ensure the best instruction possible for our students. We have worked hard this summer to create a positive learning environment where all of our students can reach their maximum potential. We are excited for the upcoming school year and hope that you will continue to be a partner in the many different endeavors we plan to explore this year.

Jason Ryan, Principal

2016-2017 SAT DATES

SAT

November 5, 2016
December 3, 2016
January 21, 2017
March 11, 2107
May 6, 2017
June 3, 2017

Deadline to Register

October 7, 2016
November 3, 2016
December 21, 2016
February 10, 2017
April 7, 2017
May 9, 2017

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

2016-2017 ACT DATES

ACT Test

October 22, 2016
December 10, 2016
April 8, 2017
June 10, 2017

Deadline to Register

September 16, 2016
November 4, 2016
March 3, 2017
May 5, 2017

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

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

NCAA Clearinghouse

Attention seniors: if you plan to participate in either NCAA Division 1 or 2 intercollegiate athletics, you need to register with the Clearinghouse.

Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org to register online. When completed you must notify guidance so we can release your transcript to the NCAA. Our high school code is 332-730.

Regardless of your child's grade level, if you have

Attention Seniors

Be mindful of the SAT/ACT deadlines for October and November. You do not want to pay late fees for either test.

SAT/ACT DEADLINES

questions concerning the eligibility process or would like to know more, please contact Mr. O'Leary at 677-7849 to set up an appointment.

Schedules

All students (grades 7-12) received their schedules at the end of August. High school students are reminded that they must carry a minimum of 6 credits for the school year.

Seniors are encouraged to update their resume on Naviance and revise your college list under "colleges I'm thinking about." We will meet in September to begin the college application process.

Transcripts

Upcoming juniors and seniors should have received a copy of their high school transcript in late August to review. If there is anything that needs to be corrected, please contact Mr. O'Leary.

Juniors

PSAT: the practice SAT will be given on Wednesday, October 19 for the whole junior class and those sophomores who are accelerated in math. It is important that all 11th grade students take the PSAT.

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

BIG PICTURE LEARNING

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are so excited for the 2016-2017 school year! We have used time this summer to reflect on our past school year and make adjustments for an even more successful upcoming year.

The primary focus of our work will remain relationship, rigor and relevance. As we have grown over the last eight years, we have dug deeper into what our 3 Rs mean to us. We have learned that for our students to engage in rigor and relevance, we need to improve our practices in literacy.

Additionally, our students will be increasing their writing. We have teamed up with a professor at OCC. His students will be working with our students on editing and composition.

Academic vocabulary is another area that we are focusing our attention. Many

people will agree that standardized tests become more about being able to understand the vocabulary used in the question than the actual content. We want our students armed with the vocabulary for the tests as well as the real world work environment they will be participating in.

We are also going to focus our attention on attendance. Attendance is the most influential factor in a Big Picture student's success. If students come to school everyday, we can meet them where they are, build strong relationships with them, and help them make the academic gains they need to reach graduation. If they are not in school, we struggle.

Our third focus for the school year will be noncognitive variables. These are things like setting long-term goals, internship experiences, developing a support network, and understanding the systems in which we live and work.

This summer Ken Keech presented two workshops on math instruction and developing math curriculum in project work, Susan presented on reading strategies for all content areas, and Lenny presented on developing culturally relevant projects for Native American students at the Big Bang conference.

Susan Osborn, Principal

STEP – After School STEP begins Monday, 10/3. Students planning to attend first need to meet with David Stablein to discuss a plan for STEP involvement. Tutoring will be on Tues. and Thurs. Mon. and Wed. will be reserved for special STEP Activities such as Computer Programming, Video Game Development, and Science Wednesdays. Science Wednesdays will focus on developing a competitive science team to compete in a statewide event in the Spring. Students should attend if they need homework help, SAT or ACT prep, or want to participate in the designed activities.

STEP Financial Aid Night is Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00pm in the Big Picture Main Room. STEP students and their families may attend this workshop to plan financially for college. Topics will include the Free Application for Student Aid, scholarships, and picking the right college. Dinner will be provided so you must reserve your spot by contacting David through email, see below.

To learn more about SUNY Morrisville's STEP please contact David Stablein at 504-1002 or email at dstablein@lafayetteschools.org.

Big Bang Conference



In my time at LaFayette Big Picture school I have never had so much fun learning than at the Big Bang Conference. Fifty students were selected to attend the conference and I was one of them. Each student was paired with another student from a different school. I met all of the students from across the country, each who attend Big Picture schools.

The conference was opened by a student, and for the remainder of the day, we had workshops to attend. At my first workshop the speaker provided us with ipads and showed us multiple applications. We were

taught how to create a stick figure and make him walk. The applications were very basic, and can be used for people just starting in animation.

The next day we went to Kennedy Space Center. We watched an IMax 3D movie on how the first shuttle was made. After that we watched a 360 degree view projector movie that showed the inside of a shuttle and what a rocket looks like when it is launched. After the movie finished a huge projector screen pulled up and behind it was the first space shuttle to ever go to space. It was amazing to see something so historic right in front of my eyes. We also ate lunch with an astronaut and asked him questions about his missions.

The final day of the conference, Sr. Ken Robinson opened our morning meeting. He was such a good speaker and said some very vital things about how he started change in learning. After, I had his book signed by him and got to talk to him about how he inspired me to want to make changes as well.

Nick Park, Big Picture student

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

Welcome back for the 2016-2017 school year. Grimshaw is looking forward to an exciting school year. One of our goals this year is to increase the number of students in our building that achieve PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the year. Did you know that being in school every day means that your child won't miss out on any learning opportunities. Please try to promote the idea that being absent from school is only when your child is sick or if there is a family emergency. If your child asks to stay home "just because," remind them of what they will miss, such as their reading group or PE class.

A few important dates for planning purposes as we start the month of September. ALL students will be start on Wednesday, September 7th, this includes Kindergarten and Pre-K students. Our first parent group meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Grimshaw Curriculum Night and Band Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, a schedule will be sent once school begins.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Jen Blossey, Principal

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



Dear Students, Parents, and Community:

Can you believe it? Summer is almost over and the beginning of a new school year is just around the corner.

Once again, our summer program went very well. Some fun projects were completed where students learned many different interesting facts about animals, mammals, oceans, and habitats. The students and teachers were also able to attend two movies and the Merry-Go-Round performance of The Hare and The Tortoise.

As we all begin to prepare for the first day of school on September 7, 2016 there are a few things to know:

- School begins promptly at 8:00am so please have your child to school on time.
- Dismissal will be at 3:10pm.
- Breakfast will be served from 7:40-8:00am.

Some staff changes have occurred at ONS. Virginia Abrams is the Home School Liaison replacing Freida Jacques who has retired and William Jaacks will be a full time Elementary Teacher. There are a few additional openings; however, these positions have not been filled yet. Once they are, we will notify parents.

This past year, all of our students improved their reading scores by at least one grade level, several students by two or more grade levels. We will continue to work diligently to provide the students and teachers with the necessary tools and knowledge to keep growing and advancing literacy skills.

Now that we have put our literacy program on a great path, we will begin to reassess and revamp our math program where we are confident the students will improve their overall math skills.

A parent packet will be sent home with students the first week of school. In the packet will be a 2016-17 School Calendar; student – parent Handbook; blue and pink cards; free and reduced lunch application as well as other pertinent information. Should you not receive a packet, please give the school a call.

Diane Ellsworth, Principal

**We look forward to seeing the students on
Wednesday, September 7, 2016
for a great school year.**

◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame

The newly formed “**LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame**” is focused on highlighting and maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of excellence in the athletic programs at the LaFayette High School. Additionally, it will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring the winning spirit of our athletes, teams, coaches and individual contributors who have been an integral part of the success of LaFayette’s athletic programs.

We will honor their achievement on October 23, 2016, starting at 2:00 pm. The induction ceremony will be held at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse, in the Persian Terrace. You may remember this as the former Hotel Syracuse. Please visit our website at lafayetteschools.org and click on the Athletics page for more information about the ceremony and for a registration form.

The “LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame” committee has aligned with the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. To support this initiative, the school district has renovated part of the high school to serve as a showcase for our inductee’s accomplishments. The members of the new committee have created a Hall of Fame Wall located in the Jr/Sr High School.

We are asking you to donate to the “LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame”. Please send your tax deductible contribution payable to: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club and mail to LaFayette Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 294, LaFayette, NY 13084, Attention: LaFayette Sports Hall of Fame.

We thank you for your time and consideration in becoming part of the “LaFayette High School Sports Hall of Fame”. We look forward to receiving your donation by September 30, 2016.

Corporate Sponsors have the opportunity to become a “Named Corporate Sponsor” by making: \$3,000.00 Contribution – This contribution will receive corporate recognition in the program at the Inaugural Induction Ceremony. Your name will also be prominently displayed at the ceremony. In addition, you will get a corporate sponsored table, and tickets for eight people will be reserved at the October 23rd event, and you will be recognized from the podium during the ceremony. \$2,500.00 Contribution – This contribution will gain the corporation recognition in the program for the Inaugural Induction Ceremony. Your name will also appear on a banner at the ceremony.

For Individual Sponsors, Levels of Contributions have been identified as: All County—\$25.00-\$49.99; All Section—\$51.00-\$99.99; All American—\$100.00-\$199.99; State Championship—\$200.00-\$299.99; College All American—\$300.00-\$499.99 and Hall of Fame—\$500.00 and above.

**INDUCTION CEREMONY • OCTOBER 23, 2016 • 2PM at the
MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN SYRACUSE, PERSIAN TERRACE. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. RSVP**

Your Name: _____ Your Telephone Number: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Email: _____

_____ Number of people attending the Hall of Fame Inagural Event on Sunday, October 23rd.

The cost of the dinner is \$60.00 per person

You may pay via check or credit card. If by credit card, please provide:

CC# _____ Exp Date M/Y ____/____ CVV # _____ Zip Code _____

Please make checks payable to the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club and mail to PO Box 294, LaFayette NY 13084. Indicate Attention: Hall of Fame

**Please return this completed form ASAP. If you have any questions, please feel free to email
Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz at Ljkurtz1975@verizon.net or call 315-415-7932. Thank you!**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

YOUTH SPORTS

Soccer, for boys and girls in grades K-6, kicks-off Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Stafford Park South (concession stand). A flyer with details and a registration form will be sent home from school. Registration forms are also available online (Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab). Registration fee is \$5. LCC is currently seeking individuals to help run or coach the soccer program. If you are interested, please call 677-7272 and leave a message.

ADULT EXERCISE

Daytime/Senior Exercise: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the Lafayette Community Center. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 6; this session will run through October 13. Cost is \$35 for the full session. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class. Succeeding sessions will run October 18 – November 23 (\$35) and a mini-session November 29-December 22 (\$20).

YOGA

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The Fall Session begins September 12 and will run through December 21. Costs for this session are \$45 if attending classes one night per week, and \$90 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

ZUMBA/AEROBICS

Classes are held Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria. Session begins Monday, September 12 and runs through January 25. Cost is \$55. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

TABATA (interval training)

At this time, LCC is not able to provide this program as the instructor is no longer available to teach classes for us. We are actively seeking a replacement instructor. Updates will be published in upcoming newsletters and on the LCC tab of the Town's web site.



...LCC THANKS...

Summer Sports: The Summer Sports Seasons were celebrated with an ice cream social at Stafford Park on August 4th. LCC and players took this opportunity to thank all of the summer sports team's coaches for their time and efforts in providing instruction on the skills and strategies of the respective sports, along with sportsmanship, all the while keeping sports fun for the kids.

Please join us in thanking the following coaches:

Instructional T-Ball: – Earl Gardner

Instructional Lacrosse:

Girls – Paige Skinner, Megan Skinner

Boys – Brian Keller, Nate Loughlin, Jim Long, Todd Briggs

Upstate Lacrosse Association:

3rd & 4th grade boys - Travis Homer, Trevor Jones, Riley Jones, Eric Liddy, Patrick Liddy

3rd & 4th grade girls – Mark Dadey, Cassidy Doster, Halee Beebe, Lexi Peebles

5th & 6th grade boys – Mark Dadey, Tom Scofield

5th & 6th grade girls – Joe Evan, David Prince

Soccer Camp: Ultimate Goal

Tennis Camp: Joe Fox

Summer Basketball: Adrian Shute

Summer Zumba: Thank you to Tina Knapp for conducting free Zumba classes Wednesday evenings at Stafford Park during August. The weather cooperated and there were a good number of participants at each class.

LaFayette Softball Program: Thank you to the LaFayette Softball Program for their very generous monetary donation to LCC.

The LaFayette Softball Program is a Co-Ed softball league, consisting of ten teams, which play their games at Stafford Park on Friday evenings throughout the summer and fall. The league is headed up by Tony Vadala. The donation to LCC was part of the proceeds raised during a tournament hosted by the league on July 30.

Tabata: Thank you to Marie Thornton for conducting the Tabata classes for the past several years.

LaFayette Public Library News

The summer is over and it's back from vacations. We would like to thank everyone for a very successful Summer Reading Program, whose athletic theme fit well with the Summer Olympics! Our programs were well attended and we are glad everyone enjoyed them.

Phyllis Olmsted, our long standing Trustee and Secretary for the Board, has stepped down after many years of service to the library. We would like to thank her for her efforts over the years and we will miss her!

Speaking of Trustees, the library Board of Trustees is looking for someone to replace Phyllis on the Board. If you are interested please contact us at 677-3782. Ask for Scott. Thanks!

ART DISPLAY

In addition to the student art that we have on display, the Lafayette Library is looking to celebrate the artists in our community.

We would like to display your pieces of art around the Library. Bring your art (paintings, drawing, pottery, etc.) to the library with a name plate. This is an ongoing display.

Come visit the library to see the talent of others in the community.

On **Saturday, September 15, 10:30 – 11:30**, Tai Chi certified instructor Sifu Lynn Perrine is offering an introductory workshop for adults in **Wu Hao Style Tai Chi**.

Sifu is an executive Board member of USA Chin Woo and an internal martial arts judge USA.

For more information on the Wu Hao style go to <http://www.wuhaotaiji.com/>. Take a look at the 8 step in particular.



VOTE Coming up in November, we are having our annual Election Day bake sale. If you are interested in making a donation of some baked goods for our fundraiser please let us know – by phone 677-3782 or there will be sign up sheet at the circulation desk.

Just a reminder about our **Tuesday Teas** which are **every month on the third Tuesdays** of each month **2-4 p.m.** People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is September 20, 2:00 p.m.

DONATIONS: You may have noticed from time to time some boxes of materials sitting outside the library. That is because depending on the space we have, we may or may not be accepting small donations. It is best to call first. If we are accepting anything, it is very possible that we may not be able use what you have. We reserve the right to decide what we can use and what we cannot use. So please, please, please do not leave donations outside or in the bookdrop when the library is closed. If boxes are left without having asked first, they will remain there. As an example, someone left us a box with books with torn covers and also some VHS tapes which we no longer have on our shelves or sell. That is something that we cannot use but are left to deal with. We appreciate your efforts and cooperation in this matter.

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September IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of June, 2016. Particular dates to note are:

Thursday 1 Staff Development

Friday 2 No School

Monday 5 No School - Labor Day

Tuesday 6 Staff Development

Wednesday 7 First Day for Students

Thursday 8 BOE Meeting

Monday 12 GAPS Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 15 ONS Picture Day
GS Curriculum & Band Info Night,
6-7:30pm

Friday 16 Pep Rally (HS)
Homecoming

Tuesday 20 ONS Welcome Back Dinner 5:30pm
ONS Open House 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday 22 BOE Meeting

Monday 26 HS Picture Day

Wednesday 28 Half Day for Students,
11:30 am Dismissal
Staff Development