



LaFayette

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JSHS Students Enrich Lives

Prior to leaving for their two-week break, many LaFayette JSHS Students made holiday cards, ornaments, and even slipper socks for local nursing home residents and veterans' families. Overall, we donated 200 cards, 150 ornaments, and more than three dozen pairs of slipper socks.

Special thanks to: Big Picture students for providing salt dough ornaments for us to paint; Art, music and Spanish classes for donating their time and talents to create beautiful items; Mrs. Linda Callahan for connecting us with Shadow Warriors, a support and advocacy group for families and friends of post-9/11 active duty soldiers, Marines and veterans.



Students Make Music at Senior High All-County



Chloe Terrell, Jane Schaefer, Vivian Mueller, Rebecca Pethybridge and Zack Thrasher.

Congratulations to LaFayette vocal music students Chloe Terrell (soprano), Jane Schaefer (soprano), and Zack Thrasher (tenor) who were chosen to sing in the Onondaga Senior High All-County chorus, and to bassoonist Vivian Mueller, who was selected to play in the orchestra.

Competitive county-wide auditions were held in late November, and students were asked to perform musical pieces, scales and sight reading selections. The students then spent the next several weeks learning music for the concert which was held at West Genesee High School on January 10th.

Special thanks to our music teachers Rebecca Pethybridge and Jay Czyz for all of their hard work preparing the students for the auditions and concert. Bravo!

Thank You, LaFayette

I would like to thank you for welcoming me to your community almost six years ago. LaFayette is such a special place and it has been a privilege to be here. I will miss the Apple Festival, Grandparents' Day, The Winter Festival, the Olympics, Community Day, the Fishing Derby, the slideshows at graduation, and so many other wonderful community events. Most of all, I will miss the staff, students and families of LaFayette.

I have gotten a chance to work with Mr. Chupaila over the last few weeks. As you may know, he was a High School Principal for over twenty years, and it is great that the district was able to bring in someone with his level of experience.

Again, I want to thank you for being so welcoming.

- Greg Bump



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

YouthTruth Survey

Several months ago, our students responded to the YouthTruth Survey, a tool that we selected that would allow students to anonymously share their opinions about topics including, but not limited to, academic rigor, relationships with school adults, engagement with school, and college and career readiness. For example, the survey measured students' feelings about "the degree to which students feel equipped to pursue college and careers." Not surprisingly, the results are very revealing and informative so the administrators have been analyzing and internalizing the data in an effort to understand what our students are telling us. We have learned what they like and dislike about school, about the support that they receive at school, what they think about their classes, etc. Next, we will present the data to the staff at faculty meetings, then develop action plans to address the students' concerns and enhance what we do well.

Budget

We held three meetings to inform and seek feedback from stakeholder group representatives with regard to our school budget and how it is developed. Our School Business Administrator, Mrs. Turner, presented our line-by-line budget, followed by small group discussion review and discussion. The groups submitted questions that we answered at our second meeting. Several themes of interest emerged including Health Insurance costs, use of BOCES, and strong priority for having a Director of Technology and more AIS at the Jr./Sr. High School. The purpose of the third meeting was to review the governor's budget and its implications for our school district.

My thanks go to the following participants for their time, attention and feedback at the meetings: Eliza Bailey, Caroline Bice, Jen Blosssey, Greg Bump, Matt Dodge, Diane Ellsworth, Trisha Griffin, Gretchen Gretskey, Jim Kesler, Charlie Locke, Karen Ocque, Susan Osborn, April Palmer, Tom Scofield, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz, Melissa Terrell, Nan Terry, Tiffany Turner, Kym Weil and Sean Zehner.

If you have any questions about the budget development, please contact Mrs. Turner at the District Office.

School Messenger

There are several options from which to choose when deciding which list of recipients to use when I communicate via School Messenger. The "General" list reaches the first contact on a student's list of contacts. The "Emergency" list reaches all of the student's contacts. I have used both, and received strong feedback on both. The reason to use the Emergency list is to reach a student's contacts if the parents are not available. The reason not to use the Emergency list is that events such as a two-hour delay are not considered an emergency, so it is not reasonable to notify a student's

emergency contacts, because it can be annoying and cause undue alarm. Because it is not possible to make everyone happy on this topic, my decision is to use the General list for delays, closings and early closings. I will use my best judgment for other events.

Communicable Diseases

Questions have arisen about Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA.) Please keep in mind that not all parents/guardians notify school about MRSA or other infections in their children. If we do get notified, we take the same universal actions/precautions that we do for other infections. The nurses monitor the students closely. The students are not permitted to return to school without being treated with antibiotics for at least 24 hours, which is our policy for any bacterial infection. Beyond that, unless directed by the physician, students with MRSA should not be excluded from attending school.

The likely way to contract an infection like MRSA at school would be to have a break in one's skin and come in direct contact with an open wound from the student in question for cross contamination. Any open wound, though, should be covered at school and again, the student is on antibiotics, assuming that we are made aware. This obviously doesn't take into account colonized MRSA, which refers to those who carry MRSA and other bacterial infections on their skin without symptoms. If we are notified by parents/guardians, we communicate with the health department and follow all requirements, suggestions and guidelines. Schools no longer announce isolated cases of infections such as MRSA as they did in years past.

As is customary over winter break, all classroom furniture, large assembly areas (library, home & career, art) furniture, the wellness center walls and floors were cleaned and disinfected. In addition, the locker rooms, wellness equipment, gym walls and bleachers were addressed.

Please remind family members of the importance of being vigilant about handwashing and other good hygiene practices.

Current Topics

At a recent superintendents' meeting, the following topics were discussed: State Budget Outlook, Political Outlook, Search for new Commissioner, Elections of Regents, Charter Schools/Education Investment Credits, APPR, new ELL regulations, Testing/Common Core, Smart Schools Bond Act, Property Tax freeze, CTE Pathways, reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, and others. Change is a constant in public education. Our current state reflects that, and will ultimately be reflected in our conversations, policies and instructional practices. It is a great time to be in public education.

FROM THE DESK OF THE **SCHOOL** **BOARD PRESIDENT**

Capital Project:

The Capital Project is progressing just as we hoped it would. Bids are in the process of being submitted, so within a few weeks, we will see the work begin.

I first would like to thank everyone who has helped to get us this far, from the architects at Ashley and McGraw to Turner Construction. Also, a big thank you to Mr. Kesler and his staff who have been extremely helpful as we moved forward, and their continued involvement until completion. I can't forget all of our administrators, who also have many hours of time involved with this project. A special thank you to Mrs. Turner at the business office, who has been able to answer any question at a moment's notice.

Below is a quick timeline as to where we are today, and what we can expect in the near future:

- This past December, the State Education Department approved the capital project.
- In the first week of January, the project was advertised for bids.
- January 15 was the walk-through for all interested contractors, pre-bidding.
- January 29 will be the opening of all submitted bids.
- There will be the review for qualification of bids by legal advisors.
- Bids will be awarded in February after qualifications have been reviewed.
- Early February will be a kick-off meeting for all contractors.
- The first part of construction will begin at the high school in the LGI room over February Break.
- Work shall continue, with the bulk of it being done over summer recess.

We are approaching the exciting time of this project, as visible work will soon be commencing. I look forward to seeing the much-needed repairs and improvements take place at the high school, Grimshaw, and the district office. Thank you for all of your support as this project progresses.

Matthew Dodge
School Board President

District Fire Inspections

State Education Law requires that Fire Inspections be conducted in all District owned or leased buildings annually. These Inspections are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Don Warnow of OCM BOCES Health & Safety, along with Connie Wallis (Senior Risk Control Specialist of the District's Insurance carrier) and Jim Kesler (District Director of Facilities) will be conducting this inspection.

Jim Kesler
Director of Facilities
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Emergency School Closings

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

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

School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website: **www.lafayetteschools.org** to find out what the menu is for your child's school.

There are changes that are made after the Menu is printed in the school's newsletter, and it was decided that it would be more accurate and up-to-date to post the menus on the website.

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

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LaFayette Teachers in the New York State Master Teacher Program

The New York State Master Teacher program was established by Governor Cuomo in response to the country-wide effort to strengthen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education across the USA.

Through an application and interview process, New York State, in a partnership with SUNY (State University of New York) and Teach for America has identified some of the highest-performing STEM teachers currently in classrooms around the state. Within the structure of ten state 'cohorts', the Master Teacher Program makes it possible for these teachers to share their expertise with peers and to encourage the development of strong future STEM teachers. Master Teachers commit to professional development outside of classroom time, on evenings and weekends, in the focus areas of knowledge of content, pedagogy and students.

Three teachers in the LaFayette District have been selected for participation in the Master Teacher Program. Dave Amidon (Science 8) and Nan Terry (Earth and Environmental Science) were selected as part of the inaugural class and are currently serving their second year in the program. Mike Picciotti (Chemistry) joined the program the following year and is completing his first year. The LaFayette district falls in the Central Region cohort, with headquarters at SUNY Cortland.

-Submitted by Nan Terry

Response to Intervention

What is Response to Intervention (Rti)?

Rti is a tiered system of providing support and instruction to students. Each student's progress is monitored and the data are used to make decisions about instruction and intervention. *Resource: www.nysrti.org*

Current Status of Rti in LaFayette Central School District

Last year, as you might recall, the district was awarded a 2 1/2-year-long professional development and technical assistance grant from New York State. As a result, a Response to Intervention District Design Team was created. The team's purpose is to align current practices with New York State regulations. That includes reviewing core instruction, the screening process, and interventions offered. The team's mission is to develop and implement a multi-tiered model of instruction/interventions to support all students district-wide. Our vision is to equip the school community with the means to maximize the potential of every student. The team's next steps are to finalize the RTI Framework and develop an implementation plan.

Curriculum

I am meeting with grade levels and departments to discuss their perspectives on the strengths of, areas needing improvement in, and future considerations for their content, courses, and curricula. These discussions will form the foundation for the curriculum work that lies ahead so that LaFayette continues to offer a guaranteed, viable curriculum aligned to the New York State Common Core Learning Standards.

*Karen Ocque, Director of Instruction and Pupil Services
LaFayette Central School District • 315-677-5506*

March 2015 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March 2015, Newsletter will be Monday, February 9.

The LaFayette News (Greensheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online @ lafayetteschools.org.

Information should be sent to: ritabush@secny.net It is requested that all articles be emailed in Word format whenever possible. Pictures should be emailed in JPG format at 300 dpi. It is important that a photo is not inserted or embedded within the actual Word article.

Your adherence to these requests is greatly appreciated.



♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

2015 Scholastic Art Awards

Over 60 entries from the JSHS were submitted for judging to the Central New York Scholastic Art Awards Competition. Our students competed with 90 other junior and senior high schools throughout the Central New York region. There were over 5,000 artworks submitted to the competition this year.

Two days of rigorous judging resulted in eighteen of our students receiving awards in this prestigious competition. All award winners have their artworks on display at the Whitney Applied Technology Center at Onondaga Community College. On opening night, the Gold Key winners are invited to a special Awards Ceremony and a first look at the exhibit, which takes up an amazing three floors of display space. The exhibit is on view to the public beginning Friday, January 16th, and closes on Friday, February 27th. Gold Key winners will have their work go on to compete at the National Competition in New York City in March.

Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Robinson wish to congratulate these students for their hard work and achievement:

Special Awards:

Honorable Mention Fine Arts Portfolio of Eight Artworks – Jade Williams.

Gold Key Winners:

Mackenzie Caron, Taylor Cook, Cassandra Dodge, Jannah Grant, Shelby Ohstrom, Kyle Tracy and Bridget Walsh.

Silver Key Winners:

Ivy Bennett, Cassandra Dodge, Vivian Mueller and Ashley Ohstrom.

Honorable Mention:

Quinn Christiana, Mya DeJoseph, Cory Hart, Edrei Ibarra Contreras, Devon Scott, Corinne Sheley and Kaylee West.

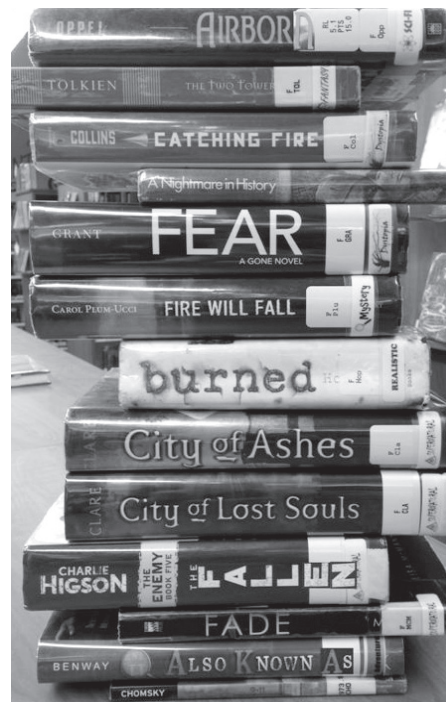
Spine Label Poetry

The 7th graders had a Spine Label Poetry Contest. They walked through the library and collected titles of books to create a poem. Congratulations to Noah Brothers for winning the contest with his tribute to 9/11.

Spine Label Poetry is when you put the books together to create the poem, so the picture is the authentic version of his poem.

Noah's poem:

**Airborn
The Two Towers
Catching Fire
A Nightmare in History
Fear
Fire Will Fall
burned
City of Ashes
City of Lost Souls
The Fallen
Fade
Also Known As
9/11**



Yearbook Bits and Pieces

Who better to have a picture of your student but you, the parents/guardians! The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures of events, academic/sporting, or just your students being kids, to enhance the 2014/2015 Yearbook. If you have pictures of games, projects, activities, etc., please send them our way! Send all pictures or questions to: mnastasi@lafayetteschools.org or aflemming@lafayetteschools.org

Senior Ads are still being accepted! Contact Amy Flemming at aflemming@lafayetteschools.org

Yearbooks are still on sale, although the price has gone up to \$60 + sh/h. Price will increase again on distribution day to \$75. You know they want one, so why wait? Contact: www.jostens.com

Advance Sale Tickets for the 2015 Junior/Senior Prom

Tickets are on sale for \$45 from February 1 - March 20 ONLY.

Payment can be made in installments, but must be paid in full by March 20.

Tickets sold after March 20 will **increase to \$50**. Tickets are non-refundable, but can be sold to another student.

Questions: E-mail pmcelhannon@lafayetteschools.org or Call 677-5506

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH MATH STUDENTS!

Math Tutoring is now available through the 21st Century Grant on Thursdays, from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Mr. Winans and Mr. Morel are providing this tutoring, and there is a bus at 4:00 p.m. to take you home! You can attend every week, or as needed, for help with any 9-12 math class.

ACT/SAT Test Dates:

| <u>ACT Test Deadline</u> | <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Late Fee Required</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4/18/15 | 3/13/15 | 3/27/15 |
| 6/13/15 | 5/8/15 | 5/22/15 |

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

| <u>SAT Test Deadline</u> | <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Late Fee Required</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/14/15 | 2/13/15 | 2/27/15-3/3/15 |
| 5/2/15 | 4/6/15 | 4/17-21/15 |
| 6/6/15 | 5/8/15 | 5/22-27/15 |

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

***We're Off to
See the Wizard!***
the LaFayette Players present

THE WIZARD OF OZ

MARCH
6th and 7th • 7pm
JSHS Auditorium

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There's no place like LaFayette!*



Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.

You're invited to an
Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support
LAFAYETTE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Tickets are \$6

\$4.50 of each ticket will be donated to the foundation.

When Sunday, February 8th • 8-10 a.m.
Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
3189 Erie Blvd., Dewill, NY

You may purchase tickets from any Varsity Boys Lacrosse Player, or at the door that morning.
If you don't know any Boys Lacrosse players, please contact Kim Agedal at agedalk@gmail.com and she can arrange to get you tickets, as well.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

We would like to thank everyone who donated your cans and bottles for a good cause! The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club greatly appreciates your generosity and support. Your donations will help to fund equipment needed for our Varsity teams that our budget simply cannot cover. We appreciate your time and effort in helping make our Booster Club a success!



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SAVE THE DATE 2015 Junior/Senior Prom

When: Saturday - May 9th (6-10 pm) • Where: SKY Armory, Syracuse

QUESTIONS: E-mail pmcelhannon@lafayetteschools.org, or call 677-5506

GUIDANCE/COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to colleges for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year:

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| Zeina Akl | Buffalo State Keuka College SUNY Morrisville SUNY Oswego |
| Jessa Albro | Cazenovia College Keuka College |
| Margaret Coulter | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Chase LaCava | LeMoyne College St. John Fisher SUNY Polytechnic Institute Texas Christian University |
| Dustin Rosello | D'Youville College |

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

SUNY'S Statewide Financial Aid Days are offered as a service to all prospective college students and their families. The programs are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process.

Many campuses will provide hands-on assistance from SUNY financial aid professionals in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This will be held on February 28th. The FAFSA is required for all financial aid, including New York State assistance. Web access to complete the online FAFSA will be offered on some campuses. You may register online at www.suny.edu/studentevents or by calling 1-800-342-3811.

FREE SAT PREP CLASSES

Syracuse University is offering free SAT Prep classes on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The sessions run from January 31 to March 7, and from March 21 - April 25. You can register online at: sayyessyracuse.org under "High School." For more information, call 443-5369.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships that come to the guidance office are listed online on Naviance. Most you can apply to online; some you may have to pick up an application for in guidance.

SOPHOMORES – PRACTICE ACT RESULTS

10th Grade students who took the Practice ACT test in December received their results after the December break. This practice ACT provides results in English, math, reading and science.

STUDENT SCHEDULING

Once again, the course guide will not be mailed home. It is available online on the guidance webpage. If you do not have computer access at home, your child can pick up a printed copy in the guidance office. A course selection sheet was mailed home with the report cards. The parent signs it and the student returns the form to guidance. An appointment to schedule is then made.

Students are signing up for their courses for the upcoming 2015-16 academic year. Please call the Guidance Office at 677-7849 if you have any questions, or would like to set up an appointment with Mr. O'Leary or Mrs. Cool regarding student schedules.

Parents of 8th and 11th Grade students are invited to sign up for scheduling meetings with their school counselor. This is the time to plan and learn about high school and graduation requirements for your student and we encourage you to attend. Mrs. Cool will be meeting with 8th Grade families and Mr. O'Leary will be meeting with 11th Grade families from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd. Please call 677-7849 to set up an appointment for these evening meetings. Students must attend these meetings with their parents.

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

Hour of Code Event



Big Picture students joined over 90 million students across the world in the largest learning initiative in history. On December 17th, every Big Picture School student participated in an Hour of Code event. The Hour of Code was an initiative by *Code.org*, and large companies, such as Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, and Facebook, to prove that anyone can learn the basics of computer coding. The Big Picture held two hours of coding as an introduction to computer science and to join the Code.org movement.



New York State Assemblyman Al Stirpe joined Big Picture students in the afternoon to join the Hour of Code. Big Picture students Alex Rogers and Abe Stanton sat with Mr. Stirpe to ensure he had student support, if needed, as he attempted his own coding.

Big Picture students also signed up with www.codeacademy.com to begin free online tutorials in coding languages such as JavaScript, Python, and Ruby. Any student in the district can enroll for free online to begin learning the basics in any of these languages.

SUNY Morrisville STEP also helped support this event by providing rewards and motivation to students.

This computer science initiative continues through the Morrisville STEP Computer Programming club, as those students learning code will participate in the Global Game Jam event in late January. In this global event will our students will develop and code a video game in forty-eight hours.

Big Picture students will continue to hone their computer science skills as the year progresses through individual learning goals and group coding events.



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL INPUT

From the Desk of the Grimshaw Principal

Grimshaw was all about giving back during the Holiday Season, and we couldn't be more proud of the difference our students are making.

Our 6th Grade Student Council students volunteered their time at the GAPS Book Fair as they gift-wrapped holiday purchases and organized a non-perishable food drive for the LaFayette Outreach Program. On the Saturday before Christmas, two groups of Student Council volunteers gathered at Shoppingtown Mall to ring the Salvation Army bell, and while they raised money for a good cause, they sang carols for the holiday shoppers. The Student Council is ready and excited for more volunteer opportunities in 2015.

Thank you to our 5th Grade students from the 2013-2014 school year for making a BIG difference with their Jamaican Project. Our students collected items for children in need in Jamaica, and their efforts were received by many smiles. The Senior Executive Assistant and Executive Director of the Great Shape Inc! program that organizes these volunteer efforts for families in Jamaica sent a letter to Mr. Mahoney and his class, thanking them for their efforts. Here is a little bit of what they said: "You and your 5th Grade students directly impacted the lives of thousands of Jamaican children this year through your school-wide campaign to collect toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other school supplies. Thanks to you, your students, and everyone else who was part of the drive at LaFayette Schools, more than 2000 toothbrushes were placed in the hands of Jamaican school children. In addition, countless students received school supplies that usually are not available to them."

"The children who received your gifts of school supplies were so excited and grateful. It was like Christmas morning to them - such wonderful new pencils, crayons, packs of paper, etc. The teachers were also very grateful. (I witnessed several with tears in their eyes as they told me that your gifts will give them tools to teach their lessons)."

2015 is off to a great start at Grimshaw through the kindness of our students and our families!

Jennifer Blossey, Grimshaw Principal



Grimshaw Physical Education Corner

It has been a positive and productive first half of the year in Physical Education! We have completed units in Flag Football, soccer, Project Adventure (cooperative games), indoor cross country, floor hockey, and volleyball in Grades 3 through 6. At the primary level, we have completed units on body control and awareness, cooperative games, "Pillo Polo", hand-eye coordination, mini-volleyball, and cross country. Interspersed among these units, we incorporated our Fitness-gram testing, and APPR testing including LAT and SLO testing, in compliance with NYS requirements.

As an added treat, we brought school Archery into the 5th and 6th Grade PE curriculum, which was well received by the students. This national (NASP) system uses a safe, 11 step process to teach proper technique and appropriate safety practices and etiquette.

During the Christmas break, 40 Grimshaw students elected to participate in our Vacation Fitness plan, where students kept daily track of their physical fitness activities and submitted completed packets that were displayed in the gym lobby.

Please continue to bring in your empty Capri-Sun juice packets, which are turned in to purchase Physical Education Equipment. As usual, we appreciate your support of our Physical Education Program. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your PE teachers.

*Yours in Physical Education and Child Fitness—
Mr. LaRose and Mr. Ryan*

Health-Office-News

- Please dress your children for outdoor play as classes will go outside whenever possible. Also, please be sure all primary grade students have extra clothes in their backpacks/cubbies/lockers in case they need them.

- We ask that you keep children home for 24 hours after having a fever of 100 degrees or greater, vomiting, or starting on antibiotics for a bacterial infection. These measures help immensely in decreasing the spread of infectious diseases.

- Please remember to notify me directly whenever your child is out of school for any reason.

- If your child is restricted from gym by a physician, I must have a note from a physician to release them to play again.

*Sincerely, Paula Bush, Grimshaw Nurse
677-5501 • 677-3154 (fax)
pbush@lafayetteschools.org*

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

Architect Visits ONS



Onondaga Nation School Architect Andrew Schuster visited the ONS Fifth Grade classroom last week to talk about Tsha'Thoñswatha' (Fire barn) and how earth friendly resources are used in its construction.

"Our classroom has been learning and researching in depth about renewable and non-renewable resources," states Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Powless. "It was really great that Mr. Schuster was able to come in to show the class how all of these ideas can come together in designing a building."

Mr. Schuster led the students through a presentation where he showed how he, as an architect, listens to what the people want before he begins to design.

"That is an important part of being a good architect," he told the class. "You want to build a structure that reflects what the people want. The Council repeatedly told me they wanted a building that was 'earth friendly'. One of the major factors we did is we made it out of wood instead of steel. Steel is mined minerals from the earth and requires furnaces to create it."

Mr. Schuster also showed how the building can use minimal fuels to heat and provide electricity for the building with the solar panels, geothermal heating, and insulation. He said the

insulation on Tsha'Thoñswatha' is "a great blanket."

Vernon said, "I think it's cool that the heating pipes go 400 feet down to the bedrock. And I really like that 95% of the building is renewable."

Gage talked of the use of recycling to help build the fire barn, "I like how they actually used recycled books for insulation. That is so cool that the whole fire barn is based on the environment."

I learned that it is important where you put the windows in the building," stated Payton. "The North-facing windows allow the light to be soft."

Andrew Schuster showed diagrams of the building and the geothermal being installed into the floor. The Geothermal heat allows the building to heat quickly after the firemen open the doors for the trucks.

"I like that my grandpa, uncle, and cousins helped," said Jamisin. "They helped pour the concrete on the heating pipes and the sidewalks, too."

The students then had some questions of their own for the visiting architect. They found out that he is a Cornell graduate, has been designing buildings for the past 12 years, and has created at least three buildings every year of various sizes and purposes, and his favorite building is in France.

"My first building was a health center in Elmira," responded Andrew to an inquisitive 5th grader's question. "Currently, I am working on a 3 year re-design of the Syracuse University's old Law Building. That one is being completed in phases in order to let the students still use parts of the building while other sections get renovated."

Overall, Mrs. Powless class really enjoyed learning about how Tsha'Thoñswatha' was all put together with our Mother Earth in mind.

Kyler summed up the class' feelings, "I can't wait to visit the fire barn!"

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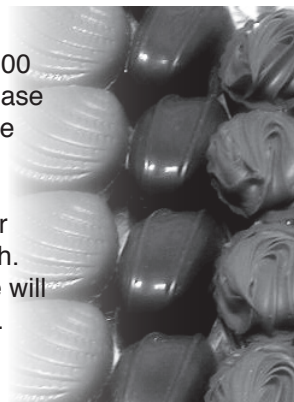
A Taste of Chocolate

"A Taste of Chocolate," a food-sampling event, will be held on **Saturday, February 14**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Columbian Presbyterian Church, corner of Routes 11 & 20, LaFayette. Purchase some samples to taste, and take some home for your sweetheart. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to LaFayette Outreach.

For more information, or to donate goodies, contact: **677-3293**, or cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com.

Also, **"The Chocolate Debacle"** - All of the works of *Karen Winters Schwartz* - will be available for purchase on **Saturday, February 14**, at "A Taste of Chocolate" at the Columbian Presbyterian Church. They are being offered in support of the *National Alliance of Mental Illness* (Syracuse chapter). There will be autographed copies available, as well as a representative from NAMI to explain their organization.

For more information, contact: **677-3293**, cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com; or NAMI, **487-2085**, NAMISyracuse@NAMISyracuse.org.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council Contact Information:

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3rd/4th Grade Basketball

Reminder that this will begin after the February Break; watch for flyer from school. If you plan on coaching, you need to contact us immediately.

5th/6th Grade Girls Volleyball

Begins after February Break. Watch for the flyer from school.

Baseball/Softball/Lacrosse

Early reminder! Baseball and Lacrosse league and in-house registrations are scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, 5:30-7p.m. and Saturday, March 14th, 9-10:30a.m., both at Grimshaw in or near cafeteria.

CPR for Volunteer Coaches

We will have our annual training in March. Please plan on attending. Details available at baseball/lacrosse registration. Coaches of other sports throughout the year, please plan on attending as well to keep current.

Needed:

Apple Valley League LaFayette Representative--Interested volunteer needed that loves Baseball/Softball, agrees with Apple Valley League rules and mission, has time to attend league meetings and help run the LaFayette program.

Please contact us to inquire by February 15th.

Hall Walking

Walk the Grimshaw halls for exercise! Weekdays, 5-7 p.m. Enter by cafeteria, sign in book and have dry shoes.

Adult Programs

Times are listed below -- call for January pricing:

Yoga - Mon. and Thurs., 6:30-7:45 p.m., Grimshaw

Zumba - Mon. and Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grimshaw cafeteria

Tabata based - Thurs, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Grimshaw cafeteria

Daytime/Senior Exercise - Tues./Wed./Thurs., 8:30-9:30 a.m., Community Center

LaFayette Public Library News

Kyra Nay, LaFayette Library Youth Services coordinator, has started a Wednesday afternoon after school **"Imagination Lab"** for elementary school age children. Come on in and be creative building all kinds of things from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kyra will also be doing some innovative programming during the February Break. The schools will be notified as to what and when.

We will be working with the **"Big Picture School"** to have programming using the 3D printer and the **Lego Mindstorms**, so keep an eye out for that.

In addition to updating our print and media collection in the children's area, 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.

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

We are still looking to add to our **Teen Task Force**, grades 6-12, to do brainstorming about programming, collection development, etc. If you are interested, please contact Kyra Nay at 677-3782 or knay@onlib.org.

The **Teen Book Club** is reading "The Glass Sentence" by S.E. Grove. Come and check it out!

We continue to offer **computer training** for our patrons. This is a one-on-one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

Story Hours:

Wednesdays - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Junior Class After Prom Party Bake Sale

The Junior Class After Prom Committee is looking for baked good donations for their Bake Sale, which will be held on **Sunday, February 22**, from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. at the VFW Pancake Breakfast in LaFayette.

If you can contribute baked goods, or if you have any questions, please contact Kim Agedal 315-378-3043 or agedalk@gmail.com.

Kim will be at the Community Center on Saturday, February 21, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. to drop off your donations.

Please package your donations ready to sell. Thank you.



February

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of February, 2015. Particular dates to note are:

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| Sunday | February 8 |
| Monday | February 9 |
| Thursday | February 12 |
| Saturday | February 14 |

Lacrosse Flapjack Fundraiser, Applebee's in DeWitt, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
GAPS Meeting, Grimshaw Library, 6:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, JSHS LGI Room, 5:30 p.m.
Taste of Chocolate Food Sampling, and Works of Karen Winters Schwartz, Columbian Presbyterian Church, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday **February 16**
 through
Friday **February 20**

NO SCHOOL – Grimshaw, JSHS, and Big Picture Only – Winter Break

Friday, February 20

EARLY DISMISSAL – Onondaga Nation School, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 22

Community Give
VFW Pancake Breakfast and After Prom Bake Sale, LaFayette VFW
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Thursday, February 26

Board of Education Meeting, JSHS Library, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 27

EARLY DISMISSAL – All Buildings, 11:30 a.m. – Staff Development

Friday, February 27

Last Day to View Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit, Applied Technology Center, Onondaga Community College