



# LaFayette

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### Science and Symphor!a— LaFayette Students Collaborate with the Symphony

This past winter, science students in Mr. Amidon's class spent time working with Symphor!a on a project connecting science with music. Symphor!a (experiencsymphoria.org) is the not-for-profit orchestra made up of professional musicians who make Central New York their home. The theme for their Young Person's concert this spring was Sound of Nature, and they were working with professors from SUNY ESF to film some video to enhance the nature-inspired pieces for their performance and create a local connection. Here is a summary of the program:

**Summer:** *Beethoven, Symphony No.6, "Pastoral" Mvt. 1, and Mvt. 6, (Storm).*

*Evokes the joy of the countryside in spring, and the power of a summer thunderstorm*

**Winter:** *Vivaldi, The Four Seasons, Mvt. 1 (Winter). Evocative of our Central New York winters, Vivaldi's opening movement captures the brittleness of our chilled environment as a gale ushers in the full force of winter.*

#### Watersheds – The Great Lakes:

*Smetana, Die Moldau. Die Moldau describes in music the formation of the longest river in the Czech Republic, which we'll transpose to CNY to reference the Great Lakes, Niagara Falls and the St. Lawrence Seaway.*

**Ocean:** *Debussy, La Mer, Mvt. 2 (Play the Waves). The beginning and end of the natural water cycle is the sea, celebrated in this famous piece of music.*

#### Modern Environmental Concerns:

*Charles Ives, the Ruined River, from Set No. 1 for Chamber Orchestra. We are the stewards of the planet, and this piece explores the impact of human disregard for our natural environment.*

Through this collaboration, LaFayette science students were invited to work with music students from Liverpool Middle School and create some additional programming for the concert.

There were many moving pieces for this project. First and foremost, the Onondaga Lake Projects our 8th graders completed in December were presented in the lobby of the concert to be viewed by concert-goers. In addition, students and staff provided themed images that

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WHAT IS NOT A CONCERN FOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT EFFORTS IN AND AROUND THE LAKE?

- A) Industrial waste and mercury contamination
- B) Invasive Species
- C) Urbanization of the watershed
- D) Combined Sewer Overflow
- E) All of the Above



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



*Peter Tigh, Superintendent*

On Wednesday, April 2, I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony honoring Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation, Oren Lyons. Sponsored by F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, the event included live entertainment, a video tribute to Faithkeeper Lyons, and lots of networking with new and old friends. Also included was the participation of students and staff of the Onondaga Nation School.



*Peter Tigh and Oren Lyons*

Kindergarten through Grade 8 students from ONS created the centerpieces for each of the tables, which were later sold to attendees. The pieces were created in the technology and art classes taught by Jeff and Chris Capella. All were beautiful and all sold very quickly! Part of the proceeds are being returned to the school for their use.

Chief Lyon's message was a simple one: Each of us has a responsibility to take care of this planet for future generations. The tough part is sharing this message with seven billion people, and having them understand it. The Onondaga Nation is committed to this vision and has worked with Swecorp Citizenship Stockholm AB to create Plantagon. From their website, Plantagon's Business Concept states:

"We develop innovative solutions to meet the rising demand for locally grown food in cities all around the world. We minimize the use of transportation, land, energy and water – using waste products in the process but leaving no waste behind."

Oren R. Lyons is the Chairman of Plantagon International AB and has been since January, 2008.

## SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT INPUT

Hello LaFayette,

This month I am going to focus on "The Big Picture School". I have not yet mentioned BPS in my monthly discussions, as you all have the opportunity to visit their website and see the wonderful educational activities that take place there. I am writing about the BPS because of a challenge made recently concerning the integrity of the program and one of the program's teachers. This challenge resulted in an investigation of one of our BPS teachers by the New York State Department of Education, "Test Security and Educator Integrity Unit".

The investigator visited the LCSD and interviewed administrators, teachers, students and parents in an effort to gain enough information to justify making a charge of "cheating on a Regents Exam". (The actual claim was "inappropriate assistance") After the investigator had reviewed all of the information obtained, she made her determination. That determination was that there was "no cause shown to file charges". This finding provided the accused teacher a bit of solace and affirmation that what they are doing to help our kids learn is within the guidelines determined by the State Education Department.

During the investigation, numerous allegations of failure to follow proper procedures per the State Education Law were made by interviewees. Since these allegations were outside of the investigator's purview, she recommended that the district further investigate these allegations to determine their validity. Subsequently, the district hired the former Executive Officer and District Superintendent of the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES. This position is the regional extension of the State Department of Education and the Liaison for 23 public school districts in the aforementioned counties. After retiring from her position, having served nine years in this capacity and an additional 29 years in public education, Jessica Cohen became a consultant with "Castallo & Silky Educational Consultants". Jessica was recommended to us by the current BOCES Superintendent, Jody Manning.

There was concern about hiring Jessica for two reasons. The first was that Jessica had worked closely with one of the educational consultants involved with the launch of the original Big Picture School in Providence, RI. At that time she had questioned the philosophy of BPS. The second was that when LaFayette started the BPS, the students that populated the program were students that LaFayette had previously sent to BOCES (for which we paid BOCES tuition). It is one thing to bring in an outside consultant to review your programs, it's another to bring someone in that doesn't like what you are doing from the very beginning. After interviewing Jessica, we determined that she would provide us with a fair and objective analysis of the program. It was extremely important to us to know that Jessica would bring any and all deficiencies in the program to our attention.

When reviewing the allegations made, and there were many, it became apparent that the real challenge was whether or not all aspects of Education Law were being adhered to at the Big Picture School. Subsequently, the Board of Educa-



**SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT INPUT ... CONTINUED**

tion charged Jessica Cohen with reviewing all activities at the Big Picture School to test their compliance with Section 100 of the New York State Education Law. Section 100 defines what school districts are required to do to prepare a student to graduate with a New York State diploma.

The reviewer spent three weeks reviewing files (in some cases, going back to the beginning of the program), interviewing the BPS administrators, teachers, students, parents, members of the JR/SR high school administration, and members of the LaFayette Teachers Union. The reviewer's finding was that "The LaFayette Big Picture School provides academic credits in a way that is consistent with the regulations".

Yes, there were deficiencies and recommendations for actions to be taken to correct the deficiencies. The greatest deficiency was the interpretation of the Law pertaining to teachers teaching subjects outside of their certification. According to the law, teachers are allowed to teach one subject outside of their certification. Where BPS was out of compliance was that the district had not filed all of the necessary paper work with the state. That problem was corrected immediately after the report was given to the district. At this point, all paperwork has been filed and approved.

The Big Picture School at LaFayette follows the guidelines of the National Big Picture School that is located in 44 states and 66 schools in 4 countries. Since the LCSD has started this program, Big Picture School programs have been developed in the Oswego City School District, at the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, and the Kenmore Tonawanda School District near Buffalo. After five and one half years of existence in LaFayette, the BPS school has withstood the test of time.

This is my fourth year on the board and I can't remember a time when someone in our educational community wasn't challenging the program. The first assault was on the cost to the district. The fact is that we receive state aid on students who attend school. If they don't attend, we don't get paid. LaFayette prides itself on having small classes. If these students drop out, (before the BPS we were losing 8 to 15 students per year), we don't have enough money to keep our classes small. Finding space for the program has been another challenge. The teachers and students have survived under very strenuous conditions. Now we have had reviews by the state Test Security and Educator Integrity Unit and an independent firm and their findings affirm that the program, and its participants, are following sound educational procedures that are within the rules defined by section 100 of the NYS Education Law.

I can't write this volume without lauding the successes of the program. The Big Picture School students have moved on to fulfill their major requirement for graduation. Big Picture School goes one step farther than New York State. A Big Picture requisite states that before they can graduate, students must either have been accepted into an accredited college or have obtained a job in their chosen area of study.

So here it is: Of the 27 students that have graduated, six are attending Onondaga Community College, one is attending Syracuse University, one is attending SUNY Fredonia; one is attending Earl-

ham College (with a substantial scholarship), one is attending The College of St Rose, one is attending Mohawk Valley Community College, and one is attending Monroe Community College. Twelve students are employed. There are three graduates for whom no information is currently available. Currently, there are seven students attending Big Picture that are enrolled in classes at Morrisville State College.

This program is working and is just another example of what is possible when people believe it is possible. I have been to the BPS graduation and heard the sincerity in the students' voices when they express their gratitude to the teachers at BPS. These students have been able to achieve their goals because our district has provided them with a solid educational experience.

LaFayette residents, be proud to be part of a community that has such a diverse public school system.

*Tom Scofield, President, LCSD Board of Education*

**Budget Update**

The State's budget was passed on March 31, 2014. What does that mean for the LaFayette Central School District? Our school district is anticipating an additional \$231,151 in state aid when compared to the Governor's preliminary budget that was presented in January. Although this is good news, the Gap Elimination Adjustment remains in the State budget and took back \$900,983 this year.

The District received an administrator's retirement notice since the Governor's preliminary budget. This position will not be filled. Still, the District needed to find another \$142,000 to get us within a 2% tax levy increase.

The District has re-negotiated its printer agreements through BOCES, quoted its insurance premiums, and continues to use cooperative purchasing through BOCES to save money. However, with this being said, the District is still looking at reductions for next school year. Most reductions will be made through attrition (retirement). There will be reductions of 3.5 teacher assistant positions, 2 teacher positions, and the 1 administrative position mentioned earlier. In addition, there will also be 2 cafeteria positions reduced from the cafeteria budget. These reductions will get the district to a 1.98% tax levy increase and maintains programs for students.

The Board will review and adopt a final budget at the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting.

Important Dates to Follow:

- May 8, 2014 – Budget Hearing, JSHS LGI Room, 5:30 p.m.
- May 20, 2014 – Budget Vote, JSHS Main Office Lobby, 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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## CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

Paula Cowling,  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

What do you want to know from your child's report card? This has been a recurring discussion point for years yet the report cards look pretty much the same: A, B, C, D, F, Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Needs Improvement and Plays Well With Others continue to dominate the report. But, are they LEARNING?? WHAT are they learning? Are they ON GRADE LEVEL? If they are above grade level, are they still LEARNING?? Where did they begin the year? How did they end the year? Was it 180 days of continuous improvement? And not to minimize the soft skills, are they leaders or followers? Do they participate in everything every day? Do other students sit with them at lunch? How do they interact with adults? Are they in the top 3? Are they creative? Innovative? A free thinker? The next Bill Gates or the next Nobel Peace Prize winner?

This is a complicated issue because it begins in the classroom. We have a variety of ways to assess students, from paper and pencil tests to performance exams. But for the most part, teachers have held on tight to letter and numerical grading, partly because it is easier to justify, partly because parents can relate to it, partly because colleges expect it, on a high school level it is partly because teachers can have over 100 students on their rosters, and partly because we are not entirely comfortable with alternatives.

We could create a rubric, base it on 1-4, 1 being well below proficient, 2 below proficient, 3 proficient and 4 excels, similar to State assessments. The drawback—what does that tell us? How does one measure the difference between well below proficient and below proficient? What does it take to get from proficient to excel? This is inadequate on multiple levels, and it is still a number. We could write a narrative for each student, strengths and challenges, and this would provide more information. But to what degree is teacher subjectivity imbedded in this process? Where is the data that proves what the teacher writes is accurate? Averaging on a 100 point scale appears much more objective and credible and "I have the test right here to prove it."

Relying on any test or an average of multiple tests has

inherent problems when we are working with children. In his article, "It's Time to Stop Averaging Grades", Rick Wormelli poses the following: "Consider a student taking a test on a particular topic in a particular format. The student ate breakfast, or he did not. He slept well, or he did not. His parents are divorcing, or they are not. He has a girlfriend, or he does not. He studied for this test, or he did not. He is competing in a high stakes drama/music/sports competition later this afternoon, or he is not. Whatever the combination, all these factors conspire to create this student's specific performance on this test on this day at this time of day."

As educators and parents we are striving for growth, so what is the best way to show growth if not a test? Any assessment should provide for a re-do, an opportunity to persevere rather than to move on without mastering the content. My youngest daughter took her driving test three times before she passed it. After each of the first two, the feedback provided improved her performance. She practiced the parallel parking more, and learned the difference between a rolling stop and a stop. "As Wormelli points out, LSAT, MCAT, Praxis, SAT, bar exams, CPA exams, pilot licensure and mechanic certificate exams are high stakes, adult level, working world assessments that may be re-done for full credit. If we want our students to engage more fully in our school's mission, we must give them hope and reason to persevere. Second chances may just be the way to reach our young people." (Just for the Asking by Bruce Oliver, February 2012, Volume 1X, Issue 2).

Back to the question, what do we want to see on a report card? We want to see our children approach a challenge and achieve success. We want to see that they master content to the best of their ability before they move on. There is no simple solution here. Project Based Learning (PBL) opens a door to explore some possibilities. In the next issue of the Greensheet, we will present more information about PBL, what it is, how we assess it, and what a PBL report card would look like. Stay tuned, this is exciting stuff!

## Free Book Every Month

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

Each participating child will receive their free book through the mail until their fifth birthday. Families may register their children by e-mailing the following information to [gaps@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:gaps@lafayetteschools.org)

**Please include the following information:**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Change in School Lunch Notification

### School Lunch Menus

Please refer to the LaFayette School website: [www.lafayetteschools.org](http://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.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.





## ♦ LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### *From the Desk of the* **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

The question that keeps coming up in our school is, has Spring really sprung yet? With the expected positive change in the weather, it is sometimes difficult for our students to remain focused on the task at hand and not think about the big game tonight, Prom, and other outside events that can captivate one's attention. However, we need to help our students remain focused for the next couple of months and prioritize the learning and the fun.

While Junior High focused on the New York State Assessments in April, the rest are starting to focus on the impending local finals, Regents, AP and SAT exams. The last two months of school are filled with examinations. These examinations are a reflection of the hard work and commitment of our staff and students throughout the entire school year.

Along with all the upcoming testing, we will be taking some time to celebrate our teaching staff during the week of May 5 through 9. As Henry Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Our students, past and present, have reaped the many benefits of our teachers' knowledge and ability to motivate, which have led to higher levels of student learning. We look forward to this opportunity to thank them.

Thank you again for the continued support throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jennifer M. Blossey, Principal  
LaFayette Junior-Senior High School

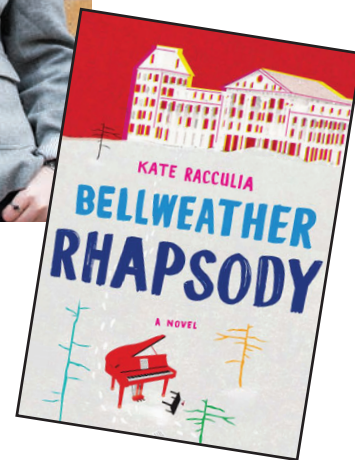
### Alumni News

Kate Racculia, a 1998 LCSD graduate, and daughter of Mick and Jane Racculia (retired Grimshaw teacher), announces the publication of her second book, **Bellweather Rhapsody**. This murder/mystery is set in the Catskills at a high school music festival. It features references to Agatha Christie, The Shining, and her own musical experiences.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has a release date of May 13. Barnes and Noble on Erie Boulevard will host a book reading/signing/Q&A event on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend.



Kate has lived in Boston for the last ten years and plans a move this summer. She works for the Massachusetts General Hospital fund raising department and teaches writing classes at Grub Street, an independent writing group.



### ACT/SAT testing dates:

ACT recommends registering online at:  
[www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
6/14/14	5/9/14	5/10-5/23/14

SAT recommends registering online at:  
[sat.collegeboard.com](http://sat.collegeboard.com)

Test Deadline	Registration Date	Late Fee Required
5/3/14	4/4/14	4/18/14
6/7/14	5/9/14	5/23/14

... DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGE ...

**2014 Junior/Senior Prom**  
**is on May 3rd 6-10 pm**  
**At the Rosamond Gifford Zoo**

Questions? Contact Junior Class Advisors,  
Mrs. Lerch or Mrs. McElhannon

## ◆ LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News ◆



### 2014 Rock Fest Summary

Our event this year was a huge success. Thank you to the community and to the students of LaFayette. The Matthew Nastasi Memorial Scholarship (now in its tenth year) raised over \$1600 on Friday, March 28th. Five Syracuse area bands entertained a crowd of over two hundred students and staff. So many people should be and could be thanked for their contributions both financially and physically!

On a final note, next year's show has already been scheduled, so mark your calendar for Friday, March 27, 2015!



## DRIVERS EDUCATION 2014 Summer Course

**\$140 Fee  
due at  
registration**

LaFayette Jr.-Sr. High School is offering its Driver's Education summer course again this year.

**Classes will be held July 7– Aug 5  
8-9:30am Monday-Thursday.**

In-car driving will be scheduled weekdays during non-in classroom time as well as on Fridays and possibly Saturdays, and may be scheduled through mid-August.

Enroll in the Guidance Office May 1 – 16th.

Priority given first to Seniors, then Juniors, etc. and then by registration date. Student must 16 years old on or before July 7.

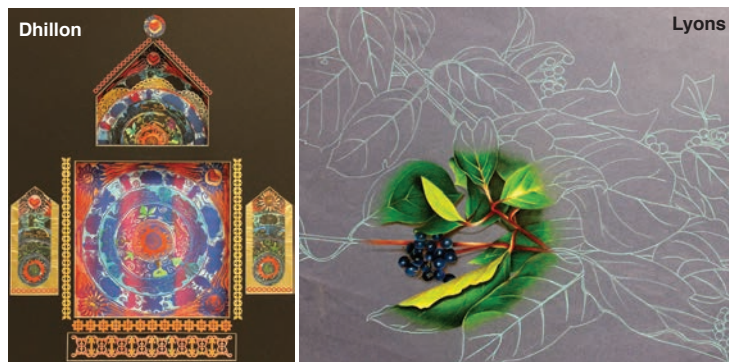




## ♦ LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News ♦

### Senior Art at the Edgewood

Seniors Monica Lyons and Lexi Pebbles (art below) have been selected to submit artwork to the Annual High School Senior Show and Competition. Sponsored by the CNY Art Guild, this year's show will be held from April 18th through May 2nd at the Edgewood Gallery, 216 Tecumseh Road, Syracuse. High schools within a thirty-mile radius of Syracuse are invited to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for Monica and Lexi to exhibit their work in a professional setting and for the public to recognize student accomplishments in the Visual Arts. The Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday, April 30, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Congratulations!



### Scholastic Art Awards National Medalists

The Art Department is pleased to announce that Lexi Pebbles (art above) and Sonum Dhillon (art below) earned national recognition in the 2014 Scholastic Art and Writing



Awards. Lexi and Sonum have been identified by panels of creative professionals as the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, almost 255,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level.

Since its beginning in 1923, the Awards have recognized creative teenagers from across the county. Lexi and Sonum join an impressive legacy of winners such as Truman Capote, Andy

Warhol, Stephen King, Ken Burns, Joyce Carol Oates, John Updike, and Kay WalkingStick.

The National Ceremony will take place at the world-famous Carnegie Hall on Friday, June 6, and will also be webcast live at 6:00 p.m. ET on [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

Congratulations, Lexi and Sonum and thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into this year's competition.

### No One Can Say LaFayette Isn't Cutting Edge!!

LaFayette has always been on the cutting edge. Long before Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) was being pushed by politicians like George W. Bush and Barack Obama, LaFayette Schools offered the Project Lead The Way Engineering (PLTW) courses. When project-based learning (PBL) was only an intriguing idea yet to be pushed by Governor Cuomo through the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS), LaFayette redirected its resources to start the Big Picture Program. When students taking college courses in high school was limited in most schools (again, before Governor Cuomo's "college and career ready" push), LaFayette has gradually expanded its college course offerings in Engineering, English Language Arts (ELA), History, Math, and Science through schools like The College Board (AP), Onondaga Community College (OCC), Tompkins-Cortland Community College (TC3), Syracuse University, SUNY Morrisville, and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). We have even had students pursue AP exams and online courses on their own accord.

Tired of all the acronyms and political hype? Me, too. My students in 11th Grade US History & Government complete a research presentation in my class, while writing up a research paper that is turned in to Lisa Morgan-Phelan in English class. The unique twist: The students must research something that is an alternative history, or simply put: a "what if?" What if George Washington had been shot in battle during the Revolution? What if the Confederates had won the Battle of Gettysburg? What if President Lincoln (or Presidents McKinley or Kennedy, for that matter) had never been assassinated? What if the events of 09/11/01 had never happened, or if the terrorists had been thwarted before completion of their horrific acts?

Why am I telling you all this? Because I'm proud to be a part of yet another cutting edge development here in LaFayette. Apparently this idea, the brainchild of my students who simply wanted something "cool" to write about, is called "inquiry-based learning" (IBL). Yes, I'm ashamed to admit it: I've fallen into line with the political hype..... I'm teaching in acronyms.

All sarcasm aside, there was a great article in the *New York Times*, written by journalists Jonathan Olsen and Sarah Gross titled "Skills Practice: Alternative History as Narrative" (many thanks to Paula Cowling, Director of Curriculum, for forwarding me the article). It raves about the ability to teach history through inquiry-based alternative history research and writing.

What did I think the minute I read it? "It's just another example of why LaFayette is cutting edge."

-Tim Baker, History Department  
LaFayette High School

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# Guidance and Counseling Department

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Zach Anthony	Champlain College
Cameron Baker	Albright College (PA)
Chloe Blaisdell	University at Buffalo
	Binghamton University
Kaitlyn Dodge	SUNY Oneonta
Joshua Hall	University at Buffalo
	Binghamton University
Eric Liddy	Bellarmine University (KY)
Monica Lyons	Syracuse University
Alexa Peebles	University at Buffalo
Alexis Manley	Nazareth College
John Miske	University at Buffalo
Elliot Mueller	University at Buffalo
Dan Prince	University at Buffalo
Jennifer Spelder	SUNY Geneseo
	Hobart & William Smith College

### REMINDER TO JUNIORS

If you have not signed up for it already, Juniors should be registering for this last SAT/ACT test in June.

SAT registration @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT registration @ [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Scores are sent directly to students as well as to the counselor. On-line registrants can receive their scores sooner on the web.

### 2014 HEALTH CAREER EXPLORATION CAMPS

Last year, over 400 students attended Health Career Exploration Camps throughout Central New York!

#### Summer camp offerings include:

**MedQuest** – held at S.U.N.Y. Upstate Medical University, Syracuse. MedQuest is a week-long, residential camp for students entering Grades 11 and 12. Cost: \$350.00 (need-based scholarships available)

**HealthQuest** – held at Ithaca College, Ithaca. HealthQuest is a week-long, residential camp for students entering Grades 10-12. Cost: \$425.00 (need-based scholarships available)

**M.A.S.H. Camp** – 15 locations across Central New York. Day camps for students entering Grades 8 and 9. Cost: varies by location

All camp registration is online. To apply online, or for more information about these and other camps and to access camp brochures, please visit the website: [www.cnyahec.org](http://www.cnyahec.org). Click on “youth programs.” The deadline for students to submit their camp application is May 2nd. Please be aware that the deadline is firm, as the accepted students and their parents are required to submit a significant amount of paperwork, and many students will need to schedule appointments with a health care provider in order to get the necessary health clearances for camp.

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connected with one of the musical pieces and were displayed behind the orchestra during their performance. We also put together a pre-concert trivia show based on information from our Onondaga Lake websites. Our student groups connected online with groups from Liverpool and shared their findings about the Onondaga Lake Watershed, while their partners shared their efforts to film musical pieces that they themselves composed. We were also able to attend the concert on March 5th and were invited backstage afterwards for a short reception with our new friends from Liverpool.

This incredible experience was enhanced by visits from the musicians to our school. On February 12th, a small group of musicians came and presented to our 7th and 8th grade students. They introduced musical techniques they employ to create natural sounds with their instruments, including bird songs and water moving. They also introduced the science of soundscapes, which analyze the changing background sounds from various locations. They connected this idea with

our investigation of ecosystems and the human impact on the environment, and shared the work of Bernie Krause, a leading author on this topic.

On Friday March 31st, our Symphor!a trio of Sonya Williams (violin), Kit Dodd (viola) and Allan Kolsky (clarinet) came back to LaFayette to play for our Junior High Band students in Mrs. Pethybridge's class. They once again touched upon how musical instruments can imitate the sounds of nature. Additionally, they talked about how music can tell a story. To demonstrate this, they performed “La Folia” by Corelli, which is a piece meant to imitate a clown.

Students enjoyed the experience of having live musicians visit their classroom. Cheyenne Bush was “Inspired by their sounds and how beautiful the music was.” Molly FitzPatrick said, “I liked making connections with the nature sounds they made and the Onondaga Lake Project.” Natalie Fagan added, “It was the perfect way to round out the project.”



## ◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

### LaFayette Big Picture **Open House and Enrollment Night**

**Wednesday, May 7th  
from 6-8 p.m.**

**5940 Feather Drive in LaFayette**

Come Visit Us ...

...if you would like to know more about Big Picture

...if you currently have an 8th grader and would like  
to know about your options for next year.

#### ***Just a Few Points of Interest:***

- Our students graduate with the same New York State Regents Diploma as students at the Jr./Sr. High School
- Our students begin internships (workplace experiences) usually by the 2nd Quarter of 9th grade
- Learning is Hands On, Project-Based and relevant to students interests

**If you would like further information and/or  
cannot attend the meeting on  
Wednesday, May 7th,  
please contact Susan Osborn at 315-504-1003  
or [sosborn@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:sosborn@lafayetteschools.org)**

### **STEP Robotics Competition**

On March 29th, STEP students competed in the STEP Robotics Competition in Albany, NY. Morrisville STEP was given the 2014 Judges Award for Tenacity, Teamwork, and Ingenuity. The award was given to the team for embodying the true spirit of the competition. Tyler Ellis, Jaquantice Mitchell, Jared Palmer, and Jeremy Reynolds represented Morrisville STEP at the competition. Nathan Allnat, Caleb Gretskey, Austin Leonard, and Abe Stanton assisted with the design and programming of the robot.

On April 2nd and 3rd, nine students from Big Picture attended a college visit to Penn State University. Students met with admissions, went on a campus tour, and explored the campus for themselves.



### **Benefit Video Game Marathon**

On April 5th, fifteen students from Big Picture and the Jr./Sr. High School participated in the 2nd Annual Video Game Marathon to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital. This event was held at SUNY Morrisville. Students were able to match last year's fundraising total of \$450.

### **Morrisville STEP Summer Program**

**July 21st-August 15th • 7th-12th Graders**

Explore the STEM Fields through field trips, college visits, and project-based learning. Students get to spend one week on SUNY Morrisville's Campus. For more information, contact David Stablein by phone at 315-504-1002, or email at [dstablein@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:dstablein@lafayetteschools.org).

### **BIG PICTURE Awards**

Last month, fourteen Big Picture students participated in the annual Central New York Science and Engineering Fair held at the SRC Arena at OCC. Our students did a wonderful job representing the LaFayette School district.

This year, awards went to Caleb Gretskey (pictured), who won the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize Regional Award and also received High Honors. Honors went to Ashley Anastas, Kya Gerber (pictured), Abe Stanton, Nick Park, Jaquantice Mitchel and Savannah Giarrusso-Krabacher.

Morrisville College \$5,000 scholarship went to Cameron Baker (pictured).



Caleb Gretskey



Kya Gerber



Cameron Baker

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### PRINCIPAL INPUT

*From the Desk of the Grimshaw Principal*

We are excited to welcome Stephanie Baiamonte to our office at Grimshaw. Stephanie grew up in Liverpool and graduated from Bishop Ludden. She recently completed a double major in Music and Writing at Houghton College. Stephanie plays an instrument called the Euphonium, which is a type of tuba and she also works for the Scholastic Book Fairs.



*Our new office staff members: Kasey McHale and Stephanie Baiamonte.*

Each Friday GAPS provides a smart snack for every student at Grimshaw. Pictured below are some of our GAPS volunteers peeling Jicamas. They look like a potato but taste like a snow pea. The students love being introduced to a variety of smart snacks.



**Greg Bump, Elementary Principal**  
(Phone) 315-677-3152 • (Fax) 315-677-3154

*The 5th and 6th Graders at Grimshaw present:*



**Thursday, June 5th at 7:00pm**  
**at the Jr./Sr. High School**

**Tickets: \$2.00**

There will also be a 10th Grade Bake Sale  
before and after the production.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART IS MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>!

This year's date for our *Jump Rope for Heart* event is scheduled for the afternoon of May 8th. **Students in Grades 1-6 are eligible to participate** in the event by returning their completed fund raising packet before the event. There are prizes to be won based on the dollar amount that each student raises. **Proceeds from the event go directly to the American Heart Association.**

Students will be able to jump in Honor of anyone they know that has dealt with this horrible disease. We have raised over \$46,000 over the past 18 years. Grimshaw participates every other year. We are hoping to break \$50,000, which would be amazing for a very small school.

Packets will be available just before the Spring Break. Checks can be made out to the American Heart Association. If you have any questions or would like make a donation, please contact the Physical Education staff.



## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### + Health Office News +

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed Spring break with your children! Hopefully, you all got some fresh air and exercise and are coming back to school healthy!

There were still some cases of strep throat last month but mainly viral illnesses including colds, upset stomachs and some 5th's Disease in PK+K, but overall we had a healthier month at school.

Please remember to keep any child with a fever home for 24 hours after their temperature returns to normal without the aid of medicine and for a full day after vomiting, also.

We sometimes see a spike in cases of lice in the spring as children are sharing ballcaps, batting helmets, etc.. This would be a good time to remind your child not to share anything with other children that goes on their head/hair such as hats, hair-ties, combs and brushes. I would suggest your child use his/her own pillow and blanket if they sleep over at a friend's house. It is a good idea for girls with long hair to keep it pulled back or up at school. Please try to check your child's hair at home a couple of times per week, especially if they are scratching their heads more than normal, as the main sign of lice is an itchy scalp.

All students in Grades K-4 have now had their vision and hearing checked. You would have been notified by phone or letter if I had any concerns but please contact me if you have any questions regarding your child's vision or hearing.

All children entering PK/K/2nd and 4th grades in the fall will need to have a physical exam. Please send in a copy of the exam as soon as your child's is completed. The state is also requesting that a dental exam be done and a form be filled out by your dentist and sent into school the same years that physicals are done. The dental forms will be attached to the physical forms that will be sent home with your child at the end of the month for your convenience.

I'm planning on offering physicals this year for 6th graders entering 7th at Grimshaw as usual. However as of press time I didn't have a definite date yet. I'm aiming for the first week in June. The paperwork regarding these physicals with the date will be sent home with your child on or about May 23rd. A parent must sign and send back the form to school by the deadline in the letter if you want the exam done here.

Please send in any medicine your child may need for asthma/allergies/bee stings as this is the season for asthma, pollen, and bees.

Many children are suffering from allergies this time of year and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between allergies and a cold. I can offer a few guidelines that may be helpful: Colds usually start with body aches, low-grade fever and scratchy throat followed by a cough and runny nose with yellow mucous. Allergies, on the other hand, do not present with a fever and body aches but with itchy, watery eyes, cough and runny nose with clear mucous. A cold usually runs its course in 3-14 days, where an allergy can last weeks or even months.

Kindergarten screening was held this month and I enjoyed meeting all your little ones that will be joining us next year. Please remember to bring or send in a copy of your child's immunization record if you didn't bring it to your child's screening. We will also need a copy of any immunizations received over the summer, as well as a copy of their Kindergarten physical done after 1/1/14.

All students entering 6th grade are required to have a Tdap vaccine before entering school in September, if they've turned 11 years old. You should have received a letter before the April Break with detailed information about this. All 6th grade students will be required to have had 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) to enter 6th grade, also. Please discuss this with your child's doctor so you can have this taken care of before school starts in the fall.

In addition to the 6th grade requirements, the NYS-DOH has changed or added immunization requirements at each elementary grade level. Kindergarten students will now need 2 Varicella vaccinations and only 1 MMR to enter Kindergarten. However, they will need a 2nd MMR by the age of 7. In Pre-K, plus grades 1-5, the vaccines required are the same but some children may need another dose. Please discuss these changes with your doctor. I'm putting a chart in this newsletter to help you understand these changes plus each student should have had a grade level specific letter sent home with their report card. I'm sure many of you will have questions as we go through these changes together. Feel free to call me!

Please keep updating emergency numbers right through the end of the year and thank-you for your cooperation on all of the above. As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

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

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

### Grimshaw Musicians Perform at All County Music Festival

This year, C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School was extremely proud to have 13 of our students chosen to be part of the 2014 All County Music Festival which was held Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th, at Corcoran High School in Syracuse. We had five members of our Chorus perform with the All County Chorus and eight of our Instrumentalists performed with the Concert Band.

Please join us in congratulating the fine musicians pictured here. They worked extremely hard over that weekend to put on a top-notch performance on Saturday for the



enjoyment of all! Names are listed from left to right: Front row Choristers are: Layton Harris, Brianna Park, Lauren Poplawski, and Jazmyynn Crandall. Back Row Instrumentalists are: Candace Converse, James Baker, Noah Brothers, Victoria Kostiv, and Ryan Zajac. (Not pictured: Halee Arends, Kailyn Leach, and Dante Friedman).

Being chosen to participate in Onondaga County's All County Music Festival is quite an honor in itself, since only the best music students in Onondaga County are recommended by their teachers for participation. That means that our little C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School is up against the likes of Fayetteville-Manlius, Jamesville-DeWitt, and Baldwinsville School Districts, to name just a few of the powerhouse music schools that participate in the Onondaga All County. For eight Instrumentalists and five Choristers to be chosen really says something about the quality of the music students and the music program at C. Grant Grimshaw.

Again, please congratulate these students for doing such a fine job of representing C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School and the District of LaFayette at the 2014 All County Music Festival!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

### Paige's Butterfly Run

Calling all runners/walkers! We have formed a LaFayette team for Paige's Butterfly Run, a race which raises money to fund pediatric cancer research. The race will take place on Saturday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m. downtown, and is a 5K course. It is the same weekend as the Taste of Syracuse. The cost is \$25 online if you register by 5/27, \$30 online for registration from 5/28-6/3, and \$40 on the day of the event. We are hoping to form a "centipede" team of five people to represent LaFayette, as well as a group walking and/or running the 5K. If you are interested in participating, please contact me, or just sign up under the LaFayette team. Thank you for your consideration.

Anyone can pay \$1 for a butterfly which will go on our butterfly garden wall and they can either write their name on it or dedicate it to someone. And everyone is welcome to join our school team. They should go to the Paige's Butterfly Run website, click on "register", then "join a team", then join the LaFayette Central School District team. They do not need to be a student or teacher.

P.S. We have already raised close to \$600 on behalf of Paige's Butterfly Run through Grimshaw Hat Days and Pajama Days.

Thanks to all of you who have supported these efforts!

--Michelle S. Storie (315) 677-3152 x206 • (315) 677-3131 x209

# PARADE OF BASKETS

Presented by:

*Grimshaw's Reading Department  
and Student Council*

*Proceeds will be used to fund materials  
and Activities for Grimshaw Students*

When: **Friday, May 9, 2014**



Where: **Grimshaw Elementary Cafeteria**

Time: **4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

Basket drawings @ 7:10 • Need not be present to win!

Cost: **13 tickets for \$10.00**

**6 tickets for \$5.00 • 1 ticket for \$1.00**

We welcome basket donations from your family or business!  
Please contact Eliza Bailey or Colleen Woodworth at Grimshaw  
if you can help. ebailey@lafayetteschools.org  
cwoodworth@lafayetteschools.org or 677-3152

Food by: Cue-Dogs • Hoffman Hot Dogs • Hamburger/Cheeseburger •  
Giannelli Sausage • Chicken Tenders  
Fries & Onion Rings • Soda & Bottled Water • Chips & Candy



## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

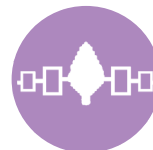
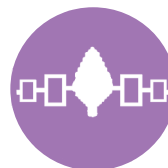
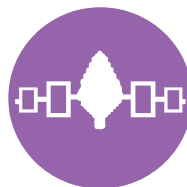
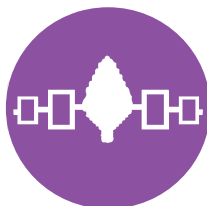
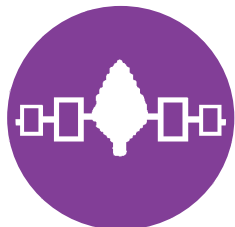
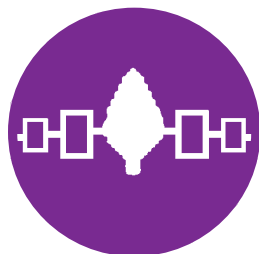
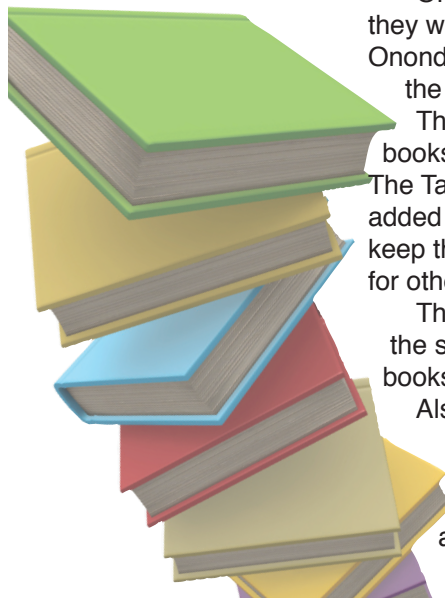
### ONS Needs Used Books

ONS needs your help. If anyone has gently used books that they would like to find a good home for, please send them to the Onondaga Nation School Library or call Teresa Fisher at the school.

The students love being able to choose from the different books that have been put on the “take me home book shelves.” The Take Me Home Book Shelves allow students to have books added to their own personal libraries at home. Students can keep the books they choose or read them and bring them back for others to enjoy.

The past few months, the book shelves have been bare and the students have been asking when there will be more books. Any books for Pre-K and up will be greatly appreciated.

Also, there is an adult take me home book shelf if you have any books for ages 18 and up that would be welcomed. Thank you for everyone who kindly passes their books along. The students and adults greatly appreciate the gift of a good book.



### ONONDAGA NATION SCHOOL Full Day Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten **Sign Up Registration** for the 2014-2015 School Year

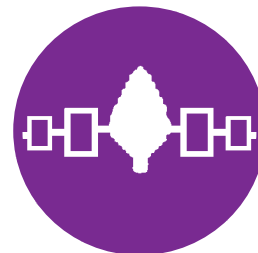
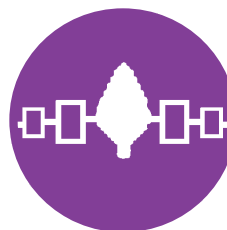
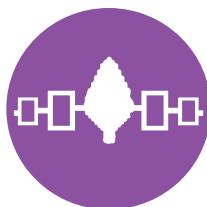
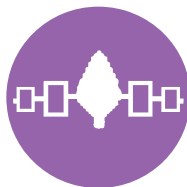
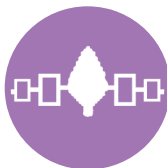
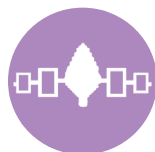
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please call the Onondaga Nation School at 469-6991, or stop into the school to sign up your child for our limited number of enrollment spots in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Screening for Kindergarten enrollment will be **May 22 and 23, 2014.**

Pre-Kindergarten Screening will be **August 4-7, 2014.**

*Information will be mailed to parents later in the year.*



## ◆ ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS ◆

### Athletic News

Congratulations to Paige Skinner who has committed to Edinboro University to play lacrosse. Congratulations, Paige!



### LaFayette Volleyball

Volleyball Players entering Grades 7-12 in the 2014-15 school year, please visit [www.lafayettevolleyball.com](http://www.lafayettevolleyball.com) for information regarding summer volleyball camps/ clinics.

#### Important Dates:

Tully VBall League: June 18-July 30

JV- Monday nights from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Varsity- Wednesday nights from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Open Gym: July 8- August 12

Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Back-2-Basics: July 14-July 16

Monday- Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Grades 8-12

Summer Volleyball Clinic Forms & Information available at [www.lafayettevolleyball.com](http://www.lafayettevolleyball.com)

### News from the Booster Club

Due to the Apple Fest having a good year, the Booster Club is able to give back to all sports teams. We have gifted 35 padded sideline chairs that will spruce up the look of our gymnasium while providing comfort for the athletes and coaches. We would like to thank Jacob Doster for the excellent suggestion that he brought to the Booster Club. We have gifted him with a \$10 gift card to Nice 'n Easy for his suggestion.

If any student has an idea that they would like the Booster Club to consider, we are open to ANY and ALL suggestions. Any suggestion that we follow through on will be rewarded with a gift card of choice!

The annual Varsity Sports banquet will be held at Orchard Vali on Monday, June 2, at approx. 6:00 p.m. All varsity athletes and coaches will be provided with further information and greater details within the month.

The Booster Club is currently in the process of designing their own website. We will provide you with sports updates, game updates, locations and directions of opposing school districts and, of course, upcoming events.

Please "LIKE" us on Facebook: LaFayette Booster Club

We have Lancer Logo material and apparel for sale: Sweatshirt Hoodies, T-shirts, Camouflage T-Shirts, Scarves, Umbrellas, and Stadium Seats.. All priced to sell, contact one of us for more details.





## Central New York Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading

# TOOLON TIGERS

Dedicated to the academic and athletic development of young men and women in the Tully, Onondaga, Otisco, LaFayette, Onondaga Nation, and Fabius-Pompey communities.

### SEASON

The CNY Pop Warner season runs from August through October. Practices are held on weekday evenings and games are on weekends. A banquet is held at the close of the season.

### 2014 REGISTRATION

**WHO:** Boys & Girls, ages 5-15\*. \* - see section on Age & Weight Classifications (for football only).  
**WHERE:** Registration will be conducted at the TOOLON field, corner of Rte. 20 and Tully Farms Rd. in LaFayette (2 mi. West of Rte. 81 in LaFayette, on Rte. 20, Apple Festival Field).  
**EARLY REGISTRATION:** MAY 3RD 9-12PM Onondaga Central High School-Cafeteria  
**WHEN:** 1st Registration June 6, 5PM-8PM      2nd Registration June 7, 9AM-12PM      3rd Registration July 11, 5PM-8PM      4th Registration July 12, 9AM-12PM

### WHAT YOU NEED

Required at registration:

- A RECENT 2x2 picture of the participant.
- A copy of the participant's birth certificate (first-time participant only).
- The registration fees.
- Medical insurance information and a copy of each participant's 2014 physical. Required before practice on August 1:(will not be allowed to practice without physical!)
- A signed Pop Warner Medical Release Form must be received before a participant can practice.
- Required as soon as received: A copy of year-end report card.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Cheer - \$95 (after 7/12 - \$105)      Football - \$105 (after 7/12 - \$115).

When you pay the registration fees, you will receive raffle tickets with a value equal of \$90 - (sell the tickets and you keep the money). Payment options are available. Will receive a box of Gertrude Hawk bars with a payment of \$80, you sell for \$2 each and keep money made.

### AGE & WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS

Each participant is placed in a Pop Warner Division of Play based on Age and Weight. See the table below.

DIVISION	AGE	WEIGHT
TINY-MITE	5, 6, 7 YEAR OLDS	35-75 LBS (NO OLDER/LIGHTER)
MITEY-MITE	7, 8, 9 YEAR OLDS	45-90 LBS (NO OLDER/LIGHTER)
JR. PEE-WEE	8, 9, 10 YEAR OLDS 11 YR OLDS (OLDER/LIGHTER)	60-105 LBS 60-85 LBS (OLDER/LIGHTER)
PEE-WEE	9, 10, 11 YEAR OLDS 12 YR OLDS (OLDER/LIGHTER)	75-120 LBS 75-100 LBS (OLDER/LIGHTER)
JR MIDGET	10, 11, 12 YEAR OLDS 13 YR OLDS (OLDER/LIGHTER)	90-145 LBS 90-120 LBS (OLDER/LIGHTER)
MIDGET	12, 13, 14 YEAR OLDS 15 YR OLDS (OLDER/LIGHTER)	105-170 LBS 105-140 LBS (OLDER/LIGHTER)

### WEBSITE, EMAIL, & CONTACT

Website: [www.toolontigers.com](http://www.toolontigers.com)

Email: [toolon.tigers@aol.com](mailto:toolon.tigers@aol.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Catrina Reid (491-7062), or Dave Pierce (430-5902).

**FUNDRAISING** - There are typically 3 fundraisers during the season. They include the raffle and two others.

# LITTLE SPIKERS

The LaFayette Volleyball Program is hosting a "Little Spikers" clinic for girls interested in learning how to play volleyball. In addition to learning several key skills, players will also learn important volleyball concepts and rules.

## Skills Taught:

- Underhand passing
- Overhand passing
- Serving
- Attacking
- Blocking



## Concepts/ Rules:

- Rotation
- Ball Control
- Anticipation
- Offense/ Defense
- Serve-Receive

Little Spikers is designed to provide girls the opportunity to learn and practice volleyball skills modified to meet their level. Girls will learn the skills, then practice them on a specialized court created for younger players. **We are accepting approximately 30 girls, so make sure to quickly send in your registration form.**

## Little Spikers

**Who:** For girls entering Grades 4-7 for the 2014/15 school year

**Where:** LaFayette High School

**When:** Tuesdays- July 8 thru August 12 (Will meet 6 times)

**Time:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25- includes T-Shirt



Please send Form & Payment to: **LaFayette HS, c/o Abby Lerch, 3122 Rt. 11 N., LaFayette, NY 13084**

Please make check/ money order out to: **Abby Lerch** Memo: **Volleyball Clinic**

Any Questions? Feel free to call Abby Storrier- **(315) 420-4840** or email: **alerch@lafayetteschools.org**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL (Youth)  
S M L XL (Adult)

**Emergency Contact:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Issues/ Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_



## LaFayette Public Library News

Town Commons, 2577 Rt. 11 North, PO Box 379, LaFayette, NY 13084 • Telephone: (315) 677-3782 • Fax: (315) 677-0211  
Email: lafayettelibrary13084@yahoo.com • Website: www.lafayettelibrary.org • Accessible Wireless Internet

**HOURS:** Monday 10 AM - 8 PM • Tuesday 10 AM - 8 PM • Wednesday 10 AM - 5 PM  
Thursday 12 PM - 8 PM • Friday 10 AM - 5 PM • Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM • Sunday closed

### Look what's new at the LaFayette Public Library:

Thanks to a technology grant acquired by Onondaga County Legislator David Knapp through the county for the library, we were able to acquire eight new public access computers (whose replacement was way overdue).



Above: Scott Kushner and David Knapp showing one of the new public access computers that we were able to purchase through the grant.

In addition, we purchased an early literacy computer, for ages 2-8 that has 40 different educational programs in a wide range of subjects. Come check it out in the children's area in the library. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Dave from the Board, staff and the patrons for enabling us to greatly improve the delivery of information at the library.



Above: New children's early literacy computer

We also have some great programming coming up, which includes a monthly movie, in collaboration with the LaFayette Community Council. The following includes all of the programming we have scheduled so far, including those movies:

- Saturday, May 10 – “Lorax” — 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 14 – “Wall. E” — 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday – June 24 – Mark Zane (musician) — 7 p.m.
- Tuesday – July 1 - Summer Reading Kickoff  
July 1 — 6:30 p.m. \*
- Friday – July 11 - Zoo-to-You — 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday – July 16 – Bubbleman — 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 23 – The MOST — 11:00 a.m.
- Friday – August 8 – Easy Ramblers (musical group)  
6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday – August 12 – Gravitational Bull — 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – August 19 – David Moreland — 2:00 p.m.

\*Summer Reading sign up begins at the end of May

We are looking to start a teen task force for Grades 6-12 to do brainstorming about programming, collection development, etc. If you are interested, please contact Jen McDonald at 677-3782 or email: jmcDonald2@onlib.org.

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. These are one-on-one sessions by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

### STORY HOURS:

**Wednesdays – 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

**Thursdays – 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

## Community Council News

### 3rd Annual Duck Race!

Buy your tickets now for the 3rd annual “Revive the Beach” Duck Race. The race takes place at 7:00 p.m., on May 31 during Community Day! Win up to \$250! Ducks cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Send in name, address, phone, number of ducks and check made out to LCC by May 28th to: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette 13084.

### Adult Zumba, Yoga and Senior Exercise

Sessions will continue through late June. You may join in anytime by paying the walk-in fee. Call 677-7272 for times. Watch June newsletter for summer dates.

### Ultimate Goal Soccer Camp

This year’s camp will be the week of August 4th-8th at the Optimist Ball Fields. Registration forms will go home from school and will be available on [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) after May 15th.

### Annual Tennis Camp

Joe Fox and some varsity players will offer a Tennis Camp again for Grades 3-8. Watch for info in school or at [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) Tennis camp will be July 28-31, 4:30-6 p.m.

### LaFayette Beach

Check the June newsletter for the opening day of swimming. We plan on early July, but you may sign up for swim lessons at the end of June when the lifeguards will be at the beach for that purpose. Exact times/days TBA in the June newsletter.

### Instructional Lacrosse

Flyers will go home this month for a last chance to sign up. Starting dates and time will be included.

### ULA coaches (and all LCC Coaches)

Please be sure you have submitted an LCC coaching packet which includes application and background check form. You also need to have current CPR/AED and NAYS or equivalent coaches certification. If you still need to do this, stop by the town offices for a packet or at [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com)

### Coaches!

Once you complete your online training with NAYS and become members, you have access to FREE ONLINE TRAINING for Concussions, Bully Prevention, and Protecting against Abuse. We urge you to complete these as well.

### Adult Tennis Lessons

Stafford Park, Mondays and Thursdays, July 7 - 31, either 6-7 p.m. (beginners) or 7-8pm (intermediates). Minimum 4, maximum 8/hour, so get registered now! Go to [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com) to print out form or stop by town offices to pick one up. You may also leave a message at 677-7272 to request one be mailed to you. Cost: \$75, register by 6/1.

### Running Program

We are looking ahead to our summer track/running program. This year, we plan to make our LCC program an extension of Grimshaw School’s running club. We will follow Mrs. Storie’s plan and you can continue to earn your feet! We need volunteers--adult supervision, high school runners, adult runners/coaches--we need you. If you can help coach this summer program, contact us now at 677-7272.

### Summer Tai Chi

Watch for information on Summer Tai Chi in the park.



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## LaFayette Memorial Day Parade May 26, 2014



Line up at 8:30 a.m.  
Parade Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating,  
please call the VFW Post at 677-9282.  
Leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

### Donations to Benefit LaFayette Outreach

The Columbian Presbyterian Church will be hosting its annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach on Monday, May 26, from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. The event will be held on the church grounds, located at the intersection of Routes 11 & 20, LaFayette. LaFayette Outreach is our local food pantry and service-referral agency, and relies exclusively on grants and donations to help feed our neighbors in the area south of Syracuse.

The Benefit consists of a silent auction, plant sale, bake sale, ice cream sundaes, and a free kid's craft area. 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to LaFayette Outreach. If you have questions, please contact the church, at: 677-3293, or [cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com)

## VFW CHICKEN BBQ

The VFW will be holding their Annual Chicken BBQ on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th**. Chicken will be ready at 10:00 a.m. and will be sold until gone. You may eat in, or take out. Cost: Full Dinners - \$9.50. Halves - \$6.50



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

**Wednesday • 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Walk in \$4.00 per class  
Certified Zumba Instructor, Tina Knapp

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

## LaFayette / Tully

# Bark for Life

Food, Games, Raffles  
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Saturday, June 7, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Stafford Park

\$10 per Dog in Advance  
or \$15 at the Door

Registrations can be picked up at LaFayette Veterinary Clinic  
2468 Route 11, South, LaFayette



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Date: Wednesdays Time: 3:30-4:30 pm  
Location: LaFayette District Office  
Contact: Kim Reppi 315-677-3144  
[kreppi@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:kreppi@lafayetteschools.org)

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## May

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Wednesday, April 30  
through

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Week of May 5

Monday, May 5

Monday, May 5

Wednesday, May 7

Thursday, May 8

Thursday, May 8

Monday, May 12

Monday, May 12

Monday, May 12

Tuesday, May 13

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14

Wednesday, May 14

Friday, May 16

Tuesday, May 20

Tuesday, May 20

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, May 22

**Friday, May 23**

**Monday, May 26**

Monday, May 26

Wednesday, May 28

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

Thursday, May 29

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

NYS Math Testing, Grades 3-8

Junior/Senior Prom, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week

JSHS Parent Group Meeting, Room 117, 6:00 p.m.

AP Chemistry Exam

Big Picture School Open House, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

AP English Exam

Board of Education Meeting, District Office, 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Screening, Grimshaw School

AP Biology/Physics Exam

GAPS Meeting, Grimshaw School Library, 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Screening, Grimshaw School

Junior High Spring Concert, JSHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Screening, Grimshaw School

AP US History Exam

Grandparents Day, Grimshaw School, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Budget and Proposition Vote, JSHS Foyer, 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting, JSHS, 6:30 p.m.

Senior High Spring Concert, JSHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade Science Performance Test

6th Grade Orientation at JSHS

JSHS Picnic Day

**EARLY DISMISSAL – All Buildings – 11:30 a.m. -Unused Emergency Leave Day  
NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Memorial Day Observance**

LaFayette Memorial Day Parade, 9:00 p.m.

NYS Science Performance Testing, Grades 4 & 8

Grimshaw School Spring Concert, JSHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

NYS Science Performance Testing, Grades 4 & 8

Senior High Awards Night, JSHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Junior High Awards Night, JSHS Auditorium, 1:15 p.m.

Community Day at Stafford Park