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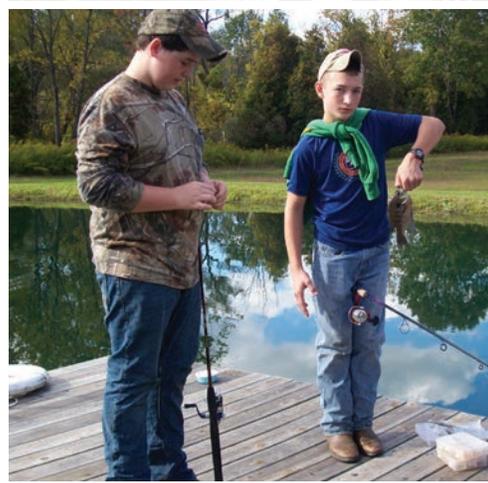
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Outdoor Education News



Members of this year's Outdoor Education Club recently spent a Saturday afternoon practicing game trailing techniques in preparation for the bow hunting season. Several members of this year's group are avid hunters and worked as a team to follow "pre-made" trails through the woods.

Upon successful completion, they spent time fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills in the pond. The afternoon culminated in a backyard cookout. A great time was had by all!



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**FROM THE DESK
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT**



Peter Tigh, Superintendent

This is an exciting time to be working in public schools; one thing that excites me greatly is the potential for our teachers to lead the way in developing an effective curriculum to address the Common Core Learning Standards. I see the Common Core as an opportunity.

New York State has created “Pillars” and “Modules” as examples of high-quality Common Core units in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Here in LaFayette we will be teaching from some of these pillars or modules in ELA. You can expect to be hearing more about the modules soon. In math, we have implemented a new PreK-6 mathematics series, MyMath, which is Common Core aligned.

These shifts in our curriculum are going to take a major investment of time and energy, mostly on the part of teachers. As a district we will support these efforts. I have noticed that teachers are, more and more, taking leadership roles in curriculum. For example, our teachers at the Onondaga Nation School are working with Expeditionary Learning and the NYS Education Department to improve a module in Grade 4. This work goes well beyond a normal expectation and I thank them for their efforts.

The learning curve for all of us in public education is off the charts, yet I am confident that we will use our energy wisely and make LaFayette schools even better than they already are.

District Traffic Safety Reminders

Speed and carelessness injure kids! Are you aware that the speed limit in front of the Grimshaw School on Route #20 is 20 mph while school is in session? Please adhere to the speed limit to protect our elementary students...besides, it's the law, and you will be ticketed if caught driving beyond the posted speed in any School Zone. The School Zone in front of the Jr./Sr. High School is 35 mph. Again, it's the law that this speed be enforced.

Also, it is law that vehicles not pass school buses in ANY school driveways or parking areas when school buses have their red lights flashing. Vehicles are to remain stopped while buses have red lights flashing regardless of where the buses are stopped, as red lights are indicators that students are boarding or discharging from the bus.

If you are behind or approaching any school bus with red flashing lights you must STOP. That means you cannot go around any bus on any side, either! You must remain stopped until the bus driver turns out the red signal lights, or a law enforcement officer signals you that it is okay for you to proceed.



Thanks for your help and cooperation in keeping our students safe.

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:

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| WSTM TV (Channel 3) | 93Q Radio (93 FM) |
| WTVH TV (Channel 5) | Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM) |
| WSYR TV (Channel 9) | WSEN Radio (92 FM) |
| Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10) | WHEN Radio (6.20 AM) |
| 95X Radio (95 FM) | WSYR Radio (5.70 AM) |

School Board President Input

Hello LaFayette,

In our September letter, we asked you to send examples of successes in our educational community. I don't know if the "Green Sheet" is being distributed to the F.E. Warren Air Force base in Wyoming but Captain Mark Coon, a 2001 graduate of LCS, sent the following letter to Mike Mahoney, his 5th grade teacher at Grimshaw. The content of the letter says it all and is an excellent example of student success and the impact that our teachers have on our students. Congratulations, Mr. Mahoney, and thank you for all that you do for all of our children in LaFayette. Please take the time to visit the web site Captain Coon put at the bottom of his letter. There, Captain Coon describes how Mr. Mahoney's advice to his 5th grade class helped him become a contributor to the West Virginia University Law Review.

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Mark E. Coon, of LaFayette, New York, is a Senior Editor for Volume 115 of the West Virginia Law Review. Mark graduated from Syracuse University in 2005 with a B.A. in History and from New England College in 2009 with a M.A. in Public Policy. From 2005-present, Mark has served in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Captain. He is presently attending West Virginia University College of Law as part of the Judge Advocate General's Legal Education Program and will return to the service as a military attorney (JAG) upon his graduation in 2013. During his two summers in law school, Mark has served with the men and women of the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, with duties in the Staff Judge Advocate's Military Justice Division. In addition to his work on the Law Review, Mark has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Legal Research and Writing and Practical Legal Writing and he is a Dean's Fellow in Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law. Mark is engaged to Rachel Henderson, originally of Yaak, Montana.

From: "COON, MARK E Capt USAF AFGSC 90 MW/JA" <mark.coon@us.af.mil>
 Date: 09/26/2013 12:06PM
 Subject: A note from a former student

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Mr. Mahoney:

I was a student in your 5th grade class during the 1993-94 school year at C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary. Now, I'm an Air Force lawyer stationed in Wyoming. Last spring though, when I was still in law school at West Virginia University, I published an article in our scholarly legal journal the *West Virginia Law Review*.

Thereafter, I was interviewed on what inspired and motivated me throughout the academic research and writing process. In that interview, I recalled how you told our class before the 1994 Academic Fair that we should jump at and seize the opportunity to study a topic of our own choosing, rather than groaning about it like it was some routine, mandatory assignment. That message has stuck with me throughout my academic career and no doubt contributed to my success.

I just thought you might be glad to hear that your influence as a teacher still prevails on a student nearly 20 years on, and that you might be able to pass on this story to your students again when the next Academic Fair rolls around.

If you copy and paste these links into your web browser, the first one will take you to a brief bio of me (scroll to the very bottom of the page) and the second one will take you to the transcript of the interview of me where I discuss your influence (also reachable by clicking a link on the bottom of the first page).

http://wvlawreview.wvu.edu/back_issues/in-this-issue-1153
http://wvlawreview.wvu.edu/back_issues/in-this-issue-1153/mark-coon

Thank you, again. All the Best,
 Mark E. Coon

CURRICULUM CONVERSATIONS

Paula Cowling, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

We continue to consider how to best meet the needs of our students, employing the Common Core standards, preparing for State tests, and retaining the excitement and enthusiasm that learning should generate. With a continuing barrage of expectations from the State Education Department, this is no easy feat, yet we are plugging away, searching for the best way to deliver the curriculum to a wide array of students with varying interests and ability levels.

Currently we are exploring MODULES. New York State has contracted with Core Knowledge, Expeditionary Learning, PCG, and O’ Dell Publishing to create and offer curriculum for grades PK-12 Math and English Language Arts. We are in the process of determining if we ‘adopt, adapt, or refer to’ these modules as the message from NYS has been to ‘ignore them at your peril’. We will keep you posted as to the direction we will follow. If you would like further information, check out www.engageny.org.

Of particular significance this month, November 12th marks the 10 year anniversary of the ceremony to fly the Haudenosaunee flag in front of LaFayette Junior Senior High School. In June of 2003, the LaFayette Board of Education, then composed of President Jim Wolf, Vice President John Beyers, Jean Kapcio, Karen Grimm, Lisa Garabedian, Jim Keefe, Nancy Mentz and Superintendent Mark Mondanaro, made the following historic decision:

The LaFayette Central School District Board of Education recognizes the importance of cultural diversity

and, WHEREAS, the school district recognizes and appreciates the diversity of all cultures represented by its students, and WHEREAS the school district further recognizes and appreciates its unique relationship with the Haudenosaunee people of the Onondaga Nation and, AS SUCH, the LaFayette Central School District has conferred and wishes to further recognize and respect its unique relationship with the Onondaga Nation by causing a Haudenosaunee flag from the Council of Chiefs representing the Onondaga Nation to be displayed at its schools in accordance with international law. BE IT RESOLVED, on this twenty-sixth day of June, two thousand and three.

In a letter to the Board of Education, Superintendent Mondanaro, the Students and Faculty and the LaFayette Community at Large, after the November ceremony, Tadodaho—Chief Sidney Hill wrote, in part, “Mutual respect is positive. It compounds into positive inter-active energy that will forge a better understanding and future for all of our children. We have more common interests than not. Working together will give us the strength we need to face these uncertain times and the problems that are surely coming. Raising our flag showed great respect for our people and at the same time provided a good example to all of our children on proper conduct between one another. It’s something we can all take to heart. We acknowledge and thank you for your leadership, courage, and conviction on bringing about this most extraordinary event.”

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School Business Official

December GREENSHEET Deadline/Guidelines

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday, November 1st.

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

This year, BOCES will be preparing and mailing the Newsletter. We must adhere to each month’s deadline in order to publish the issue in a timely manner. All material is subject to editing. The District has the final decision whether or not to publish an article.

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.

◆ **LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News** ◆

From the Desk of the JSHS PRINCIPAL

It is truly amazing how the months fly by once we are back in school mode. We would like to recognize our new additions to the Junior/Senior High Staff as well as congratulate a few of our staff members and a couple of our students on some wonderful achievements.

Our Physics teacher, Kristen Angello, was selected by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Educational Foundation to receive an AFCEA STEM Teacher Scholarship. Along with the scholarship, Mrs. Angello will also be eligible to receive another Teaching Tools Grant that will be used to help support her teaching of the STEM classes at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Congratulations Mia Arnold, Melissa Powless and Robyn Johnson. They have been selected for the very prestigious Girls Ambassadors for Human Rights Program organized by author and Women’s Rights activist, Sally Roesch-Wagner of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation. They are 3 of 20 young ladies selected in Onondaga County. The selection process was very competitive. This is a very exciting program as they will be communicating world-wide via Skype with other young ladies and women. They will interview prominent women internationally and will be compiling a book in the end. They were announced to the world on Thursday, October 3rd, at the Everson Museum of Art here in Syracuse, N.Y. Actress & Activist, Mimi Kennedy, was in attendance and performed in the play, “Mimi Kennedy Finds Matilda Joslyn Gage”.

Please welcome the following teachers to the Junior/Senior High School: Kailee Kurzen is an 8th Grade ELA and Holocaust Teacher. She is a Rochester native and a SUNY Fredonia graduate. She spent the last two years completing her Master’s degree in literacy education at St. John Fisher College and teaching in various schools around western Monroe County. Kailee was recently married in July and moved to Auburn in August. In her spare time Kailee enjoys reading young adult literature, playing soccer and hiking throughout the Finger Lakes.

Lisa Beach is our new full time Family Consumer Sciences teacher. She holds a BS degree from Syracuse University and a Masters from SUNY Oswego. She is an active member of the NYSFCSE Association for Family and Consumer Sciences as well as a member of ACTE, Association for Career and Technical Education and Phi Kappa Phi. She was previously employed at Syracuse City School District and the Fayetteville Manlius School District. When not working she enjoys spending time with her husband of 30+ years, her 3 sons, shopping and traveling.

Philomena Duffy is an instrumental music teacher currently filling in as a long-term substitute for Rebecca

Pethybridge, who is out on parental leave. Philomena graduated from Syracuse University last year with a B.M. in Music Education with Performance Honors on oboe. Ms. Duffy’s music career started at a young age where she suffered through the tragic years of beginner oboe. Ms. Duffy is also a huge supporter of Syracuse Athletics and spent four years in the marching and basketball bands. Last year she was able to travel to post-season games, including the Final Four, as director of the basketball band, “The Sour Citrus Society”. When not “bleeding orange” and doing other cliché things, Ms. Duffy is an avid snow and water skier. She is very excited to work with LaFayette students for the next year and looks forward to incorporating many different mediums into the music classroom. Ms. Duffy will be returning to Syracuse University next fall to complete her Masters’ degree in Music Education and Conducting.

As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns at 677-3131 jblossey@lafayetteschools.org

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

Spanish Club News



Maureen Fagan



Chloe Terrell

The Spanish Club has elected their new officers. Congratulations to: Maureen Fagan, President; Chloe Terrell, Treasurer; and, Jade Williams, Secretary. We are in the process of planning a trip to New York City to see the ‘Art in the Spanish American Home’ exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum. We are also celebrating the Hispanic Heritage month with cultural activities, food and Fiestas. Submitted by Jade Williams, Secretary Spanish Club



Jade Williams

◆ LaFayette Junior/Senior High School News ◆

ALS Walk



On September 21, 2013, some of our LaFayette staff joined the ALS Association of Greater New York Chapters walk in honor of our own Kristen Caron -- retired Secondary English teacher. In spite of there being only a few of us, we carried with us support, love and encouragement by many of our colleagues.

Just what is ALS?

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

The ALS Association supports research to find a cure for ALS and provide much-needed services to patients and their families. Bringing awareness and donations to the ALS Association help sustain hope in thousands of people affected by ALS. The ALS Association's mission is to lead the fight to cure and treat ALS through global, cutting-edge research and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

Although the day was cloudy, it could never take away the sunshine of Kristen's beautiful smile and the show of her willpower. On behalf of your friends at LaFayette, we love you!

KEEP UP THE FIGHT!

7th and 8th Grade Happenings

A huge thank you to all of you who have been bringing in your BOX TOPS!! We will be collecting them all year so keep them coming. It's an easy way to contribute to your child's school with a couple extra clips! The container is located in the Jr./Sr. High School's main office. Feel free to bring them in and deposit them or have your child bring them to their home-room teacher! HAPPY CLIPPING!!

Products that have the box top labels are..... Betty Crocker, General Mills, Yoplait, Green Giant, Hefty and so much more – even on some clothing like Hanes!

Our 3rd annual JOG-A-THON happened on September 30th and October 1st.

Again, a huge thank you to all who sponsored a child! Each student will be using the money they earned for their end of year trip/outing. Anything more that was earned will go into the general class account and carry over into their High School years as a LANCER!!

SCARY GRAM FUNDRAISER: We will be selling scary grams for \$1.50 during the weeks before Halloween and delivering them on Halloween – October 31st!!

What is a scary gram?

A personalized card and bag of candy!

If you would like to purchase one, you can email me with your personalized message and send in the \$\$ to the main office, attention Mrs. Meaney. Email – kmeaney1@lafayetteschools.org

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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Guidance And Counseling Department

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The School Counseling Department's annual Financial Aid Night will take place on **Tuesday, December 3rd**, in the High School Large Group Instruction Room at 6:30 p.m. Professionals in the financial aid field from LeMoyne College will be with us to present information and answer questions you may have. **Parents of Juniors and Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend.** Everyone is welcome.

COLLEGE NEWS

Up through November, college representatives visited the counseling center almost daily. We advised Juniors and Seniors to check the schedule and pick at least two presentations to attend. Students signed up by visiting the Guidance Webpage and clicking on Naviance.

SENIORS:

Applications should be out to 4-year colleges prior to Thanksgiving break! Seniors should have asked their teachers for recommendation letter(s), written at least one college essay (corrected by an English teacher), and be completing their college applications.

All Seniors began the common application in September. Most four-year colleges will accept the common application.

JUNIORS:

Juniors will receive their PSAT results in late December/early January. We will begin the college search process once we review their scores.

Additionally, the 11th Grade Class went on Naviance in September. This web-based planning and advising system allows parents to have access to critical information about their child's interests and post-high school plans. Juniors created a resume in 9th grade and each year they are encouraged to update it. They will begin a college search in February using this system. Naviance can be accessed at: www.connection.naviance.com/ljshs. There is also a link on the guidance webpage.

Contact your child's school counselor for more information.

Junior Class Fundraiser

50/50 Raffle

From: October 7 - November 16

**Cost: \$5 per ticket or
Buy 4 and get 1 free!**

Purchase tickets from any Junior Class Member or in the High School Main Office. All proceeds benefit the 2014 Jr./Sr. Prom Winner to be drawn at the "Pre-Holiday Extravaganza"

Testing Dates:

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
12/14/13	11/8/13	11/9-11/22/13
4/12/14	3/7/14	3/8-3/21/14
6/14/14	5/9/14	5/10-5/23/14

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

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
11/2/13	10/3/13	10/18/13
12/7/13	11/8/13	11/22/13
1/25/14	12/27/13	1/10/14
3/8/14	2/7/14	2/21/14
5/3/14	4/4/14	4/18/14
6/7/14	5/9/14	5/23/14

SAT recommends registering online at: sat.collegeboard.com

Pre-Holiday Extravaganza

Proceeds to benefit Junior Class

**Crafts, local vendors, home-party representatives,
bake sale and much more!**

**November 16, 9am-3pm
Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

Tables still available,
contact: Abigail Lerch
or Patsy McElhannon at 677-3131

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

BIG News at Big Picture

Recent Visitors

Ed Shafer and Carol Zygo from CTE Technical Assistance Center of New York are interested in building a working relationship with our school and students.

John Gizzi, former Assistant Principal from the LaFayette Jr. Sr. High School, has been volunteering in our building, working with our students. Welcome back to LaFayette, John! We are so lucky to have him here.

Michelle Cohen, High School Coordinator from Bryant & Stratton College, visited to share the TUITION FREE opportunities Bryant & Stratton has available. A visit has been scheduled and we are excited about this new partnership.

Come see what we do. We love visitors!



Read our weekly newsletter, TGIF, on our school website under the BIG Picture tab to learn even more about our school. If you would like to be added to the weekly mailing list, please contact Susan Osborn at sosborn@lafayetteschools.org



We lost a dear friend, mentor, colleague, advisor, and family member. Austin Olmsted passed away on September 24th.

Lovingly and respectfully called “Olmsted” he was full of grace, knowledge, kindness, and wisdom. He saw the best in each and every student and recognized and supported the efforts to make each child feel comfortable and supported in their school journey.

Austin held every student to a higher standard and the kids responded with that much more respect for him.

Austin will be truly missed and never forgotten.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATION

*From the Desk of the
Grimshaw Principal*

The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up For Others, by Bob Sornson ...

Our third grade team collaborated on a joint lesson to help our students understand what they can do if someone is being bullied. The lesson culminated with each student signing a joint promise and writing about what they have learned.



Grimshaw Welcomes Scott Miller (Instrumental Band) and Alan Zimmerman (Teacher Assistant) ...

Scott is a native of Ithaca, NY, and lives in Dryden with his wife Kris and two daughters, Cameron and Emma. He has a Bachelor of Music degree in Instrumental Music Education and a Master of Music in Vocal Music, both from Ithaca College. He has been teaching for O-C-M BOCES since 1988. His extra-curricular work at school has included stage and musical direction for the school plays at Hartnett Elementary School, Instructor for the Homer H.S. Marching Band, and assisting with sound and lighting for the Dryden Elementary School Musicals. Outside of his family and academic life he has been the Music Director for the Dryden Presbyterian Church since 1987, enjoys performing and directing locally in community theater and singing professionally with the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble, a 20-voice ensemble.

Alan graduated from the University of Buffalo with a Master of Education degree. He and his wife Heather have a cat named Buffy. They are both HUGE football fans and they make a yearly pilgrimage to South Bend, Indiana to watch Notre Dame play. Alan is also a big-time movie buff (every genre), and he studied filmmaking at the New York Film Academy (in a past life), before deciding to go back to Buffalo to get his Master of Education degree.

Greg Bump, Elementary Principal
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Caterpillar Fun



Kaleigh, Ariyahna, and Dayton work together to recreate the caterpillar.

Students in Mrs. Miller's class work corroboratively to build a caterpillar. After reading the story *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, the students made their own book sequencing pictures so that they could retell the story in their own words to the rest of the class.

To add onto the activity, the students had to look at a picture (which was a colorful caterpillar) and working together they had to recreate the same picture using only the materials on their table. The materials consisted of: cupcakes, sprinkles, gumdrops, toothpicks, icing, and candy eyes.

When the caterpillar was ready to go together the students realized a couple of mistakes and worked together to fix them. In the end the caterpillar was a perfect match to his picture. The enjoyment was then taking a section of the caterpillar and biting in.

Boy, was that caterpillar delicious!



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Fifth Grade Teamwork!



The Grimshaw Fifth Grade spent an afternoon focusing on community and character building. The students encompassed several character traits as they worked on completing a challenging task. Using only two parachutes and a ball, the students had to successfully move the ball from one group to another in the air. Impeccable cooperation, perseverance, respect, collaboration, and creative thinking were demonstrated. This was a great way to start the year off and show the students firsthand how far TEAMWORK can go!

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

Please include the following information:

Child's Name

Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)

**Names of Parent(s)/
Guardian(s)**

Mailing Address

Phone #

+ Health Office News +

Dear Parents,

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

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

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

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

Please call me in the morning if your child will be absent or late for any reason. I also check my e-mail each morning if you prefer to send in the information via e-mail. **We have a policy here at Grimshaw to keep children home with a fever >100**

until fever-free for a period of 24 hours without the aid of medication, and for 24 hours after vomiting. In light of the flu season approaching, I can't stress enough how important it is to follow this rule-of-thumb. It really helps reduce the sharing of contagious diseases among the students. Remind your children how important it is to wash their hands frequently! You may want to discuss with your doctor getting your child a flu shot this year if you haven't done so already. Please have a plan to keep your sick child at home, and as always, be sure your emergency numbers are up to date so we can reach you quickly if needed.

Regarding Physical Education excuses, please remember if a physician excuses your child from P.E. we must have a physician's excuse before they can participate again. Also, if a child is excused from PE this restriction applies to the playground as well. All children in PK through 2nd grade should have a spare set of play clothes at school in case of an "emergency".

If your child requires any medication at school, please bring it in the original prescription container with the physician's instructions. Remember, all meds need to be renewed each school year. They do not carry over from year to year. Also, I can't administer any OTC meds without a doctor's note as well as a parent's note.

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

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

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

English Notes

The 7th Grade students have finished a rigorous short story unit where they read and analyzed five different stories and created a summary paper for the unit. They will next be reading the S.E. Hinton novel *The Outsiders* and focusing on character traits using textual evidence.

8th Grade is starting a unit on performance poetry. They will learn to write for an audience and also create poems using multiple voices. Students will then move to a challenging and creepy unit covering selected works from Edgar Allan Poe. These works are challenging and will stretch the minds of the students as they are read and analyzed.

What's Up with Social Studies?

7th Grade students recently finished their Culture Projects where, in groups, they created their own cultures from scratch. Students are still growing into the expectations for middle school, especially with regard to work quality, rigor and work ethic.

In 8th Grade students are in the American Civil War unit. There is a lot to learn and students will be exploring topics through projects, group work, videos and texts. Students will be expected to think deeply about the issues that surrounded this war and how they affected the country.

Math Matters

We're off to a great start in Math! Not only have we delved into our math practice, but we have also been working on expressing ourselves "mathematically". Students are practicing the use of new vocabulary and writing explanations for their solutions. Be sure to ask about what they are learning in class, and more importantly listen to their answer. Students who can "teach" what they have learned are demonstrating an understanding of the concept.

7th Grade students will continue to explore proportional relationships through graphs, tables, and equations. Students will begin to use proportions to create scale drawings and recognize the scale factor as the constant of proportionality.

8th Grade students will use their knowledge of the Laws of Exponents to perform computations with numbers in scientific notation. Then, students will explore the concept of congruence.

The more students practice their skills, the better they will perform them. Please encourage students to complete homework assignments to enhance their learning. As always, I thank you for the opportunity to work with your children and welcome your questions and concerns.

Science All Around Us

Happy Autumn" to all the Community! Students from both Science 7 and Science 8 are working on graphing data. With graphing comes many terms that students need to be familiar with such as: variable, controlled variable, independent and dependent variables, manipulated and responding variables, controls and graphing rules. Students are also applying the Steps of the Scientific Method to problem solving situations. Science 7 will soon begin learning and applying all types of metric measurements. Science 8 will begin studying our living environment, both abiotic and biotic factors. Enjoy our living environment as our trees and foliage turn amazing colors this October!

On the Web

A lot of information for middle school students and parents can be found on the Internet. Both Mr. Seitz and Mrs. Harris, as well as others, have web pages that can be linked to from the ONS homepage. The online grade book is now up and running as well. Students and parents are encouraged to check these pages often for information and updates!

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆



Canandaigua Treaty Day November 11, 2013 • 10:30am - 6pm Canandaigua Primary School, Canandaigua, NY All activities free & open to the public

Commemoration of 219TH Anniversary of the Canandaigua Treaty

Much has changed in the 219 years since the signing of the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794, but its commemoration of peace and friendship between the Six Nations Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) and the United States still is recognized today.

On November 11, 2013, as has been the annual tradition, members of the Six Nations and the United States government gather on the front lawn of the courthouse in Canandaigua, New York to commemorate this seminal federal treaty.

About the Canandaigua Treaty

The Canandaigua Treaty brought about peace between the Six Nations (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora) and the U.S., and was negotiated and signed by sachems representing the Grand Council of the Six Nations and Colonel Timothy Pickering, the official agent of George Washington.

It also recognized the sovereignty of the Six Nations to govern and set laws as individual nations. This yearly com-

memoration is a time of rededication of the agreement, helping to ensure that the "chain of friendship" and agreements between nations remain current and vibrant.

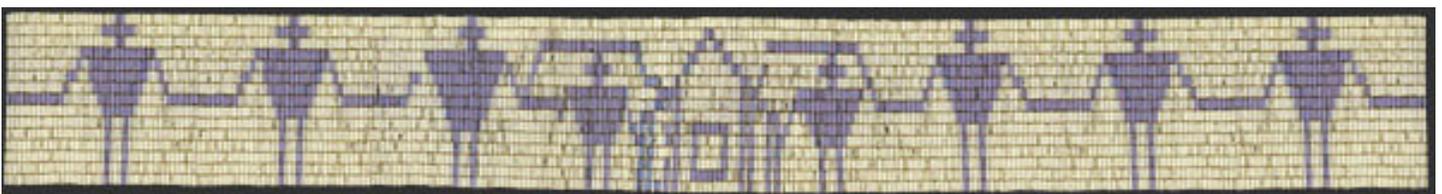
The commemoration of the Canandaigua Treaty will take place on November 11 at 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the Ontario County Court House on Main Street in Canandaigua, New York

Please join us for a time of Peace and Friendship to commemorate a very important Treaty between the people of the United States of America and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people. All activities (unless specified) take place at the Canandaigua Primary School, 96 W. Gibson Street, Canandaigua, New York. Admission is free and open to the public.

Volunteer

A big part of being able to hold any of our events is the generous support and efforts of our volunteers.

We have a wide range of activities we need help with. Whether you would like to help for an hour or all day, we would be happy to have your help! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at: volunteer@ganondagan.org



Pictures and article from: <http://www.ganondagan.org/TreatyCelebration.html>

Community Council News

Youth Basketball

Watch for flyers from school. 5th and 6th Grade boys should be starting now, 5th and 6th Grade girls will begin by December. The 3rd/4th Grade programs are held after February break. Coaches are still needed, call now to confirm and fill out the required coaching packet.

Song Mountain Ski Registration

Thursday, December 5th, 6-7:30p.m., Grimshaw cafeteria. Watch for notices from school, or check www.townoflafayette.com, go to Community Council, then skiing. Be prepared to get your picture taken and to pay in full with check to LCC.

Youth Wrestling

Beginning January 7th, 6-7:30 p.m. at the JSHS. Call if you are going to be able to coach! 677-7272.

Yoga

Held on Mondays at Grimshaw. Call to see if there is room as space is limited. 677-7272

Daytime Exercise

Held 3x's/week, 8:30-9:30a.m. at the Community Center. Call Kathy, 677-9174 to find out exact days. You can join in anytime!

Men's Basketball

Mondays, Grimshaw , 7-9 p.m.

Walk the Halls!

Don't quit walking just because it gets cold and snowy! You can walk the halls at Grimshaw, M-F, 5-7p.m. You must enter by the cafeteria, sign in the log book and have dry shoes to walk in. October through March.



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

Monday Zumba!

Starting November 4th

Mondays, November through March, \$55, 6:30-7:30p.m, Grimshaw cafe. (Extra winter class)

Wednesday nights still in session all school year. \$4 walk-in for either, or save and pay session prices.

Certified Zumba Instructor– Tina Knapp

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

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VFW UPCOMING EVENTS

The LaFayette VFW will hold another **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, November 24, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. The price is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 – 12, and children age 5 and under are free.

--VFW Roast Pork Dinner--

On Veterans Day, **November 11th**, the LaFayette VFW will hold a Roast Pork Dinner, from 4:00 p.m. until all the food has been served. Cost will be as follows:

Adults: \$10.00

Seniors: \$9.00

Ages 6 - 12: \$6.00

Ages 5 and under are free

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Save your cans and bottles for a good cause! **Donate your cans and bottles to the LaFayette Athletic Booster Club**. We could use the help!!!

When: December 1st through the New Year
Where: The Dollar General Parking Lot

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! Every Nickel Counts! Thank you.



FREE MEDICAL SCREENINGS

Get Checked Out...FREE Screenings Available!

Did you know? FREE mammograms and Pap tests are available for eligible women ages 40 - 64. Free colorectal cancer screening is also available for eligible men and women ages 50 - 64. Screenings are provided at private health care provider sites throughout the city of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Call the Onondaga County Cancer Services Program today at 435-3653 to see if you qualify!

For more information or to register online visit our website at <http://www.ongov.net/health/cancerscreening.html>.

LaFayette Public Library News

Our Story Hours are Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us!

We would like to remind that we do circulate two Nooks. They have about 150 titles downloaded. For books on your own device, go to www.onlib.org and go to the digital download catalog, where you can download audiobooks and eBooks for free with your public library card. We (the county libraries) are increasing the amount of eBook titles by the day. There are instructions there to download your eBooks. For any questions, please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott. The library system has also taken on another vendor for ebooks – you will notice in the catalog the icon for “3M” which is ebooks only (no audio or video). We would also like to remind you that you can also download ebooks onto your Ipad and other devices as well. We have been getting many of the latest feature films on DVD, as well as many popular adult and juvenile audiobooks on CD. In addition, we are expanding our video game collection.

We are offering computer training for our patrons. This will be one-on-one

sessions by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

At the circulation desk, we have a publication called “Book Page”. It has up and coming novels, reviews, author interviews and much more. Pick up your free copy anytime. You can also view it on www.bookpage.com.

We would also like to remind you of the Grimshaw program for free books for preschoolers. We have the information at our circulation desk. We ask you to supplement this early literacy experience at our story hours on Wednesday mornings.

We are always looking for fresh ideas for programming at the library. If there is something you would like to see or would like our help facilitating, please feel free to call and ask for Scott – 677-3782.

The LaFayette Library Quilters hand-quilt old or new quilt tops. The fee charged for the quilting is donated to the LaFayette Public Library. If you have quilt top that you would like hand-quilted, please contact the library at 677-3782 and a quilter will call you. Thank you!

Here are some titles we have or are coming:

November – Print

Cornwell, Patricia – Dust

Evanovich, Janet – Takedown
Twenty

Michaels, Fern – Forget Me Not
Patterson, James – Cross My
Heart

November – DVD

Elmo's World: Head to Toe with
Elmo

Sesame Street – Elmo's Potty
Time

Escape From Planet Earth

Star Trek – Into Darkness

World War Z

November – Audiobooks

Burnet, Carol – Carrie and Me: A

Mother-Daughter Love Story
Angelou, Maya – Mom & Me &
Mom

Link, Mardi Jo – Bootstrapper:

From Broke to Badass on a
Northern Michigan Farm

And many, many more...

GRIMSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH - NOVEMBER 2013

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	• Menu Subject to Change •				
4 Roasted Chicken w/Dinner Roll and Benefit Bar Orange Glazed Carrots, Celery Sticks w/Dip, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	5 Soft Taco w/Lettuce, Cheese and Salsa Steamed Brown Rice, Refried Beans, Steamed Corn, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	6 Pasta w/Meatsauce and Garlic Breadstick Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	7 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Star Potatoes, 100% Dragonfruit/Veg Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	8 Assorted Homemade Pizza Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Steamed Broccoli Cuts, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice	
11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Homemade Macaroni & Cheese w/Dinner Roll Cut Green Beans, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	13 Chicken Alfredo and Garlic Bread Stick California Blend Vegetables, Assorted Fruit Cup, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice	14 Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Gravy Butternut Squash, Mashed Potatoes, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice	15 Big Daddy Pizza Slice Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Steamed Broccoli, Assorted Fruit Cup, Milk Choice	
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SANDWICHES & WRAPS

Monday: Yogurt Meal
Tuesday: Turkey & Cheese
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Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Chicken Salad
Chef Salad and Peanut Butter & Jelly offered Daily.

Student Meal

Breakfast: \$1.25
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Breakfast During School Delays

1 Hour Delay
Breakfast will be served

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JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH - NOVEMBER 2013

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November IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check your LaFayette Central School District Directory/Calendar for the many activities going on in the month of November, 2013. Particular dates to note are:

Friday	November 1	EARLY DISMISSAL: ONS & Grimshaw Only, 11:30 a.m., for Parent Conferences
Sunday	November 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks BACK One Hour
Friday	November 8	SAT & ACT Registration Deadline
Monday	November 11	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Veteran’s Day Observance
Monday	November 11	LaFayette VFW Roast Pork Dinner, Begins at 4:00 p.m.
Monday	November 11	Canandaigua Treaty Day, Canandaigua, NY, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 14	Grimshaw School Picture Re-take Day
Thursday	November 14	Board of Education Meeting, Onondaga Nation School, 6:30 p.m.
Monday	November 18	GAPS Meeting, Grimshaw Library, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	November 19	ONS and JSHS Picture Re-take Day
Sunday	November 24	LaFayette VFW Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday	November 27	EARLY DISMISSAL – BP/ Grimshaw/ JSHS at 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	November 27	ONS Harvest Dinner – Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 28	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Thanksgiving Recess
Friday	November 29	NO SCHOOL – All Buildings – Thanksgiving Recess