



LaFayette

GREEN SHEET – School District News

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

September 2015

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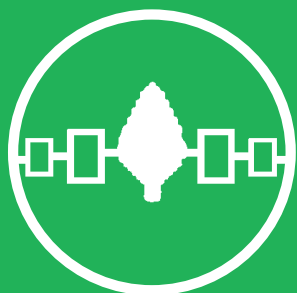
Capital Project Update



As the summer is coming to a close so is the capital project work. At the Jr/Sr High School you will see the new Project Lead the Way space, music suite, new secure entry-way, natural lighting at the athletic entrance hallway, re-paved front driveway, Big Picture space, new LED lighting on the second floor and in the gymnasium, main office remodeling, and art room upgrades.

At Grimshaw Elementary, you will see an updated cafeteria serving area, new playground, new main office and nurse's suite, new signage, and new parking lot with new drop off pickup location.

What you won't see are the many things that have been updated behind the scenes including: the roofs, boilers, hot water tank, asbestos abatement, window repairs, domestic water system at the High School, insulation of the curtain walls at the High School, electrical updates at the High School, sewage treatment plant upgrades, repointing of masonry, chimney upgrades, and elevator upgrades. Our thanks go to the hundreds of workers responsible for this amazing transformation!



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

There is a great deal to report but the most important item is our opening schedule:

Tuesday, September 1, is the first day for staff.

Wednesday, September 2, is the first day for students.

Thursday, September 3, school is in session.

Friday, September 4, no school.

Monday, September 7, Labor Day, no school.

Tuesday, September 8, school is in session as it is from then on.

New Employees

I am pleased to name several new staff members each of whom will be introduced to you in detail in future communication.

Mr. Ron Cooper is our transportation supervisor,

Mr. Ed Brisson is our school resource officer,

Ms. Cathleen Clemens is a special education teacher at Onondaga Nation School,

Ms. Jennifer Lockwood is a mathematics teacher at the Jr./Sr. HS,

Ms. Meghan Jean is a second grade teacher at Grimshaw,

Ms. Ashley Kolbeck is a second grade teacher at Grimshaw,

Ms. Mallory Charpentier is the Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Jr./Sr. HS,

Mr. Will Jaacks is a Teaching Assistant at Onondaga Nation School,

Mr. James Tyler is a Teaching Assistant at Onondaga Nation School and is the new head football coach,

Ms. Vanessa Tryon is the secretary at Grimshaw, and

Ms. Lucy Mackey is the long-term substitute for Ms. Kelly Kubeja at the Jr./Sr. HS.

Ms. Kelly Fredericks is a school psychologist.

We extend a warm welcome to this fine group and look forward to their first year with us.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Student achievement is directly tied to the quality of instruction that students receive. Students need scientifically-backed, research-based instructional strategies with well-developed curricula and assessments at their core. Toward the end of last year then into this summer, teachers have worked under the direction of Director of Instruction and Pupil Services Ms. Karen Ocque to develop curricula as well as instructional plans and assessment tools to ensure that our students are taught the proper scope and sequence of skills and knowledge in accordance with the learning standards. The work that each group produced is impressive and will serve as guides for each grade level and department throughout the year and as the basis for continuous review.

Literacy

Students not on grade level in reading by the end of third grade are more likely to drop out of school and to be incarcerated as adults. That is one of the reasons that literacy continues to be one of our top instructional priorities. One of the five pillars of literacy, phonemic awareness, often exists in the shadow of the more well-known comprehension, vocabulary, phonological skills and fluency. Without direct instruction in it, though, students who are not naturally phonemically aware are likely to struggle in those other four areas.

Our focus on literacy continued this summer with specific training in the area of phonemic awareness. The PreK through second grade staff spent two days in August learning to teach their students how to identify and manipulate speech sounds before the abstract symbol code of the alphabet is expected to be mastered. The strategies that they learned will enhance our reading series in the general education classroom and also provide an additional tool for students needing academic intervention services.

Capital Project

The progress made on the Capital Project this summer has been a marvel to behold. A couple of hundred workers have reconfigured learning spaces, put on new roofs, enhanced security and paved new parking lots, to name several accomplishments. I think that the community will be very pleased when they see the culmination of the effort to bring our facilities up to the level that our students deserve. Many thanks go to our maintenance and custodial staff for keeping pace with their usual hectic summer schedules while working around the capital project work.

Many thanks go to Senator Dave Valesky who provided an additional \$50,000.00 to be used toward capital project expenses. The money will be used to further enhance security for our students and staff.

Central Registration

Some of you remember visiting different schools to register your children. If you had three children, each attending a different school in the district, then you had to go to three schools for registration.

Effective this summer, we are implementing a central registration system whereby Ms. Kasey McHale is the registrar and all parents/guardians must work with her to register their children. The reason for this is that the laws and regulations guiding the registration of students have become so complex that it is unwieldy to try to ensure that different schools are all doing exactly what is required. Ms. McHale will assist parents/guardians throughout the process and, when appropriate, refer them to the building secretary and/or principal for any additional building-level requirements. Please call her at 677-9728 with any questions on this topic.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hope that you enjoy a happy and successful start to the 2015-2016 school year.

Laura Lavine, Superintendent

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Thank you to Dan Alexander and Bill Doupe.

School is now in session and the biggest concern for the students is their safety. One of the most difficult areas to manage safely is when the students are on the school bus. New York State Department of Transportation inspects school buses every 6 months to ensure that the buses are mechanically safe for transportation. It is the responsibility of Dan and Bill to keep the buses safe. The Department of Transportation sent a letter informing the school of the results of these inspections for the last year which runs from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

- ♦ Total number of bus inspections - 65
- ♦ Number of inspections passed - 65
- ♦ Number of "A" defects - 0
- ♦ Number of "B" defects - 0
- ♦ Number of "C" defects - 0
- ♦ Total number of inspections with no defects - 65

For the last year all of LaFayette Central Schools buses have passed their inspections without a single defect. This is an amazing display of dedication and performance to achieve this level of success. Our students are being transported on the safest buses we can have due to these two men.

I personally would like to thank Dan and Bill for their outstanding performance.

Thank you, Matthew Dodge



Emergency School Closings

During the school year, there may arise an emergency situation when school may close, or be delayed, or dismiss early, i.e., weather emergencies. Please listen to the following stations for school related information: 95X Radio (95.7 FM) 93Q Radio (93.1 FM) Y94 FM Radio (94.5FM) WSTM TV (Channel 3) WTVH TV (Channel 5) WSYR TV (Channel 9) Your News Now: (Time Warner Channel 10) WSEN Radio (92 FM) WHEN Radio (620 AM) WSYR Radio (570 AM)

School Lunch Menu Notification

Please refer to the LaFayette School website: www.lafayetteschools.org to find out what the menu is for your child's school. There are changes that are made after the menu is printed in the school's newsletter, and it was decided that it would be more accurate and up-to-date to post the menus on the website. If you do not have internet access, please call your child's main office and a menu will be sent home with your child.

2015-2016 ACT/SAT DATES

ACT

October 24, 2015
December 12, 2015
April 9, 2016
June 11, 2016

Deadline to Register

September 18, 2015
November 6, 2015
March 4, 2016
May 6, 2016

SAT

November 7, 2015
December 5, 2015
January 23, 2016

Deadline to Register

October 1, 2015
November 6, 2015
December 25, 2015

New SAT

March 5, 2016
May 7, 2016
June 4, 2016

Deadline to Register

January 29, 2016
April 8, 2016
May 6, 2016

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Pesticide Notification

Initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law.*

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff: New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The LaFayette Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- ♦ a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- ♦ anti-microbial products;
- ♦ nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- ♦ boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- ♦ the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- ♦ the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- ♦ the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the School. For further information on these requirements the School pesticide representative is: James E. Kesler and may be reached at: 5955 Route 20 West, LaFayette, NY 13084. Phone 315-677- 7725 or fax 315-677-3372.

LaFayette Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

School Building: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: ____-____-____ Evening Phone: ____-____-____ E-Mail Address: _____

District Traffic Safety Reminders

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. 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.



October Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is **Friday, September 11**. The LaFayette News (Green Sheet) is published eleven times per year and is available online at www.lafayetteschools.org. 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: ehayes@lafayetteschools.org. 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.

◆ SCHOOL BUS ROUTES 2015-16 ◆

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

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

All private and parochial students will be picked up by regular LaFayette Bus Routes and transported to the Jr/Sr High School where students will board respective buses for the school they are attending. Buses will leave the garage at approximately 6:30 a.m. to begin picking up all students. Afternoon bus runs will meet at a LaFayette School (Grimshaw /Jr/Sr High School) and students will be transported home either on a regular LaFayette dismissal bus, or an activity bus, depending on the time. If you have a question on routing or a question on routing for students with special needs, please contact Ron Cooper at 677-9700 after August 28, 2015.

Bus #158 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, turn left on Route 20 to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road to Reidy Hill. Turn right on Reidy Hill and pickup all Students on Reidy Hill Rd to Eager Road. Turn left on Eager Road beginning pickups at this point. Proceed down Eager to Coye Road to a turnaround in Skinner's driveway. Proceed back on Coye Road to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road proceeding to Commune Road. Turn right on Commune Road picking up students on Commune as bus proceeds to Route 11. Turn left on Route 11 picking up students on the West side of Rt 11 en route to the Dollar General Store turn around and pickup students on East side of Rt 11 en route to Willowood Apts, after pickup at Apts continue to High School then to Grimshaw.

Bus #131 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 picking up students on south side of Route 20 as bus proceeds to Palmer Rd to Clark Hollow. Left on Clark Hollow to Route 20. Right on Route 20 up to Berry Road. Right on Berry to Newell Hill Road. Right on Newell Hill down to Clark Hollow Road. Left on Clark Hollow to turnaround point at Downing Road. Back on Clark Hollow to Palmer Road. Left on Palmer (picking up students at Palmer residence at this time) to Route 20. Left on Route 20 to Apulia Road. Left on Apulia to turnaround point. Back on Apulia to Route #20 then to Applewood Estates and Festival Garden Apts then to High School. From High School proceed to Grimshaw School.

Bus #133 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed south on Route #11 to Feather Drive, looping through to Sturgen back to Route #11. Turn right on Route #11 to Meeker Hill. Turn left on Meeker up to turnaround. Back on Meeker Hill Rd, turning right to Sky High Road to turnaround. Back to Meeker to Holcomb to Meadowlark Circle; back to Holcomb turning left to Deer Run. Right on Deer Run to turnaround and back on Deer Run to opposite end and return to Holcomb to Meeker Hill to Route #11. Left on Route # 11 to the AT&T Towers then proceed to Maple Grove Dr to Sugar Bush Drive then proceed back to North Rd, taking left on Scammell Rd. Left on Rt #11 to turn around on the South end

of Rt #11, then proceed to High School then to Grimshaw School.

Bus #136 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will turn right on Route #20 picking up students on north side of Route #20 as bus proceeds to turnaround at Art Burghardt's. Return to Tully Farms Road. Turn right on Tully Farms Road to Nickols Road, turning around in Nickols Road intersection. Return to Tully Farms to Webster Road. Turn right on Webster Road to Route #11A. Turn left on Route #11A continuing to turnaround point. Return to Route #11A to Tully-Farms Extension. Turn right on Tully-Farms Extension to Route #20. Turn left on Route #20, picking up students on south side of Route #20 as bus proceeds to Route #11. Turn left on Route #11 to Apple Ridge Apartments. Turn left into the apartments and then proceed back to Route #11 to High School and then Grimshaw School.

Bus #138

A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route #11 to Kennedy Road picking up students on Route #11, north of McClary as bus proceeds. Turn right from Route #11 to Kennedy Road to Sentinel Heights. Turn right on Sentinel Heights to Graham Road. Left on Graham, beginning pickups at this point to LaFayette Road. Left on LaFayette Road to Forestry turnaround. Back on LaFayette Road, picking up students at intersection of Overlook as bus proceeds to Barker Hill. Left on Bus #130 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, turn left on Route 20 to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road to Reidy Hill. Turn right on Reidy Hill and pickup all Students on Reidy Hill Rd to Eager Road. Turn left on Eager Road beginning pickups at this point. Proceed down Eager to Coye Road to a turnaround in Skinner's driveway. Proceed back on Coye Road to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road proceeding to Commune Road. Turn right on Commune Road picking up students on Commune as bus proceeds to Route 11. Turn left on Route 11 picking up students on the West side of Rt 11 en route to the Dollar General Store turn around and pickup students on East side of Rt 11 en route to Willowood Apts, after pickup at Apts continue to High School then to Grimshaw.

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Bus #133 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed south on Route #11 to Feather Drive, looping through to Sturgen back to Route #11. Turn right on Route #11 to Meeker Hill. Turn left on Meeker up to turnaround. Back on Meeker Hill Rd, turning right Barker Hill to turnaround at Smokey Hollow. Return on Barker Hill to Brevity Lane. Right on Brevity to LaFayette Road. Right on LaFayette Road to Dave Tilden Road. Left on Tilden to Sentinel Heights. Rights on Sentinel Heights to Kennedy to Route #11 picking up students on West Side of Route #11 as bus proceeds to High School and Grimshaw School.

Bus #139 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road proceed to Reidy Hill Rd. Turn right on Reidy Hill to Eager Rd. Turn right on Eager and start your pickups continuing down the hill to Apulia Road. Turn left on Apulia Rd to turn around at Reiss residence then proceed on Apulia Rd to Rt 20. Left on Rt 20 to Dodge Rd, proceed to Apulia Rd and turn right. Proceed to Colton. Turn right on Colton, picking up students on Colton as bus proceeds up to O'Connell Road. Turn right on Route 20 picking up students on the north side of Route 20 (east of Apulia Road) as bus proceeds back to Apulia Rd and then turn left on Dodge Rd up to Rt 20. Turn right on Route 11 to the High School then to Grimshaw School.

Bus #145 A.M. Route - (ONS & LCS) – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route #20 to Everingham Rd then back to Tully Farms Rd Extension to Route #11A. Turn left on Route #11A beginning pickups just over Reservation Line. Continue on Route #11A to Gibson Road. Turn left on Gibson to Route #80. Continue right on #80 to Commissary Road. Turn left on Commissary and continue up to turnaround point. Return on Commissary to Route #80 to Gibson to Route #11A. Turn left on Route #11A picking up students as bus proceeds to turnaround point by Bucktooth residence. Return to ONS, discharging students. Then turn around and proceed directly to High School, then Grimshaw School.

Bus #148 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage proceed Left on Route #20 to Left on Rt#11. Continue on Rt# 11 to the area of the arena and start pickups, continue to Bus loop then to West Conklin Ave then proceed South on Rt 11A to Long House and turn around back out to 11A. Turn Left and continue South to Nation School; wait at Nation School until students are allowed in building then return to Bus Garage.

Bus #149 A.M. Route - (ONS & LCS) – From Bus Garage proceed north on Route #11 to Nedrow to Quarry Road turning right to Hill residence (behind old drive-in). Return to Frontage Road. Then Continue down the hill to first left onto Maybee Lane. Return to bridge then left on Hemlock up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock to Webster turning left on Webster up to turnaround point. Return to Hemlock proceeding to Martins Lane then continue to upper Martins lane and turn around back down Martins lane to Route #11A to Nation School. Return on Route #11A to Route #11. Then to High School and shuttle students to Big Picture then back to bus garage.

Bus #150 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed north on Route 11 beginning pickups just north of the High School. Continue on Route 11 to McClary Road. Proceed out McClary to Kennedy, then to Sentinel Heights. Left on Sentinel Heights over the Route 81 Bridge to Old Kennedy Road. Left on Old Kennedy to turnaround point. Back to Sentinel Heights turning right. Up hill to Mercun Drive. Turn right on Mercun to turnaround point. Back to Sentinel Heights turning right on Sentinel Heights and continue entire length of road to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to the High School, then to Grimshaw.

Bus #151 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed right on Route #20 to Markland Rd turn left proceed to turn around at end of road Then proceed back to Rt#20 cross over to Naughton Rd and proceed to Stillmeadow Rd to turnaround at end of road then proceed back to Rt#20 and turn right to Webb Road and turn right beginning pickups at this point. Continue to Amidon Road. Turn left on Amidon Road up to turn around on Summer Ridge. Back on Amidon to Webb. Turn left on Webb and continue picking up students as bus proceeds to Shute Road. Turn left on Shute Road up to turnaround point at the barn. (Pick up Parc du Bois students at this point.) Return to Webb Road turning left on to Webb and then to Groth Road. Turn left on Groth down to turnaround point. Return on Groth to Webb turning left on to Webb and proceed to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to Winacre Dr. Turn left and pickup all students on Winacre Dr, proceed to High School via Sentinel Heights Rd to Mondore Dr to Rt#11 then proceed to Grimshaw School.

Bus #154 A.M. Route – From Bus Garage, bus will proceed left on Route 20 to LaFayette Road. Turn left on LaFayette Road beginning pickups on both sides of LaFayette Road from Rt # 20 to Reidy Hill Rd, turn right on Reidy Hill down to Persse Rd, right on Persse Rd to turn around back to LaFayette Rd continuing pickups to Coye Rd. Turn left on Old Coye Rd and continue on LaFayette Rd to Barker Hill Rd; right on Barker Hill Rd picking up students to Brevity Lane then turn around at intersection. Back to LaFayette Rd picking up students on the west side of LaFayette Road as the bus proceeds to Bull Hill. Turn Right on Bull Hill picking up students on Bull Hill as bus proceeds to McClary Road. Left on McClary to Route 11. Left on Route 11 to Mondore Drive. Left on Mondore to Bella Vista. Left on Bella Vista picking up students as bus proceeds to dead end on Bella Vista. Return to Norman taking a left on Norman up to Pioneer. Right on Pioneer down to both ends to turnaround points. Return to Mondore turning left and picking up students as bus proceeds to Sentinel Heights. Turn right on Sentinel Heights to Commene and then to Route 11. Turn right on Route 11 to the High School, then Grimshaw.

♦ Junior/Senior High School News ♦

from the Desk of the **JSHS PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to the LaFayette Junior-Senior High School for the 2015-2016 school year. The staff and I look forward to seeing our returning students, as well as welcoming our new students. The new school year promises to be challenging, rewarding and enjoyable.

I am excited to have the opportunity to return as the Interim Principal for 2015-2016. Serving in that role for the second half of last year enabled me to gain a broader knowledge of the students, the staff, curricular and co-curricular programs and the LaFayette community. I am impressed with the many opportunities our students have to develop and grow academically, intellectually and as people. I look forward to being a part of that important process for a full year.

My experience has been that home/school communication is an important part of student success. I welcome parent and community input and encourage you to contact me regarding questions, suggestions or concerns you may have.

Each new school year brings a number of changes to a school. In addition to welcoming the Big Picture students and staff to the building, we are welcoming the following new staff members: Jennifer Lockwood (Math), Mallory Charpentier (Family & Consumer Science), Kelly Fredericks (School Psychologist), Lucy Mackey (Long-term Substitute for Kelly Kubeja) and Ed Brisson (School Security Aide).

James Chupaila, Interim Principal

YEARBOOK

Parent Ad - Take an opportunity to tell your senior how proud you are of their accomplishments by purchasing an ad in the 2015-2016 Lancer Yearbook.

Space is limited; don't wait until the last minute!

Pricing: **Reserved by Dec. 31, 2015: Full page - \$250.00; Half page - \$130.00; Quarter page - \$ 70.00.** After Jan 1, 2016: Full page - \$350.00; Half page - \$180.00; Quarter page - \$ 95.00

Senior Picture - Pictures are due to Mrs. Flemming or Ms. Nastasi by October 2nd, 2015. They can be emailed, mailed to the Jr./Sr. High School or personally handed in.

**School Picture day is September 28th
and make up day is November 12th!**

♦ Grimshaw School News ♦

PRINCIPAL INPUT

It is truly amazing how quickly the summer has flown by.

During your trips up and down Route 20, you may have noticed that the front circle has been dug up and planted over with grass. With that, it means there will be a new traffic pattern in the morning for drop-off as well as pick-up, along with entering the building.

Starting this year, we will be entering Grimshaw through the new entrance off of the cafeteria side parking lot. You will also notice changes in the cafeteria and a new nurse and main office space.

We are excited to share our new spaces with everyone once school starts. Please be sure to check the website for your child's supply list and any other updates.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone really soon and starting the 2015-16 school year.

Jennifer Blossey, Grimshaw Principal

Health Office News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! The summer flew by as usual! Hope you had a great one!

If your child needs any medication at school please remember it needs to be renewed each school year. We require the medicine to be in the original container with a prescription label or note from the doctor, and ask that you bring the medicine to school. It is especially important to have any emergency meds your child may need such as an EpiPen for a severe allergic reaction.

I would strongly suggest children in grades Pre-K through 3rd have a spare set of clothes in their lockers/cubbies in case they need them. If your child was excused from gym class by a doctor at the end of last year they will need a doctor's note to return to gym.

If you have any questions on any of the above or any other concerns please don't hesitate to call me. And lastly, I hope your child (and you!) have a great school year!

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

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

In the summer of 2008, the Big Picture school was implemented to address the low graduation rate in the LaFayette district. The goal was to reduce the dropout rate and ensure that all students graduate. In previous years, we had reviewed data to understand which students were choosing to leave school before they earned a High School credential. From the review of the data, we learned that it was not just one demographic of students who were leaving. We also learned that the students who made the choice not to stay in school were capable students, but were not engaged in the academic program being offered.

The LaFayette Big Picture school is highly engaging. Students have choice in their study. The choice is not whether or not to do something. In fact, students are required to set academic goals that must be met. In other words, students are not allowed to “take a zero” on an assignment and move on. New York State standards are intertwined with students’ interests and goals. The goals are developed into projects that are completed over a series of weeks.

Many of these projects are directly tied to the work students are completing at the off-site internships that they attend two days per week. The internship is an invaluable experience during which students learn real world 21st Century skills while working with an experienced adult mentor. We have repeatedly seen how internship opportunities are transformative in a high school student’s life. Many of our students have earned job opportunities stemming from their time at an internship site.

In an effort to ensure that our students are ready for the internship and the world of work, we utilize the WorkKeys program. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment and training module to assure employers that students have the competencies to complete a job effectively. Students are able to learn and practice in modules that address: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information, Teamwork, Workplace Observation, Applied Technology. All Big Picture students begin working towards the Work Place Competency certification starting in 9th grade. Syracuse University issues these certifications that are recognized nationally by employers looking to hire. All students graduate with a certification.

Additionally, in our effort to ensure that our students are ready for life after high school, we focus on post-secondary opportunities. LaFayette Big Picture School has established a relationship with Morrisville State College. Both institutions have been awarded grants from New York State totalling more than \$1,500,000 over the course of 9 years. Funds from these grants have enabled LaFayette Big Picture students to enroll in college classes at Morrisville while still in high school. Our hope is to alleviate scheduling difficulties to expand this opportunity to High School students as well. The grants have also purchased many supplies and other innovative design opportunities for our students.

One of the foundation principles of Big Picture learning is to serve all types of students who want to be engaged in their own education, have choice on the projects they are creating, experience and learn in the real world at multiple internship sites, and graduate from high school with a diploma, certifications, and college credits. If you would like to see these principles in action, please contact Susan Osborn at sosborn@lafayetteschools.org or 315-504-1000.

Susan Osborn, Principal

◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

Dear LaFayette Community,

The Morrisville Science and Technology Entry Program is glad to have the opportunity to serve the LaFayette Community for five more years. STEP will continue to provide services such as after school tutoring, SAT Prep, college visits, project based learning, computer programming club, and much more. This year, all after school STEP activities will be housed in the Jr./Sr. High School in the Big Picture School. If you are unfamiliar with STEP, here is an introduction. STEP is a partnership between the LaFayette Central School District, Morrisville State College, and the

New York State Department of Education. STEP is a statewide initiative to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education amongst students in 7th-12th grade who traditionally do not go into the STEM fields.

This past summer, the students who participated in Summer STEP worked on individual projects, engineered their own structures, spent four days at Morrisville State College, and visited Ithaca College.



Efforts to expand STEM learning will continue throughout the school year.

STEP will explore the Cosmos in October. Students in 7th-12th grade and their families can join STEP as it explores the Cosmos by looking at the night sky through STEP's telescope. STEP has scheduled Cosmos exploration on October 13th and 26th to take advantage of astronomical events. Both nights will begin at 7:00pm with activities and a workshop to prepare for viewing the night sky.

STEP will have many more activities planned throughout the school year, but to learn more about the program please contact David Stablein at dstablein@lafayetteschools.org or 315-504-1002.



◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

**Friday, Sept 18th
is Picture Day at ONS,
from 8 am to 1:30 pm**

**The make up Day
is October 23rd,
1 pm to 3:30 pm.**

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances, but, we also know that when students miss too much school – regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent – which means missing 18 or more days

over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- ◆ Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- ◆ By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- ◆ By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!!

Clearly going to school regularly matters!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- ◆ Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- ◆ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- ◆ Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- ◆ Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- ◆ Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- ◆ Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact the school.

Sincerely,

*Diane Ellsworth
ONS Principal*



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LaFayette Public Library News

We hope that all of you had a wonderful summer. We would like to remind you that the ever popular Imagination Lab is coming back in September. For those of you that are unfamiliar with it, this is an after school program for elementary school students (K-6 basically) on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:30. This can be anything from Lego free play to building a cardboard city. Registration is not required but appreciated so we know how many to prepare for:

September 9 – Indoor Hopscotch
September 16 – Secret Message decoders
September 23 – Lego Free Play
September 30 – Bouncy Balloon Balls

As part of the “redo” of the library, we have created a section to hang student art. Currently, we are showing art by: Vivian Mugler, Jazmyynn Crandall, Corinne Sheley, Allison O’Kane, Gunnar Schumacher, Tori Albro, Jade Williams (graduated 2015), Shelby Ohstrom, Ivy Bennett, Danielle Duby, Jannah Grant and Kaitlyn Koons. Please come and see the wonderful artwork! We hope to have this as an ongoing exhibit.



Also coming in the fall we will be doing some programming in coordination with the LaFayette Big Picture school which will include computer programs, 3D printing, Lego Mindstorms and much more.

We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. For further information, please call the library at 677-3782.

A reminder that we have a children’s computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

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

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

Story time hours:

Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30; Thursday 6:30 – 7:30

LaFayette Boys Baseball Team



The season was closed with a 14-8 victory over Tully, finishing with an 11-1 overall record. Congratulations players! The coaches and parents would like to thank Regina Reinschmidt, Jerry Kelly, Tony Vadala and LaFayette Schools for assistance throughout the season.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Soccer Kickoff Beginning Sat, 9/12, 10-11:30am at the Optimist Ball Fields. Boys and Girls in K-6. Coaches, please arrive early. Players bring your registration form and money.

Soccer Coaches If you haven’t heard from us, call immediately! We need to know if you are available. Please get your coaching packets in by Sept 10th.

Running Club Earn your feet and get ready for the Apple Fest Run. Watch for flyer with details.

Flag Football If you can help run this, contact us now!

Apple Festival Workers Needed The LCC Pizza Booth needs you to work a 2-hour shift, so add us in to your schedule. If your child(ren) participate in our programs, we need you to help us in return--here is a great opportunity! Send name, phone and mailing address (for parking pass) and choice of day and time by Oct 5th to: LCC, Box 98, 13084. Festival is Oct 10th and 11th.

Zumba Wed, 6:30-7:30pm, Grimshaw cafe, \$50/\$4 walk-in

Ripped/Tabata Great mix of cardio/strength. \$50. See town website for explanation. Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm in the Grimshaw cafeteria, \$4 each. The cost of Zumba & Tabata together is \$95.

Yoga Mon and Wed, Room TBA, 6:30-7:45pm, \$4 walk-in

Senior/Daytime Tues-Wed-Thur, 8:30-9:30am at the Community Center, all levels welcome

Note for Exercise Classes You are welcome to do the \$4 walk-in but please sign in each time. Or we encourage you to save a little and pay for a session. Details are in Town News, on web or call us.

Community Council Contact Information:

677-7272 • LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY, 13084

www.townoflafayette.com (departments-community council)

Indoor programs held at Grimshaw, HS or ONS gyms. Outdoor programs held at any LaFayette town park or Toolon. Both travel to opposing team’s towns as well.

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September IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Tuesday, September 1	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, September 2	First Day of School
Friday, September 4	No School
Monday, September 7	Labor Day - No School
Thursday, September 10	Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 14	GAPS Meeting, Grimshaw Library, 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 17	GS Curriculum & Band Info Night, Grimshaw Cafe 6-7:30 pm
Friday, September 18	ONS Picture Day
Tuesday, September 22	HS Parent Group Meeting, 6pm
Wednesday, September 23	EARLY DISMISSAL All Buildings 11:30am - Staff Development
Thursday, September 24	Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 28	Jr/Sr High School Picture Day