

Jr High Student of the Month

The students at the junior high school have continued to work hard to model the "GOLD" behavior expectations set forth by the team. Teachers expect students to behave following the GOLD matrix which stands for Give Respect, take Ownership, show Leadership, and Demonstrate Safety. Each month, the 7th and 8th grade teams select a student from each grade that they felt had most embodied those characteristics.



The winners from the last three months are as follows:
December - Benjamin Ryan (8th) and Paul Wells (7th),
January - Layla Ortiz (8th) and Lexi Jennings (7th),

and February - Kayleigh Olrich (8th) and Kenny Clarke (7th). These students have been described as individuals that are "motivated to do their best and take ownership over their learning by contributing in class," "demonstrating great leadership by setting a positive example for others," and as "encouraging students." We are excited to continue this tradition by selecting the students who continue to possess attributes relating to the GOLD matrix as we all navigate our virtual learning.

Showing Thanks

The *Thanking the Troops Club* would like to give a big thanks to the LaFayette Community! You all helped to make our first project to collect supplies for the active military troops a huge success.

Those supplies should be on their way to the troops and we will let you know if we receive any updates from them. Thank you all for your caring, compassion, generosity, and kindness.



Ms. Mary Darrow is our Legend of Learning

Mary works in the Transportation Department as a bus driver for LaFayette Central School District. The individual who nominated Mary for Legend of Learning for March 2020 shared the following:

Mary has continuously demonstrated the qualities of a Legend of Learning candidate throughout her career at LaFayette. Mary is dedicated to not only her position and all the responsibility that comes with it, but the district and community as well. She is always at work, having perfect attendance the past few years. She goes above and beyond in helping her peers, students, and office staff with her ideas and knowledge of the job. She has a flawless safety record and steps up to help out when needed.

Mary- Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!



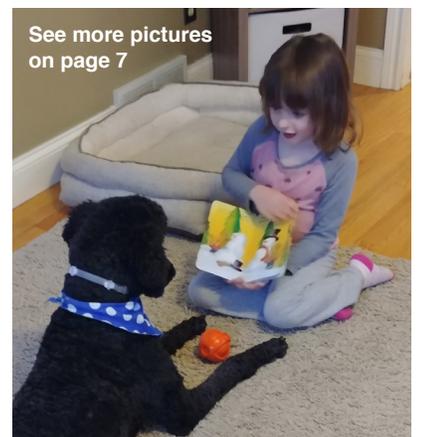
You can help recognize LaFayette staff members who:

- Help to advance the mission and vision of the district
- Go above and beyond
- Demonstrate that they put our students first
- Support student learning
- Treat students and others with dignity, respect, and compassion
- Embrace creativity and innovation

Nominate a staff member today through an online survey which is available on our website.

Special Guest Readers

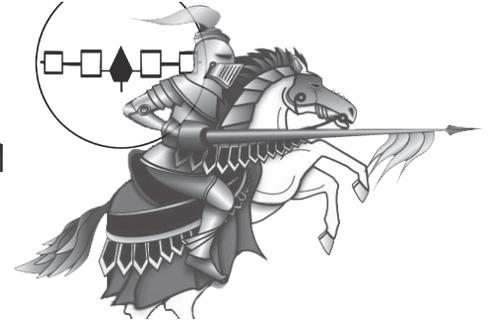
Kindergarten classes had a special Kindergarten team reader each day this week. We each picked a day and read a story with our dog and posted it on all the kindergarten Google classrooms for the students. We asked them to send in pictures of them reading.



District News ♦ District News ♦ District News



Jeremy Belfield
Superintendent of Schools



Dear LaFayette School Community:

March 2020 has presented some tremendous challenges to our community with the spread of the coronavirus across the world and into Central New York. On March 16th, Onondaga County Executives ordered an extended shut-down of local schools effective March 17th to prevent the spread of the virus in our community. As schools across the state were ordered to close, we were also asked to shift very quickly to new ways of teaching and learning. Teachers developed online experiences and activities that were delivered to student's homes. I was impressed with how quickly our students and staff transitioned to learning from home. Many of our students were able to keep the routine of school going right from their kitchen tables or desks, engaging with their teacher and classmates online. I know that this has been especially challenging for parents, who are now trying to work from home and keep tabs on their own children's schooling. Thank you for partnering with us during this challenging time to continue your child's education.

Our food service staff stepped up in a big way to prepare meals for students while school was closed. Our bus drivers and transportation staff have also stepped up to assist with delivering meals and learning materials to students. Behind the scenes, our custodians have continued to clean and disinfect our buildings, so we are ready when students return. Our school leadership team has been putting in long hours to make sure that our students and staff have everything they need during this transition. Thank you to our building principals, administrators, and supervisors for all their time and efforts to support continued learning opportunities for students.

Our board of education hosted our first ever live-stream board meeting using a program called Google Meet. On March 26th, our board members broadcast the meeting through an online platform to allow public participation via video or telephone. Thank you to our trustees for their leadership and support to our school community during this challenging time. At our most recent board meeting, the board adopted the proposed 2020-2021 school district budget which will be put forward to the community in the coming weeks. This year's budget includes all of the great programs and supports for our students along with the following enhancement: the hiring of a social worker at LaFayette Jr/Sr High and LaFayette Big Picture School to help address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students. Next year's budget will remain under the tax cap calculation requiring only a simple majority approval of the voters.

Please continue to check our website for daily updates on our learning from home experiences. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our students and each other. Be safe, be well, and don't forget to wash your hands!

LaFayette CSD Partners with SECNY FCU to Introduce Digital Financial Wellness Center

Staff, students, and the entire LaFayette community will now be able to connect to a special digital Financial Wellness Center in order to help promote and provide resources for financial education and healthy practices. The center is powered by SECNY Federal Credit Union (FCU) and is among the newest benefits offered from the School District for faculty, staff, students and the community alike.

To explore the new Financial Wellness Center, you can find a link on the District Office homepage. The Center is another way that the School District is working to help bring valuable resources to the community, to better promote a happy and healthy life both while here in LaFayette and beyond.

◆ *Junior/Senior High School News* ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and collaboration during this period of distance learning. This has certainly been a change for everyone but I think as a whole we have done a great job persevering. I want to commend our teachers and our students for their flexibility during this time of uncertainty.

While this has certainly been a challenging endeavor, I am overly impressed with the staff's ability to adapt. Without skipping a beat, our

teachers modified their instructions to meet the needs of a completely virtual setting. Teachers are in continual communication with students and parents to preserve the education of our students. Additionally, I cannot say enough about the support of our families. Without our parents as educational partners, none of this would be possible. When you stop and think about what was accomplished in such a short amount of time, it is truly remarkable.

We will continue to do our best to keep our parents, students and community informed regarding the latest updates. With that being said, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jpryan@lafayetteschools.org or by phone at 315-677-3131. Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to when we can all come together again.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - 4TH MARKING PERIOD

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Amidon, Lily
 Borte, Jason
 Casler, Rayna
 Clemens, Carlee
 Davidson, Caroline
 Dix, Spencer
 Dockstader, Kal[^]:na
 Jennings, Alexis
 Quick, Madison
 Reed, Kiera
 Simmons, Owen
 Tillinghast, Kayla
 Walker, Harlie
 Wells, Paul
 Wheeler, Gregory
 Zehner, Claire

Grade 8

Baker, Madison
 Brown, Gabrielle
 Christoffel, Zoey
 Collingbourne, Digby
 Denué, Samuel
 Keefe, Aiden
 Loughlin, Mackenzie
 McElhannon, Ellie
 Newkirk, Aiden
 Olrich, Kayleigh
 Ortiz, Layla
 Porter, Daniel
 Ryan, Benjamin

Seemann, Benjamin
 Shute, Amalie
 Simmons, Madison
 Stivers, Eva
 Virnoche, Charlotte

Grade 9

Borte, Justine
 Ganoë, Rachel
 Kostiv, Andrew
 McClary, Emily
 McConnell, Adison
 Shenandoah-Kurtz, Isabella

Grade 10

Cooke, Vernon
 Danyew, Gabrielle
 Dix, Jonathan
 Fabend, Tyler
 Haskins, Benjamin
 Magyar, Karina
 Redmore, Carolyn
 Reese, Jenna
 Wells, Sarah
 Zehner, Julia

Grade 11

Benjamin, Brandon
 Dow, Grace
 Farewell, Kyle
 Rogers, Molly
 Ryan, Evelyn
 Shute, Mason
 Wanlass, Luke

Grade 12

Arends, Halee
 Caughey, Jack
 Collingbourne, Grady
 Dix, Collin
 Evans, Marissa
 Garbutt, Raegyn
 Kostiv, Victoria
 McIntyre, Adam
 O'Kane, Allison
 Rurka, Kierstin
 Zajac, Ryan

HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Andrews, Lillian
 Casler, Rylee
 Christiana, Asha
 Clarke, Kenneth
 Clemens, Tanner
 Elm, Shayla
 Fabend, Kaitlyn
 Friedman, Isabella
 Homer, Cash
 McElhannon, Lily
 Shetler, Alexander
 Slishevsky, Gavin
 Thompson, Ellyse
 Williams, Savanna

Grade 8

Branch, Brooke
 Breed, Jesse
 Heffernan, Keara

Hosner, Lucas
 Keane, Kensington
 Kozubal, Mason
 Moreno, John-Lou
 Peios, Luke
 Sky, Braydon
 Taylor, Sophia
 Tiller, Daniel
 Vossler, Jake
 Weil, Wade
 Williams, Marquise

Grade 9

Bertlesman, Julia
 Bucktooth, Brett
 Clarke, Ariel
 Cromley, Erik
 Farewell, Evan
 FitzPatrick, Evan
 Lyons, Jesse
 Merriman, Meadow
 Papworth, Isabella
 Phillips, Cadance

Grade 10

Bergamo, Christopher
 Caughey, Grace
 Coon, Paul
 Evans, Amanda
 Griffin, Aidan
 Heath, Scott
 Ives, Rylie
 Lazore, Makiyah
 Papineau, Cianna
 Pollack, Jada

Porter, Andrew
 Post, Jennifer
 Powless, Augustus
 Thrall, Brianna
 Tummino, Toby
 Zajac, Sean

Grade 11

Farrar, Harlee
 Greczyn, Kyle
 Hart, Kaitlin
 Jachim, Morgan
 Jones, Nelson
 Keane, Colton
 Lamson, Jessica
 Oakman, Brenda
 Shenandoah, Amelia
 Shute, Emma
 Spratt, Farrah
 Simmons, Areiana

Grade 12

Baker, John
 Clarke, Terri
 Frazier, Kenji
 Homer, Mason
 Isaacs, Erika
 Martinez, Nathan
 Poplawski, Lauren
 Wager, Nicholas



◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

2nd Grade Visit with Elders



On Tuesday, March 10th our 2nd graders took a bus to the Fire Barn to present to the Onondaga Nation Elders during their monthly luncheon. The students bravely shared and presented their academic galleria research on important Haudenosaunee items such as Gastowet's, wampum belt, tree of peace, and clans. Afterwards, they presented the elders with a carnation and invitation to come read at ONS. The food was amazing, the presentations were exceptional and the elders shared their appreciation of the 2nd grade visit.

Farewell Social to Ms. Hopper

At the beginning of March, the ONS staff and students gathered together to send off Mrs. Hopper with a social and cake. Special Nyawew̃ha to Nancy Powless, Denise Waterman and community member and Gawenihowis member Whenji Myers who facilitated the festive celebration for Mrs. Hopper. The social gathering brought the school community together to honor Mrs. Hopper and provide a little bear filled with our school hugs.



Transition to Distance Learning

We transitioned our school to distance learning within a week. What an accomplishment! We are aware there have been some bumps along the way, our biggest being access to the internet. We are working closely with our teachers and families until the internet issue is resolved. In the midst of all the change, it has brought new and creative ways to connect with one another. Here are some bright spots of the last two weeks:

- Google Meet allows our students and teachers to continue learning
- On a daily basis we deliver over 90 lunches to families
- SeeSaw is being used by our primary grades and our families are connected
- Collective efforts of everyone - students, teachers, families, and community

Please call Simone Gonyea or Trisha Fogarty at the Nation School 315-469-6991 if you have any questions or need assistance with the transition to distance learning.

Visits with Darryl Tonemah, Freida and Tom Porter

On Wednesday, March 12th the LaFayette School District hosted three special guests to share with staff on our Professional Development Day. Freida Jacques shared the history and impacts of boarding schools on Native Americans. Dr. Darryl Tonemah provided staff with a wealth of knowledge on trauma and the impacts on our bodies. Finally, Tom Porter concluded the session with his own personal experience providing staff his perspective. ONS was fortunate to continue conversations with Dr. Tonemah and Mr. Porter as a faculty afterwards. The conversations brought a sense of unity around an important SCEP goal, the integration of language and culture. We look forward to continuing our work with Dr. Tonemah in the future as we remain a trauma-informed school.

Sap Process

Our students had the opportunity to see the sap process from tapping trees to boiling. Our students had an opportunity to sample the water from the tree and the sap after it had been boiled. Nyawew̃ha to Parker Booth who has shared his knowledge about sap collecting and processing, ONS is very appreciative of his support. Students will see the process first hand. Explanation of the physical processes of the equipment and the corresponding physical processes of the science underlying the process will occur at the same time during the first hand observations.



◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *from the desk of Mrs. Blosssey*

Let me begin by saying thank you for your ongoing support during this crazy time in the world. I continue to receive many positive notes from a lot of you about how the online learning is going at your house. I want to also thank you for all of your efforts at home with the continuation of your children's education.

As we continue the work from home model, I want to remind you that each classroom teacher has a Google Classroom for you and your child to follow what is happening on a daily basis. If you are unable to access any portion of the content, please feel free to reach out to the teacher directly and/or send me an email at jblosssey@lafayetteschools.org.

Color Wheel Challenge

The third grade class at Grimshaw Elementary were given the assignment to complete the At Home Color Wheel Challenge. Students arranged objects found in their homes to correspond to the color wheel and uploaded photos to Google Classroom.

See more pictures on page 6



◆ The BIG PICTURE LEARNING News ◆

Exciting Shadow Day Events



Thomas Meaney attended a shadow day at Upstate Interactive in downtown Syracuse. Thomas shadowed a software engineer and entrepreneur throughout the day and had a great experience. He got to see the balance between the responsibilities of a programmer and the challenges of running and growing a business. Thank you to Upstate Interactive and Commonsplace for their hospitality.



Jacob Park is working on an underwater ROV, and has spent many hours at school and at home on the project. You can tell he has spent many hours at home because of the depth of his knowledge on the topic. This required a lot of reading, a lot of study, and a lot of questions. He proved this in his exhibition and his shadow day at Eget Liber. Eget Liber is a local company that has built a semi-submersible ROV that can

eliminate toxic blue algae in lakes. The company is housed in the Genius NY center at the Syracuse Tech Garden. Jacob engaged in a professional dialogue with the owner and developer of Eget Liber. I just sat back and watched the conversation unfold. I could tell the owner was impressed by the way his face changed when Jacob seemed to be asking all the right questions. The company is dedicated to helping Jacob as he continues the next phase of his project.

Distance Learning

As we have moved to distance learning, I am reminded multiple times during the day how amazing the Big Picture staff is. They quickly jumped into action and made this transition as smooth as possible for our students. We are using our Google tools to connect and share with each other. Our students continue to write their Daily Goals in our shared Daily Goal tracker which allows all staff members to see what students plan on working on each day. At the close of the day, those daily goals are checked to see if they were accomplished. Advisories and workshops are meeting daily using Google Meet. Assignments and instructional materials are posted in Google Classrooms. All staff members have established "Office Hours" to allow for one on one meetings and check-ins. For our students without internet access, we are working on providing access through the use of hotspots, but in the meantime, paper handouts are being mailed or delivered to their homes. This is not ideal, but it is our ideal for now. Stay Healthy!

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Announcements:

All Community Council programs are on hold until further notice. When it is safe to resume programs that were interrupted - Yoga, Senior Exercise, and Men's Basketball, we will do so. For those programs that have been postponed – baseball/softball/t-ball, and lacrosse, contingencies are being worked on for when we can commence these programs. In addition, summer programs - swim lessons, soccer camp, and tennis camp, are also on hold until we know whether we will be able to offer these programs.

Community Council Board Meetings: Are **postponed until further notice.** Once they resume, we would like to welcome and encourage you to attend as we need your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach – we can't provide our programs without your help.

Memorial Day Parade and Community Day: **LCC's participation in these events to be determined.**

Wayne Brennan; Wrestling – Coaches Todd Briggs, Pat Dwyer, Nick Moltion, Joe Clemens, Steve Albro, and Matthew Moses, as well as the many parents who helped out with concessions and score and time keeping during the home wrestling matches we hosted; Grades 2- 4 basketball – Sally Morel, Jason Andersen; Volleyball - Alyssa Armstrong. And our Sponsors – Meyer Heating and Air Conditioning (wrestling shirts, concessions) and Taste of Heaven Pizzeria (basketball jerseys).



2019-2020 Youth Wrestling Team



Girls grades 5 & 6 basketball team, coached by Joe Greco.

Thank you:

LCC would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches and helper for LCC winter sports programs:

Girls grades 5 & 6 basketball – Joe Greco; Boys grades 5 & 6 basketball - Jim McElhannon, Jay Colburn and

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LaFayette Public Library News

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Please go to our website – www.lafayettelibrary.org or our Facebook page for up to date information about any events, closings, etc.

As of this writing, everything is pretty much closed including all of the county public libraries as of March 16. **Please note that anything that is out going forward will be renewed and no fines accrued.** If you do put items in our book drop, they will show as being on your account still – not to worry. It's just that we are asked to not check things in at this time. All programs have been postponed until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience.

You are still able to download materials and access the databases:

Databases: www.onlib.org > learn > online databases

Downloadables: www.onlib.org >find > ebooks & more

The 2020 Census is here! By now, you should have received a card in the mail telling you where to go online to fill out the Census. If you do not have internet access, the libraries will have dedicated access to the Census website (Note: please watch for updates on this as we will most likely still be closed. However the Census will be available and we

are working on ways to accommodate people) Please make sure that whatever way you do it, that you are counted. An accurate count determines where billions in funds are directed; it means Congressional seats (e.g. New York State has lost seats due to inaccurate or under counts). We are here to help (again keep an eye out for updates).

Along with many other libraries in Onondaga County, LaFayette Public Library is working with an organization called Field Goods. **They deliver fresh foods from small farms. The library serves as a drop off/pick up place to deliver the food.** This is a local supports local effort. Just to remind you, the patron is responsible for picking the goods in a timely manner. There is an option to add \$1.00 to your order that will go to the library so it serves as a fundraiser besides helping to support the local economy. It is custom ordering so you can pick what you want delivered. The food is delivered on a weekly basis on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.field-goods.com>.



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