

## Legend of Learning - May 2021 Joanne Powless

Dear LaFayette Students and Staff:

Congratulations to Ms. Joanne Powless, Grades 5 and 6 English Language Arts Teacher at the Onondaga Nation School, for being selected as the May 2021 Legend of Learning!



The individual who nominated Ms. Powless shared the following:

JoAnne is a 5th grade teacher at the Onondaga Nation School. She earned a BA in Elementary Education at Lemoyne College and her MA in Special Education at Syracuse University. She has been in our school for many years and started under the leadership of Carol Erb. JoAnne has expertise in many areas and started at ONS as a Computer Technology Specialist where she did many cross curricular projects incorporating technology and publishing with classroom teachers. She is presently the 5th/6th ELA teacher. Joanne is teaching in a slightly different venue as her expertise in reading and writing has propelled her to do great things with her classes of 5th and 6th grade students. She has participated in many workshops with Lucy Calkins and has embraced the Units of Study model to teach reading and writing. JoAnne is an exciting teacher who encourages and inspires her students to find their voice when they write. Recently JoAnne was asked to present on a panel of Native writers at the NCTE Annual Convention in Maryland. It was a great honor and she was a great representative of our Haudenosaunee people. JoAnne is an accomplished photographer and has been commissioned for many weddings and portrait sittings.

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

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- Go above and beyond
- Demonstrate that they put our students first
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