

## \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project

The LaFayette Central School District is planning a \$100,000 capital outlay project. The proposed scope of work includes replacing carpeting in certain classrooms, hallways, and other spaces at the Jr/Sr High with tile floors. The plans must be submitted to NYSED and the project must be advertised in budget documents and budget proposition. The project is eligible for NYS School Building Aid.

### STEP Summer Program July 8th-July 25th

More information will be available soon.

Families may also contact David Stablein at [dstablein@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:dstablein@lafayetteschools.org) for more information.

## Senior Art Students in the Edgewood Gallery Show



Each year high schools within a thirty-mile radius of Syracuse are invited to submit four senior artworks to the Annual High School Senior Show and Competition at the Edgewood Gallery. Sponsored by the Central New York Art Guild, each year's show is held in the Spring.

This year senior artists: Cheyenne Bush, Raven Gardinere, and Taylor Watson were selected to submit an artwork to represent LaFayette in the competitive show. This is a

wonderful opportunity for senior art students to exhibit their work in a professional setting and for the public to recognize student accomplishments in the Visual Arts. Cheyenne won Honorable Mention for her artwork titled 'A Feel for Freedom'. Congratulations Cheyenne, Raven, and Taylor!

## Legends of Learning

### ANTHONY (TONY) VADALA



Congratulations to our March 2019 Legend of Learning, Mr. Anthony (Tony) Vadala. Mr. Vadala is one of the maintenance workers for the district. Tony is a caring, dedicated staff member who goes above and beyond to make sure that our school buildings and grounds are well cared for. Tony takes pride in his work and is always working to make sure that our students, staff, and guests have access to facilities and grounds that are safe and well maintained.

*The individual who nominated Tony shared:*

Tony has kept the fields at Grimshaw in amazing condition. He was constantly checking to see if there was anything he could do to help make things better. He has gone above and beyond to make sure the experience for the varsity boys and girls teams this year was exceptional.

Every coach that came to visit remarked on the exceptional conditions of our field.

If that was not enough, on my way home yesterday a bus driver waved to me. It took me a minute to realize it was Tony. In a time when bus drivers are in high demand he stepped up to assume another important role for the district and our students. This type of leadership and selflessness is why I nominate Tony Vadala for the legends of learning award.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Tony Vadala as the Legend of Learning for March 2019.

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.**

Message from the  
**SUPERINTENDENT**



Dear LaFayette School Community:

As we head into the home stretch of the 2018-19 school year, I want to thank you for your continued support of our students and our district. In the February Green Sheet, I wrote about our school accountability status as a Target District. Two of our schools had poor participation and poor student performance on the Grade 3-8 NYS ELA and Math exams. During the months of February and March, our principals and administrators communicated the importance of test participation with students and parents. Participation impacts our school accountability status. Exam results also provide our district with data vital to improving teaching and learning experiences for our students. Overall, we saw a substantial increase in test participation for ELA and we are hoping to see a similar increase in test participation for the NYS Math exams. Thank you for your support! We are hopeful that increased test participation will help our district to show the gains necessary to be a district in good standing.

In the last few years, many districts have seen lagging participation on state exams in response to parent concerns about the rigor and amount of testing. The New York State Education Department recently reduced the amount of testing, gave students unlimited time to complete the exams, and issued revised learning standards. Recent legislation has removed the requirement for using the results of state exams in evaluating teachers and principals. The state has also formed a work group to study assessment in New York State. LaFayette's own Simone Gonyea, Dean of Students for the Onondaga Nation School, was selected to serve on this state-wide panel. We are hopeful that more positive changes will continue to happen with state assessments.

For the upcoming NYS Math exams, which will be administered in May to students in grades 3-8, we will continue to encourage students to take the exams and try their best. As a district, we respect the right of students who choose to not take the exams. We will offer a local exam for students who choose not to take the state assessment. This local assessment will be like the state exam and will provide important information as to how we can continue to improve learning outcomes for students. Thank you for your continued support!

Also, during the month of May, we will have our annual district budget vote for the 2019-2020 school district expenditure plan. Our school website has a detailed budget webpage. Next year's school budget plans to support all our current student programs. Additionally, we are looking to reduce class sizes at Grimshaw by adding two additional elementary sections, increase security officer coverage, and enhance professional development for staff through instructional coaching. The budget also includes a capital outlay project to provide funding for flooring replacements at the Jr/Sr High School. We are looking forward to community feedback on our proposed spending plan. Our annual budget hearing will be held on May 9th at 5:30 PM in Big Picture Commons. Our annual budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 21st from 1:00-9:00 PM at the Jr/Sr High School.

*Sincerely, Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools*

**Don't forget to  
VOTE on May 21**

## ◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

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

May promises to be an exciting month at Grimshaw Elementary. On Friday, May 17th, we will welcome many special guests to our annual Grandparent's Day event. We are excited to share our wonderful school with them. We will complete Pre-K and Kindergarten Screening starting Tuesday, May 28th through Friday, May 31st. If you have a child that will be entering Pre-K or Kindergarten in the fall, please be sure to complete

a registration packet and contact the Grimshaw Main Office to set up a screening time. Near the end of the month, our 6th grade students will be given the opportunity to go and see the Jr/Sr High School and learn about all of the exciting opportunities as they transition to seventh grade next year.

Congratulations to our two Grimshaw "Battle of the Books" teams who took top honors in regional competition! Twelve teams (comprised of nearly 50 students from the third through sixth grades) competed in the local/school contest, answering Jeopardy-style questions based around 10 specific books. Each team had an adult coach to help them access the books through the library as they prepared for the contest.



The two Grimshaw teams who won the school competition then went on to do "battle" in the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES regional contest. Both teams ended up placing there as well!

Third/Fourth Grade Team (2nd Place): Kennedy Harmatuk, Presley Homer, Amanda Lamon, Gianna Papworth and

Coach: Crystal Morel. Fifth/Sixth Grade Team (1st Place): Caroline Davidson, Shayla Elm, Amelia Evans, Sophie Olrich and  
Congratulations to all of our teachers and students on a job well done!

*Jenn Blosssey, Principal*

## ◆ The BIG PICTURE School News ◆

### BIG PICTURE LEARNING

With the end of the school year in sight, seniors at Big Picture have been hard at work completing their Senior Thesis Projects. Here are some highlights from the projects:

Wyatt & Skariwate followed their passion for hockey and conducted a free hockey clinic at Meachem ice rink over April break. As a way to promote the clinic, they taught PE classes at Grimshaw and ONS earlier in the Spring. Participants worked on conditioning, stickhandling and shooting drills. The skaters each received goodie bags with mini hockey sticks made by Wyatt.

Hunter took on a two-fold senior project. After interning at Loretto for four years, he is planning a senior prom for the residents. Hunter also has worked with OCRRA and SU on reducing plastic waste and promoting recycling. Hunter has brought in guest speakers to the school to help us

learn more about recycling efforts. He facilitated a clean up day at Burnet Park and Rosamond Gifford Zoo. 301 and 401 students participated in the clean up.

Keegan planned a rural/urban exhibition of photographs exclusively done by students in surrounding school districts. He will be curating his show Saturday, May 4th, at the SU Warehouse on Fayette Street. This is such an exciting opportunity for all students involved!

A fun adventure took place this last semester for 301, Jamus Killian. He partook in a primitive survival trip in the Adirondacks. With no technology he hiked in 5 miles and built his own shelter, made a fire station, cooked his own meals and "lived off the land". This was his interest based project that covered Quantitative Reasoning (math), Empirical Reasoning (science), Social Reasoning and Aesthetic Expression.

As final projects will be presented in a few weeks, we will be sure to share more projects in the next issue.

*Susan Osborn, Principal*

◆ *Junior/Senior High School News* ◆

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS**  
**ON YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**GRADE 7**

**HIGH HONOR**

Ryan, Benjamin  
Shute, Amalie  
Stivers, Eva  
Baker, Madison  
Simmons, Madison  
Loughlin, Mackenzie  
Collingbourne, Digby  
Olrich, Kayleigh  
Seemann, Benjamin  
Taylor, Sophia  
Porter, Daniel  
McElhannon, Ellie  
Newkirk, Aiden  
Virnoche, Charlotte  
Brown, Gabrielle  
Ortiz, Layla

**HONOR**

Christoffel, Zoey  
Mott, Aidan  
Denue, Samuel  
Vossler, Jake  
Peios, Luke  
Keane, Kensington  
Kozubal, Mason  
Weil, Wade  
Breed, Jesse

**GRADE 8**

**HIGH HONOR**

Jones, Emily  
Reed, Arianna  
McClary, Emily  
Virnoche, Olivia  
Saba, Elaina  
Borte, Justine  
Clarke, Ariel  
Bertlesman, Julia  
Kostiv, Andrew  
FitzPatrick, Evan

**HONOR**

Ganoe, Rachel  
Shenandoah-Kurtz, Isabella  
Merriman, Meadow  
Sawkins, Jordyn  
Cooper, Vera  
Humphrey, Kara  
McCarthy, Grace  
McConnell, Adison  
DeJoseph, Christian  
Bauer, Gabriel  
Benjamin, Chelsea  
Watson, Karlee  
Papworth, Isabella  
Cromley, Erik  
Fontaine, Isabel

**GRADE 9**

**HIGH HONOR**

Fabend, Tyler  
Redmore, Carolyn  
Reese, Jenna  
Zehner, Julia  
Dix, Jonathan

**HONOR**

Wells, Sarah  
Griffin, Aidan  
Porter, Andrew  
Pollack, Jada  
Cooke Jr., Vernon  
Heath Jr., Scott  
Caughey, Grace  
Danyew, Gabrielle  
Post, Jennifer  
Coon III, Paul  
Tummino, Toby  
Magyar, Karina  
Ives, Rylie  
Zajac, Sean  
Herron, Julie  
Bergamo, Christopher  
Clemens, James

**GRADE 10**

**HIGH HONOR**

Ryan, Evelyn  
Wanlass, Luke  
Benjamin, Brandon  
Hlawka, Charlotte  
Shute, Mason  
Farrar, Harlee

**HONOR**

Dow, Grace  
Pierce, Hanna  
Doupe, Kendra  
Shaffer, Jorja  
Carroll, Lindsay  
Rogers, Molly  
Farewell, Kyle  
Breed, Kylee  
Oakman, Brenda  
Shenandoah, Amelia  
Jachim, Morgan  
Morel, Colin

**GRADE 11**

**HIGH HONOR**

Kostiv, Victoria  
Evans, Marissa  
Zajac, Ryan  
Evans, Allison  
Garbutt, Raegyn  
Cromley, Nikolas  
Albro, Victoria  
Caughey, Jack  
O'Kane, Allison  
Dix, Collin

**HONOR**

Sanders, Megan  
McIntyre, Adam  
Clarke, Terri  
Collingbourne, Grady  
Isaacs, Erika  
Arends, Halee  
Sanders, Jake  
Buck, Lily  
Rurka, Kierstin

Poplawski, Lauren  
Homer, Mason  
Frazier, Kenji

**GRADE 12**

**HIGH HONOR**

Prince, Olivia  
Ryan, Charlotte  
Prince, Regina  
Ohstrom, Ashley  
Miller, Bethany  
Campbell, Alexandra  
Lamson, Kyle  
Varvin, Sander  
Denue, Joshua  
Bertlesman, Celia  
DeJoseph, Mya  
Lyons, Garrett  
Mott, Nathan  
Crouse, Leanna  
Szentmiklosi, Brianna  
Wais, Michael

**HONOR**

Jackowski, David  
Meyer, Matthew  
Hart, Cory  
Tiller, William  
Bush, Cheyenne  
Quick, Grace  
Appel, Benjamin  
Meldrim, Carol  
Williams, Carha  
Tiller, Jacob  
Wilson, Amanda  
Haines, Emily  
Denue, Jackson  
Lajoie, Nathan  
Tracy, Kyle  
Burk, Chance  
Guenther, Anna  
Long, Thomas  
Bentley, Nathaniel  
Young II, Mark  
Frazier, Karis

## ◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

*From the Desks of*  
**JOHN GIZZI &  
SIMONE GONYEA**

On Friday, April 26, ONS held its annual Spring Dinner. We served approximately 450 dinners to students, staff and community members. Nyawenha to all those that made it such a great gathering.

Students belonging to the group Sjisawishek were invited to perform at the United Nations Delegates' Meeting for Indigenous

Peoples. This was an historic and extremely powerful event. The students from ONS that performed were: Adrianna Pierce, Gia Elm, Korie Elm, Chevelle Cronin, Kaidence Cronin, Mykala Girvin, and Sophia Hill. Renee Pierce, mother of our 2nd grader Adrianna, shared that Oren Lyons expressed his appreciation and pride in our students for their singing. Oren Lyons told the students that in 1972 he and other Haudenosaunee people were not allowed to enter the UN building since they were not recognized as a sovereign people. And now, so many years later, students from the Onondaga Nation performed for hundreds of indigenous people from all over the world. Nyawenha to our students.

In May, ONS will have many visitors. Nolan Richards will be here on May 3, and May 4, leading workshops on basket making. Dan Longboat will be here on May 20, and Darryl Tonema will be here on May 29.

We anticipate a wonderful Community Give on May 23. We are preparing packages and gifts for community elders and helping our most honored members.

### Girls Adventures in Math (GAIM)



Two teams of girls from ONS in grades 7 & 8 traveled to Cornell University over the weekend to participate in an annual math competition called Girls Adventures in Math (GAIM). The competition consisted of two timed rounds of questions. The girls used teamwork, creative problem-solving and mathematical skills to find solutions to the problems. The following students took part in this exciting math event: Malaina Potak, Madison Redeye, Maeva Booth, Katlyn Arnold, Skyler Pitre, Nadia Stafford, and Jade Printup. Excellent work, ladies.

### We're Off to See the Wizard



Mr. Gryzlo's third grade class at ONS just finished reading *The Wizard of Oz*. Each student had four tasks for each chapter. First they had to define the vocabulary words for each chapter and use them in a complete and meaningful sentence in their notebooks. Second, the students read the chapter and answered a series of comprehension questions pertaining to the reading. Third, each student had to fill out a Story Man for the chapter. Finally, the students wrote a summary outlining the main events of the chapter. In conjunction with the RTI Team (Megan Burns, Mackenzie McElhannon and Laurie Rutter) activities were created and centered around literacy and math. The culmination was a Wizard of Oz party with treats and the original movie.

Students will be comparing the book to the movie and also writing character essays using direct quotes from the text. This was an exciting and challenging unit and the students worked hard and gave 100%.

## LaFayette Public Library News

2577 US-II, Lafayette, NY 13084 • (315) 677-3782 • [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org)

For any questions regarding closing due to weather, event schedules and other information, please go to our website or our Facebook page for up to date information.

### Upcoming Events

**Recycling questions?** – Come to a Q & A on May 16, 6:30 p.m. when we will have a representative from OCCRA to field your questions.

#### Imagination Lab

- May 1st – Design your own island
- May 8th - House of cards
- May 15th – 3D scenery art
- May 22nd – Sunset art
- May 29th – Game day: Table top games and Board games

**Tuesday Tea, May 21** from 2-4 p.m. Our Tuesday Teas are held every month on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. We also have a jigsaw puzzle set up. Come join us!

- Adult Summer Reading rollout, June 26th
- Summer Reading kickoff party, Jim McCarthy, 2p.m.
- Step up to stop falling: Wednesdays – 10 a.m. in the library community room – through May 22

Reminder: the library has three **Empire passes** that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using **Amazon Smile** <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

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. 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>.

If you would like to **display your craft, hobby or collection** or know of someone who might be interested in displaying their work in our display case, please let us know. Right now we have on display a special circulating collection we have developed about the Haudenosaunee, or “people of the longhouse”.

We have an ongoing **jigsaw puzzle exchange** in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. It’s very popular and we have some really cool puzzles come through here! We have a puzzle set up in the library so come in and fit a piece or two (or three).

The library system has a number of **databases available** that range from full courses to Newspaper archives to genealogy. Many of these databases are available on any device that can access the internet using your library card and pin number. Others are in-library use only. Ancestry.com is one that is accessible for in library use.

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. We also have two ipads in the children’s area with lots of fun and education apps on them

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 times: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**



## LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### Youth Programs

**Lacrosse** – Instructional programs for girls and boys in grades K-2 (full-day kindergarten), and developmental programs for boys and girls in grades 2-6. Programs are expected to begin the week of July 8 and run for six weeks. Fee is \$5. PLEASE NOTE: This is not ULA (Upstate Lacrosse Association) – LCC will not be hosting ULA teams this year due to past difficulties finding coaches and fielding teams.

**Swim Lessons\*** (boys and girls, all ages) – Lessons are offered in conjunction with the Town of Pompey and are conducted at Cazenovia College. There are two separate 3-week sessions: July 1-19 (no class July 4th), and July 22-August 9. Lessons are conducted daily, Monday – Friday, with 45 minute time slots beginning at 8 a.m. There is no cost for residents of the Town of LaFayette; however, participants must provide their own transportation. Registration forms are available at the LaFayette Town Hall or on line at the Town's LCC website. The registration deadline is May 17, 2019.

**Tennis Camp** (boys and girls entering Grades 3- 7) – LCC hopes to host this camp, conducted by LaFayette Sr. High School Varsity tennis coach, Joe Fox, again this year. Details of the camp are TBD, but likely the camp will take place the last week of July at the Stafford Park tennis courts. Flyers with registration form and additional details will be sent home from school.

**Soccer Camp** – Ultimate Goal will not hold a summer soccer camp in LaFayette this year. For information on summer sports camps through Ultimate Goal, please refer to their website.

### Adult Programs

**Daytime/Senior Exercise** – Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette VFW on Rte. 11. The current session runs until May 9, and the subsequent session runs May 14 – June 20. The cost per session is \$36 and cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

**Yoga** – Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 19, 2019 and the walk-in fee is \$5 per class. Details regarding Summer Yoga are forthcoming.

**WERQ®** (This class replaces Zumba and Tabata) – WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps choreographed to dance, pop and hip-hop music. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Grimshaw Elementary School. The current session runs through June 19, 2019 and the walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

**Tai Chi** – Beginner and advance classes. Call instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114 for details.

**Men's Basketball** – Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Program runs through May 2019. Participants must sign a waiver, which are available online or at each session. The cost for this program is \$20 for the entire session or \$5 per week walk-in fee.

**Memorial Day Parade** – All LCC participants are invited to march with LCC in the Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.

**Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach** – The Columbian Presbyterian Church will be hosting its' annual Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach, on Monday May 27, from 8:00 am- 12 noon. All of the proceeds will be donated directly to LaFayette Outreach, which is our local food pantry and service-referral agency. The event consists of a silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, "Red, White & Blue Ice Cream Sundaes," and a free kids' craft area. Questions/Donations: 315-677-3293, cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com .

**Community Day** – Saturday, June 1 at Stafford Park. LCC will be providing popcorn and sno-cones, and conducting other activities, including a wrestling "Take Down" tournament and the Annual Duck Race. Ducks can be purchased the day of the race only. Kid's ducks will be available at no charge again this year.

**Thank You from LLC** – to the following individuals who volunteered their time and efforts as coaches for winter sports programs. **Volleyball:** Alyssa Armstrong; Grace Quick; Jennifer & John Ousby. **Basketball** (grades 3&4): Jasen Andersen; Nate Loughlin; Jeremy Ouimette and Scott Heath.

**"Step Up To Stop Falls"** – A falls prevention program designed to raise awareness about falls and how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults and includes an exercise class designed to improve strength and balance. LCC, in conjunction with the LaFayette Public Library, has arranged for yoga instructor, Kate Farrar, to provide this program. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the LaFayette Public Library's conference room, located on the main floor of the Town Offices, adjacent to the courtroom. There is NO FEE for this program. Call 315-677-7272 for additional information.

### Community Council Board Meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

Board meetings are held monthly and all are welcome and encouraged 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.

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## May

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14 Jr High Spring Concert, 7pm
- 16 Sr High Spring Concert
- 17 GS Grandparent's Day
- 21 Budget Vote & BOE Meeting  
GS Spring Concert
- 24 No School GS, HS, BP  
Half Day, Staff and Students ONS
- 27 **NO School - Memorial Day**
- 30 BOE Meeting

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