

Scholastic Art Awards

The Art Department wishes to announce the 2023 Scholastic Art award winning recipients. Of the over 4,000 individual entries submitted for the Central New York Region, 16 LaFayette students received awards, totalling 20 winning artworks. Their artworks will be displayed at Onondaga Community College from January 11th through March 3rd. On January 17th, a special awards ceremony was held to honor all recipients. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Capella wish to congratulate all participants!

Gold Key Winners:

Emily McClary . . . 12 . . Photography . . . Framed by Leaves
 Kayla Tillinghast . . 10 . . Photography Bold

Silver Key Winners:

Daniel Porter 11 . . Ceramics & Glass . . Shades of Light
 Ariel Clarke 12 . . Photography Composition
 Claire Fischer 8 Painting Natural
 Logan Hazeltine . . . 9 Mixed Media Take Flight
 Emily McClary 12 . . Mixed Media By the Sea
 Emily McClary 12 . . Photography Ivy

Honorable Mention Winners:

Leah Haas 9 Drawing & Illustration Orphic
 Logan Hazeltine . . . 9 Ceramics & Glass Strawberry
 Tea Set
 Brandy Gibson 12 . . Mixed Media Confident
 Landon Kendall 9 Digital Art Sunflowers
 Naiah Lyons 8 Printmaking Flowers
 Emily McClary 12 . . Sculpture Tragic Hero
 Ellie McElhannon . . 11 . . Photography Paradise
 Amie Shute 11 . . Photography Expedition
 Caitlin Somerlot . . . 9 Mixed Media Greenery
 Thomas Somerlot . . . 9 Drawing & Illustration . . Succulent
 Bryce Stout 12 . . Photography Battle Scene
 Sophia Townsend . . 11 . . Photography Luminosity



◆ LaFayette District News ◆



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Dear Lancers:

2023 is off to a great start! We have officially crested the half-way point of the 2022-2023 school year. Our students have taken their mid-year assessments and we look forward to celebrating all of the growth that our students have made this school year. For our students who might need some additional support, whether it be with academics, attendance, mental health needs, or other needs, we look forward to partnering with families to make sure that all experience growth and success.

On February 8th at 5:00 PM, we will host our 2023-2024 Community Budget meeting in Big Picture Commons. If you are interested in participating, please feel free to reach out to me at 315-529-9550 (cell) or via email. During the months of January and February, I have been meeting with our New York State Senators and Assemblymembers to thank them for committing to fully funding school aid formulas and supporting the well-being of our students through state resources. I have also been reminding our state officials of the facility needs at the Onondaga Nation School and asking for continued support to address key infrastructure needs at ONS.

We also appreciate the support from our local community in the budget process as we identify our spending priorities. Obviously, our resources are limited but we always find a way to make great things happen for students. We are intent upon keeping class sizes small, committing funds for students to participate in athletics and the arts, offering many college credit course opportunities, and expanding mental health support staff in our school buildings.

During the month of February, our students at Grimshaw Elementary will celebrate the opening of our recently renovated school library. Once we have the punch list items completed, we will schedule a grand reopening of the library and invite the community to come check out this beautiful new space. Thank you to our construction team, designers, and the contractors that made this a world class space for students to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.



◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

Enrichment Club News

The Enrichment Club has been meeting every Tuesday after school at the Junior/Senior High School. Students in Grade 7-9 have been participating in a variety of hands-on activities in creating, cooking, constructing, as well as social skills. We have explored activities such as a nature walk with photography contest, creating homemade applesauce, popcorn and apple crisp. Constructing DIY kits donated from Home Depot, playing board games as well as various crafting activities. Students in grades 7-9 are invited to join any Tuesday from 2:45 PM-3:15 PM in room 131.



Legend of Learning



Congratulations to Ms. Danielle Robinson, who was selected as the January 2023 Legend of Learning!

A student who nominated Danielle shared the following: "Mrs. Robinson is always so nice to everyone. Ms. Robinson really tries to find time for others that are really interested in learning about art. She always stays positive and always finds the time to work with others. She always finds the time to encourage others to try! Ms. Robinson always makes me happy."

A staff member shared the following: "Danielle is an outstanding teacher that engages her students with a variety of different mediums. She is a firm believer in the growth mindset and develops

engaging lessons that inspire her students. With help from her colleagues, she has implemented an after school enrichments club that has drawn a large interest from our students. Danielle is an asset to the Jr./Sr. High School."

Danielle, 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.

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Simone Gonyea

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Welcome the wintery weather of Gohsä'geh = Winter

Many exciting things are happening at ONS. A few items to highlight are:

The Winter Concert on December 31st marked the return of an outstanding performance from students in grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The gymnasium was packed with family and friends! Congratulations to Mrs. Downs and the enthusiastic performers. ONS will plan for their Spring concert MAY 31st!

8th Grade Students are working with Kevin Powless and Shannon Booth to complete Leggings and Breach clothes; other students are working with Karen Lynn Hill to complete beaded Collars and Yokes. As we draw closer to graduation, the knowledge gained by the 8th grade students is priceless. Nyawēñha for the support of our teachers.

ONS recognizes the diligence and hard work of the following students in **6th, 7th and 8th grade** who have completed the first trimester with academic honors.

Honorable Mention

Dagahsehdro Gibson, 6th grade
Jaydah Elijah, 6th grade
Tanner Boyd, 6th grade
Curtis Booth, 7th grade
Hunter McKee, 7th grade
Dan'anagokewe Crouse, 7th grade
Dominick Stafford, 7th grade
Raun Gabriel, 8th grade
Brennan Hill, 8th grade
Olivia Elm, 8th grade
Avis Lewis, 8th grade
Ellie Booth, 8th grade

Honor Roll

Chanel Skye, 6th grade
Skyler McKee, 6th grade
Karmala Hemlock, 6th grade
Ewenohs Bennett, 6th grade
Gahowanens Shenandoah, 8th grade

High Honor

Evan Stevens, 6th grade
Dehaēñhyaneñkeñ Powless, 6th grade
Mavin Lazore, 6th grade
Brielle Johnson, 6th grade
Cassie Issacs, 6th grade
Chloe Capella, 6th grade
Sidney Hill Jr., 7th grade
Vivian Campbell-Tarson, 7th grade
Javin Capella, 7th grade

Congratulations Students

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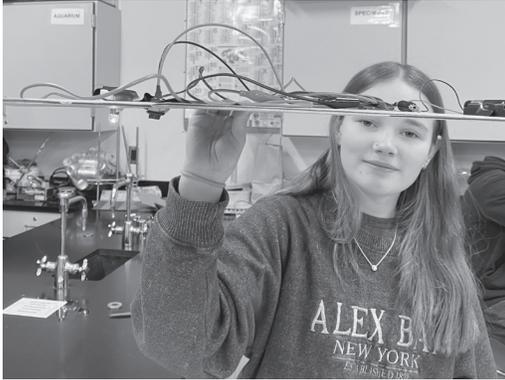
Both \$3.00

Orders must be submitted by February 8

➤ email esopchak@lafayetteschools.org to order

◆ The BIG PICTURE News ◆

We Are Busy Here at Big Picture!



I will start by asking for help! Here are some of the fields that we are looking for additional internship opportunities: culinary, baking, electrical engineering, masonry, and more. If you have any possible connections, please give us a call!

In both sections of Empirical Reasoning (ER) we have been exploring how magnets and electricity work. Students were asked to choose from a number of ‘challenges’ and build one. Options included a simple circuit, electromagnet, levitation (electric or magnetic), the buzz-wire game or a magnetic projectile. Students approached these challenges with widely varying skill levels so it's been fascinating to see how the products have evolved. Lenny was deliberate in leaving enough room for the students to innovate during the design and build, and some really cool things happened. Maddy easily made a circuit that lit up a small lightbulb. When he challenged her to take it farther she suggested that she could use the same circuit to provide lights in the model house she is building for her Interest Based Project (IBP). Brilliant! When Lucas A. saw that we were having a hard time cutting styrofoam board for custom parts he decided to help. He built a foam board cutter that uses a heated wire (due to resistance) to neatly slice the foam. We are excited to test it! Ryan used an old box to house a light and a switch and is trying to power it using a solar panel instead of a battery. Mya was struggling in her attempt to levitate an object using magnets (it's harder than it sounds). So we dismantled one of my levitation devices to see how it works, then refined the approach for the new build. There are many more examples of this type of problem solving. Lenny challenged Bruce to control his electromagnet with a switch. Kat and Elijah both used wood from the workshop to customize their device. And Dayton is creating a light that will be both functional and aesthetically pleasing. We are really impressed with how both groups of students are using the space and resources for this project cycle.

Applied Math students have started their financial unit. We have covered the ins and outs of banking so far. Students learned how to open and manage bank accounts through Everfi, which is an online program. They learned how to shop around for a bank; looking at bank and account features. They completed a bank account project and presented their account type to their peers. We also looked at banking safely and securely as well as filling out bank slips. As we move forward in the unit, students are learning about employment and taxes. They discovered there are many more benefits to having a job beyond the paycheck.

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHTS

Elijah at Grimshaw Elementary: Students were being greeted by Elijah with smiles on both sides. The moment those second graders and preschoolers entered they began running laps with delight. Over the course of the next 30 minutes, I saw Elijah demonstrate skills, instruct, assist and encourage. It was a phenomenal environment for those little ones and I am so grateful that Elijah has the opportunity to learn from and assist such skilled educators. Thank you Mrs. Meaney and Mr. LaRose.

Clearpath for Veterans: We brought a group of culinary students to Clearpath for Veterans to help with meal prep for their Friday night bonfire event. We made wing sauce, pizza sauce, prepared celery and baked three dozen cookies. It was a fun cooking experience, and we were happy to be able to help.

Exploratory: On Wednesday and Friday, Big Picture students have about 35 minutes to explore an activity of their choice. The growth of chess as an exploratory has been fun to watch. We had 10 students attend this week — and I can sense a genuine interest from the attendees. Students are excited to learn, develop their skills, and challenge their classmates! Chess is a great game to develop critical thinking skills and I've seen students even start to play during break times and other down times throughout the day. We are looking for a few more chess games. If you have one to donate we would appreciate it.

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

Meet the Grimshaw Health Club



Students at Grimshaw kicked off the New Year at the Grimshaw Health Club. All grade levels had fun while learning about how exercise impacts their bodies, nutrition, different muscles, and how they can build lifelong fitness habits. Each day during physical education class, students set goals for themselves and rotated through twenty different fitness/activity stations where they could apply their learning.



Student Council News

The main office welcomes student leaders from the Student Council! Each day volunteer representatives from our student council read the morning announcements over the PA system to Grimshaw.



Pictured is the Announcement Team: Makenna Reed, Brielle Nels, Noah Bedell, Teagan Lundy, Paisley Jayne Wiers (missing from the picture: Lily Plumpton).

Elementary Student Council



We are collecting food for the LaFayette Food Pantry. We would appreciate everyone's generous donations. We would like you to try to do this because it supports the Lafayette community.

To support families, it would be a great help if you would donate the following items:

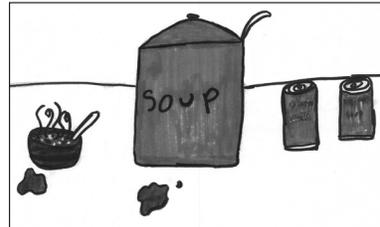
Soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Also needed are:

baby formula, baby diapers, bandaids, hair ties and lotion.

Soup, canned food, spaghetti, beef stew, any type of meals in a can.

Please bring these items to C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School, then we can provide for our community. Thank you for your generous donations! We're all in this together!



◆ *LaFayette Community News* ◆

LaFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Youth Programs

VOLLEYBALL

Program begins in March 2023 for girls and boys in Grades 3 through Grade 6. Grades 3 and 4 will have sessions on Wednesday evenings. Grades 5 and 6 will have sessions on Fridays. Registration will start in February.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Practices will begin in April 2023.. Registration will start in February.

LACROSSE

Program and registration details will be announced soon.

TRACK

Details will be announced.

WRESTLING

The wrestling season is underway and will be wrapping up early March. Grimshaw Elementary hosted the first match of the season on Friday, January 6. LaFayette will be the host of the championship tournament on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the High School.

BASKETBALL

Instructional basketball for grades 1 and 2 will have their last session on February 4. Boys and Girls in grades 3 through grade 6 have been traveling to OCS, Fabius Pompey and Cazenovia for basketball games. The youth basketball season will end in February/March.

• If you are interested and able to help with any of the youth programs please contact LCC •

Adult Programs

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ages 18 and over. Currently in session. Monday evenings through June 12, 2023 at Grimshaw Elementary, 7:00-9:00 PM. Registration forms available at each session. \$20 fee.

CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Ages 18 and over. Currently in session at Grimshaw Elementary, from 7:30-9:30 and will end on June 16, 2023.. Registration is open, please contact LCC to sign up. \$20 fee.

Other Programs/Events

LAFAYETTE OPTIMISTS WINTERFEST

Saturday, February 11, 2023. LCC will provide cookies and popcorn. Come out and enjoy the Optimists Winterfest fun!

LCC PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2022, 6:30 PM at The LaFayette Inn.

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab. Information is also posted on LCC's Facebook page and the Town's social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, additional information for the above programs will also be provided through the LaFayette School District messaging system.

LCC Contact Information

Call **315-677-7272** please leave a message/ask a question and a board member will return your call. (Messages are retrieved at least twice a week.)

E-mail: lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnymail.com

24/7 on the Town's web site: www.townoflafayette.com under the "Depts." (Departments) tab

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February IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15 **BOE Meeting**
5:30pm
- 20-24 **Winter Recess**

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