

Grimshaw 2024 Walk-A-Thon



The Walk-a-thon is the only fundraiser for the Grimshaw Elementary parent and staff group (GAPS) which supports enrichment activities

for all students at Grimshaw. Students will walk laps on a marked course to raise money through pledging from community and family members.

OUR GOALS:

- Promote a healthy and active lifestyle to our students
- Raise money to support our school.

DETAILS: The Walk-a-thon will take place at Grimshaw Elementary during school hours on September 27th with a rain date of October 4th. Participation is free and all students will walk for approximately 35-40 minutes with their classmates during their assigned time. Students are encouraged to walk as far as they can (5 laps = 1 mile).

Students will bring home pledge sheets at the start of the school year.

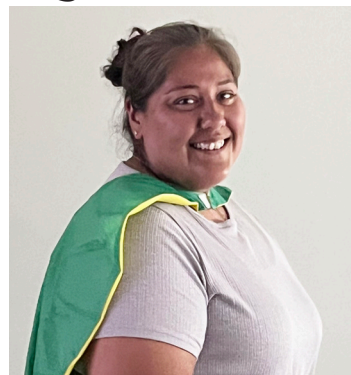
Community members who would like to contribute can either find a student with whom to make a pledge or lump donation, or can send a check made out to GAPS to:

C. Grant Grimshaw School – Attn: GAPS
5957 US-20, Lafayette, NY 13084

Donations can also be made through our Venmo Account @Lafayette-GAPS.



Legend of Learning: Meagan Smith



Congratulations to Ms. Meagan Smith, who was selected as the June 2024 Legend of Learning! Meagan is the My Brother's Keeper Coordinator for Indigenous students in grades 7-12.

Meagan was nominated by a colleague who shared: "Meagan goes above and beyond for our students. As the MBK Coordinator, Meagan has led our school district in becoming the first ever MBK Community for Indigenous students. Meagan worked with Onondaga Nation leaders and the LaFayette Board of Education to come up with common commitments to support our Indigenous young people with support for their academic and future success. Meagan has worked to secure mentors for our Indigenous students, provide academic tutoring, and assist students with college and career exploration. Meagan worked with Native American Liaison Shawna Booth to host financial aid nights to assist students with offsetting the cost of college. Meagan has also supported four Indigenous students in entering the MBK Fellows program as the first two sets of MBK Indigenous Fellows in New York State history."

Meagan, thank you for all that you do for our students, and school community and 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 available on our website.**

◆ LaFayette District News ◆



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! As I begin my eighth year as a Lancer, I continue to be amazed at how our small community comes together to support one another. We celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff while keeping our focus on continuous improvement.

Our students will be welcomed back to shining classrooms thanks to the efforts of our district custodial and maintenance staff and our summer cleaning help. I routinely receive compliments from community members on the cleanliness of our school buildings and appearance of our school grounds. This fall, we will ask voters to consider a \$17.2M capital referendum to help make continued improvements to our school buildings. This next capital project will target improvements to the heating system at Grimshaw Elementary School, air conditioning for the first-floor spaces at Grimshaw and the High School and replacing the wastewater system at the High School. This project will also feature upgrades to the Gordy Ohstrom stadium which will include removing the cinder track, installing a new bleacher system, a new press box, and adding stadium lights to the main field. The LaFayette Sports Boosters rented temporary lights for the homecoming football game last fall, and it was wonderful to see our community celebrate our student athletes under the lights. Thank you for considering these improvements. As the date for the vote approaches, we will be communicating more information regarding the proposed capital improvements.

This past spring, we asked our families for feedback via the OCM BOCES Community Schools survey. Families shared that they are greeted warmly when they call or visit the school and that caregivers know who to talk to when they have concerns or questions about their child's education. LaFayette was also highlighted by NYKids, which is a grant funded research arm of SUNY, for maintaining a high graduation rate during a time when most schools experienced a decline. Thanks to the strong partnerships that we have with one another we are directing resources to help support the learning needs of our students. Families, students and staff also shared constructive feedback that will be the focus of school and district improvement efforts.

Our district will continue to focus on improving academic outcomes for students, addressing the social/emotional and mental health needs of students, and improving the overall experience of our students through improved attendance and engagement. Thank you for sending your children to us every day. I look forward to working with our students, families, and staff members to make this coming school year another great year! Always feel free to contact me or our building principals with any questions, comments, or feedback.

Sincerely, Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent of Schools • jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org • 315-529-9550 (cell)

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for another exciting school year at Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School! We have a lot going on this year, and I wanted to take a moment to highlight some important changes and information:

New Dismissal Procedure: This year, all students will be dismissed from the Jr./Sr. High School at 2:42 pm, Monday through Friday. Please note that early dismissal on Mondays is no longer offered. Athletes who need to stay for practice can attend the Athletic Study Hall held in the cafeteria from 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm.

Introducing WIN Time: We're excited to announce a new addition to our master schedule: WIN Time (What I Need)! WIN Time is a 30-minute block built into the school day where students are not scheduled for a class. During this time, teachers will be available to provide:

- Reinforcement: Extra help on challenging concepts
- Support: Individualized assistance for students who need it most
- Enrichment: Opportunities to explore topics beyond the curriculum

WIN Time will happen every day, Monday through Friday.

Student Drop-Off: Starting at 7:30 am, families can drop off their children at the designated student drop-off area located in the South Parking Lot. Students will be able to enter the school using the Auditorium Entrance (Door #26) or the Main Entrance (Door #1).

Stay Connected with Parent Square: The district is utilizing a new communication platform called Parent Square. This app allows you to stay informed about events and announcements at Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School. Downloading the app lets you communicate directly with various staff members.

Even if you don't download the app, you will still receive notifications as long as your contact information is accurate in Schooltool.

If you have any questions regarding these changes or Parent Square, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at jpryan@lafayetteschools.org or 315-677-3131.

We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and exciting opportunities!

◆ The BIG PICTURE News ◆



As the new school year kicks off, there's a buzz of excitement in the air at LaFayette Big Picture School! The energy of fresh beginnings and the anticipation of all that lies ahead fills our hallway as we embark on another year of exploration, learning, and growth.

This summer, our staff didn't take a break from making incredible strides. We are thrilled to extend our congratulations to Daphne Reyburn and Lenny Oppedisano, who not only attended but also led workshops at the International Big Picture Learning Conference, Big Bang, in Memphis, Tennessee. Their dedication and leadership at such a prestigious event make us incredibly proud. Alongside them, Vickie, Crystal, and Ethan also participated, contributing to the rich exchange of ideas and learning that took place.

A special shoutout goes to Mya Gray, who presented at not one, but two conferences this summer! At Big Bang, she shared her learning experiences during a pre-conference session and then presented her exhibition during a workshop. Then in Dayton, Ohio, Mya took the stage and also showcased her work at the Montgomery County Educator Leadership conference. Mya's presentations were based on her impressive internship at United Radio, where she delved into the

intricate world of car clusters. Her ability to represent our school so beautifully on such large platforms speaks volumes about her hard work and passion. Way to go Mya!

As we gear up for a new academic year, we carry with us the inspiration drawn from these remarkable achievements. Our students continue to show us what is possible when they pursue their passions with vigor and curiosity. Here's to a year filled with more learning, growth, and memorable moments!

Welcome back, and let's make this school year the best one yet!

◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

PERSONNEL NEWS

Mr. Bradley Powless retired after thirty years of dedicated service to the Onondaga Nation School. We wish Brad congratulations and a happy retirement.

Mr. Darrin White has left ONS to become a Coordinator for the Native American Studies Program at Syracuse University. Congratulations Darrin.

Welcome to Ms. Aubry Mauro. Aubry will be our Long Term Sub for the 24-25 school year in second grade.

Ms. Winonah McCoy will continue to be the ONS EL Curriculum Coach and added responsibilities this year are the Math curriculum and Instructional Coaching responsibilities for the ONS SCEP (Schoolwide Comprehensive Education Plan).

Ms. Alison Bristol will join the ONS Staff as a member of the special education department-Welcome Alison.

Ms. Jennifer Lockwood, Junior High Math Teacher at LaFayette Junior/Senior High School, will serve as an Administrative Intern at ONS this year. Welcome Jenn.

CONSTRUCTION

The Onondaga Nation School has been under construction all summer. Projects are speeding towards finalization as school approaches. The South Parking Lot is brand new. Our Main Lobby Doors, South and North are now state of the art secure and safe-and they beautifully match our color scheme. The Main Lobby Entrance now

has a safe, glassed in entry with a pass through window to the Security Desk. The Security Desk is beautiful in both form and function. Please come down to visit and see - it is gorgeous. ONS will have all new external doors connected to our new camera and security system. We are appreciative of the District for providing standing air conditioners for every classroom. All of these upgrades will serve to make ONS a safe, secure and beautiful building for our students and community. (Pictures on page 6.) Nyawenha

ONS GOALS AND PLANS

ONS will improve and inspire student engagement with actual projects and teaching protocols essential to Project Based Learning. Students will work on culturally relevant projects and community members will join in the creation and implementation of the projects. Our first, schoolwide project focus will be on Harvest Dinner. We will develop other projects as the school year progresses. ONS will devote more time and resources to the creation of more frequent and deeper relationships with the Onondaga Nation community through our many sources of communication and hosting of both social and academic events. Parents are invited to be a part of our PBL planning groups and SCEP including student and parent bi-monthly meetings.

We are excited to begin. Welcome back students and families!

◆ **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION** ◆

**GRIMSHAW/JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
MORNING/AFTERNOON BUS ROUTES**

BUS ROUTE

Minnie
167
Quinn

Onondaga Nation – Buffalo Hill Rd/ Rte. 11A South of ONS / Gibson Rd / Rte. 80 / Commissary Rd /Martins Ln & Upper Martins/ Duggett’s Hill Rd

Mickey Mouse
176
Bob

Onondaga Nation – Route 11 in Nedrow/Nation Line/ Route 11A from Nation Line to ONS / Hemlock Rd/ Webster Rd / Maybee Rd

Donald
154
Paul

Webb Rd/ Amidon Rd/ Naomi Rd/ Porter Ln/ Summer Ridge Rd/ Thunder Rd/ Naughton Rd / Still Meadow Rd/ Shute Rd

Pluto
163
Denise

Route 20 (West of Route 11) / Cardiff / Tully Farms Rd / Route 11A (South of Nation) / Nichols Rd / Webster Rd / Bear Mtn Rd /Markland Rd

Goofy
178
Tammy

LaFayette Rd (Rte 20 to Coye Rd) / Coye Rd / Eager Rd / Reidy Hill Rd / Commane Rd

Nemo
172
Dan

Winacre Dr/ Rte. 11 North (McClary Rd to Kennedy Ext.) / Graham Rd / LaFayette Rd (Coye Rd to Forestry turn around) / Dave Tilden Rd / Barker Hill Rd/ Bull Hill Rd

Cinderella
160
Aaron

Rte. 11 (South of Rte. 20) / Meeker Hill Rd / Deer Run Rd / Holcomb Rd / Sky High Rd / Sturgeon Dr / Feather Dr / North Rd / Maple Grove Dr / Sugar Bush Dr / Watson Cir

◆ **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION** ◆

**GRIMSHAW/JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MORNING/AFTERNOON BUS ROUTES**

BUS ROUTE

Dory
159
Rob

Rte. 20 (East of Rte. 11) / Festival Garden Apartments /Applewood Dr / Ashburn Dr / Apulia Rd (South of Rte. 20) /Cascade Rd/ Clark Hollow Rd / Newell Hill Rd / Palmer Rd/ Willow Wood Apartments

Tigger
173
Bill

Eager Rd (from Reidy Hill to Apulia Rd) /Apulia Rd (North of Rte. 20) / Bush Rd / Ransom Rd / Colton Rd / O’Connell Rd / Rte. 20 (Between Dodge Rd and O’Connell Rd) / Dodge Rd

Elsa
166
Laura

Rte. 11 (Route 20 to McClary Rd)/ Apple Ridge Apartments / McClary Rd / Kennedy Rd / Sentinel Heights Rd / Mercun Dr / Mondore/ Bella Vista Dr / Norman Dr

ONONDAGA NATION SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

BUS ROUTE

177
Rich

Onondaga Nation – Rte. 11A North and South / Gibson Rd/ Rte. 80 / Commissary Rd / Buffalo Hill Rd

158
Steve

Onondaga Nation – Apulia Rd/ Route 11/ Kennedy/ Nation Line/ Hemlock / Webster Rd/ Maybee Rd/ Martins Ln/ Upper Martins



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Asbestos Management Plans

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, (AHERA - EPA 40 CFR 763), LaFayette Central School District hereby makes known the steps it has undertaken to comply with AHERA and the availability of asbestos management plans.

1. Beginning in 1989, all district owned facilities were inspected for asbestos and management plans were developed for each building according to the requirements of AHERA. Re-inspection's are conducted every three years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES of Syracuse, NY completed the 2022 AHERA Triennial inspection and update to the asbestos management plans.
2. Periodic Surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six months.
3. All custodial and maintenance staff have undergone 2-hour Asbestos Awareness Training.
4. All response actions taken are within federal and state guidelines.

Management Plans may be viewed during office hours from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information, please contact Ron Cooper, L.E.A. Asbestos Designee at (315)677-7725 or rcooper@lafayetteschools.org

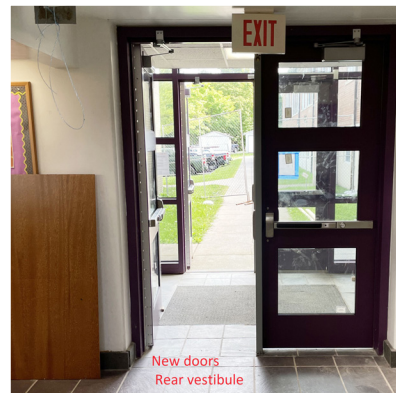
Fire Inspection Notice 2024

State Education Law requires that Fire Inspections along with Visual Inspections be conducted in District owned or leased buildings annually. These Inspections were conducted on Thursday, April 25, 2024 by Ron Cooper, Director of Facilities at LaFayette Central School District and Kelly Neish, Safety Officer at OCM BOCES. There were a few minor violations that were mostly corrected at the time of the inspection. The rest were corrected shortly after. All appropriate reporting has been sent to the New York State Education Department as well as local Fire departments. Should you have any further questions regarding the Fire Inspection, please feel free to contact the district at (315)677-7725 or at rcooper@lafayetteschools.org.

Water Reporting

As required by County & State Health Department regulations, water samples are taken from District wells for analysis periodically. The samples are then sent to Microbac Laboratories in Cortland. The reports indicate that the water supplies are of a satisfactory and sanitary quality for all locations however, C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School water supplies tested higher than 20 mg/l of sodium. Although there is not a set maximum level for sodium, it is recommended by the county that people on severely restricted sodium diets should be made aware. Therefore, for those that may be on severely restricted sodium diet, it is recommended that caution be used when consuming the water from the Grimshaw Elementary School.

Onondaga Nation School Construction Updates



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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 octa borate 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: Ron Cooper, Director of Facilities, 5955 Route 20 West, LaFayette, NY 13084. Phone: (315) 677-7725 or email rcooper@lafayetteschools.org

LaFayette Central School District Request for PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION



School Building _____

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

LaFayette CENTRAL SCHOOLS

5955 Route 20
LaFayette, NY 13084

Non-Profit Organization
US Postage Paid
PERMIT NO. 3
LaFayette, NY 13084

NYS Income Tax Code: 325

Jeremy Belfield, Title IX Compliance Officer, LaFayette Central School, 5955 Route 20, West, LaFayette, New York 13084
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September IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

9	GAPS Meeting, 6pm
11	BOE Meeting, 5:30pm
19	GS Curriculum Night, 6pm
26	ONS Curriculum Night, 5pm
27	GS Walk-a-thon
28	JSHS Homecoming Dance, 7pm

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