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GOWANDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES

Nya:wëh Sgënö', welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. My name is Anne Foit and I am the Seneca Nation JOM Teacher here at Gowanda Elementary School. We have had a very busy beginning to our school year, beginning with a very successful Open House here in September, which was attended by many of our families. October was filled with Fire Prevention activities as well as a Book Fair and Halloween Parade that was a total blast. We also had our Elementary Youth Summit held at ECLC where some of our 3rd and 4th grade students enjoyed Language Bingo, a Cornhusk doll craft, Archery and Social Dancing. A great day was had by all! I also started my morning Homework Help group. There is always much activity in our JOM room here at the Elementary School. Come by and see us sometime!



GOWANDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



Kindergarten: Honey Isaac

Honey is always kind and respectful to her peers. She is a hard worker and always participates in class, this shows in her work! I love how excited she gets when she does her letter sounds and words. She has had an awesome first quarter. Ja:goh Honey!



2nd Grade: Paul Twoguns

Paul has had a great first quarter. He always has a smile and a positive attitude. He works very hard in math class and is focused on getting his work right. He is a good friend to all and will help out his peers when needed. Ja:goh Paul!



4th Grade: Emma Mohawk

Emma has worked very hard for the first quarter. She is always striving for her best in getting her spelling words correct. She has also been working diligently on her math facts. Emma is always focused on getting her work done and helping others out if needed. Ja:goh Emma!



Mennix has had an outstanding first quarter. He is a very kind and respectful student. He is always striving to do his best which shows in his work. He always has a positive attitude and loves school. Keep up the great work!



3rd Grade: Lucia Van Aernam

Lucia has had an amazing first quarter!
She works hard and has impressed us with
her good grades as well as attendance!
She loves school, and always has a positive
attitude. Ja:goh Lucia! We are so proud of
you!



GOWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

Welcome back students and families!!! Summer vacation and the 1st quarter both flew by in the blink of an eye!! I hope you are adjusting well to the new school year. As in the past, I am staying after school Monday-Thursday each week. If your child is struggling or they just need a place to stay to get their work done, please encourage them to stay after school with me. I am located on the 2nd floor in the 6th grade wing in room 219. I usually need to know by 10:00am each day who is planning on staying, so I encourage them to come see me or they can also send me a message on Schoology.







Speaking of Schoology, students should be checking grades daily. This is a great way to see what work is 'missing' or owed. Parents can also get their own personal log-in information to stay up to date with their students' progress. Please contact the tech department if you need your parent log-in information. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns: Mrs. Hageman

GOWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

On October 18, 2023, the Seneca Nation Education Department held their annual middle school youth summit. 15 students from the tri-districts were able to attend. They attended 3 mini-workshops which included scary stories with Leorra White, corn husk doll making with Bernadette Scott, and healthy smoothies with Andrea Sapko.







GOWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Not Pictured

Kameron Connell (5)

Kam is a transfer student and new to the Gowanda middle school this year. He has adjusted very well to the demands of 5th grade. He is a hard worker and always knows what work needs to be done. He asks for help when needed and is a very respectful student during class. Keep up the great work Kameron!!!



Cora has really stepped up her efforts in 6th grade. She's been staying after school to keep caught up on her work, which has a positive effect on her grades. She is also always willing to help others during class as well. Awesome job, Corall





Ella Jimerson (7)

Ella is a hard working 7th grade student. She shows lots of responsibility when it comes to her school work and her grades reflect it. She always asks for help when she needs it and always has a positive attitude. Keep shining, Ella!!

Kane Stafford (8)

Kane has really shown lots of improvement this year and is doing very well in 8th grade. He has increased his responsibility and stays on top of his assignments. His grades reflect all of his increased efforts. Keep up the great work, Kane!!



Perfect Attendance for the 1st Quarter

(No absences or tardies)

Kameron Connell, Gabriel Cortes, Jag Gill, Remy LeBeau, Payton Rindfleish, Evelyn John, Lewi Mohawk, Kane Stafford

GOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

The 2023-2024 school year has been flying by here at Gowanda High School. With September and October completely packed with students getting back into an academic routine, participating in extracurricular activities, finishing up the fall sports season, attending cultural activities, and exploring colleges and other future avenues, it's a miracle anyone has had time to catch their breath!

The 2023 Youth Summit held at the ECLC on Wednesday October 25th proved to be quite a success. Gowanda had 15 students attend, along with myself and Title VI staff Justin Gill. Students participated in different programs and presentations throughout the day which included healthy eating and nutrition, a corn husk doll craft, and a diverse college/career panel. The Summit ended with a social where students and staff were invited to sing and dance together to end the day. The entire experience was filled with learning opportunities, culture, and arguably most important; fun.

Native American Heritage month at Gowanda has been providing several events highlighting cultural importance in and out of the classroom. The Title VI staff invited high school students to participate in a traditional dance assembly in the auditorium on November 9. High school students and staff were invited in the morning, followed by a presentation for the middle school students and staff. It was an educational and enlightening experience for all involved (the elementary school will get to enjoy on Friday November 17th). November 15th marked "Rock your Mocs" day, where students and staff were encouraged to wear moccasins to show unity and solidarity through traditional and beautiful Native American accessories.

Academics and continued education are also high priority among students at GHS. Native Outreach days at Syracuse University and University at Buffalo were offered to eligible students. Four students attended the outreach at Syracuse through the "My Brother's Keeper" grant on Tuesday, November 7th, and several students are signed up to attend the outreach at UB (Friday, November 17th). The Gowanda counseling department held their annual "Snacks and Apps" day where juniors and seniors are invited to the high school library to complete college applications, learn more about financial assistance and scholarships, and even talk with college and military representatives.

The badminton gym unit at Gowanda is definitely one of the favorites for the year. Students play in a tournament within their class, and the winners from each class move on to an afterschool tournament with all of the classes. This year, the winner of the student badminton tournament was the team of juniors Ethan Steeprock and Winter Rivera. There was also a teacher/student tournament where Ethan and I took second place! Both tournaments are so much fun to be a part of and are heavily looked forward to every year.

















GOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS UPDATES

Gowanda's Native American athletes have been busy this fall! Several students completed successful sports seasons. Boys XC: Marcus Gamble (10), Cashis Montour (10), Seneca Mohawk Jr. (11), Maddox Hudson (10), Dustin Mohawk (10), Jayson Twoguns (12), Nathan Warrior (10). The boys cross country team competed at Sectional Championships on November 3rd at Bemus Point Golf Course and received Red Patches for their 2nd place finish. **Girls XC**: Calie Hudson (12), Layla Gamble (12), Marissa Beaver (11), Alhanna Gabel (12). Senior Calie Hudson competed at the State Championships on November 11th in Verona for the third year in a row. She placed 19th overall in her race, capping off an incredible xc career at Gowanda. Varsity Cheer: Aubrie Heron (12). Modified Cheer: Addison Crooks (9), Ayla Sullivan (9), Octavia Williams (9). Youth Cheer: Maleina Moses (9), Delia Mohawk (9), Octavia Williams (9). The youth cheer team received several first place awards, along with awards for best tumbling, choreography and grand champions for competitions at Syracuse, Gowanda, Buffalo State, and Hamburg, among others. Varsity Football: Kaleb Smith (12), Jayden John (10), Logan Cooper (11), Jaxstin Johns (10). Modified Football: Dalen Stevens (9). Varsity Soccer: Enette John (9), Felicia Scanlan (9). Varsity Volleyball: Aubrie Heron (12), Corrina John (10), Elizabeth Green (11), Chloe Luther (12, IR). The volleyball team competed against Randolph at the Sectional Championships on November 1st and received Red Patches for their second place finish. JV Volleyball: Cadence Luther (9), Maleina Moses (9), Cora Luther (9), Lilliana Pierce (9). A handful of lacrosse athletes participated in the Annual LAXNAI tournament September 29-October 1 in Utica, New York. Ha'tsihgahdo:d Stevens (11), Ethan Steeprock (11), Croix Snow (12), Nakotah Jackson (12), Randall John (10), and Hodaweo:je' John (10), all played for the Jr. Woodsmen team in the 18U category where they received 2nd place. Croix Snow (12) also played for GLA (Great Lakes Alliance) in the men's tournament. In other lacrosse news, two Gowanda students committed to continue their athletic journeys after graduation. On October 15th, junior Winter Rivera announced his verbal commitment to The Ohio State University upon graduation in 2025. Senior Chloe Luther signed her commitment letter to play D1 lacrosse for Jacksonville University on National Signing Day, Wednesday November 8. All of these athletes bring an immense amount of pride to their school, community, and families!

GOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER



Staying on Task

Nina has been a force to be reckoned with inside and out of the classroom for her first quarter as a high school student. She is always willing to help other students who have the same classes as her. too. Playing JV volleyball and cheering for the Gowanda Youth Panthers. Nina sure knows how to stay busy. Above all else she also found herself on the honor roll! It is obvious that she is on course to be a wellrounded person in her future. Great job, Nina – keep up the great work!

Grade 9: Maleina Moses Grade 10: Marcus Gamble



Trying New Things

Entering his sophomore vear. Marcus decided to join the Cross Country team at Gowanda. It was a great fit for him, and he improved incredibly throughout the season. He competed at the Sectionals Championships at Bemus Point Golf Course and ran his best time for the season (19:51). He also got it done in the classroom for the first quarter being the only Native American student in his class on the high honor roll. Great job, Marcus – so proud of you!

Grade 11: Jessup Stevens



Prioritizing Academics

It is never too late to make academics a priority. Jessup found himself on the merit roll this quarter, something he has not vet achieved in high school. He has put the work in during the school day and stays after regularly to make sure he gets everything he needs to done in a timely matter. I was so happy to choose Jessup as student of the quarter this year and know he will keep up the good work throughout his junior year!

Grade 12: Chloe Luther



Committed Student-Athlete

Being injured your junior year and having to miss out on athletics moving forward can be extremely difficult for young student athletes. However, Chloe did not let her injury stop her from being involved for her senior year. Already committed to Jacksonville University for D1 lacrosse. Chloe had her official signing on National Signing Day (Wednesday November 1st). She also still participated in volleyball even though she could not physically play. Add her stand on the high honor roll for the first quarter, and I'd say she's doing a great job in every aspect of her senior year. Amazing work, Chloe – keep it up!

Gowanda Central School Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Grade 12

Calie Hudson

Kaleb Smith

Croix Snow

Sierra Twoguns

Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Grade 5 Simon Huff Payton Rindfleisch Anna Schindler **Avvery Scmitz** Timothy Stafford Holden Steeprock Zada Woods

Raven Young

Grade 6 Clarae Beaver Lewi Mohawk Lily Penvos Cora Scanlan Kayella Smoke Brycen Warrior Shaaylyn Williams

Grade 7 Clavburn Gates Gadeo:nosta John Myles Locke Anna Loving Carter Scott Draycelyn Smith Claryce Stevens

Memphis Stevens Andrew Young, Jr

Grade 8 Raelin Smith Donald Stevens, Jr. Jack Warrior III

Grade 9 Addison Crooks **Jovin Jones** Pevton Zwierzchowski

Grade 10 Nina Coulon Emma Golden Carleen Loga

Grade 11 Violet Doctor Cole Gabel Karice John Seneca Mohawk Jr. Kierra Moses Keaton Seneca Ethan Steeprock Jessup Stevens

Grade 5 Jag Gill Halia Rivera Loki Satterfield Emmett Schindler Averi Thompson Daphne Twoguns

Grade 6 **Gabriel Cortes** Scarlett John Zayley Nephew Sophee Seneca

Madelyn Wurst

Grade 7 Colten Bennett Ella Jimerson

Grade 8 Isabella Gill Rylee Yasurek

Grade 9 Cadence Luther Maleina Moses

Julia White-Pigeon Tayleigh Williams

Grade 10 Corrina John Jayden John **Jaxstin Johns** Alanson Stafford Kaevii Yasurek

Grade 11 Alyssa Golden Elizabeth Green Troy Iimerson-Alana Young Williams

Ellarose LeBeau Winter Rivera Lily Scanlan Landon White

Grade 12 Tyler Bouquin Gracie Carpenter Mya Halftown Aubrie Heron Nakotah Jackson Grade 5

Liam Van Aernam

Grade 6

Evelyn John Anyistin MacLeod Gia Stafford Elise Stevens

Grade 10 Marcus Gamble

Grade 11 Hannah Valentine

Grade 12 Alhanna Gabel Layla Gamble Chloe Luther

J.T. WAUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES

Kindergarten: Zayda Thompson

1st Grade: Emma Jimerson-Snow



Zayda has had a very successful first trimester of Kindergarten! She is an extremely hard worker and has quickly become a role model to her classmates. She is polite, thoughtful, and a friend to everyone. Zayda consistently tries her best and her perseverance is admirable. I am so proud of Zayda for the progress she has already made and I look forward to seeing the wonderful things she will do in the future! Congratulations, Zayda

Emma is a very smart, kind, helpful and considerate little girl. She comes to school everyday with a huge smile on her face and is always ready to learn. She is engaged in each lesson and she always tries her best. She has been a great friend to her peers, and she is a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work, Emma. I am so proud of you!

-Mrs. Whipple



2nd Grade: Jarett Kennedy



Jarett is one of the sweetest kids at JT Waugh! His smile is contagious and he is always happy. He is kind to all of his peers and extremely respectful of all of his teachers. Academically, Jarett is really progressing well! His handwriting is very neat, and he is reading above grade level. He works hard in math and is always willing and happy to work with an adult if needed.

-Mrs. Mion

Avis Huff is an amazing 3rd grader. Avis is a shy, quiet kid who can easily go unnoticed. But her teachers do notice her! They notice her kindness, willingness to work hard, and her daily practice of treating others nicely. She does her best in class and always has her work done on time. Avis can be counted on to be honest and responsible and is a pleasure to have in class. I could not be more proud of her and the effort she has put in!! Congratulations Avis, keep up the excellent work! -Mrs. Genco



3rd Grade: Avis Huff

5th Grade: Rylin Jimerson

4th Grade: Javier Rojas



Javier has grown tremendously. He's an incredibly hard working student. He has recently improved his reading and moved into a new guided reading group! He is always very eager to participate in class, even when it might be a challenge for him! He has improved not only as a student but as a classmate. He is very kind and is always the first to make sure everyone is included. He is always there to comfort a friend who might be feeling down. He has truly worked hard, and continues to work hard everyday, to be the best version of himself. -Miss Govenettio

Rylin Jimerson is a bright and kind young woman. She is constantly striving to meet expectations and challenges that she faces each day with a smile on her face. Rylin loves to help others and continues to be a role model for her peers. She is competitive in and outside of the classroom, but is always willing to slow down to help a friend. Rylin has a beautiful personality and is always a pleasure to work with. -Miss Dosser



A.J. Schmidt Elementary School



Kindergarten: **Juliet Quinn** has been a shining star in Kindergarten since the beginning of the school year. She comes into school everyday with a smile on her face. She is always willing to lend a hand or help a friend out. Her sweet and kind self makes her a great friend to all. She has a great imagination for reading and writing. Her hard work shows everyday!

Grade 1: **Rihanna Thomas** is a wonderful member of our First Grade Classroom Community! She is very smart, kind, gentle and fun! She loves axolotls and knows so much about them! Rihanna thinks about the feelings of others and helps her friends whenever she has the chance. I am so proud of Rihanna!

Not Pictured



Grade 2: **Hadley Stevens** is a bright, enthusiastic learner at AJS Elementary School. She works hard inside and outside of the classroom. Hadley is an excellent role model for other peers in her second grade classroom. Outside of school, Hadley enjoys cheerleading and spending time with her family.

Grade 3: **Evelyn Childres** is an amazing student and friend! She is always willing to help out when needed. Evelyn is a very hard worker and is always trying her absolute best. She absolutely deserves to be a student of the trimester as she continues to show her dedication for school!

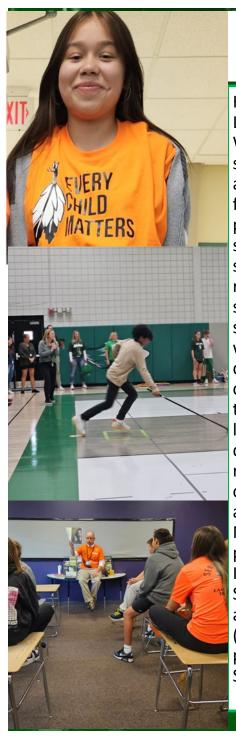




Grade 4: **Marin Canonico** is a dedicated and hard working student.. She comes to school each day ready to learn. She is a kind and considerate young lady who is always willing to help out her classmates.

Grade 5: **Roman Fleming** is a fifth grade dynamo at AJS Elementary School. Roman dominates both the academic arena and the hockey rink. With dedication to all his tasks, Roman excels in his studies and sets an example for other students with his stellar behavior. In addition to his studies and athletic accomplishments, Roman participates in several extra activities at school, including "Noodles and Doodles" art enrichment with Mr. Ruffino and "STEMgineering" with library media specialist Ms. Wing. Congratulations to Roman on this well-deserved recognition!





LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hello all! We're off to a great start here at the Middle School at Lake Shore. This year, we have 93 students total who attend the William G. Houston Middle School. We have 21 sixth graders, 35 seventh graders, and 37 eighth graders this year. We're doing well academically, with 37 Honor Roll and 22 Merit Roll students for the first quarter of this school year. Several of them—31, to be exact played or participated in a fall season sport. Three of those students were invited to play JV Girls Volleyball! We wore green for school spirit and had a pep rally where student athletes were recognized. At the rally assembly, they were introduced to the school. Then the athletes played fun games with their fellow students and teachers. (I took pictures, see attached.) I had a visit with Dr. Michael Desing's 8th grade ELA class. We had a book discussion, The Talking Stick, by Julie Niblett. He'd invited me to chat with his class on the day we honor Every Child Matters, which took place on September 28. We discussed life as indigenous learners, bullying, and ELA practices such as character development. District-wide, we all wore orange shirts for unity, remembrance and honor. In our free time in JOM, we're getting crafty this year! We've been creating with acrylic paints, putting artwork onto canvases. We also had a table at the Indigenous Makers Faire, where we created clan and peace trees. We're preparing for a night of cultural entertainment at our very first Indigenous Fun Night, scheduled to take place here at the Middle School on November 17, 2023. It's going to be 90 minutes of fun and cultural enjoyment, with experience stations, a fashion show (of cultural attire), and a social. As always, grades and school participation are the goals here at William G. Houston Middle School! I'm enjoying getting to know the new-to-me sixth graders



LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Jayla Redeye is a sixth grader, has been selected for Student of the Quarter for the first quarter this school year. She has a great attitude, attendance and grades—all of which make her an excellent choice for the honor! Always willing to ask questions and help others, she comes to her classes ready to learn and work as a teammate with her classmates. Jayla has been able to make a smooth transition to the middle school from J.T. Waugh Elementary. Great job, Jayla!

Ace Washburn is our seventh-grade student chosen for Student of the Quarter for the first quarter. His appearance on the Merit Roll was done with solid effort. For example, he pushed himself to earn higher grades in math, doing corrections when needed and asking his teachers for help. Keep up the great work, Ace! You're doing great!

Arilyn Nephew, eighth grader, has been selected for Student of the Quarter for the first quarter this year. Excellence in academics, attendance and sportsmanship are reasons why she's been chosen. She played Modified Girls Volleyball and contributed to her team wins. Her teachers all say she is a pleasure to have in class, and that she should be proud of her outstanding work. Well we sure are! She's a role model for her peers, on and off the volleyball court. Keep shining, Arilyn!

LAKE SHORE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

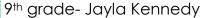
Students, faculty and staff throughout the Lake Shore school district wore orange on September 28th in recognition of Every Child Matters/Orange Shirt Day. There were over 1000 pinwheels placed in the ground at each of the schools in the district in remembrance of the survivors of Indian boarding schools and in memory of all those children who did not survive. Orange Shirt Day began in 2013 as a way to recognize and honor Indigenous families and communities who have been affected by residential schools. It is a show of support and understand of the history of the school system that impacts many families today. The Seneca Nation Education department hosted a Youth Summit on October 25th. Lakeshore brought 11 students to this event. Jewel Pierce, Tyla Thompson, Desiree Cruz-Gonzalez, Caias John, Nina Thompson, Jordan Cooke, Franklin Kettle, Kaivin Jones, Hazel Lyle, Dakota Familio and Cora Tallchief. The students participated in work shops making cornhusk dolls with Bernadette Scott, learning how to make nutritional smoothies with Andrea Spako and listening to a career panel that consisted of Rory Jimerson (a Lakeshore graduate), Lisa Maybee (SNI Councilor and Director of Environmental Science at the Seneca Nation) James Styres (STC project manager at Seneca Nation Training & Employment Resource Center) and Elliott Jimerson (SNI Councilor and retired Union operator) Lunch was provided by the education department and to wrap up the event was a social. On November 8th, 2023 the Native American Programs at Lake Shore High School hosted a Native American Makers Faire. It was a make and take event for all ages that featured over 40 makers that included regional artists, archery, hoop dancers, social singers and dancers, demonstrations, and informational tables. The event was successful celebration of Indigenous culture and tradition. For more information on this event please click the link below:

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LAKE SHORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER





Jayla has had an amazing first quarter. She has handled the transition to high school extremely well. She was selected as student of the quarter because she demonstrates all of the positive traits in being a successful student which includes being conscientious with assignments and respectful to her classmates and teachers.



10th grade-Koltin Bonafede

Koltin has been chosen for student of the quarter because of the high academic and personal goals he set for himself this year! Koltin has worked very hard this quarter maintaining his grades. He is friendly, helpful and respectful to teachers and peers. Keep up the good work- you're on the right track!!



11th grade-Franklin Kettle

Franklin is off to a great start to the school year! He was selected for student of the quarter because he comes to school with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn! He has been working very hard and is determined to have a great year!



12th grade-Cora Tallchief

Cora was selected for student of the quarter because of her continued perseverance and focus towards her academics. It is obvious she has set big academic and personal goals for herself and is working hard to achieve them! Keep it up Cora!

Lake Shore Central School Credit Rolls

Honor Roll

Merit Roll

The section		
Grade 6	Darius Snow	Brody Himelein
Mara Cooke	Zaria Stafford	Layla Jimerson
Brett Gates	Ace Washburn	Kaleb Johnson
Jax Jamieson	Tyonih White	Jairon Nephew
Elias John	Grade 8	Payton Stevens
Jacelyn John	Katsi Jackson	Leila Thompson
Tyrone LeRoy	Ajay Jimerson-	Eliya Valencia
Lillianna Rodriguez	Kenjockety	Grade 11
Raylan "Tony"	Luis Soto, Jr.	Stanley Francis
Sampson	Marty Wallace, Jr.	Kiowa Haynes
Franklin Thompson	Grade 9	Marcellus Plain
Inez Thompson	Nivee Bailey	Stevieana Seneca
Grade 7	Nanni Cooper	Damien Warrior
Louis Bonthron	Addison Jimerson	Grade 12
Sofia Corsaro	Jayla Kennedy	Tempest Hunter
Bree Gates-Porter	Oliviagrace Pinella	Breana Whitepige
Jett Jimerson	Saniya Seneca	1 0
Jakob Kennedy	Tyla Thompson	
Cayden Kettle	Wyatt Thompson	
Olivia-Lin Maybee	Grade 10	
Ashton Sampson	Salana Ferrgusquia	

Grade 6	Grade 8	Kyrie Buffalo
Dylan Delaney	Kamryn Bonafede	Elliott Catalano
Mila Fox	Myles Conant	Kate Kennedy
Vincent Isaac	Zoey Fox	James Mecca
Cordelia Maybee	Emmitt Francis	Ciara Thompson
Jayla Redeye	Sara Himelein	Grade 11
Emerie Sanchez	Kaysen John	Alexis Hummel
Kamryn Stafford	Coltyn LeRoy	Laelle Jimerson
Iris Young	Vivian Maybee	Aquinnah Maybee
Grade 7	Wyatt Maybee	Nina Thompson
Zayden Becker	Arilyn Nephew	Maston Waterman
Elliot Cisneros	Ezra (Dotgahdoh)	Grade 12
Gus Catalano	Nephew	Dakota Familio
Sofia Corsaro	Aziyah Washburn	Michael Gates
Jace Jimerson	Lily Zaprzal	Morgan Gates
Kaiyah Jones	Grade 9	Morgan Huff
Christina LaSalle	Peyton Fox	Caye John
Amiya Nephew	Ayla Jimerson	Troy Kennedy
Colton Pinelli	Mason John	Eric Kushner
Braxton Sanchez	Asa White	Shatan Mohawk
Nuriya Tallchief	Grade 10	Jacella Nephew
Livvi Twoguns	Koltin Bonafede	Mileah Pinelli

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES

On a beautiful day at Silver Creek Elementary School, we went Kite Flying! Lyris Jimerson and Remmie White built the kite from a kit. Great teamwork girls! Mekhi Snyder was looking good in his Buffalo Bills gear at our Education Department Back to School Bash. The children and families enjoyed dinner, games, and crafts. In Charlotte Carry Moccasin's fourth grade class, they read the story Eagle Song by Joseph Bruchac. They each made their own longhouse out of paper and natural materials. Our JOM Before School Homework Help children carved pumpkins and learned the Seneca word for pumpkin - O:nyöhsowa:nëh - oh nyoh so wah nay. At our SNI Education Department Youth Summit, the students learned about traditional bow hunting and had a chance to shoot bow and arrows at a target. They also made beautiful corn husk dolls, had a taco in a bag luncheon, and enjoyed dancing at a social to traditional songs and music. Aaliyah White helped harvest and braid White Corn from our SCES garden. The students planted corn last Spring with Mrs. Wendy Bray. We learned the Seneca word for corn - onëö' - o nëh oh. During Native American Heritage Month, the students had a spirit week -Medallion Monday, Native Jersey/Sports Jersey Day, Rock Your Mocs, Socks or Crocs or wear teal day, Wear all your BLING beads, medallions, sashes, silver and turquoise, and Haudenosaunee Day wear full regalia or purple. We are also having a social this month. The first few months of school at Silver Creek Elementary have been fun! We are looking forward to the rest of the year with lots of learning opportunities and fun activities!







SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Kindergarten: Legend Williams

1st Grade: Gianni D'Amico

2nd Grade: Addisyn Cullinan







Legend Williams – Legend was chosen as student of the quarter for doing a great job in centers!

Gianni D'Amico – Gianni is doing a fantastic job on his addition and subtraction Math facts!

Addisyn Cullinan - Addisyn is being recognized for working hard on her independent ELA work sheets, nice job!

Murrayah Jimerson – Murrayah has been working hard on her iready, good job!

Aaliyah White - Aaliyah is being recognized for trying her best working in small groups ELA and Math!

Eli Austin – Eli is being recognized for working hard at ELA! Ja:goh!



3rd Grade: Murrayah Jimerson



4th Grade: Aaliyah White



5th Grade: Eli Austin

SILVER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

The beginning of the year is always a whirlwind of experiences. We start with nice weather and a new schedule. We met with old friends and make new ones. But we slowly settle into the new routine of a new grade level as the weather starts to cool down and the leave change. This year is no different than others in that respect.

As we settled into the new school year, we had serval students participate in fall sports, football, volleyball, and cross country are always big draws for students. Participating in sports also gives students an academic push each year since they have extra time between school and practice to complete work.

On Wednesday October 18th, Middle School Native American students attended the annual Seneca Nation Youth Summit. This year's event continued to focus on cultural activities and wellness. Workshops included traditional corn husk dolls, traditional spooky storytelling, and nutrition focusing on eating a healthy traditional diet. The capstone of the event was a traditional social dance in which the students danced and mingled with students from the tri-districts.



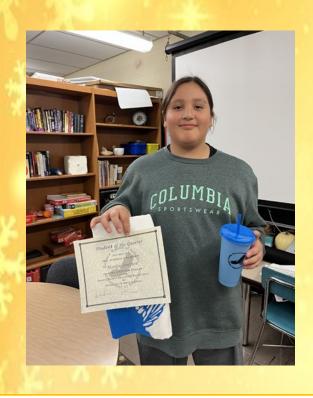




The Silver Creek Middle School performed "Newsies" this November. Several Native American students played supporting roles this year in the chorus.

November is Native American history Month. We kicked off this year's celebration with traditional foods every week. We had strawberry juice, fry bread, Indian cookies/corn bread, and corn soup samples for students to try. The week of November 13 – 17 we celebrated spirit week where students and staff could "Rock their Mocs" and wear their ribbon skirts and shirts. The month will end with Social Dancing assemblies for elementary and Middle School throughout the day.

SILVER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER







It is my pleasure to introduce the Silver Creek Middle School 6th grade Student of the Quarter, Marty Jimerson. Marty is a class act that always has a smile on his face and a bounce in his step. Marty is involved in many school activities including the student "manager" to the boys JV basketball team. Both teachers and students love to me near Marty with his happy disposition and willingness to work hard and help. Congratulations Marty!

Katherine Jones is the Silver Creek Middle School 7th grade Student of the Quarter. Katherine is just starting the girls modified basketball season. She always has a smile on her face and has a sunny outlook on life. She is always helping her classmates and friends and truly cares about her schoolwork and community. Congratulations Katherine!

Illianna Willis is the Silver Creek Middle School 8th grade Student of the Quarter. Illianna had times she struggled in 7th grade and has come into her own in the first quarter of 8th grade. I'm proud of the progress she has made this school year. Her perseverance and determination will help her achieve all her goals in the future. Congratulations Illianna!











SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

The beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year is in full swing at Silver Creek High School. Fall has been full of various activities, sports, cultural events, and opportunities for learning, including college exploration and a Youth Summit. Students attended college informational sessions with Cornell University and have upcoming visits to St. Bonaventure and the University of Buffalo. In November we began celebrating Native American Heritage Month and will continue throughout the next few weeks with events including a Native American Spirit Week, Social **Dancing, Traditional Native Foods,** and Art Activities.

SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER









Freshman Cash Leroy showed a strong effort this quarter. Keep up the good academic work and positive

Sophomore Alijah Williams works diligently on his academics and is a pleasure to have in class.

Junior Harlan White is excelling this quarter and is enrolled in the Automotive Technology Program. The program provides students with real-world work experience in automotive service and repair shops.

Senior Gavin Balestrieri is starting his second year in the Info-Tech Program which prepares students for a variety of careers involving computers and information technology. He has also begun the new academic year positively.

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