

2024 JOM WINTER NEWSLETTER

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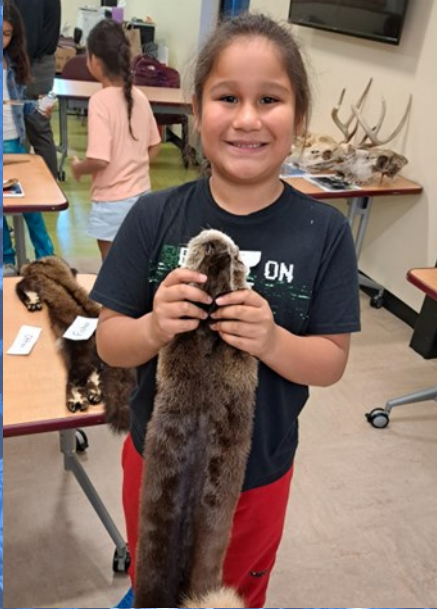
December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Seneca Nation Birthday Nation Closed	5	6 SC K-12 Early Release	7
8	9	10	11	12 GES Early Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences	13	14 ECLC Christmas Bazaar
15	16	17 Community Education Class	18 Community Culture Class @ Education	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
Winter Recess— No School for all districts						
29	30	31 HEP Spring App. Deadline				
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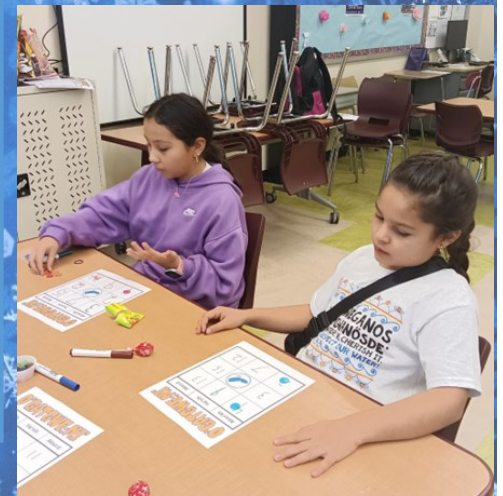
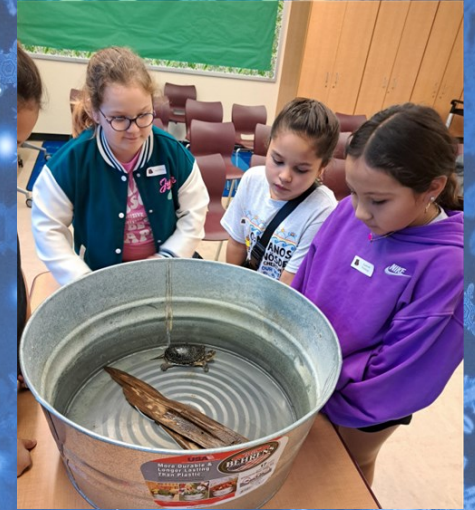
January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 NYS Indian Aid Spring App. Deadline
Winter Recess-- No School for all districts						
5	6 School Resumes	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day: No School	21 Community Education Class	22 Community Culture Class @ Education	23	24	25
26	27	28 SC K-12 Early Release Edu. Family Fun Night	29 Lunar New Year All districts, no students	30	31	

Gowanda Elementary School Updates



Nya:wëh Sgënö', welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. My name is Anne Foit and I am the Seneca Nation JOM Teacher at Gowanda Elementary School. My assistant is Felicia Gage. We have been very busy here at Gowanda Elementary, beginning with a very successful Open House in September. This was very well attended by many of our families and was a great night for all. 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. A group of our 3rd and 4th grade students enjoyed Language Bingo, Library Book Reading/Activity, A Conservation Interactive Display and Social Dancing. A great day was had by all! GES also took part in a very special Veterans Day Assembly. The students displayed beautiful art activities throughout the school honoring our local veterans. Many students came up to read essays in honor of our local heroes. We also started our morning Homework Help group. There is much activity in our JOM room here at the Elementary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at anne.foit@sni.org or msfoit@gcslearn.org.



Gowanda Elementary School

Students of the Quarter

Iggy Jimerson



Iggy is a kind and respectful student. He is a hard worker and always participates in class. This shows in his work! He always has a smile and a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Iggy!

Kindergarten

1st Grade

Spencer Shull



Spencer has had a great first quarter. He is a very kind and respectful student. He is a delight to have in class and is always willing to participate and help others. Keep up the great work Spencer!

2nd Grade

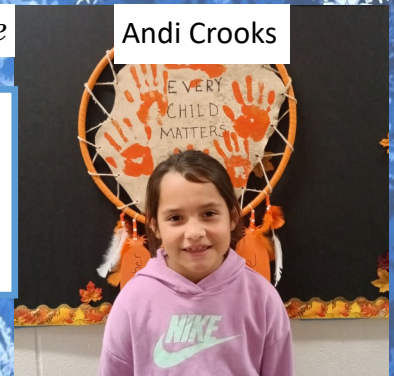
Ailana Pagan



Ailana has worked very hard this first quarter. She participates in class and will help her classmates when needed. She always brings a smile and a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Ailana!

3rd Grade

Andi Crooks



Andi has done very well this first quarter! She works hard and has impressed us with her focus and determination! She always has a smile and positive attitude. Ja:goh Andi! We are proud of you!

Cassius Alvarado-Sampson



4th Grade

Cassius has accomplished a lot this first quarter. He is always focused and gets his work done. He brings a smile and positive attitude everyday. He is a good friend to all! Ja:goh Cassius! We are proud of you!

Gowanda Middle School Updates

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!!! We have been busy getting acclimated to the new routines. We hope you are adjusting well to the new school year. If you haven't already, it is important to get to know how to navigate Schoology. Grades and assignments/materials are posted daily and are easily accessible when students are absent. If help is needed, please contact the school to get signed up for an account if you haven't done so already.

My name is Tristin Hageman and I have been working in the Gowanda Middle School for 8 years. Keira Thompson is the JOM teacher assistant and this will officially be her 1st full school year. We are here to provide academic support to students who need it. We stay after school most days Monday through Thursday. If your child needs extra homework help or just a place to get work done, we encourage students to stay after school with us. Taking advantage of this opportunity is a great way to stay caught up. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Middle School Youth Summit

On October 16, 2024 we took a group of students to the ECLC building for the Middle School Youth Summit which included students from all 3 districts (Gowanda, Lakeshore, and Silver Creek). We participated in 3 different activities which were archery basics with the SNI Conservation Department, a beading activity with Mary Golden, and a Longhouse discussion with Jordan Cooke. Students were treated to a spaghetti lunch and were given a gift bag before returning back to school.

Gowanda Middle School

Students of the Quarter

Grade: 5



Aaliyah Sundown

Aaliyah has adjusted very well to the demands of 5th grade so far. She is a very responsible young lady who works very hard. She stays after school when needed and keeps caught up with her work and is always checking her grade report. Aaliyah's hard work has paid off this quarter as she made the Honor roll for the 1st quarter. Keep up the good work, Aaliyah!!!

Grade: 6



Dominick Gamble

Dominick was chosen for student of the quarter for his increased effort and positive attitude. He has made some great progress in 6th grade so far this quarter. The quality of his work has really improved and he has been getting better about asking for help when needed. Awesome job, Dom!!!

Grade: 7



MaKenyan Brooks

MaKenyan has taken on the 7th grade responsibilities like a pro!! He stays on top of his assignments and has been working very hard to start off the new school year. He has a great attitude which helps him be a more successful student. Keep working hard, MaK!!

Grade: 8



Ella Jimerson

Ella has been working so hard for the start of her 8th grade year. She really has shown great improvements and is a great role model to her peers. Her hard work is really paying off so far because she made the Honor roll for this quarter!! We are lucky to be working with such a great student with an awesome attitude. Super job, Ella!!!

Gowanda High School Updates

The 2024-2025 school year has been flying by here at Gowanda High School. With the last few months being 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, these students are proving everyday how incredibly diverse they all are and how much pride they are capable of bringing to their community!

Gowanda's homecoming spirit week, September 30-October 4, started with a school-wide "Orange Shirt Day" where all students were provided with an "Every Child Matters" shirt. The next couple of days included different themes pertaining to the Student Council sponsored "Galactic Gala" on October 5th in the high school gym. Many students participated in the themed week, eventually leading up to the Homecoming Football game at Hillis Field.

The 2024 Youth Summit held at the ECLC on Wednesday October 9th proved to be quite a success. Gowanda had 15 students attend, along with students and staff from Silver Creek and Lake Shore. Students participated in different programs and presentations throughout the day which included cooking traditional foods, a Longhouse canvas painting, and beading activities. The Summit ended with a lunch of Indian tacos using the fry bread made by the attendees. The entire experience was filled with learning opportunities, culture, and fun.

Native American Heritage month at Gowanda has provided several opportunities 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 Friday November 15. High school students and staff were invited in the morning, followed by a lunch of traditional food prepared by local chef, Lorinda John. It was an educational and enlightening experience for all involved. November 15th also 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 Penn State were offered to eligible students. 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.



Gowanda High School Updates Continued

Gowanda's Native American athletes have been busy this fall! Several students completed successful sports seasons. **Boys XC:** Marcus Gamble (11), Cashis Montour (11), and Maddox Hudson (10). The boys cross country team competed at Sectional Championships November 1st at Knox Field in East Aurora and received Red Patches for their 2nd place finish. Cashis Montour (11) extended his season by qualifying for the States Championships in Queensbury, NY where he placed 38th out of 120 runners in the Class D race. **Girls XC:** Marissa Beaver (12), Degaswined (Gus) John (9), Karice John (12), Rhianna Woods (12), and Emma Golden (MGR, 11). **Varsity Cheer:** Addison Crooks (10), and Kierra Moses (12). **Modified Cheer:** Lillian Spruce (9). **Youth Cheer:** Raelin Smith (9), and Lillian Spruce (9). The youth cheer team received several first-place awards, along with awards for best tumbling, choreography, and grand champions for competitions in Syracuse, Sweet Home, and Elma. **Varsity Football:** Winter Rivera (12), Maddox Hudson (10), Dalen Stevens (10), Jayden John (11), Jeremy Henhawk (11), Jaxstin Johns (11). The football team earned a home playoff game this season, beating Wilson 31-20. **Modified Football:** Jaden Knopf (9), Donald Stevens (9), Mychael Williams (9), Emmett Williams (9), and Gavin Crooks (9). **Varsity Soccer:** Kyra-Mae Hurley (10), and Tayleigh Williams (10). **Girls Swim:** KaeVii Yasurek (12). KaeVii qualified for Class C championships this season. **Varsity Volleyball:** Cadence Luther (10), Maleina Moses (10), Corrina John (11), and Elizabeth Green (12). **JV Volleyball:** Cora Luther (9). The JV team successfully ended the regular season undefeated under new head coach, Brandi John. **Travel:** Senior Elizabeth Green plays for Competitive Edge Volleyball Club out of Lancaster where she has been competing alongside her regular season schedule at Gowanda. The annual BASIL basketball tournament hosted an array of teams including athletes Corrina John (11) and Trelin Warrior (10). A handful of lacrosse athletes participated in the annual LAXNAI tournament October 17-20 in Utica, NY. Ha'tsihgahdo:d Stevens (12), Ethan Steeprook (12), Randall John (10), and Hodaweo:je' John (11), all played for the Jr. Woodsmen team in the 18U category. These boys along with Dalen Stevens (10), Donald Stevens (9), and Jessup Stevens (12) are also participating in the CRILL (Cattaraugus Recreational Indoor Lacrosse League) season, playing for various teams. A couple seniors also did some solo traveling to play. Ethan Steeprook (12) and Felicia Scanlan (10) traveled to Maryland to compete in the Brogden Cup Tournament with the Haudenosaunee Nationals teams October 25-27. Ethan Steeprook also recently visited Onondaga Community College (OCC) with intentions to continue his lacrosse journey after high school. Seneka Jackson (12) competed in the Battle of the Border tournament with Pacific Northwest Lacrosse October 26-27 in Washington State. In other lacrosse news, senior Winter Rivera officially signed his financial aid agreement for The Ohio State University on National Signing Day, Wednesday November 13. All of these athletes bring an immense amount of pride to their school, community, and families!

Gowanda High School Updates Continued



Gowanda High School

Students of the Quarter

Although this is Isabella's first academic year in the high school, she has already proven that she has what it takes to stay on a task and succeed. She was named to the High Honor Roll with an average of 97.55 and had perfect attendance for the first quarter. She was also elected to be the Class of 2028's Secretary in September. Great job, Isabella – keep up the great work!

Dalen does a great job communicating his needs with his teachers and with JOM. He uses his time wisely and makes sure his assignments get done. He found himself on the Merit Role for the first quarter, while playing Varsity Football for Gowanda. He participated in the Youth Summit and is currently playing CRILL. Even though his schedule is busy, he remains optimistic and actively happy to be involved. Proud of you, Dale!

The first quarter has been a busy, but successful one for CC! A member of the Varsity Volleyball team, she also played in the Basil basketball tournament at the CCC in November. Although she was pretty busy athletically, she did not let her grades slip and found herself on the High Honor Roll. Amazing job, CC – keep up the great work!

As a senior in high school, it is easy to be overwhelmed with all of the decisions needing to be made before graduation. Hannah is moving in the direction of becoming a pilot in the Air Force eventually. She has had to make some tough decisions in the last few months, but shows her maturity and responsible nature in doing so. A High Honor student for the first quarter, she is proving everyday that even the sky is not the limit for her future. Keep it up, Hannah – proud of you!

Grade 9: Isabella Gill



Student Government

Grade 10: Dalen Stevens



Great Communication

Grade 11: Corrina John



Prioritizing Academics

Grade 12: Hannah Valentine



Bright Future

Gowanda Central School

1st Quarter Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Lola Cook	Timothy Stafford	Jovin Jones
Cuse Cortes	Sadie Stevens	Maleina Moses
Kambria Kennedy	Zada Woods	Lilliana Pierce
Kiera LeBeau	Cora Scanlan	Dalen Stevens
Christine Lyons	Kayella Smoke	Julia White-Pigeon
Emma Mohawk	Gia Stafford	Octavia Williams
Arraya Rice- Renaldo	Elise Stevens	Nina Coulon
Lyla Stevens	Jaeleigh Warrior	Marissa Beaver
Samuel Twoguns	Cora Luther	Kaylee Bouquin
Kamerson Connell	Summer Satter- field	Seneka Jackson
Ava Daniels	Raelin Smith	Karice John
JoRiah John	Maddox Hudson	Jessup Stevens
Anna Schindler	Enette John	

Honor Roll

Lacey Davis	Halia Rivera	Cadence Luther
LeRoy Henhawk II	Loki Satterfield	Tayleigh Williams
Ariah Isaac	Emmett Schindler	Kiona Isaac
Eleanor John	Averi Thompson	Alanson Stafford
Aidrick Pagan	Liam VanAernam	KaeVii Yasurek
Henry Patterson	Madelyn Wurst	Elizabeth Green
Carter Reiller	Clarae Beaver	Kierra Moses
Colt Scanlan	MaKenyan Brooks	Winter Rivera
Oakley Snyder	Gabriel Cortes	Lily Scanlan
Leilene Stevens	Evelyn John	
Aaliyah Sundown	Ella Jimerson	
Milo Williams	Carter Scott	
Jag Gill	Memphis Stevens	
Simon Huff	Ayla Sullivan	
Kinsley Lone	Rylee Yasurek	

High Honor Roll

LilliAunna Reiller
Raelynn Taber
Daphne Twoguns
Scarlett John
Anyistin MacLeod
Zayley Nephew
Sophee Seneca
Isabella Gill
Marcus Gamble
Corrina John
Cole Gabel
Alyssa Golden
Hannah Valentine
Landon White

Lake Shore Middle School Updates

Hello all! We're off to a great start here at the Middle School at Lake Shore.

This year, we have 84 students who attend William G. Houston Middle School this year. We have 28 sixth graders, 21 seventh graders, and 35 eighth graders. We're doing well academically, with Honor Roll and Merit Roll students for this first quarter.

Several of our students— 20 this year— played or participated in a fall season sport. Some of our students went to Cross Country regionals and sectionals. The Fall sports season seemed to pass us by so quickly! We wore green and white for school spirit and had a pep rally where student athletes were recognized. Then the athletes played fun games with their fellow students and teachers.

I participated with other Lake Shore district faculty in a training for a new way to assist my students. Restorative Practices, which is a process of using talking circles to work through conflicts and issues students face, was introduced to us in a series of three workshops. We meet once more, later in November, to discuss how we move forward with our new knowledge. My Title VI colleague and I conducted a talking circle with our seventh-graders girls to practice what we learnt and it was well received.

We've been very lucky to be able to spend a lot of time in our class, Room 300. We eat lunch together during 6th/7th/8th grade lunch periods. Some of our eighth-grade students participated in an art project with a guest artist from our community, Sandra Warrior. We had a Halloween party with costumes and food and fun. The Cattaraugus Behavioral Health Unit comes to visit us during lunch periods on Thursdays this year. They discuss health and wellness topics with our classes. My Brother's Keeper has resumed sessions after school, also on Thursdays.

I'm looking into some health and wellness workshops for the students, possibly for late January and early March. I'd like to invite the Nutrition Specialist and Fitness Coordinator from the CIRHC Wellness Center to do a program on healthy food choices and injury prevention. Many of our students play at least one sport and this education would help them. I'm also looking into a lacrosse stick pocket string session, which will be held in early March.

We (JOM and Title VI staff) co-hosted a night of cultural entertainment at our second Indigenous Fun Night, which was scheduled to take place here at the Middle School on November 15. We planned 90 minutes of fun and cultural enjoyment, with experience stations, a fashion show (of cultural attire), and a social, same as last year. More details on the event will be shared in the Second Quarterly Report.

Academic achievement, good attendance and school participation are the focus and goals here at William G. Houston Middle School! I'm enjoying getting to know the new-to-me sixth graders and being reacquainted with my seventh and eighth graders.

Lake Shore Middle School Updates



Lake Shore Middle School

Students of the Quarter

Lealyn Huff, sixth grader, was chosen for Student of the Quarter for the first quarter here at Lake Shore Middle School. She always comes to JOM with a positive attitude, ready to work. She's a pleasure to have in class, with a great sense of humor. From her fun survey polls to her Halloween costume, Lealyn is outstanding. At the Fall Festival, she made it a priority on a Saturday morning to volunteer her time to walk in the parade with the SNI Education Department's float. Congratulations, Lealyn!



Mila Fox, a seventh grader, was chosen for the first quarter's Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore Middle School. She achieves excellent grades because she's a consistently hard worker, always coming to JOM prepared to get her assignments done. Though it's her first year playing, she tried out for and earned a spot on the Girls Modified Volleyball team. Athletic and academically excellent! Way to go, Mila!



Eileen Thomas, an eighth grader, was chosen for Student of the Quarter for the first quarter here at Lake Shore Middle School. New to our district this year, Eileen has adjusted well to her new surroundings. Her grades are excellent. Always going the extra mile, she invited her father to come speak with the eighth grade Social Studies classes about life as a Seneca person and our traditions. Eileen is friendly, kind, and conscientious. Welcome to Lake Shore, Eileen!



Lake Shore High School Updates

Students, faculty, and staff throughout the Lake Shore school district wore orange on September 30th for Every Child Matters/Orange Shirt Day. The Seneca 4 class went with Mr. Jordan Cooke to AJ Schmitt, JT Waugh, and Highland Elementary to help commemorate the day with students. They placed pinwheels 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 understanding of the history of the school system that impacts many families today.

On October 9th, the Seneca Nation Education Department hosted a Youth Summit that was attended by 14 students: Caias John, Payton Stevens, Neveah Jimerson, Koltin Huff, Asa White, Saniya Seneca, Ariza Leroy, Jayla Kennedy, Debbie Jimerson, Gianna Waterman, Sara Himelein, Kamryn Bonafede, Kaysen John, and Arilyn Nephew. During the event, students engaged in several activities, including a beading workshop led by Sam Jacobs, and a traditional cooking lesson where they learned to make fry bread, mush, and Indian cookies with language staff from Sully Huff, which they enjoyed for lunch. Additionally, they participated in a canvas painting session with Sandra Warrior.

On Friday, October 25th, Lake Shore students along with students from Silver Creek and Gowanda joined together to attend a special student visitation day at Penn State University. The day was designed to provide an immersive experience in the college community and to learn about the unique resources and support programs available on campus for Indigenous students. Our students enjoyed a beautiful fall day touring the campus to get a taste of student life, exploring everything from classrooms to dorms to dining facilities. They also attended Q & A sessions with current Indigenous students (including LS grad Layla Seneca), PSU staff and faculty members where they learned about the academic programs and opportunities available at PSU. Lake Shore students that attended were Alison Boushie, Nanni Cooper, Shilo Pierce, Stevie Seneca, Kyrie Buffalo, Kate Kennedy, Layla Jimerson, Jayla Kennedy, Kade Nephew, Asa Thompson, Tyla Thompson.

On November 8th several Lake Shore high school students joined students from Gowanda and Silver Creek to attend the Native American Student Outreach Day at the University of Buffalo. The program was presented by the recently created Department of Indigenous Studies. UB describes the new Department of Indigenous Studies as one that "builds on UB's longstanding legacy as a key location for Haudenosaunee and Indigenous studies.

During the event, students learned about the Indigenous student support services and cultural programming available, and they had the opportunity to meet with Indigenous students and faculty. Additionally, the students enjoyed a tour of the Amherst campus. Students that attended the event were Asa Thompson, Layla Jimerson, Saniya Seneca, Cordelia Haring, Asa White, Phoenix Catalano and Kaysen John.

Lake Shore High School Updates



Lake Shore High School

Students of the Quarter

Grade: 9



Kaysen John

Kaysen was selected for student of the quarter because he has handled the transition to high school extremely well. He is a conscientious student with high expectations of himself and shows great pride in his work. He is friendly, helpful and respectful to teachers and peers. Keep up the great work!

Grade: 10



Asa White

Asa was selected as student of the quarter because he demonstrates all of the positive traits in being a successful student which includes being thorough with assignments and respectful to his classmates and teachers. Asa is driven to be successful and has set big goals for himself and is working hard to achieve them.

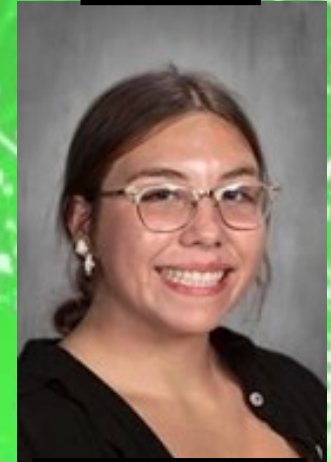
Grade: 11



Neveah Jimerson

Neveah was selected for the student of the quarter because she is off to a great start this year. It is obvious she has set ambitious academic and personal goals for herself and is tirelessly working towards achieving them. She is an excellent example of perseverance!
Keep it up Neveah!

Grade: 12



Stevieana Seneca

Stevieana was selected for the student of the quarter. Her grades, attendance, and attitude reflect her strong work ethic. She exemplifies respect and kindness towards fellow students, teachers, and staff. She is an excellent role model for younger students. Keep up the great work Stevieana!

Lake Shore Central School

1st Quarter Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Karson Conant	Colton Pinelli	Tolli Parsons
Emery John	Darius Snow	Oliviagrace Pinelli
Mayce Jones	Jason Thompson	Tyla Thompson
Kendrick Kennedy	Tyonih White	Nevaeh Jimerson
Jovi Nephew	Maddex Clarke	Jairon Nephew
Jessie Sampson Jr	Sara Himelein	Ivory Stafford
Mara Cook	Katsi Jackson	Payton Stevens
Nessa Powless	Kaysen John	Asa Thompson
Raylan Sampson	Wyatt Maybee	Eiya Valencia
Aleleia White	Marty Wallace Jr.	Keegun Belisle
Sofia Corsaro	Nivee Bailey	Kiowa Haynes
Emmi Jimerson	Phoenix Catalano	Shaun Serio
Jace Jimerson	Addison Jimerson	
Cayden Kettle	Ayla Jimerson	
Olivia-Lin Maybee	Maleah Jimerson	

Honor Roll

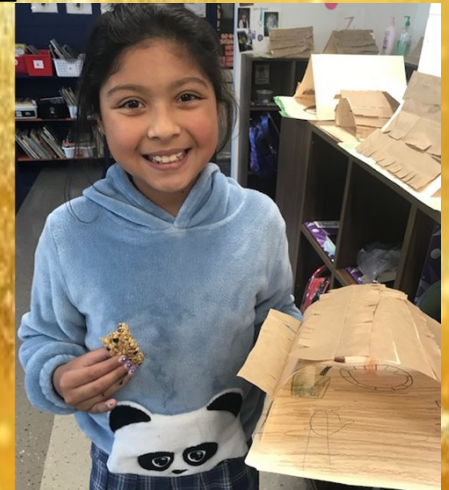
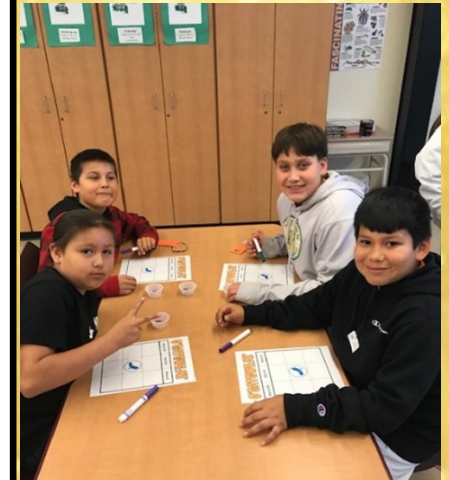
Melody Bednarz	Emerie Sanchez	Myles Conant	Kate Kennedy
Roman Fleming	Iris Young	Zoey Fox	Chasity LeRoy
Elvera Golden	Zayden Becker	Emmitt Francis	James Mecca
Jackson Herc	Julie Bray	Coltyn LeRoy	Kade Nephew
Lealyn Huff	Elliot Brunn-Cisneros	Vivian Maybee	Ciara Thompson
Robert Hummel III	Gus Catalano	Arilyn Nephew	Leila Thompson
Kaz Jimerson	Bree Gates-Porter	Luis Soto Jr	Alexis Hummel
Rylin Jimerson	Kaiyah Jones	Lily Zaprzal	Travis Jimerson
Levi Twoguns II	Amiya Nephew	Mason John	Aquinnah Maybee
Alex Williams	Braxton Sanchez	Saniya Seneca	Stevieana Seneca
Dylan Delaney	Nuriya Tallchief	Wyatt Thompson	Maston Waterman
Mila Fox	Eileen Thomas	Asa White	
Vincent Isaac	Livvi Twoguns	Kyrie Buffalo	
Jacelyn John	Kamryn Bonafede	Elliott Catalano	
Cordelia Maybee	Alison Boushie	Salana Ferrigusquia	
Jayla Redeye		Layla Jimerson	

Silver Creek Elementary School Updates

The students at Silver Creek Elementary School have enjoyed many exciting activities this year. At our Youth Summit Field Trip to the Education Department, the students played Seneca Bingo, listened to a story with the SN Library and made bookmarks, and learned about Blanding Turtles and other animals with the Conservation Department. We also had fun social dancing with students from Gowanda and Lake Shore Schools and enjoyed a delicious lunch!

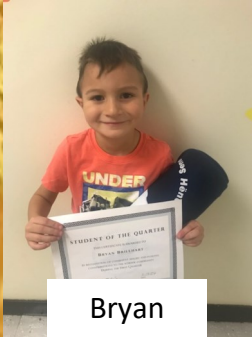
During Native American Heritage Month, the students enjoyed strawberry juice and frybread at lunch time. For our Spirit week we rocked our mocs, wore ribbon skirts/shirts, turquoise, and medallions or hats, and wore purple for Haudenosaunee Day.

Our 5th Grade JOM Book Club has been doing a great job reading and writing chapter summaries. The 4th graders created tradition longhouses out of paper and learned about The Haudenosaunee. It has been a great year filled with fun learning!

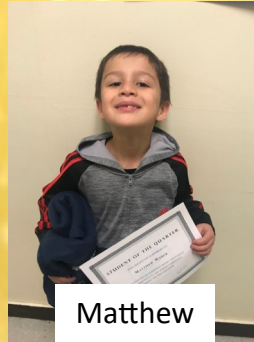


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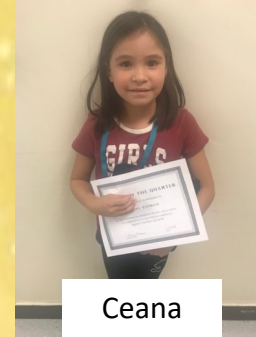
Students of the Quarter



Bryan



Matthew



Ceana

Bryan Brillhart – Kindergarten Bryan was chosen to be recognized for writing his numbers 0-10, good job!

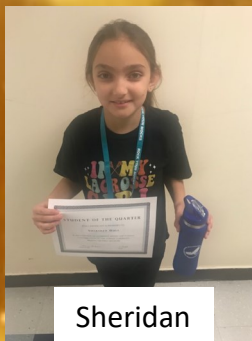
Matthew Weber – First Grade Matthew is being recognized for working hard on his math work sheets, nice job!

Ceana Conklin - Second Grade Ceana won first place for her grade at The Silver Creek Elementary Turkey Trot! Fantastic!

Sheridan Bull – Third Grade Sheridan is very artistic and did a great job creating our JOM Classroom Calendar!

Murrayah Jimerson - Fourth Grade Murrayah is being recognized for writing an awesome journal!

Nickolas Schunk – Fifth Grade is being recognized for doing a fantastic job reading in JOM Book Club! Ja:goh!



Sheridan



Murrayah



Nickolas

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 leaves change. This year is no different than others in that respect.

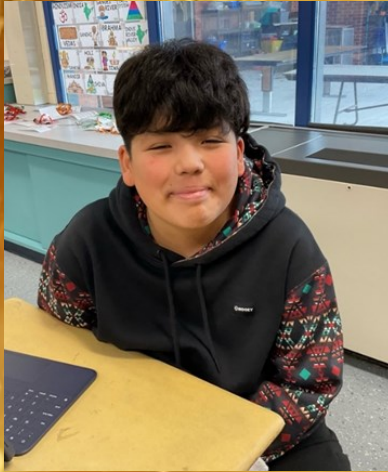
As we settled into the new school year, we had several students participate in fall sports, football, volleyball, and cross country are always big draws for students. Participating in sports also gives students an academic push each year since they have extra time between school and practice to complete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

On Wednesday October 16th, 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 beading, archery with the Conservation department and a discussion of Gaiwiyoh with Education Departments, Seneca Language Teacher, Jordan Cooke. This annual event was well attended, and the students had a wonderful time meeting old and new friends from the three districts.

November is Native American history Month. We kicked off this year's celebration with Indian Tacos and Strawberry Juice served in the cafeteria for lunch. The week of November 18 - 22 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 December 5. Other events will be scheduled throughout the school year for students and the community.

Silver Creek Middle School

Students of the Quarter



I would like to present Mekhi Seneca with the 6th grade student of the quarter for the first quarter. Mekhi is a wonderful roll model for his fellow students. He is quick to help his friends and classmates. He has a great sense of humor and pride in his work. Congratulations, Mekhi!

I would like to congratulate Aubri Robbins with the 7th grade student of the quarter for the first quarter. As a member of the Silver Creek Cheer team, Aubri always has a smile on her face! She is involved with many different groups within the school and a leader among her peers. Congratulations, Aubri!



I would like to award Logan Robbins with the 8th grade student of the quarter for the first quarter. Logan has taken on Algebra as an 8th grade student this year! He is high achieving and well liked by his peers and teachers. Logan also participates in school sports and is part of the modified Soccer team. I expect great things from Logan in the future. Congratulations, Logan!



Silver Creek High School Updates

The beginning of the 2024-2025 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, Youth Summit, and educating our school community about Every Child Matters. Students attended college informational sessions with Columbia University and Syracuse University and took a trip to Penn State. Many Silver Creek students also volunteered at this year's Fall Festival. In November, we began celebrating Native American Heritage Month and will continue throughout the year with events including a Native American Spirit Week, Social Dancing Assemblies, Traditional Native Food Samplings, and Cultural Art Activities.

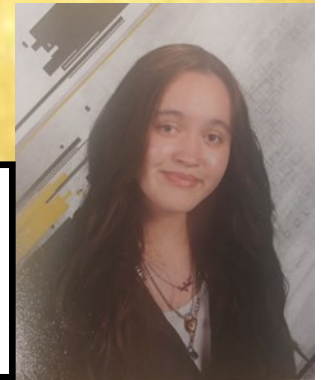


Silver Creek High School

Students of the Quarter



Freshman Jessie George had excellent attendance and made the Credit Roll for the first quarter. He is also a kind and courteous student. Keep up the good academic work and positive attitude!



Sophomore Jalyn Smith works diligently on her academics and is a pleasure to have in class. She made the Honor Roll during the first quarter and is an outstanding example of student excellence and character. Congratulations Jalyn, we are all very proud of you!



Junior Hallie Rybij made the Credit roll and is part of the new course being offered at SCCS, Transcribing and Translating the Seneca language. She has worked purposefully to master the new ELAN software, and has learned how to upload new recordings, use segmentation and change the tier attributes.



Senior Gracie Williams was honored as a Black Knight Athlete of the week during the 1st quarter for her outstanding Volleyball performance and also had the honor of playing Lacrosse this summer in Hong Kong, China, as a member of the U-20 Haudenosaunee National Team in the World Championships

Silver Creek Central School

1st Quarter Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Lyla Logan
Aubri Robbins
Logan Robbins
Jessie George
Taydence Stevens
Rhyana Willis
Hailie Rhybij
Courtney Wolff
Jesse Bomberry

Honor Roll

Eli Austin
Thomas Shaw
Mekhi Seneca
Jorja Wronek
Troy Wronek
Emma Golembieski
Martin Jimerson III
Tyson VanAernam
Brazyl Weaver
Lily Shaw
Molly Shaw
Jalyn Smith
Skyla Gates
Shylor Maybee
Ella Austin

Thank you for reading.

