



# 2025 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
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ECLC Christmas Bazaar
14	15 Community Education Class	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
	Winter Recess– No School for all districts					
28	29	30	31			
	Winter Recess– No School for all districts					

# JANUARY

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



# Gowanda Elementary School Updates

Nya:wëh Sgënö', welcome to the GES JOM 2025-2026 school year. We had a very busy beginning here at GES. The fun started with our School-A-Palooza in September sponsored by our Education Department. Many of our students enjoyed the climbing wall, bounce houses, creative balloons, ice cream, arts and crafts, petting zoo as well as a zip line (new this year), which was a huge success. It is a fun evening we always look forward to!! In October we had our Youth Summit held at ECLC hosted by the Education Department. We had an active day beginning with an actively involved Social. The students then rotated among three different stations: Medallions, Language/Screen Print Project, and Archery. It was an eventful day for all. In November, we honored our Veterans with an assembly with a group of our students explaining the importance of the Navajo Code Talkers. We learned about the significance of the Code Talkers and how they saved many American lives. In November we also support unity and diversity with our Rock Your Mocs day. It was great seeing all the beautifully handmade mocs by many of our families. Such an awesome tradition! We ended our Native American Heritage month here with a Dance Assembly. We had many of our GES students dancing along with some students from the MS and HS. What an awe-inspiring event. So proud of all our youth who keep these traditions alive! Ësgögë'ae', Mrs. Foit, JOM Teacher and Mrs. Gage, Teaching Assistant





# Gowanda Elementary School

## Students of the Quarter

Orie John



Orie is always kind and respectful to his peers. He is a hard worker and always participates in class, this shows in his work! He has had an awesome first quarter. Keep it up Orie!

*Kindergarten*

*1st Grade*

Johnnie Lindgren



Johnnie has had a great first quarter and excellent attendance. She is a very kind and respectful student. She is a delight to have in class and is always willing to participate. Keep up the great work Johnnie!

Ryla Cortes



*2nd Grade*

Ryla has had a great first quarter! She participates in class and is always willing to help out her peers. She is a very kind and respectful student. Keep up the great work Ryla!

*3rd Grade*

Cayson Scanlan



Cayson has had a great first quarter! He works hard and has impressed us with his kindness and respectfulness toward others! He brings a smile and positive attitude to all he greets. Ja:goh Cayson! We are proud of you!

Kiayra Rice



*4th Grade*

Kiayra has worked very hard this first quarter. She has shown improvement in her math skills and is always willing to help out her peers. She brings a smile and positive attitude to school. Keep up the great work Kiayra! We are all so proud of you!



# Gowanda Middle School Updates



Welcome to the 25-26 school year!! The 1st quarter has flown by and we have been super busy over here at the middle school!! First, let's take care of business! If you are not familiar with Schoology, the tech department is available to set you up with a parent account and show you the basics of how to use the app. Schoology is what teachers use to post assignments and track grades. Please call the school if you are in need of support to get on to Schoology.

We try to post on Schoology when we will be staying after school for homework help. Students are encouraged to stay if they need a place to work or need help with assignments. We normally stay Monday-Thursday, from 2:10-3:05. It is the student's responsibility to sign up daily and let us know if they need a bus pass. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions on how we can better support your student.

When students are scheduled for JOM, they are required to check Schoology for grades and important announcements about activities, sports, events, etc. If they don't have any owed work, then time is given for I-Ready lessons, independent reading, or typing lessons. We also allow for some free time/brain breaks when time allows.



# Gowanda Middle School Updates Continued

## Middle School Youth Summit

On Oct 9, 2025 students participated in the Middle School Youth Summit sponsored by the SNI Education Department at the ECLC building. Students from the tri-districts came together for language/culture activities, social gathering, and lunch. Activities included: Archery with Ron Cook, beading with Sam Jacobs, and a harvest ( Ėdwáyëtwo:go'-we will all harvest) stamping activity with Lauren Huff and Marissa Corwin Manitowabi.

## Middle School Pep Rally

The Middle School held its 1st EVER pep rally this quarter!! On October 10th, students were encouraged to show their team spirit and cheer on their sport's teams which included football/cheerleading for: Seneca Sachems, Gowanda modified, and Gowanda Youth. After the teams were announced there was a relay race (teachers and students) and a free throw competition. Fun was had by all!!!!

## Incentive day

On October 31st, students also had the opportunity to participate in a school wide incentive day. In order to participate, students had to meet the following criteria:

- 1.) Not have had ISS/OSS    2.) Not failing more than 1 class    3.) Not have had more than 2 absences

Students were able to participate in crocheting, kickball, gaga ball, dance party, school wide bingo, corn hole, coloring station, and the PPP room (ping pong, pool, foosball, mini-hockey) and tattoo-a-teacher.

## Native American Heritage Day

On November 14th, there was a school wide event where students participated in different activities such as:

medallion making, poetry writing, land acknowledgement activity, long ball with Justin Gill, Creation story with Aedzaniyo Seneca, Social dancing with Kerriann Spruce, Traditional stories with Travis Stafford

After the activities concluded, there was a school wide assembly with Jordan and Kehala Smith. Students from the middle school and high school were invited to participate in the traditional dance demonstration in the auditorium.





GMS Photos  
Submitted by  
Mrs. Hageman





# Gowanda Middle School

## Students of the Quarter

Grade: 5



Bella Nephew- Morales

Bella has adjusted well in Middle school!! She is a responsible student who always gets her work done on time. She is always willing to help her peers if needed and continues to do well in all of her classes. Keep up the great work, Bella!

Grade: 6



Ruslin Doxtator

Ruslin is a 6th grade student who works very hard. Teachers say she is a pleasure to have in class and has a positive attitude. Her grades definitely reflect all of the hard work she puts in every day at school. Awesome job, Ruslin!!

Grade: 7



Simon Huff

Simon continues to do well in middle school. He has adjusted well to the expectations of 7th grade. He is a pleasure to have in class and we hope he can continue putting in great effort to have an awesome 7th grade year!! You got this, Simon!!

Grade: 8



Evelyn John

Evelyn is a hard working student with a positive attitude!! She contributes to class discussions and teachers have nothing but nice things to say about her. We hope you have a fantastic last year of middle school, Evelyn!!

# Gowanda High School Updates



Hello! I just wanted to introduce myself again. My name is Sarah Pangborn and I am the new JOM teacher at Gowanda High School- I started last year part time but as of September I am a full time JOM here at Gowanda!

I grew up in Little Valley and a former graduate of the school prior to the merger with Cattaraugus. After graduation, I attended SUNY Cortland where I majored in Spanish. I furthered my education by getting my masters in Special Education at Grand Canyon University. I have worked at the Seneca Nation for 11 ½ years- before transferring into the Education department I was the GED teacher with Employment & Training. When I am not working- I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I have a 10-year-old daughter, Karah who keeps me busy with her extracurricular activities throughout the year.

I am very excited to be working at the high school in Gowanda. I look forward to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment for students. Please feel free to contact me at school at x6110 or by email [s.pangborn@sni.org](mailto:s.pangborn@sni.org) or [mspangborn@gcslearn.org](mailto:mspangborn@gcslearn.org)

## **WNY Indigenous Education Advocacy Network Conference**

On October 23rd, Title VI and JOM students attended the Honoring Our Roots Conference hosted by the WNY Indigenous Education Advocacy Network. This conference that was attended by students from eight local school districts: Akron, Buffalo Public Schools, Gowanda, Lake Shore, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield, Salamanca and Silver Creek.

Dr. Tonemah delivered the inspiring keynote address and break through cultural sessions. It was a day of hands-on cultural experiences that students were engaged in learning! These activities included fishing with Neil Patterson from ESF, basket making with Holly John, archery with Ron Cook, traditional games with Justin Gill and Betsey Bissell, language and traditional outdoor cooking with the Sully Huff staff, and beading with Mary & Sam Jacobs. Lunch was provided by the Dream Catcher Foundation and catered by Chef's. The conference ended with a social and raffles.

Attending the conference from Gowanda High School were Delia Mohawk, Emma Golden, Cora Luther, Raelin Smith, Jelissa Steeprook, Liliana Pierce, Isabella Gill, Lili Bailey, Ayla Sullivan, Nina Coulon, Elyas (Hodaweo:je) John, Jules Hageman, Gohaadiyo Black, Felicia Scanlan, Laiken Stafford, Marcus Gamble, Alanson Stafford and Corrina John.



# Gowanda High School

## Students of the Quarter

Dolcey Lewis was selected for student of the quarter for 9<sup>th</sup> grade because of her continued perseverance and focus towards her academics. She has handled the transition of being new here at GHS very well! She has really stepped up her effort this year and it shows! It is obvious she has set big academic and personal goals for herself and is working hard to achieve them! Keep it up Dolcey!

Raelin Smith was selected as student of the quarter for 10<sup>th</sup> grade 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. She has had an amazing start to the school year with achieving high honor roll status for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Nice Job, Raelin!!

Delia Mohawk has been chosen for student of the quarter for 11<sup>th</sup> grade. An honor roll student for the first quarter- she is determined to have a great year. It is obvious she has set ambitious academic and personal goals for herself and is tirelessly working towards achieving them. Keep up the good work- you're on the right track!

Elyas (Hodaweo:je) John has been chosen for student of the quarter for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He has worked very hard by achieving honor roll status for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. His grades, attendance and attitude reflect his strong work ethic. He is friendly, helpful and respectful to teachers and peers. Way to go!

**Grade 9: Dolcey Lewis**



**Grade 10: Raelin Smith**



**Grade 11: Delia Mohawk**



**Grade 12: Hodaweo:je**



# Gowanda Central School

## 1st Quarter Credit Rolls

### Merit Roll

<b>Grade 5:</b>	Lyla Stevens	<b>Grade 10:</b>
Korbin Alexander	Milo Williams	Summer Satterfield
Shiloh Elliott	<b>Grade 7:</b>	Kane Stafford
Liyanna Henhawk	Simon Huff	Donald Stevens Jr.
Grady Jimerson	Kingsley Lone	<b>Grade 11:</b>
Justine Printup	Emmett Schindler	Kyra-Mae Hurley
Liam Tullos	Holden Steeprock	Aliza Jimerson
<b>Grade 6:</b>	Averi Thompson	Jovin Jones
Ariah Isaac	Raven Young	Dalen Stevens
Kambria Kennedy	<b>Grade 8:</b>	Julia White-Pigeon
Kiera LeBeau	Brycen Warrior	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Christine Lyons	Jaeleigh Warrior	Lili Bailey
Anamaii Miller	<b>Grade 9:</b>	Nina Coulon
Emma Mohawk	Clayburn Gates	Jules Hageman
Khloe Morrison	Ayriss Isaac	Kiona Isaac
Carter Reiller	Gadeo:nosta John	Kaiden Spruce
Colt Scanlan	Kenzee Seneca	Trelin Warrior
Leilene Stevens	Draycelyn Smith	

### Honor Roll

<b>Grade 5:</b>	<b>Grade 7:</b>	Amber Hale
Emberly Abrams	Jag Gill	<b>Grade 11:</b>
A'mora Brooks	LilliAunna Reiller	Cadence Luther
Sophia Dolina	Loki Satterfield	Delia Mohawk
Sofia Scott	Anna Schindler	Maleina Moses
Gaia Stafford	Timothy Stafford	Taleigh Williams
Lucia VanAernam	Raelynn Taber	<b>Grade 12:</b>
<b>Grade 6:</b>	Liam VanAernam	Gohaodiyo Black
Lola Cook	Madelyn Wurst	Emma Golden
Lacey Davis	<b>Grade 8:</b>	Hodaweo:je John
Ruslin Doxtator	Gabriel Cortes	Nathan Warrior
Lucas Hale Jr.	Evelyn John	
LeRoy Henhawk II	Zayley Nephew	
Eleanor John	Sophee Seneca	
Xylinia Mitchell	<b>Grade 9:</b>	
Aidrick Pagan	Kenidee Seneca	
Oakley Snyder	Memphis Stevens	
Aaliyah Sundown	<b>Grade 10:</b>	

### High Honor Roll

<b>Grade 7:</b>
Halia Rivera
<b>Grade 8</b>
Scarlett John
Anyistin MacLeod
<b>Grade 9:</b>
Isabella Gill
Raelin Smith
Rylee Yasurek
<b>Grade 11:</b>
Lilliana Pierce
<b>Grade 12:</b>
Marcus Gamble
Corrina John
Alanson Stafford
Kaevii Yasurek



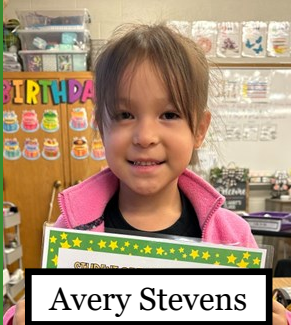
# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School Updates

I can't believe the first trimester of the school year is over. Here at A.J., we had a busy first few months. On September 30th the school celebrated Orange Shirt day. This day is meant to honor Indigenous children who were taken from their homes and sent to residential and boarding schools. During the day, high school students came to the school and taught some Seneca Language to our students. In October, select Native American third through fifth graders attended a Youth Summit held by the Seneca Nation Education department. Students that attend had the chance to traditional dance, learn new words in the Seneca language and learn how to shoot a bow and arrow. For Halloween, students got to wear their Halloween Costumes and parade around the school to show them off! Thursday, November 13 was World Kindness day and our second grade teacher Mrs. Pinto invited her friend and author, Lisa Bogner to share her message of: Kindness creates happiness and it shows in the choices we make with another. She also distributed one of her books to each child in the school.



# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

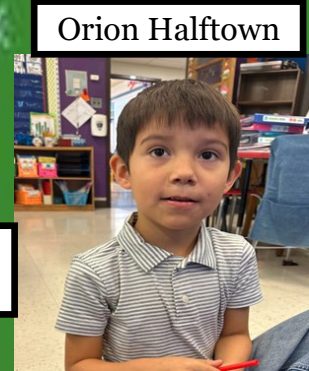
## Students of the Quarter



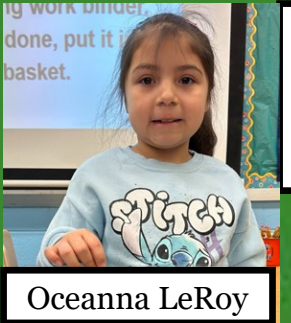
Avery Stevens

Avery is a bright, hardworking student. She is a wonderful role model to those around her at school. Avery enjoys crafts and spending time with her family. We are so very lucky to have her in our classroom family as well. –Mrs. Hart

Orion is a very hard working student who always tries his best. -Mrs. Gizzi



Orion Halftown



Oceanna LeRoy

Oceanna is such a sweet and thoughtful presence in our classroom. She works hard each day and approaches every task with quiet determination. I appreciate how willing she is to help her classmates and how she always comes in ready to learn. Her kindness and steady work ethic truly make our class a better place.-Mrs. Prizel

I have seen so much growth in Rihanna even in this short amount of time of knowing her. She is a silent leader, has the kindest heart, and always has a smile on her face. I have loved getting to know her and watching her flourish in my classroom, and it's only November! I cannot wait to see all of the amazing things she does this year. Bravo, Rihanna, I am so proud of you!-Mrs. Carrol



Rihanna Thomas



Terrence White

I want to commend Terrance White for the effort he has shown every day. His kindness extends to his peers and adults in the classroom. His consistent hard work and thoughtful support make our classroom a better place, and I truly appreciate the positive example he sets for others.-Mrs. Kauzala

Keyarah is a hard working student who always puts her best effort into everything that she does. She is a kind and genuine classmate who demonstrates leadership in our school. She is not afraid to ask for help when needed and she perseveres through challenges.- Ms. Salansky



Keyarah Johnson



# Highland Elementary School Updates

On September 30th, the school observed Orange Shirt Day, a time dedicated to honoring Indigenous children who were taken from their families and placed in residential and boarding schools. Throughout the day, high school students visited and taught our students some Seneca language.

Highland Elementary hosted their own Trunk or Treat, where families got to participate in pumpkin painting to an make-your-own apple sundae bar, as well as trick-or-treating.

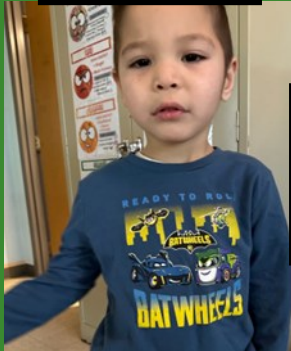
November 13 was World Kindness day and Highland brought in author, Lisa Bogner to share her message of: Kindness creates happiness and it shows in the choices we make with another. Students also got to hear the author's newest book before it got published!



# Highland Elementary School

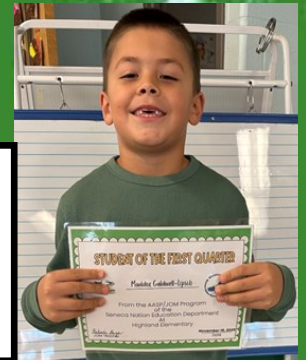
## Students of the Quarter

Shy Stevens



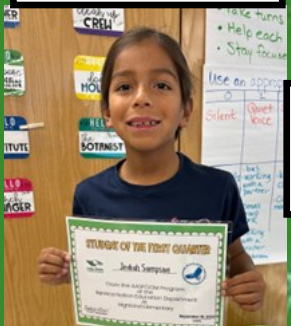
Shy works hard every day and always tries his best. When routines change, he adapts and keeps going. He listens to his teachers, follows directions, and shows kindness to classmates. His steady effort makes his teachers and classmates proud. Great job, Shy—keep up the good work!- **Ms. Guenot**

Maddox Caldwell– Lepsch



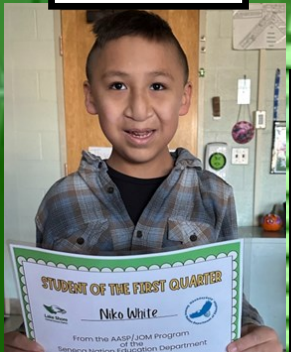
Maddox is a wonderful example of a responsible and caring student in our classroom. He is kind to his classmates, follows our rules, and always tries his best to make our class a happy place to learn. Maddox also works very hard on his academics, he listens carefully, asks great questions, and puts effort into every assignment. I am so proud of his positive attitude and dedication. Keep up the amazing work!-**Ms. Wild**

Jediah Sampson



Jediah is a kind, caring, and hardworking student who leads by example each day. He is always the first to lend a helping hand to his teacher and classmates, showing true leadership and compassion in all he does.-**Ms. Myer**

Niko White



Niko is an intelligent and happy young man who approaches each day with enthusiasm and positivity. He demonstrates a strong will and determination, often showing great perseverance when faced with challenges. Niko has a big heart and a caring nature that shines through in his interactions with others. Niko is always willing to lend a helping hand to his friends and classmates, showing kindness, empathy, and a genuine desire to support others. His positive attitude and generous spirit make him a valued and cherished member of the classroom community.-**Ms. Brese**

Dylan Bednarz



Dylan is a great 4th grade student! He tries very hard in his classwork, participates frequently, and has meaningful conversations when working with his peers. He has shown great leadership skills and his friends really look up to him! I can't wait to work with Dylan as the year progresses! -**Mrs Philoram**



## AJ Schmidt & Highland Elementary School Update

I am Kim Gage, and I am the new JOM teacher at Anthony J. Schmidt Elementary and Highland Elementary. I previously was a Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the past six years, but I am grateful for this opportunity to work with this wonderful community and support our students in connecting with their culture, history, and academic success. I look forward to getting to know all of you and partnering together to help our students thrive!



Please feel free to contact me at the following email address if you have any questions or concerns about your student(s).

[Kimberly.Gage@sni.org](mailto:Kimberly.Gage@sni.org)

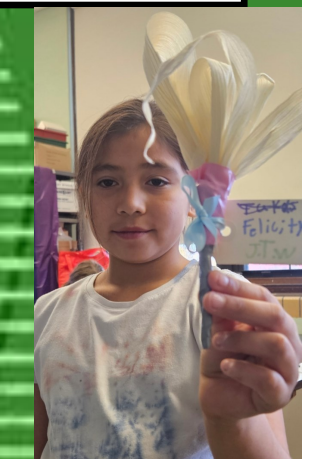
# J.T. Waugh Elementary School Updates

Hello all! We're off to a great start here at the JT Waugh Elementary School at Lake Shore. This year, we have 123 students total who attend the JT Waugh Elementary School. We started our year with 121, but with a couple of transfers in and out of our building, we're up to 123. This year is different for me as the JOM teacher because I visit classrooms for the majority of my day. I love it! I'm able to collaborate more with the teachers, and I get a better sense of my students' individual needs. We honored Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters, which took place on September 30. We had visitors from the Seneca 5 class from the high school come visit us and teach us Seneca Language words.

District-wide, we all wore orange shirts for unity, remembrance and honor. We had our annual elementary Youth Summit Day, which took place on October 8, 2025. We engaged in cultural enrichment and educational activities such as Seneca history; archery; social songs and dances; and an artsy screen-printing project. In November, we've celebrated Native American Heritage Month. One way was at our district-wide Makers Faire. I helped manage a booth, where a middle school student and I helped people make bookmarks using dried flowers. I also helped the Title VI Home School Coordinator with her art project, which was cornhusk flowers. Our fourth graders all created a flower for a large display for the Faire. We're also doing an after-school program during the week called Seneca Study Squad.

Open to third through fifth-graders, each night is dedicated to a specific grade: Tuesdays are for third graders;

Wednesdays, fourth graders; and Thursdays, fifth graders. We do homework help, along with skills practice, organization planning, and our fifth graders will learn about middle school expectations. I also serve a snack. Right now, third grade Tuesdays are open as I don't have anyone coming. If your third grader needs extra help, you can still sign up! It's not too late. As always, good grades and school participation are the goals here at JT Waugh Elementary School! I'm enjoying getting to know my new students this year. Be well! Ms. Vanessa Parke





# J.T. Waugh Elementary

## Students of the Quarter

Grade: K



Carson Kennedy

Carson was chosen because he has a great attitude about school, and as a kindergartener, he's comfortable and confident in his abilities. Described as conscientious, he's "a very hard worker," said Mrs. Jimerson. His attendance is good, and an active participant in class. We are so proud of your efforts, Carson! Welcome to JT Waugh Elementary School! Keep up the great work!

Grade: 1



Brylee White

Brylee was chosen because of her leadership, inside and out of her classroom. She is a "bright, hardworking first grader who consistently demonstrates respect and enthusiasm for learning, said her teacher, Mrs. Gawlik. "Her strong reading skills and dedication to doing her best each day make her a wonderful role model in the classroom. Outside of school, she brings the same energy and commitment to her cheerleading." We are proud to recognize her for her contribution to our JT Waugh community!

Grade: 2



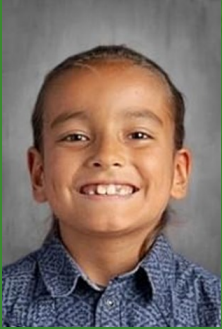
Harrison Styres

Harry was chosen because of his ability to adapt into a new classroom and school environment, especially in the middle of the school year, where routine and familiarity have already been established. His teacher, Mrs. Mion, said, "Harry, even though you joined our class around Halloween, it feels like you've been part of it all along. You fit in so naturally, and your mix of sharp thinking and great humor brings so much warmth and energy to the room. We're really lucky to have you." We sure are lucky! Congratulations, Harry!

# J.T. Waugh Elementary

## Students of the Quarter

Grade: 3



Rainier Maybee

Rainier was chosen because of his respectful, conscientious nature. Rainier is an “exemplary student who not only excels academically but also embodies the values of respect, enthusiasm, and hard work, said his teacher, Mrs. Genco. “Rainier consistently shows respect towards his teachers and classmates. His polite demeanor and ability to listen attentively contribute to a positive classroom environment. His positive attitude and commitment to learning make him a standout student in the third grade. As his teacher, I am confident that Rainier will continue to succeed and inspire others with his passion for learning.” Excellent, Rainier!

Grade: 4



Eilah Sanchez

Eilah was chosen because of her sparkling personality and classroom achievements. Her passion for writing is unmatched. Her teacher, Mrs. Panek, said that she loved hearing that Eilah had been chosen for this award. “I have nothing but wonderful things to say about Eilah,” she said. “She is kind, respectful, helpful and responsible.” Whenever I visit Eilah’s class during their writing lesson, she is always prepared and ready to work, waiting to start, with a variety of writing ideas and how she wants to discuss them. Great job, Eilah!

Grade: 5



Avis Huff

Avis was chosen because she excels in her studies and is a pleasure to have in class. Avis is always polite, ready to work, with all her materials ready to go. She always says hello to me when I pass her in the halls. She is self-reliant as she works, whether it’s a spelling lesson or solving math problems on her dry-erase board, with a quiet confidence. Keep up the great work, Avis!



# Lake Shore Middle School

## Students of the Quarter

Neela is an overall amazing girl. Middle School can be a difficult transition for some. But Neela always goes above and beyond and is enjoying Middle School so far. She had a great first quarter.



Grade 7:

Elvera Golden



Elvera is a very hard working and determined student. She faced a few challenges this year and has worked hard to keep her grades up and stay focused on her school work.

Herb is new to Lake Shore this year. He is friendly and always willing to try his best. It has been noticed that he has put in extra effort this year.



Grade 8:

Herbert John

# Lake Shore High School

## Students of the Quarter

**Livvi Twoguns** is an exceptional 9th-grade student at Lake Shore Senior High School, earning well-deserved recognition as Student of the Quarter for Leadership. Livvi played a vital role in the success of our Indigenous Maker's Faire, offering her time, energy, and initiative to ensure the event ran smoothly and honored the traditions it represents. Livvi has done a great job tackling a rigorous academic schedule. Livvi's maturity, work ethic, and natural ability to inspire those around her make her a standout leader and a true asset to our school community.

**Markey Seneca** is an outstanding 10th-grade student and is chosen for his **Resiliency**. Despite being new to the district, Markey has immediately distinguished himself through his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and remarkable ability to thrive in his new school. He made invaluable contributions to our Indigenous Maker's Faire, demonstrating initiative, dependability, and a genuine commitment to community. Balancing a rigorous class schedule with consistently strong grades, Markey has impressed his teachers with both his dedication and his character. Kind, respectful, and well-liked by peers and staff alike, Markey is a shining example of perseverance and integrity.

**Antonio Ferrusquia**, an exceptional 11th-grade student at Lake Shore High School, has earned recognition as Student of the Quarter for **Resilience**. Antonio approaches his challenging course load with determination and consistency, maintaining strong grades while demonstrating a remarkable ability to adapt to new expectations and situations. His teachers frequently commend his flexibility, calm demeanor, and steady willingness to take on challenges without hesitation. Known for his genuine kindness and respectful attitude, Antonio has built strong relationships with both classmates and teachers. His quiet strength and positive presence make him a standout member of the school community.

**Kate Kennedy**, a senior at Lake Shore Senior High School, is being honored as Student of the Quarter for her **strong moral compass**, a quality she demonstrates in every area of her life. Balancing a demanding academic schedule with excellent grades, Kate also hosted her own maker station at the Indigenous Maker's Faire, showcasing her creativity, responsibility, and dedication to community. She is a multi-sport athlete, a committed member of Unified Sports, Leadership, and ACE Club, and continues to challenge herself academically by taking Seneca 5. With her integrity, initiative, and positive example, Kate is an exceptional role model for students across the district.



# Lake Shore Central School

## 1st Quarter Credit Rolls

### Merit Roll

<b>6th Grade:</b>	John Williams III	<b>Grade 12</b>
Nevaya Conant	<b>Grade 9</b>	Kaleb Johnson
Ryker Conklin	Sofia Corsaro	Chasity LeRoy
Isabelle Russell	Cayden Kettle	Jairon Nephew
Maxim Twoguns	Eileen Thomas	Kade Nephew
Bailey White	<b>Grade 10</b>	Asa Thompson
<b>7th Grade:</b>	Maddex Clarke	Eliya Valencia
Elvera Golden	Charlette John	
Mayce Jones	Kaysen John	
Oakley Kennedy	Coltyn LeRoy	
Jovi Nephew	Uriah LeRoy	
Jessie Jr. Sampson	Macie Scanlan	
Xander Sanjurjo	Dessa Silverheels	
Keagan Stevens	<b>Grade 11</b>	
Levi Twoguns II	Phoenix Catalano	
Zada Woods	Nanni Cooper	
<b>8th Grade:</b>	Makala Reveal	
Yazmin Button	Marley Serio	
Herbert John IV	Gianna Waterman	
Aleleia White	Asa White	

### Honor Roll

<b>Grade 6:</b>	Iris Young	Allisandra Smotherman
Marin Canonico	<b>Grade 9:</b>	Marty Wallace Jr.
Ayana Johnson	Zayden Becker	Lily Zaprzal
Carter Love	Julie Bray	<b>Grade 11:</b>
Neela Thompson	Elliot Brunn Cisneros	Ayla Jimerson
Curtis Williams JR.	Gus Catalano	Justice John
<b>Grade 7:</b>	Bree Gates-Porter	Mason John
Roman Fleming	Jace Jimerson	Jayla Kennedy
Lealyn Huff	Amiya Nephew	Oliviagrace Pinelli
Robert Hummel III	Colton Pinelli	Saniya Seneca
Kaz Jimerson	Braxton Sanchez	Tyla Thompson
Rylin Jimerson	Nuriya Tallchief	Wyatt Thompson
Kendrick Kennedy	Livvi Twoguns	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Daphne Twoguns	<b>Grade 10:</b>	Kyrie Buffalo
Alexander Williams	Alison Boushie	Elliott Catalano
<b>Grade 8:</b>	Myles Conant	Salana Ferrigusquia
Mara Cooke	Emmitt Francis	Layla Jimerson
Mila Fox	Irelynn Garlow	Kate Kennedy
Vincent Isaac	Sara Himelein	Ivory Stafford
Cordelia Maybee	Katsi Jackson	Ciara Thompson
Raylan Sampson	Vivian Maybee	Leila Thompson
Emerie Sanchez	Arilyn Nephew	Loyce Thompson-Jones

# 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 created beautiful medallions, enjoyed learning printmaking techniques, and had an exciting experience shooting bow and arrows! We also had fun social dancing with students from Gowanda and Lake Shore Schools and ate a delicious lunch!

During Native American Heritage Month, the students enjoyed strawberry juice and frybread at lunch time. On Orange Shirt Day, children colored orange shirts, wore their orange shirts donated by the Seneca Nation Council, learned about the Thomas Indian School, and had social dancing to traditional music and singing. For our Native American Heritage Spirit week, we rocked our mocs and crocs, wore clan or animal shirts, rocked braids or headbands, rocked ribbons, and Friday was Indigenous dress to impress day.

JOM Homework Club has been doing a great job reading, working on math, practicing padlocks, and learning time on analog clocks. We also carved pumpkins and ate roasted pumpkin seeds. The 4th graders went on a field trip to the museum and longhouse at The Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center. It has been a great year filled with fun learning!





# Silver Creek Elementary School

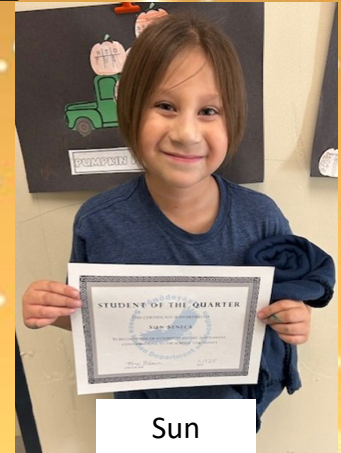
## Students of the Quarter



Rogue



Anna



Sun

Rogue Spruce – Kindergarten Rogue was chosen to be recognized for nicely writing her ABCs, good job!

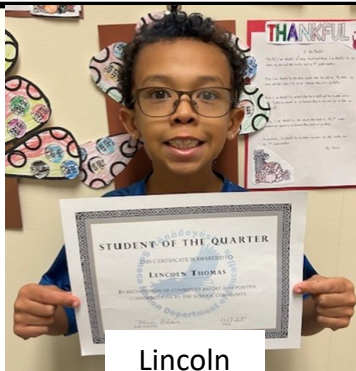
Anna Despense – 1st Grade Anna is being recognized for working hard on her writing, keep up the great work!

Sun Seneca - 2nd Grade Sun is doing a fantastic job reading stories in his book bin! Jagoh!

Lincoln Thomas – 3rd Grade Lincoln did a great job on his math facts. Keep up the good work!

Sya Kane– 4th Grade Sya is being recognized for doing a great job writing organized paragraphs! Ja:goh!

Kiera Winford – 5th Grade is being recognized for doing a nice job reading chapter books out loud in our reading group! I'm proud of you!



Lincoln



Sya



Kiera

# 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 made 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. In October, the students participated in their first Every Child Matters Remembrance Walk. This walk, organized by three of our high school seniors, brought the school together to acknowledge the great loss and harm created by the US policy of sending children to Boarding School that stripped children of their language and culture. Though the weather did not cooperate and the event was held inside the gym, this event brought the school together with the greater community to address this topic. On Thursday October 9th, Middle School Native American students attended the annual Seneca Nation Youth Summit. This year's event focused on cultural activities and wellness. The day started with the Traditional opening with the Gano:nyok, by none other than our own Marty Jimerson JR, and Social Dancing. Workshops included beading with Sam Jacobs, archery with Ron Cook and screen printing Marissa Manitowabi. This annual event was well attended, and the students had a wonderful time meeting old and new friends from the three districts.



# Silver Creek Middle School

## Students of the Quarter



I would like to present **Mekhi Snyder** with the 7th 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 classmates and friends. He has a great sense of humor and pride in his work. Congratulations, Mekhi!



I would like to congratulate **Emma Golembieski** with the eighth grade student of the quarter for the first quarter. As a member of the Silver Creek Cross Country, Emma always has a smile on her face! She is involved with many different groups within the school and a leader among her peers. Congratulations, Emma!

The 6th grade student of the quarter is Vaughn Redeye. Vaughn is a diligent worker with a great sense of humor. Both during school hours and with his after-school activities, which include travel hockey, Vaughn can stay organized and focused on what needs to be done. Congratulations, Vaughn!



# Silver Creek High School Updates

The beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year is in full swing at Silver Creek High School. Fall has been full of various activities including homecoming, cultural events, and opportunities for learning with college exploration and a Youth Summit. Amiryra Warrior, Skyla Gates, and Hailie Rybij educated our school community about Every Child Matters as part of their Seal of Civics Project. Students also attended college informational sessions with Syracuse University and took a trip to JCC. In late November, we will commemorate Native American Heritage Month with several events including a Native American Spirit Week, Social Dance Assemblies, and Traditional Native Food offerings.





# Silver Creek High School

## Students of the Quarter



**Freshman Sekera Snyder had excellent attendance and made the Merit Roll for the first quarter. She was a member of the JV Volleyball team, and she is also kind, courteous, and has a positive attitude. Keep up the good work!**

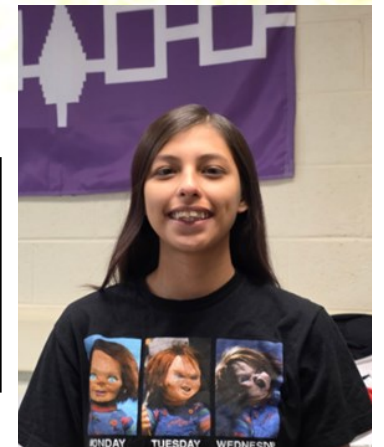
**Sophomore Zalachi DeJesus works diligently and has outstanding grades and attendance. He is always polite, and he made the Merit Roll this quarter. Zalachi is a pleasure to have in class.**



**Junior Jalyn Smith works diligently on her academics and made the Honor Roll this quarter. She is currently pursuing a certificate in Health Sciences and is an outstanding example of student excellence and character. Congratulations Jalyn, we are all very proud of you!**



**Senior Arianna Jones has been working persistently this quarter and made the Merit Roll. She has excellent attendance and is a kind and dedicated student. Arianna has been obtaining several vocation-related accreditations and is currently pursuing a certificate in Cosmetology.**



# Silver Creek Central School

## 1st Quarter Credit Rolls

### Merit Roll

<b>Grade 6:</b>	Zuriah Cortes
Rayne Mohawk	Sekera Snyder
Vaughn Redeye	<b>Grade 10:</b>
Jazlyn Stevens	Zalachi DeJesus
Remmie White	Lucian Gunther
Cruz Williams	Taydence Stevens
<b>Grade 7:</b>	Aziyah Washburn
Eli Austin	Illianna Willis
Mekhi Snyder	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Jorga Wronek	Molly Becker
<b>Grade 8:</b>	Arianna Jones
Lexi Pagels	Ayden Nelms
<b>Grade 9:</b>	Hailie Rybij
Ericka Austin	

### Honor Roll

<b>Grade 6:</b>	<b>Grade 9:</b>
Charlotte Carry-Moccasin	Lilly Shaw
Vincent Golembieski	<b>Grade 11:</b>
James Haring	Molly Shaw
Jyris Jimerson	Jalyn Smith
Nickolas Schunk	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Keleb Williams	Bryce Balestrieri
<b>Grade 7:</b>	Skyla Gates
Thomas Shaw	Shylor Maybee
<b>Grade 8:</b>	Courtney Wolff
Emma Golembieski	
Martin Jimerson	
Aubri Robbins	
Tyson VanAernam	



*Thank you for reading.*

