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Blue= Gowanda Central
Green= Lake Shore Central
Gold= Silver Creek Central
Great Opportunity!

Now Offered on Cattaraugus Territory!

The Seneca Nation of Indians recognizes that Education is the foundation to student success presently and in the future. The Department focuses on elevating educational opportunities to families and the community. To promote academic achievement the tuition assistance for supplemental services was established for parents to send their children for tutoring assistance at an alternative learning center.

☆ Accepting Applications! ELA and Math Remedial Services.

We know you want what’s best for your child, and Sylvan’s tutoring programs deliver. Our students typically see **up to three times more growth** in their math and reading scores than other students. **8:1 Student:Teacher Ratio. Grades 1-8.**

So what's our secret? When you choose Sylvan for tutoring, you get the best in teaching from expert tutors who teach formal Sylvan approved evidence based curriculum, which help your child stay engaged and **achieve success quickly.** It’s no wonder kids love coming to Sylvan!

- Applications are now available at the Saylor Building Education Department. Students will start immediately/shortly after the application is filled out and are deemed eligible for services.

- For more information please contact Joel Blasdell at 716-532-3341 ext 5138 or Jamie Wallschlaeger at 716-532-3341 ext 5143

**Eligibility:**

☆ Students must be Level 1 or 2 in ELA and Math (State Assessment scores).

☆ Student applicant must be an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians

☆ Student applicant must attend all scheduled classes
This year’s Community Fair brought hundreds of kids and parents to the events that were being put on. The events ran from March 30th to April 2nd. Thank you to everyone who made this a success and to all that attended!

Children sitting on their new bikes that they won at the Bike Rodeo. Great Job!

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE INFLATABLE ALIEN INVASION LASER TAG ARENA. THIS WAS A BIG HIT FOR THE KIDS AT THE CARNIVAL HELD IN THE CCC GYM on 3/30.

She is making some really cool bunny ears in this picture!

JOB WELL DONE MAKING THIS VERY CREATIVE CHICK CRACKING OUT OF ITS’ SHELL!

ECLC STUDENTS GETTING BALLOONS MADE FOR THEM AT THE CARNIVAL.
On Tuesday, March 31st, the SNI Education Department held a “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle” family movie night. Leonardo made an appearance and greeted all of the families that came to this event. There was free pizza and popcorn during the film. The kids dressed up in their ninja turtle apparel and showed off their ninja skills to Leonardo. He was very impressed! We had more than 100 people attended this event. The SNI Education Department would like to thank everyone who came and supported this fun filled movie night.
On Thursday, April 2nd, there was a fun and exciting youth field trip to Splash Lagoon. Those who went spent the entire day swimming in the lagoon and playing in the arcade with their $10 gift card that was given to them by the education department. Everyone also received 2 slices of pizza for lunch.

The students and teachers who went had a great time! Everything went as planned and lots of great memories were made. Thank you to the parents, students, and education department for making this event possible and run safely.
The Cattaraugus Education Department is now accepting applications from High School Students for the Vision 2020 Internship Program.

Applicants must be enrolled Seneca Nation members, between ages 14-21; must be a high school student or entering 9th grade in the 2015-2016 academic year or a 2015 high school graduate who is registered for college courses in the fall semester; must have a 70% average and be in good standing with the school in terms of academics and behavior. School attendance and tardiness will be considered in the selection process.

Applications must be received at the SNI Education Department - Cattaraugus by May 7, 2015 at 4:30pm. For more information please contact Amy White at (716)532-3341 ext 5147 or amy.white@sni.org
Applications for **Private School Scholarships** and **Summer Enrichment** will be available by **May 4th**.

- The Private School Scholarship applications are due by **June 30th**
- The Summer Enrichment applications are due by **June 1st**
- The private school application is lengthy and time consuming so parents should get a head start on it asap
- Any questions please contact Joel Blasdell at 716-532-3341 ext 5138 or Jamie Wallschlaeger at 716-532-3341 ext 5143
Homework Help
Available
Grades 3-12

sign up now

**Applications are located at the Saylor Building or with the AASP/JOM Teachers in the schools. For any questions contact (716) 532-3341 X5138 or X5144
Greetings!

My name is Jamie Wallschlaeger and I am the new AASP/JOM Program Assistant. I went to St. Bonaventure University where I earned my bachelor’s degree in physical education and my master’s degree in adolescent literacy. I attended Gowanda Central School District my whole life from K-12 and graduated in 2007. I am so excited to have this opportunity to be a part of this amazing program and to continue my career working with youth in education. My experience so far with everyone has been above and beyond what I could have ever imagined here. I hope to be working closely with every member/parent of the program to make this a fun and successful journey for all of us. Feel free to pop into mine and Mr. Blasdell’s office at the Saylor Building anytime you have a question or want to chat! My office number is 532-3341 ext 5143 if you need to get ahold of me for any reason. Thank you so much!
Anne Foit – Gowanda Middle School

- Hello! My name is Anne Foit and I am the new JOM Teaching Assistant at Gowanda Middle School. I previously worked at St. Joseph School in Gowanda for 14 years, where I started out as a Pre-kindergarten Teacher in the mornings and Remediation Teacher in the afternoons. Seven years later they opened a full-day Pre-k program which I ran for three years. I taught kindergarten my last four years at St. Joe's until it closed this past June. I am truly excited about working for the Seneca Nation at Gowanda Middle School. The students have been awesome. I really appreciate how welcome I felt coming into my position.

Judy Driscoll – Gowanda Elementary School

- Hello my name is Judy Driscoll and I was hired Feb. 26th as Faith Stewart's teaching assistant at Gowanda Elementary School. My Associates degree is in Early Childhood Education. For the past 15 years I have taught pre-k and music for the YMCA, and before that I was a substitute teacher at Lake Shore. I am married with 3 grown children and have lived in Angola my whole life. My daughter teaches first grade at GES, my oldest son is a chiropractor in Rochester, and my youngest son is attending Villa Maria for PT assistant on the GI bill. In my spare time I give private piano lessons at my home. My passion is working with children and I am so excited to be part of the JOM team that offers academic assistance and encourages a love for learning. I want to thank SNI for giving me this opportunity!
Gowanda High School NAYO Club

Gowanda High School NAYO Club started back up this year after being inactive for a few years. The purpose of the club is to “unite as one” and bring together Native American culture, tradition and school. The goal of the club is to create an understanding and sense of pride for Native Culture through school and community events and activities. The club currently has 11 active members. The NAYO officers are Allise Barreto (President), Kenny Brant Jr. (Vice President), Jaydon Jimerson (Secretary), and Da:’di’ Jones (Treasurer).

So far this year, the club has held a Tupperware fundraiser and a Valentine’s Day Chocolate Covered Strawberry and Pretzel sale where the members made the chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels, packaged and distributed them to homerooms the day before Valentine’s Day. This was the first time many of the students made chocolate covered strawberries or pretzels and each and every member had a great time making the tasty treats.

In addition to fundraising, NAYO co-sponsored a “Rock Your Mocs” event at Gowanda High School during Native American Heritage Month in November. To prepare for the event, NAYO members learned how to make moccasins under the instruction of Sam Jacobs. Members would not have been able to make moccasins if it were not for the generous donation of leather from Jordan Cooke. The students worked very hard and were able to complete their moccasins in time for the event. The event was a success and the students are looking forward to making it a tradition at GHS.

Also in December, NAYO spent an afternoon with students from the elementary school. One goal of NAYO is to give back to the community. To do that, members decided to create holiday ornaments with the younger kids to give as gifts to their families. With the help of the Gowanda Title VII elementary school coordinator, Ms. Caroline Young, there were more than 25 elementary students and 7 NAYO members who attended the event. Both the elementary students and NAYO members had a great time and cannot wait to do it again.

NAYO’s next activity will include beading. Members would like to learn how to bead and add beadwork to their moccasins that they made earlier in the year. In addition to that, members will continue to fundraise in hopes of raising enough money to host a “Cultural Day” in the high school next year.

For any interested student, NAYO is open to all Gowanda High School students in grades 9-12 who are eligible to participate in school activities. Any student who is interested in checking out NAYO can stop into the JOM room for more information.

Submitted by: Charity Hill
Nya:weh for Reading!