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Blue= Gowanda Central  
Green= Lake Shore Central  
Gold= Silver Creek Central  
Black= All schools
On Monday September 21st, the Seneca Nation Department of Education hosted its annual Back to School Bash at the Saylor Building. Over 500 people showed up to this event. There was a free dinner catered by Bobo’s Catering from Salamanca and there was delicious free ice cream from Anderson’s Ice Cream. There were plenty of fun activities for the kids to do while attending this event. The activities included, a huge Boot Camp Challenge inflatable course, an inflatable climbing wall and slide, balloon animals, face painting, air brush tattoos, caricatures, a photo booth, Dance Revolution, a Scholastic Book Fair, and many more. Lots of amazing door prizes were awarded as well. Towards the end of the event, there was a district game night that was in held in the Saylor Building gymnasium. The Silver Creek Central School District took the win! It was a great battle between the districts and a lot of laughs were had. On behalf Department of Education, we would like to thank the Lakeshore, Gowanda, and Silver Creek School Districts for being an integral part of this event. We would also like to thank everyone in the community who attended this event and to all of those who donated their time and efforts to make this event successful once again. We are already looking forward to next year’s Back to School Bash!
Back to School Bash Candids
Gowanda High School NAYO CLUB

The Gowanda High School NAYO Club was started up again for the year. The club met for the first time on September 16th. During the meeting new officers were elected for the 2015-2016 school year.

The 2015-2016 Gowanda High School NAYO officers are:

**President:** Nichole Jimerson (Grade 11)

**Vice President:** Rikki George (Grade 11)

**Secretary:** Susan Jones (Grade 11)

**Treasurer:** Da’Di’ Jones (Grade 11)

In addition to electing new officers, NAYO decided to join in the Gowanda High School homecoming activities by designing and painting a window in town. This is one of the many activities that the Gowanda High School NAYO club plans to participate in this year. The members came together and designed an amazing logo to represent their club and show school spirit. A special thanks to Leland John for taking the lead on the window design and Nichole Jimerson, Da’di’ Jones, Susan Jones, Kaelyn Miller and Bradley Thompson for helping paint the Gowanda Pennysaver window. Though NAYO did not win the window contest, they were very proud of their work and look forward to participating in the window decorating contest next year.

*Submitted by Charity Hill – Gowanda High School JOM Teacher*
Several Silver Creek High School students participated in a cultural arts activity class this month. Under the direction of Jordan Cooke, students constructed a hand drum over a period of several days. Pictured below, are high school students Sunshine and Trynitee, who are working together to complete the task.

Submitted by Aimee Sleeth– Silver Creek High School JOM Teacher

It is back to school time meeting new students finding out how friends did over the summer. One of the best ways to get caught up with students and parents is the Education Department’s Back to School Bash. This year was a huge success with well over 500 people in attendance. There were many prizes given out at the end of the event with Silver Creek winning the spirit contest. Great fun was had by both students and parents. A great start to another event filled year, stay tuned for the next event. Our Youth Summits being held in October.

Submitted by Neil J Hilliker– Silver Creek Middle School JOM Teacher
Silver Creek Central School has gotten off to an awesome start for the 2015-2016 school year! With a group effort from teachers and administrators, they came out victorious in the Spirit Booth Contest at the Back to School Bash! In addition, a team of 4 Silver Creek Faculty participated in a fun and competitive Game Night. They danced and charaded their way to a win! Way to represent Silver Creek!

Also, the JOM Before School Program will begin on Wednesday, October 7th. Students that have received letters from Mrs. Gernatt should report on their assigned days. Students will ride the Middle School/High School bus to school. Please come prepared with any homework, projects, or reading materials that you are working on. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gernatt at 934-2603 ext. 4104.

Submitted by Stephanie Gernatt—Silver Creek Elementary JOM Teacher
Lake Shore Central School

J.T. Waugh

The school year is off and running. The sound of students talking, walking, listening, and learning fill the hallways. The students are excited to be back at school. This year we welcome 23 kindergarteners to JT Waugh, whom are eager to learn and make new friends. Our building is bustling with 129 Native American students. So far this month our students have been put to the test with multiple fire drills, bus safety assemblies, and some very challenging spelling words. This whole month hasn’t been all work. The students did get to enjoy the ALWAYS FUN Back to School Bash.

Submitted by Bryon Bobseine – J.T. Waugh JOM Teacher

Lakeshore Middle School

Welcome back to Lake Shore Middle School. We are so very happy to see everyone after their safe and relaxing summer. As in years past, the 6th grade students have a homework incentive that runs throughout the school year. Students that are up to date with all of their class and homework assignments get some extra gym time on Fridays during lunch. So far the 6th grade students have done a great job this school year in completing their work and are able to play in the gym. We play kickball, SPUD, hockey, matball, and various other games throughout the school year. Through it’s only 15 minutes during lunch the students have a wonderful time and look forward to playing each week. It also motivates students to always stay on top of their work. Great Job 6th grade. Keep up the good work.

Submitted by Elizabeth Best-Laurie – Lakeshore Middle School JOM Teacher
Cheyenne Rhinehart was chosen as the recipient of the 2015 Lake Erie Professional Chapter (LEPC) High School Scholar Program of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). The award entails a fully funded trip to the 2015 AISES National Conference in Phoenix, AZ on November 19-21. Cheyenne, Tuscarora, Turtle clan, is a senior at Lake Shore High School and plans on pursuing a career as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Congratulations Cheyenne!

Submitted by Jillian Schmitt – Lakeshore High School JOM Teacher

At this conference, student attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Represent their Tribal Nation and LEPC as a High School Scholar
- Deepen their understanding of career paths in the STEM fields
- Learn how to network and develop skills that are key to success in their career
- Meet representatives and obtain materials from college and university admissions
- Learn more about scholarships, internships and other opportunities at the Career Fair
- Meet companies and organizations that are committed to advancing opportunity and access to the American Indian/Alaska Native community
- Gain hands-on experience in developing their college application and/or resume • Develop leadership and problem solving skills
- Participate in cultural and social activities
- Enjoy a gathering of people with similar interests
- Attend dynamic workshops designed for high school students
Nya:wäh for Reading!