

AASP/JOM NEWSLETTER

February 2016 Issue



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MARCH 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | -----No School / Spring Recess----- | | | | SNI Closed | |
| | -----2016 SNI Community Fair Week----- | | | | | |
| 27 Easter Sunday | 28 No School | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Black - All Schools
 Red - Seneca Nation Edu. Dept.
 Green - Lake Shore Central
 Blue - Gowanda Central
 Gold - Silver Creek



Haudenosaunee Studies Finishes Unit on Wampum

After completing the unit on wampum, the students in Haudenosaunee Studies created a wampum bracelets. They spent a few days quietly working on them in class and at home. All of the students did a terrific job and the finished bracelets are beautiful. The Bracelets are now on display in the high school. Special thanks to Jordan Cooke, for the supplies and sharing how to make them.

Jillian Schmitt, Lake Shore Central School





Holly Weston (Left) and Olivia John (Right) attend Gowanda High School Boat Float Event!

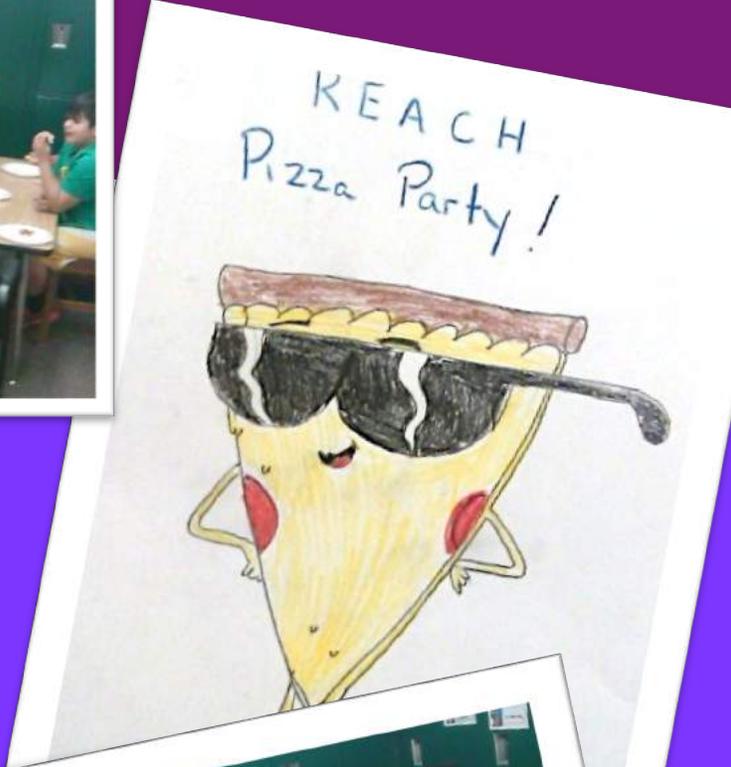
Photo Credit:

Stephanie Gernatt, Jan. 12th 2016



On Wednesday, February 10th, JT Waugh held its quarterly **REACH** pizza party. The children enjoyed pizza and freshly popped popcorn for their *extraordinary* attendance. In all, 56 kids qualified for the pizza party.

Bryon Bobseine





New Year, New Changes at SCCS

January has brought many new positive changes to Silver Creek High School. We welcomed our new Iroquois Studies teacher, Ms. Charity Hill, and the students are looking forward to the second semester. High School has been busy preparing for Mid-Terms and January Regents exams, while our seniors have been completing College Applications and anticipating Post-High School plans.

SCCS also welcomed our new Title VII Coordinator, Miss Caitlin Snyder. Miss Snyder has only been here a few weeks but has done a wonderful job of meeting all the students and developing solid relationships. Miss Snyder would like to remind all SCCS families that there is a Parent Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on March 9th from 5:30-6:30 in the MS/HS guidance office, and we are always looking for more parents and guardians to be involved with our SCCS Parent Team. Please contact Caitlin Snyder at SCCS for more information.

Aimee Sleeth – Silver Creek High School JOM Teacher

NEW YEARBOOK OPPORTUNITY AT GOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

This school year, the Yearbook Staff at the Gowanda High School has decided to include a new, creative section for students and staff in the 2015-2016 yearbooks. In this innovative section, students and staff can pay \$5.00 to have their very own personal message to someone else in the yearbook. The message can be to a certain somebody or it can be directed towards the school as a whole. Each greeting can be up to 20 words and there will be a special section in the yearbook to display the messages. Students can stay anonymous or choose to sign their greeting, as well.

The yearbook advisor at Gowanda High School is teacher, Paula Ondus and the treasurer is Lindsey Parker. During Lindsey's JOM period, I took the opportunity to talk to her about the idea and how they came up with it. According to Lindsey, the ads for the yearbook this year did not cover the costs that they normally do. Therefore, the staff came up with an idea that would interest teachers and students while raising money at the same time. While brainstorming ideas, they thought that this would be a great way for friends and teachers to communicate great memories and inside jokes to one another. Since a yearbook is something to reminisce on in years to come, these personal messages are a great tool to reflect on specific friendships and people that made impacts on your life throughout high school.

The JOM students throughout the day mentioned the new yearbook section and discussed different ideas that they could include in the personal messages. This new yearbook section seems to have the students excited and has opened up a level of creativity that is fun for all. Hopefully, the Yearbook Staff's new idea is a successful one and the concept can be carried on to future generations at Gowanda High School.

Melanie Schott



Honor Roll

| Name | Grade |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Genevieve Jay Balestrieri | 6 |
| Sincere Rae Becker | 6 |
| Gracie Hoelzle | 6 |
| Danaceus Kylynn Maybee | 7 |
| Alexis Jade Balestrieri | 8 |
| Ryan Marr | 9 |
| Andrea Olsen | 9 |
| Ivee Rose Pagels | 11 |
| Wayne Adam Hartinger | 12 |
| Owen Amos Tallchief | 12 |

Credit Roll

| Name | Grade |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Jayce Emery Balestrieri | 6 |
| Noelle May Boushie | 6 |
| Caleb Andrew Johns | 6 |
| Shandon Jose-Camern Monroy | 7 |
| Mahlik Edward Thompson | 7 |
| Morningstar Halftown | 8 |
| Julia Nicole Kennedy | 8 |
| Ammon Wayne Jones | 9 |
| Haley Kennedy | 9 |
| Sabrina Elizabeth | 9 |
| Mitchell P Snow | 11 |
| Cameron James Steeprock | 11 |
| Benjamin Anthony Turner | 11 |
| Kira Yvonne Parker | 12 |
| Trevon Guy Thompson | 12 |

Gowanda Middle School & High School

Second Quarter 2016

Merit / Honor Roll

| Student | Grade 5 | Merit / Honor / High Honor | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Mikai Jimerson-Ocasio | Grade 5 | Merit | |
| Hailey Maybee | | Merit | |
| Lea Mohawk | | Merit | |
| Ruben Tivera IV | | Merit | |
| Star Stafford | | Merit | |
| Gao:wis:s Stevens | | Merit | |
| Ke'ya Stevens | | Merit | |
| Chloe White | | Merit | |
| Marley Archer | | Honor | |
| Jorie Jones | | Honor | |
| Nyla Rivera | | Honor | |
| Shelby Weston | | Honor | |
| Brayden Williams | | Grade 6 | Honor |
| Mia Hudson | | | High Honor |
| Logan Lukonaitis | | | Merit |
| Jaxon Mohawk | Merit | | |
| Jaelynn Vollmer | Merit | | |
| Meredith Wheeler | Merit | | |
| Kaylee Baird | Honor | | |
| Mary Denea | Honor | | |
| Chase Giofredda | Grade 7 | | Honor |
| Keegan Nephew | | | Honor |
| Rebekah Austin | | Merit | |
| Chase Cooper | | Merit | |
| Ariana Maybee | | Merit | |
| Leland Parker | | Merit | |
| Kristen Warrior | | Merit | |
| Nolan Smith | | Honor | |
| Grace Wakefield | | Grade 8 | Honor |
| Cecelia Young | | | Honor |
| Shon Thompson | High | | |
| Morgan Baird | Merit | | |
| Michael General Jr. | Merit | | |
| Alexander Henhawk | Merit | | |
| Jaylin Henhawk-Marr | Merit | | |
| Olivia John | Merit | | |
| Autumn-Raine Pierce | Merit | | |
| Marleah Stevens | Merit | | |
| Justine Twoguns | Merit | | |
| Holly Weston | Merit | | |
| Everette Golden | Grade 9 | | Honor |
| Lily Redeye | | | Honor |
| Emagin Warrior | | | Honor |
| Kialeigh Bennett | | Merit | |
| Kaylah Hageman | | Merit | |
| Delora Jones | | Honor | |
| Pierce Lukonaitis | | Honor | |
| Kristine Twoguns | | Grade 10 | Honor |
| Mykayla Williams | | | Honor |
| Keanan Coulon | | | Merit |
| Lyle Warrior | Grade 11 | | Merit |
| Stephen John Jr | | | Honor |
| Connor Halftown | | Merit | |
| Da:'di' Jones | | Merit | |
| Skye Steves | | Merit | |
| Brianna Thompson | | Merit | |
| Madison Tighe | | Merit | |
| Timothy Jumper | | Honor | |
| Lindsey Parker | | Honor | |
| Brianna Twoguns | | Honor | |
| Cheyenne Williams | Grade 12 | Honor | |
| Brian Mohawk | | Merit | |
| Coyee Thompson | | Merit | |
| Kelsey Eddy | | High Honor | |

Lake Shore High School 2nd Quarter

Merit Roll

| Name | Grade |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Trinity Delvalle | 9 |
| Maggie Jimerson | 9 |
| Beretta Santana | 9 |
| Alexus Thompson | 9 |
| Jay-Lee Willis-Kosnik | 9 |
| Jalyn Jimerson | 10 |
| Mellennia Keyes | 10 |
| Kyle Latimore | 10 |
| Dakota Parker | 10 |
| Maya Thompson | 10 |
| Skylar General | 11 |
| Darin John | 12 |
| Marissa Trimper | 12 |

Honor Roll

| Name | Grade |
|--------------------|-------|
| Cyrus Farner | 9 |
| Adalia Plain | 9 |
| Savannah Battaglia | 10 |
| Ivy Santana | 10 |
| Cami Jones | 11 |
| Shayla Scanlan | 11 |
| Madison Stevens | 11 |
| Kobie White | 11 |
| Olivia White | 11 |
| Raeann White | 11 |
| Brave Williams | 11 |
| Melanie Gates | 12 |
| Jenna Haring | 12 |
| Cheyenne Rhinehart | 12 |





Sierra General Wins Design Contest

Every year in March, Gowanda Elementary School has a reading incentive program called Pick A Reading Partner (PARP). The school provides the 3rd and 4th grade students an opportunity to design a t-shirt for the program. Each 3rd and 4th grade class nominates one of their designs. Then, the students in grades K-2 vote for their favorite picture. The design is then printed on t-shirts the children can purchase. Every Tuesday in March is Wear your PARP t-shirt day! This year's winner was Sierra General a 4th grader from Mrs. O'Connor's room. She is the daughter of Carrie and Michael General Sr. As you can see, she is very talented.

Faith Stewart

Silver Creek
Student of the Quarter 2016
Nominations of the students come from AASP/JOM Teachers

Silver Creek Elementary
Nominated by Jessica Johnson

The Student of the 2nd quarter for Kindergarten is **Gavin Williams**. Gavin has made so many gains this quarter and it shows in his work. He always comes to school with a smile on his face, ready to learn. He is a great friend to the other students in his class, and is always respectful to the teachers.

The Student of the 2nd quarter for first grade is **Alison Boushie**. Alison has great attendance and is always ready to learn! Alison's teacher Mrs. Pieniazek says "Alison is a hard worker and always tries her best!" We are looking forward to continue watching Alison's growth in the classroom! Keep up all of the hard work!

The Student of the 2nd quarter for second grade is **Kiera Warrior**. Kiera has fantastic attendance and always comes to school prepared and ready to learn. Kiera always offers to help other students and teachers throughout the day. She has made such gains this quarter and I could not be more proud of her!

The Student of the 2nd quarter for third grade is **Draven Renaldo**. Draven gets along with all of the other students and the younger students look up to him. He's been working so hard in class to improve his grades and it shows in his work. Since I've been working with Draven, I have seen so much improvement in his confidence and in his work. Keep up the great work Draven!

The Student of the 2nd quarter for fourth grade is **Avianna Jimerson**. Avi lights up the room with her outgoing personality and her go-getter attitude. She has worked hard to make improvements in math this quarter and she has reached some of her goals. Avi is always willing to help in the classroom and is always asking for extra practice work to help her grow more as a student. Keep up the great work Avi!

The Student of the 2nd quarter for fifth grade is **Danaht Geiogamah**. Danaht is an all around great student. He has near perfect attendance and is always prepared. He comes to JOM homework help everyday with a great attitude and a readiness to learn more. It's great to watch him light up when he learns a new concept. He is the first one to volunteer to help his classmates and also his teachers. Danaht is definitely a role model to the younger students! Keep up the great work this year Danaht!



Silver Creek Middle School
Nominated by Neil Hilliker

Sincere Becker is the 6th grade Student of the month for the 2nd quarter. Sincere was chosen for her hard work, which earned her the one of highest averages for native students in 6th grade. She made the Honor roll for the first and second quarters with an overall average of 93. Sincere is involved in the community attending youth events sponsored by the Education Department and others. Sincere is willing to help others and always has a smile on her face that brightens everyone's day.

Shandon Monroy is the 7th grade Student of the month for the 2nd quarter. Shandon was chosen for the hard work he puts in everyday. He has made the Honor roll for the first and second quarters with an overall average of 90. Shandon was able to keep up his grades after spending time in the hospital from injuries received in an accident and a time of recovery. He enjoys many outside activities with friends and family. Shandon is a pleasure to be around and his pleasant personality is one of his best assets. He is always positive.

Morningstar Halftown is the 8th grade Student of the month for the 2nd. Morningstar was chosen for her improved work ethic. She worked very hard to return her grades to a high level. She made the credit list for the second quarter with an overall average of 86. She is also involved in athletics, playing lacrosse. Morningstar is very talented singing in chorus. She is looking forward high school next year. Morningstar always has a fun loving attitude.

Silver Creek High School
Nominated by: Aimee Sleeth

Ryann Marr has been named student of the quarter for the 9th grade at SCCS. Ryann is the Vice-President of AIYO and he excels at academics and takes school attendance very seriously. Ryann is on the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter and had zero absences. Congratulations Ryan!

Phatima Akhdar has been named student of the month for the 10th grade at SCCS. Phatima works hard at improving herself academically and is an active member of AIYO. Her effort is admirable and she is always willing to volunteer. Congratulations Phatima!

Cameron Steeprock has been named student of the month for the 11th grade at SCCS. Cameron made the Credit Roll for the 2nd quarter and has excellent attendance for the year. Keep up the hard work Cameron!

Alyssa Montour has been named student of the quarter for the 12th grade at SCCS. Alyssa has worked extremely hard this quarter. Her work effort has been recognized by the Guidance Department, and the High School Administration. We are very proud of her continued efforts. Congratulations Alyssa!

Gowanda
Student of the Quarter 2016
Nominations of the students come from AASP/JOM Teachers

Gowanda Elementary School
Nominated by: Faith Stewart

Mychal Williams is a Student of the Second Quarter for Kindergarten in the AAS/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. Mychal is in Ms. Dolce's class. He is doing a great job in kindergarten and becoming a reader. He is always ready to learn something new. Keep up the good work Mychal!

Laydin Hill is a Student of the Second Quarter for first grade in the AAS/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. He is in Mrs. Steuernagel's class. Laydin enjoys participation in conversation and discussion in class. He always makes a sincere effort and works hard. He also has excellent attendance. Bravo Laydin!

Alanson Stafford is a Student of the Second Quarter for Second Grade in the AAS/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. He is in Mrs. Bolan's class. Alanson is a hard worker with a good attitude. He is doing a wonderful job mastering second grade work. Congratulations Alanson!

Kaylee Bouquin is a Student of the Second Quarter for third grade in the AAS/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Gate's class. Kaylee is pleasant and friendly student. She is enthusiastic about work in general. She shows initiative and thinks things through for herself. She also has excellent attendance for the quarter. Congratulations Kaylee!

Sierra TwoGuns is a Student of the Second Quarter for fourth grade in the AAS/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Sopko's class. Sierra is an enthusiastic student. She achieved Merit Roll this quarter. She also has excellent attendance this marking period! Outstanding work Sierra!



Gowanda High School
Nominated by: Charity Hill

Kristine Twoguns, a freshman at Gowanda High School, is a hardworking, respectful young lady. She is an honor roll student with great attendance. Kristine is not afraid of a challenge and hard that shows in her grades. Congrats!! Keep up the excellent work!

Lyle Warrior, a sophomore at Gowanda High School, is a merit roll student who works hard and has great attendance. Lyle is very respectful young man and leader. For his hard work and dedication, he was recently selected to attend the Close Up conference in Washington, D.C. for his hard work in school. Congrats!! Keep up the good work!

Brianna Twoguns, is a junior at Gowanda High School. She is extremely hardworking and a respectful young lady. Brianna excels at all she does, including her classes as she is taking many Advanced Placement and upper level classes. Brianna is an honor roll student with amazing grades and excellent attendance. Congrats!! Keep up the great work!

Coyee Thompson, is a senior at Gowanda High School. He is a kind, hardworking young man. Coyee excels in all of his classes and in Culinary. He has excellent attendance and grades. He made merit roll during the 2nd quarter. Congrats!! Keep up the excellent work!

Gowanda Middle School
Nominated by: Stephanie Gernatt

Ruben Rivera is the 5th Grade Student of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter. Ruben is one of the politest boys I have ever met. Not just to adults, but also to his peers. Ruben is excited to learn and be part of the Gowanda School District. He consistently tries his best and his grades reflect his work ethic. He adds positivity and humor to every one around him each day. We are very impressed by all you do Ruben! Keep it up!

Keegan Nephew is the 6th Grade Student of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter. Keegan was chosen because of his school spirit, effort in his academics, and attendance. Keegan has excelled in every one of these categories. He is punctual, studious, positive, and determined. Everything he does, he puts 110% into it. His work is always done neatly and promptly. His behavior towards others is admirable. He is a role model to all those around him. Great Job Keegan!

Wesley Stafford-Williams is the 7th Grade Student of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter. Wes is probably one of the hardest working students I have had the honor of working with this year. Each and every day he stays after school to get his homework done or get extra help if he needs it. In addition, he not only works hard to get his stuff done, he also helps others with theirs. He can usually be studying with others and making sure they are prepared for upcoming tests or quizzes. Not only that, Wes is a gentleman. He is kind and considerate to others. He helps out whenever and wherever he can. He is a leader, not a follower. For all of these reasons, Wes is an ideal choice for Student of the Quarter. Way to Go Wes!

Alex Henhawk is the 8th Grade Student of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter. Alex displays school spirit, a tremendous amount of effort in his schoolwork, very good academics, and an incredible attendance record. Alex is determined to make his last year of middle school the best yet and is on the road to doing so. He has made such an incredible improvement in is academics from last year it is remarkable. You are doing an excellent job Alex! Keep on going!

Lake Shore
Student of the Quarter 2016
Nominations of the students come from AASP/JOM Teachers

Lake Shore Elementary

Nominated by: Bryon Bobseine

Giana Jimerson is the JTW Student of the Quarter for Kindergarten. Giana is a great kid. She is very polite and enthusiastic about learning. She works hard and she can always be found with a smile on her face.

Ariza Leroy is the JTW Student of the Quarter for 1st Grade. Ariza always tries her best. She is a great friend to all of her classmates. Ariza is a true joy to have in class.

Chasity LeRoy is the JT Waugh Student of the Quarter for 2nd Grade. She is a polite and courteous young lady. Chasity is an amazing kid and a good friend to her classmates. She excels in everything she does. Chasity truly is a model student.

Alexis Hummel is the JT Waugh Student of the Quarter for 3rd Grade. She is a polite and courteous young lady. Alexis always puts forth a consistent effort in all of her classes. She is always willing to help others. Alexis is a great friend to all of her classmates.

Macay Jimerson is the JT Waugh Student of the Quarter for 4th Grade. Macay puts forth effort that makes him stand out among his peers. He excels in history and science while participating in class consistently. Macay is a role model in terms of behavior and respect for adults.

Malorie McComber is the JT Waugh Student of the Quarter for 5th Grade. Malorie always puts forth an amazing effort in the classroom. She is a well-mannered and respectful young lady. Malorie is doing an amazing job in math class. She is a true joy to have in the classroom.

A.J. Schmidt Elementary

Nominated by Amanda Sobczyk

Zoey Fox is a very thoughtful student. She is very helpful to friends and teachers. Zoey always tries her best and excels.

Ajay Jimerson- Kenjockety is an AWESOME student. He works hard without interruption. He is well liked both by his teachers and students.

Mason Thompson has done excellent work this year. He is respectful to everyone at school. He diligently works on his assignments and is a great student



Lake Shore Middle School

Nominated by Elizabeth Best- Laurie

I am proud to nominate **Joiise John** for the 6th grade Lake Shore Middle School Student of the Quarter. Joiise is an Honor Roll student. He participates enthusiastically in all his classes. He is active in the schools Coding Club along with several other Native Students. Joiise is hard worker. He prioritizes his time by competing his work at school so he can hang out with friends at home. Keep up the great work.

I am proud to nominate **Lainey Scanlan** for the 7th grade Lake Shore Middle School Student of the Quarter. Lainey is an honor roll student that is active in many student activities. She played on the modified Basketball team this year and was active in the 7th grade hockey incentive, which took place during lunch. She's not afraid to ask for help and is always willing to help others. Keep up the great work.

I am proud to nominate **Amaya Tallchief** for the Lake Shore Middle School 8th grade student of the Quarter. Amaya is consistently a hardworking individual. She is a great citizen of the school and is always willing to help others. She is active in school sports running track in the fall and Lacrosse in the spring. Congratulations Amaya. Keep up the good work!

Lake Shore High School

Nominated by Jillian Schmitt

Cyrus Farner is the 9th grade Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore High School. Cyrus is a welcome addition to the high school and has been having a stellar freshman year. He challenges himself academically with accelerated classes and consistently maintains honor roll. He is a pleasure to have in class and has earned the respect of his peers and his teachers. Congratulations, Cyrus! Keep up the great work!

Porter Gladue is the 10th grade Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore High School. Porter has been having a great sophomore year! He has consistently been putting forth great effort; getting assignments completed and handed in on time. He is a pleasure to have in class and sets a great example for other students to follow. Congratulations, Porter! Keep up the great work!

Cami Jones is the 11th grade Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore High School. Cami is an amazing student who has consistently maintained honor roll status through her hard work and determination. A conscientious student she thrives on challenges and expressing her creativity. Congratulations, Cami and keep up the great work!

Jenna Haring is the 12th grade Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore High School. Jenna consistently strives to do her best and it is apparent in her academic success. She continually pushes herself and has maintained a stellar academic record throughout high school. Jenna is also the first to volunteer when help is needed. She is a member of ACE Club and was a huge help with the homecoming float and making valentines for the elders. Jenna will be attending Limestone College in the fall. Congratulations, Jenna! Keep up the great work!



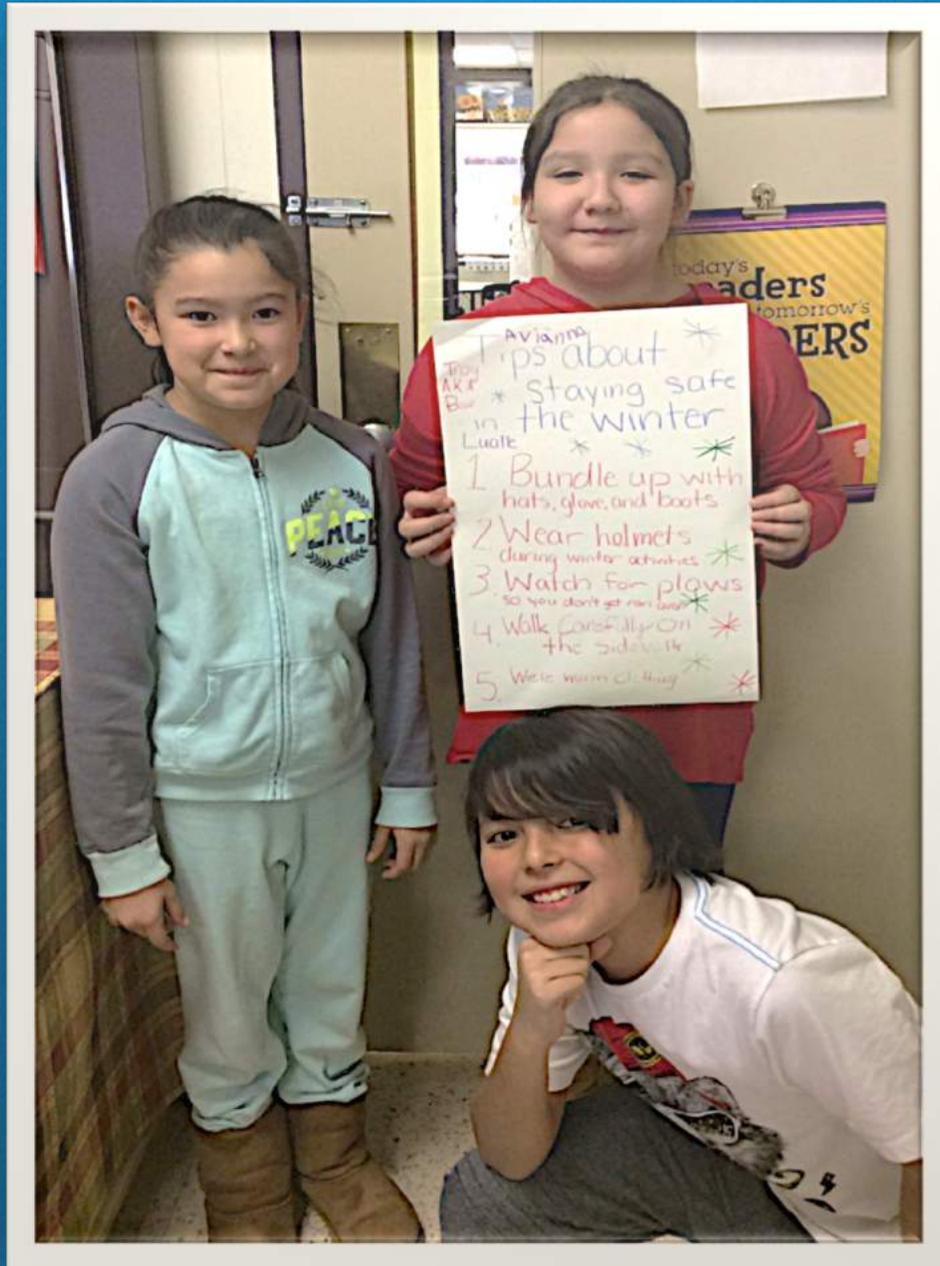
Fun Day at Paddock Golf Dome

High School students enjoyed a Fun Day at the Paddock Golf Dome over February Break. Students participated in Video Simulator games such as the Quarterback Challenge, Interactive Basketball and Hockey, and Zombie Dodge ball. After a delicious lunch of Pizza and Chicken Wings, students enjoyed a game of indoor miniature golf in a tropical setting, which was very enjoyable on a cold and snowy day.

Aimee Sleeth



Winter Safety Tips from Silver Creek Elementary 4th Graders



The students pictured above; Avianna Jimerson, Troy Jimerson-Williams and Lucille Jimerson worked together to come up with safety tips for the community to be aware of during this winter season.

Submitted by Jessica Johnson

Nya:wëh for Reading!

