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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Bayley Johnson and I joined the Education Department, as the Native American School Counselor in February of the 2015 -2016 school year.

As the Native American School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, and social development of all Native American students. I look forward to offering support to the students, families, and community. I will be working with students in Lake Shore, Gowanda, and Silver Creek School Districts.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached by email at bayley.johnson@sni.org or phone at 532-3341 ext. 5144.

Warm Regards,
Bayley Johnson

Going For Gold!

Community Fair Week for the Seneca Nation has been filled with exciting activities for people of all ages. On Wednesday March 23, there was a 5K run sponsored by the C.C.C that left from the Fire Hall and wrapped around the Community Center. Runners (and walkers) received long sleeve t-shirts for participating in this event. The C.C.C organized the route and the prizes. The event was exciting for all. Multiple members from different departments in the community participated in this run.

Anne Foit and Betsy Best successfully represented the Education Department by both taking first place in their age groups. Stephanie Gernatt and I also participated in the run. The rest of the Education Department got involved by directing runners in the correct direction throughout the route.

The entire staff came together to do their part in representing the department and benefiting the community. A big thanks to the Emergency Management Department of the CIRVFD for the delicious “taco in a bag” lunch that they provided after the run was over!

Melanie Schott





TYC Easter Baskets

Students from the tri-district came together for a monthly Tribal Youth Council meeting on March 15th, 2016. The students worked on making baskets for the homebound elders for Easter. The members of TYC worked together with A.O.A to help make the baskets and are looking forward to helping them with other projects in the future.

Jessica Johnson

Congratulations Lake Shore Lady Eagles For An Amazing Season!

The Lake Shore Lady Eagles defeated Williamsville South in the Regional Qualifier to take on Section V in the Far West Regionals. They played on March 5th at Rush Henrietta. Although the team did not move on they had a stellar season! Congratulations!

Jillian Schmitt



Left to Right: Back Row: Coach Conrad, Kiersten McNamara, Jordan Scholl, Sophie Snyder, Jalyn Jimerson, Athletic Director Besant, Maddie Penn, Modified Coach Mungovan, Alicia Majkut, Ariel Smith, Talia Wright, JV Coach Anderson, Athletic Trainer Amy Cameron

Front Row: Raeann White, Kelsey Eggleston, Shalya Scanlan, Kendra Guenot, Jadyne Jones, Tashawni Cornfield, Noelani Cornfield



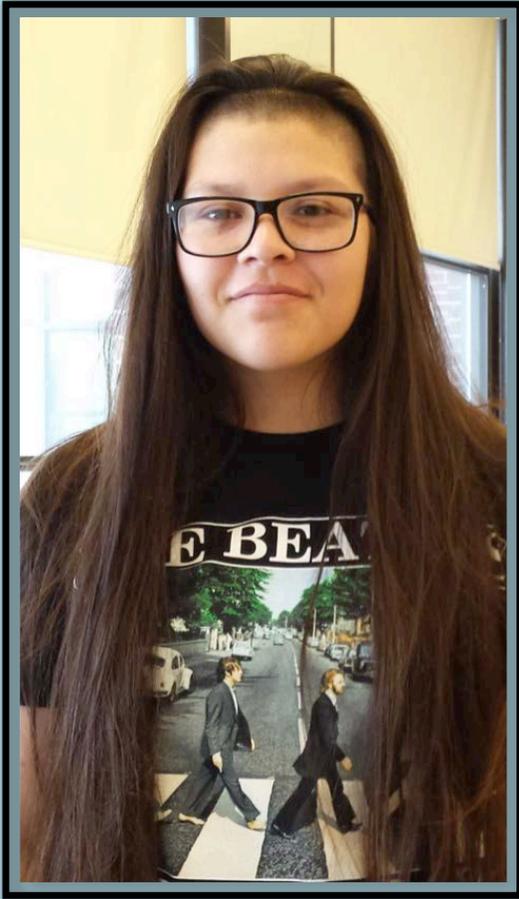
SYLVAN LEARNING CAMP

At Sylvan Learning's Lego Robotics & Coding Camp, students had a great time building robots and creating their own games! The robots were built using Sylvan LEGO Robotics kits, which included motors and sensors used to bring their creations to life! Students learned important STEM vocabulary terms like levers, gears, motors, and pulleys, and why they are important for making a robot move. Many types of robots were built: drumming monkeys, roaring lions, dancing birds, and more!

At the coding table, students entered into the world of game design by following a series of lessons, which taught them how to build a game from the ground up. They learned to program the setting, characters, sounds, and objectives of their games. They even got to create video game versions of themselves! Their characters traveled to incredible settings including deep space, medieval fantasy, and even a raging volcano! Students learned how to tell their games what to do by combining very specific sets of steps, showing kids just what goes on behind the scenes of their favorite games.

Everyone who attended gave it their all and our instructors had a wonderful time with this group of dedicated young scientists. We loved seeing each student learn authentically as they worked together and developed creative, hands on projects using their STEM skills! We hope to see you again at future Sylvan events! Thank you!





GOIN' BALD FOR BUCKS®

Melanie Gates participated in Going Bald for Bucks on March 11th at Lake Shore High School! She donated 28 inches of her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths and raised money to be donated to Roswell Park.

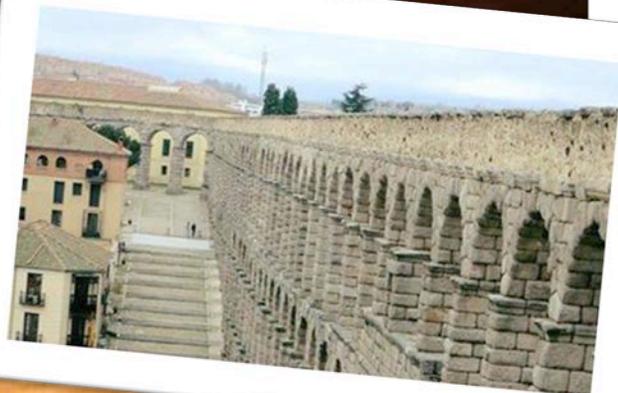
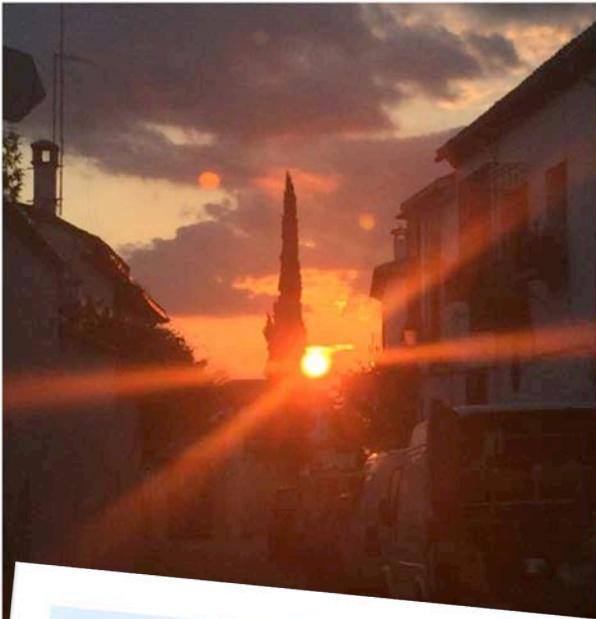
Jillian Schmitt



Silver Creek's Language Club Travels to Spain

The Silver Creek foreign language club recently returned from a trip to Spain. Some of the highlights of the trip included a tour of the Palacio (the Royal Castle of Spain) and the Prado Museum in Madrid. The students and chaperones also took in a Flamenco Show in Seville. Olivia Longboat, one of the student participants on the trip, said that Granada was her favorite stop due to its beautiful views. The trip did have some cancellations, including a day trip to Morocco, due to security concerns, but overall the trip was a success.

Aimee Sleeth



VARSITY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Trevon Thompson

School: Silver Creek Central School
Sport: Basketball
Grade: 12
Nominated by: Robert Genco

It is my pleasure to write a character letter for Trevon Thompson. I have had the pleasure of knowing Trevon for four years. During the years of our acquaintance, I have known him in many capacities. He has been a dedicated student, athlete and active young member in our community. Trevon Thompson is one of the most respectful and courteous students I have ever worked with.

Trevon is an intelligent, capable, dedicated and personable young man. He is always quick on his feet, with sensible reactions to all circumstances. I feel confident in saying that he is capable of handling any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Trey is always willing to offer his assistance and has an excellent rapport with working professionals. He is a wonderful human being and I recommend him for any endeavor he chooses to pursue.

Olivia Longboat

School: Silver Creek Central School
Sport: Basketball
Grade: 10
Nominated by: Kevin Rice

Olivia has a great attitude and is very supportive of her teammates. She also works hard and tries her best.

Brave Williams

School District: Lake Shore High School
Sport Season: Winter
Sport: Basketball
Nominated by: Brett Lyford

I have known Brave Williams in my capacity as a basketball and football coach for over 3 years. I have seen many examples of his determination and I have been impressed by his diligence and work ethic. Brave has shown his ability to multitask with favorable results. Mr. Williams plays on multiple sports teams and still performs well in school.

Brave is organized, efficient, extremely competent, and has an excellent rapport with his peers as well as teachers/coaches. Brave has the mentality that he will do anything he puts his mind to. He continues to impress me with his off-season devotion to the weight room as well as the field/court. He is an outstanding young man that is both polite and respectful. He is always looking for ways to improve his game. His hard work and determination also carry over into the classroom where his grades continue to be strong.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. 716 – 549 – 2300 Ext. 2339

VARSITY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Jalyn Jimerson

School: Lake Shore Central

Sport: Basketball

Nominated by: Andrea L. Conrad

I have had the pleasure of being able to coach Jalyn Jimerson for the past two years. She has been a dedicated member of the Lake Shore Girl's Basketball Program at Lake Shore during that time. Currently she is a starter as a sophomore on the varsity basketball team. I have seen Jalyn grow into an outstanding young lady and a role model for other students-athletes, especially Native American students, within our district. She has shown many qualities on and off the playing fields that are needed not only to be a successful student and athlete, but also an individual that will impact others in a positive way.

Jalyn is a natural leader. Even though she is a sophomore, she is still looked upon by her teammates, both older and younger than her, for advice and guidance. She has taught her teammates how to deal with failure and how to learn from their mistakes. She has shown leadership qualities, initiative, and has the ability to identify the various needs of her teammates to ensure the success of our team, all which are important attributes to have in college and in the corporate world. She is not afraid to speak up and say what is right for the benefit of her team and/or her teammates. Last year Jalyn's leadership skills and play helped win an A2 championship at Buffalo State University, an accomplishment that hasn't been done since 1998 at Lake Shore. This year she has helped her team return to the A2 championship to defend their title.

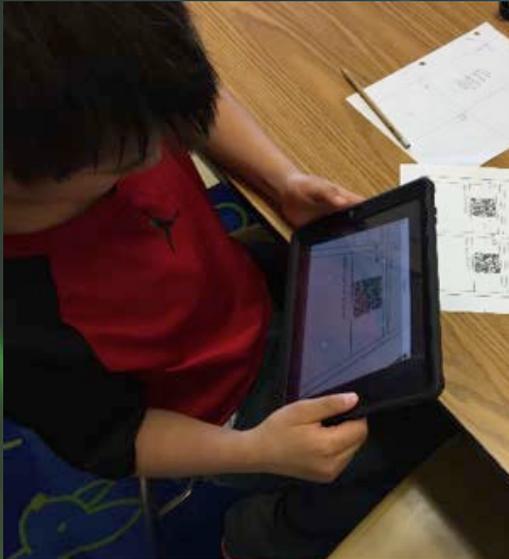


THE QUARTERLY REACH PIZZA PARTY

On Thursday February 11, the students at Lake Shore Middle School participated in the Quarterly REACH Pizza Party. There were 30 students eligible for the REACH incentive with less than 3 absences, above a 70% average, and failing 1 or less of their classes. Of these 30, 22 came to the party. We played Sharks and Minnows in the school gym before settling down in the Cafeteria for pizza. I congratulate all of the students that met the criteria for the party and hope to see even more eligible for the 3rd quarter party.

Lake Shore Middle School Musical “Mary Poppins” will be on February 25-27 at the Middle School Auditorium. I would like to congratulate Layla Seneca on her part in the musical. Keep up the good work.

Elizabeth Best-Laurie



Interactive iPad Fun

This month at Silver Creek Elementary the 3rd grade students were learning about fractions. To make their learning more interactive, the boys in this group got to use an iPad to scan a QR code, which would then open up a fraction word problem that they would need to solve. Each student solved four fraction problems using the iPad and then we discussed all of their answers as a group. The students loved using the technology to help them learn!

Submitted by Jessica Johnson JOM/AASP Silver Creek Elementary



Buffalo Bandits visit Silver Creek Schools

The Buffalo Bandits visited Silver Creek Elementary and Middle Schools on March 1st. Mark Steenhuis, Dhane Smith and Mitch Jones along with the Bandits mascot Rax came and spoke to the students about bullying and gave them positive messages on how to be a good friend. The assembly was interactive and engaging for all of the students. Some students were picked from the crowd to try to be the fastest team to put on all the lacrosse gear. Other students were picked to try and score points against Rax who was in net. The students were taught chants that are used at the games and were encouraged to be loud and cheer each other on. At the end of the program the students made a promise to be a good friend and to stop bullying, then they were each rewarded with a ticket to a 2016 Buffalo Bandits game!

Jessica Johnson
JOM/AASP Silver Creek Elementary School



GOWANDA'S ELEMENTARY 2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL LIST

HIGH HONORS

Sierra Generl

HONORS

Alhanna Gabel

Breeze Henhawk

MERIT

Gracie Carpenter

Aubrie Heron

Sierra Twoguns

Jayson Twoguns





Gowanda Elementary School's Third Grade Boat Float

The Gowanda Elementary School held its annual Third Grade Boat Float on Wednesday March 9th. The boat float is a science project that is a part of the buoyancy unit. The qualifications were that the boat had to float; it had to carry cargo and have a life-saving device. The students wrote a paragraph explaining the details of their boat and how it would function. They also had to describe how they built it and who assisted them when they made it. The students voted for their favorite boats and the winners had to present their project to the entire Third Grade Class! The finalists were Honey Huff, Kierra Moses, Ashton Clark-Sanford, Ha'tsihgahdo:d Stevens and Laiken Stafford.

As the finalists explained their projects, the boats were demonstrated in a tank of water to show that they actually worked. Congratulations to each of the presenters pictured above. They really did a great job.

Faith Stewart



On March 24th, 2016 the Tribal Youth Council set up a lottery tree fundraiser at the community fair vendor day. The tree was made up of \$25 worth of lottery tickets and tickets were sold for one for \$2 and 3 for \$5. The winner was Norma Taylor of the Allegheny Language Department. \$126 was raised for the Tribal Youth Council. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket to support our group!

Jessica Johnson



Nya:wëh for Reading!

