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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Every moment is a fresh beginning." - T.S. Eliot			1	2	MS 6-8 Early Release PreK-5 Early Release 3	4
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White - All Schools

Red - Seneca Education Department

Green - Lake Shore Central

Blue - Gowanda Central

Gold - Silver Creek Central

Lake Shore High School's Ace Club Delivers Holiday Wishes to the Elders

On December 20th five members of Ace Club delivered 445 beaded moccasin ornaments to The Elders lunch at the Allegany casino. For two weeks members of the club beaded and sewed the ornaments to make sure there would be enough for every elder to receive a token of appreciation. It was a lot of work but well worth it in the end!

Thank you to all the students who dedicated their time, it was a great project.

Lake Shore Central Schools

Home of the Eagles

Dr. Darryl Tonemah visits A.J Schmidt Elementary

The students at A.J. Schmidt Elementary are happy to have Dr.Darryl Tonemah visit this January. Dr. Tonemah runs a Title VII Seneca Culture program during school hours. He has been teaching Seneca Culture in small groups since the beginning of the school year. He is appreciated and loved by all of his students. They look forward to every time he visits. Dr. Tonemah teaches the students Seneca Culture and instills in them social skills for their everyday life. The students are excited to continue learning with Dr. Tonemah throughout the rest of the school year.

Congratulations, Raeann White, on reaching 1,000 career points!

COUNSELING CORNER

with Karielle Case

This month in lunch group, students explored what it means to be a part of a team, as well as the communication skills and character traits needed to succeed together. They practiced their teamwork and problem-solving skills with the Pyramid Cup-Stacking Challenge! Students had a blast competing in teams to work together to build a pyramid of plastic cups without using their hands and relying on each other to move the cups by pulling their individual strings tied to a rubber band. We will continue to learn time management strategies and how to handle stress in the next few weeks.

Gowanda Elementary Update

The students at Gowanda Elementary School have been very busy during the last few months. On Monday Nov. 28th the AASP/JOM Program held our first quarter REACH pizza party after school in the Cafeteria. Sixty-six students attended and enjoyed pizza, punch and a movie. The REACH program recognizes and rewards student achievements. To be eligible for the pizza party,

- A student must have 3 or fewer absences for the quarter. (Three tardies =one absence.)
- A student must not be failing 2 or more classes.
- A student must have a 70 or above average for the quarter.
- A student must not have been in ISS or OSS during the quarter.

Our second quarter pizza party is scheduled for Friday February 10th. Permission slips will be sent home the first week of February.

December was filled with much holiday excitement. Wednesday December 7th was our annual *Holiday Family Fun Night* where families had the chance to enjoy holiday crafts, decorating cookies, and the PTA's basket raffle. Everyone enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends! The sounds of the season were heard on Tuesday December 13 when our third and fourth grade choral concert was held in the high school auditorium for the first time! On Thursday December 22nd, GES students enjoyed a holiday sing along in the gym with Mr. Woods.

As a reminder, the Gowanda Central School District has added several half days to the academic calendar for staff professional development. These early dismissal days are;

- February 17th
- March 16th
- April 7th
- May 18th

Please add these dates to your phone/calendar now! Also, please plan ahead for child care and send a note to the school if your child will be picked up or sent to a different location on those days.

We anticipate 2017 to be full of fun and learning and we consider it a blessing to work with your children. Ësgöge'ae' Faith Stewart and Judy Driscoll.

Native American Literature and Film English Class at Gowanda High School

This school year at Gowanda, there were several classes created to inject Indigenous culture into the regular school curriculum. One class in particular, taught by senior teacher Andrea Geist, is Native American Literature and Film. The class is offered to high school seniors as an alternative course for English 12. This month, the class wrote 10 page research papers on multiple topics regarding Native American culture. Topics included Native American music, famous Indigenous women, oral folktales, and even issues prevalent in reservation life and communities. These papers displayed the passion that students have for Native American culture, and reading each one taught the audience new information that may not have been known otherwise. Following the paper, the class must complete a Prezi based on the research and present their findings to the entire class. Although a research paper being completed is usually not much of a news story, the focus on Native American culture in these papers is so different and interesting for the school setting. Awesome job to all of the seniors who completed this paper and presentation!

News from Gowanda Middle School

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are enjoying what's left of the winter weather. It is hard to believe that the school year is just about half way done. The 2nd quarter ends on January 27, 2017. The students are responsible for getting caught up with their work by then and we are here to support them however we can. Just a reminder that we do stay after school Monday-Thursday in room 121, if students need extra help and also the learning center is always open for extra help as well.

Absences/Tardies

It is important that your child is at school on time every day. If they have to be absent, please notify the school upon their return by sending in a note stating why they were absent. This also applies to being tardy. With mid-winter ceremonies coming up, please notify us/the school if your child will be attending.

Upcoming Events

- January 27: End of 2nd Quarter
- February 15: Middle School Movie night at ECLC concourse
- February 17: Half day for students
- February 20-24: Mid-winter recess

We are looking forward to another successful quarter!!!!

Tristin Hageman & Anne Foit

JOM Cookie Decorating

The students who attend JOM in the morning before school at Silver Creek Elementary School work very hard to get all of their homework done and practice extra skills. So to reward them for all of their hard work the students were able to decorate cookies for their teachers and enjoy a movie and hot chocolate the day before Christmas break! The students each received 3 cookies of which they could put frosting on and decorate with sprinkles and icing. Once the cookies dried they put them into festive bags and got to deliver them to their teachers! They were so happy to be able to give their teachers a little gift and they even got to enjoy eating one of the decorated cookies. Pictured below is Musik Kettle, Kolby Jamison and Aubrey Domres working hard on their cookies!

Silver Creek Middle School JOM Update

This month's article is all about giving credit to my hardworking students!

My JOM students here at Silver Creek Middle School have been working so hard to reach and maintain their goals they have set for themselves. Whether it's to get better grades or to improve their attendance, the effort level for achievement is there. Students have been reaching out to me to stay after school to finish projects, do homework, get a better understanding of the curriculum they are being taught in class, talk about how they can become involved in the community, and sometimes just to sit down and talk about life. Listening to your students is one of the most important qualities to have as a teacher.

In addition, I have seen major growth in maturity and leadership from my JOM students. This shows me that they have put more of an emphasis on the importance of schooling in their lives. Asking the famous question, "Why are we doing this??" is not as prevalent as it was in the beginning of the school year. They have also become more aware of the level of impact getting good grades in school can have on them in their future as adults.

So with all that being said, I want to say hats off to my students for all of their continued hard work and if you see them in the community, give them a pad on the back, they deserve it!

Silver Creek High School Back in Full Swing!

Students at Silver Creek High School are getting back into the full swing following the Holiday break. We are preparing for January Regents and Mid-term exams, and getting ready for the start of the 2nd semester. Some of our A.I.Y.O. students are busy preparing an upcoming presentation for the Silver Creek School Board concerning renaming the 2nd Monday in October "Indigenous People's Day."

Also, A SAT Preparation Information Session will also be announced in February as soon as details are finalized.

Submitted by Aimee Sleeth

News from Lake Shore Middle School

Here at Lake Shore Middle School, great things are happening. Students are working on various different topics in their classes. 6th grade is finishing reading *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, and 8th grade is reading *Unbroken.* The Middle School Musical is next month. This year the students will be preforming "The Little Mermaid." We are just finishing up the second quarter. I can't believe we are half way through the school year. This month the entire 7th grade and half the 8th grade will be traveling to the Harbor Center. The 7th and 8th grade team teachers have partnered with the Buffalo Sabers to promote Science and Math Skills. Students complete online workshops with a culminating experience of attending a practice at the Harbor Center. Students have the opportunity to skate on the ice at the arena after their presentations. Lastly, the 6th grade students are continuing their homework incentive. Students that have completed and turned in homework on time each week have the opportunity to get extra gym time on Friday during lunch. The students love the extra time to play with their friends and are motivated to complete their work on time.

Will's Report

Welcome back from the holidays! We here at JT WAUGH, have heard story after story of the wonderful time had on our students Holiday break, and it has been exciting to hear of the enjoyable family time had by all! We have quickly turned it into high gear and have gotten ready to be in the academic mindset.

Even though it has been a short month thus far, our students have been busy learning and challenging themselves. We created a small unit to discuss current global events that we were able to tie into our new year's goals. This allowed for the students to not only think about their future, but also how the past has affected the present and how that in turn impacts their future. We also, have a small group reading circle that has a fantastic task of reading two books from the same author, however, one book is from the brother's viewpoint and the other book is from the sister's point of view. This has given the students the ability to consider different perspectives and how others may not always agree or see eye to eye, but the importance of hearing each other's opinions. What a great life lesson!

The beginning of this month has been a challenging one as most of our students have been preparing for and taking the star exams. These exams assess how the students are doing across each of their main courses and allows for the state to see who is truly excelling. They are all studying very hard and we eagerly await the results.

On a cultural note, some of our Seneca students are preparing for the mid-winter longhouse next month. It is great to see their excitement, but it is equally exciting to listen to them explain their culture to both students and teachers alike!

We are all amazed at how quickly the first half of the school year has gone, but we here at JT Waugh are all eager for the coming months of fun and learning! Stay tuned for next month's report! Go WAUGH!

Nya: Wëh for Reading

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