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White - All Schools
Red - Seneca Nation Education Department
Green - Lake Shore Central
Blue - Gowanda Central
Gold - Silver Creek Central
Language Social at SCHS

Silver Creek High School held welcomed members of the Seneca Nation Language Department for a Social this past December. Many Seneca Language and Native Studies students participated and helped the audience participate. Senior Brett Logan also performed at the end of the assembly.

Aimee Sleeth
Elizabeth Best-Laurie, who was at Lake Shore Middle School has moved over to Silver Creek Middle School. This is my fourth school year with the education department and have both Elementary Pre-k through 6th grade certification and Reading K-12 certification. I’m excited to work closely with the students and staff at Silver Creek and though I will miss my students at Lake Shore I look forward to building new relationships with the students and staff at Silver Creek.

As the 2nd quarter ends and the 3rd begins we have been transitioning into JOM services. I’m eager to continue services and continue to meet students face to face to place a face to a name. Students are reminded that I am available throughout the day, but more specifically during lunch periods, during 9th period learning lab and after school. I can always be reached in my room and through email, since every student has an IPAD with email account.

Upcoming dates include:

Jan 29th – Start of the 3rd quarter

Jan 31st – Family Fun Night at CCC,
Skate party sponsored by the Education Department

Feb 20th – Middle School February Fun Day,
Bowling at Hanover Lanes. See JOM Teacher for more details.
Gowanda Elementary in December!

December was a very busy month at Gowanda Elementary School. The JOM program had the First Quarter REACH Pizza party in the cafeteria. Students with 3 or fewer absences (three tardies count as one absence) for the first quarter were invited to stay after school to enjoy pizza and watch The Secret Life of Pets. We had 93 out of 134 students eligible to attend!

Our annual Holiday Family Fun Night was a success despite having to be rescheduled to December 8th due to the weather. Families had a great time making various holiday crafts, getting faces painted and decorating cookies. Of course, Santa was on hand to listen to requests and be in holiday photos. There was also a large basket raffle to benefit the PTA.

The weather also caused the Third and Fourth Grade Concerts to be rescheduled, but that didn’t stop families from supporting the music department. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening at Gowanda High School listening to holiday music.

We also started a new tradition. Students in grades one through four participated in the Gowanda Middle School Pay It Forward Holiday Event. We are trying to build our school community and instill a sense of pride in our older students as they become peer mentors or role models to the younger students. On Thursday December 21st, the third and fourth graders spent the morning at the middle school. Third graders worked with seventh graders, while fourth graders partnered with the eighth graders. The older students helped the younger students make holiday cards, ornaments, decorate cookies and play tech games with chrome books. The following day, the fifth and sixth graders came to Gowanda Elementary School to play holiday games and decorate gingerbread houses with the first and second graders. The middle school students showed generosity and kindness to the younger students. It was a wonderful experience for all of our students. Finally, on the last day before Winter Recess, our music teacher, Mr. Woods, hosted a school wide holiday sing along in the gym. Students and teachers got into the holiday spirit by singing a variety of Christmas favorites together.

Faith Stewart
This month with the bitter cold, the students of Silver Creek Elementary School have decided to bring the snow inside of the school. To decorate the halls, students in fourth and fifth grade got the opportunity to color a snowflake and color that they wanted. Once completed they all hung their snowflake in the hallway, making the halls a “Winter Wonderland.” All of the snowflakes had envelopes attached with the students name on it. Every student then got the chance to write a kind note to each of their CREW members. Messages were inspiring, thoughtful, and made each student feel better about themselves. This activity helped boost self-esteem, while also encourage “bucket-filling.” Bucket Filling encourages positive behavior to show children how easy and rewarding kind behavior can be. The snowflakes will remain hung up during Parent-Teacher Conferences during the months of January and February to highlight kindness, one of our Character Traits. Parents will also get the chance to see our own Winter Wonderland while staying warm in the halls of Silver Creek Elementary School.
Happy winter!!! This school year is flying by. The students have been super busy!! 5th graders just finished reading the book ‘Esperanza’ and working on dividing decimals. The 6th graders are reading ‘Bud, Not Buddy’ and working on graphing points on the coordinate plane in math. The 7th graders are reading the book Lyddie and working on geometry in math. The 8th grade is reading ‘To Kill a Mocking Bird’. Stay informed on what your child is learning and sign up for Schoology account if you haven’t already. On Schoology, you are able to see lessons that are being done and grades that are given.

Afterschool homework help is available Monday-Thursday in the JOM classroom. This is a time to get caught up on back work, study, or get organized. Students are encouraged to stay after especially if they need extra help. If we are not here, the learning center is open. It is located in the middle school library and there is a teacher available in there to get extra help after school every day Monday-Friday.

**Upcoming Important dates:**

- **December 25-January 1 Winter recess**
- **January 11th- Half day student attendance**
- **January 15th- No school (Dr. Martin Luther King day)**
- **January 19th- 2nd Quarter Ends**
Students at Gowanda High School have worked extremely hard in the classroom during the second quarter. To participate in extracurricular activities like sports teams and school clubs, students must remain academically eligible based on grades and attendance at school. This quarter, the students have shown greatly improved dedication to studies in order to participate in basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, bowling, swimming, yearbook, student council, and other clubs/activities. Since working here at GHS, the amount of students on the academic ineligibility list is at an all-time low. Homework Help after school has been quite busy, as students dedicate afterschool hours to remain successful in all classes (to remind everyone, Homework Help at Gowanda runs from 2:07 – 2:55 every day in the JOM room). The students that dedicate their time to studies in the afterschool homework help have shown great improvement in grades. I am immensely proud of all of the students at GHS this quarter, and hope that they keep up the amazing work!
My first few weeks shared at Lakeshore Middle School have been nothing short of fantastic. I feel welcomed by the staff here at Lakeshore. The students have been very cooperative and even helpful as I easily got lost a few times in the school.

Since the 2nd quarter has come to a close we will be hosting a Merit and Honor Roll breakfast bunch in the week to come to celebrate those students’ accomplishments. I am greatly looking forward to such a rewarding experience and in honoring their hard work.

Last week I enjoyed our theme of unity in which every grade level watched videos, had open discussions, and activities to provide guidance to students on how to find connections and understanding between each other. Each day we wore different styles to represent our theme. It was awesome to see students and some staff take-part in this daily initiative. As I’ve only just begun here at Lakeshore, I feel I am successfully acclimating myself to the school, staff and students.

I look forward to making a positive impact on the student’s success.
Gowanda Second Quarter
High Honor/Honor/Merit Roll

**HIGH HONOR**
- Shon Thompson (9)
- Cecelia Young (9)
- Lily Redeye (10)
- Pierce Lukonaitis (11)
- Mykayla Williams (11)
- Serena Emery (12)

**HONOR**
- Tyee Nagel (10)
- Marleah Stevens (10)
- Delora Jones (11)
- Kristine Twoguns (11)
- Keanan Coulon (12)
- Stephen John Jr. (12)
- Lyle Warrior (12)

**MERIT**
- Kirk Mohawk (9)
- Nolan Smith (9)
- Wesley Stafford-Williams (9)
- Grace Wakefield (9)
- Everette Golden (10)
- Kialeigh Bennett (11)
- Shanaya Brooks (11)
- Sheridan Isaac (11)
- Taylor Valenti (11)
- Dailyn Whitepigeon (11)
- Giovanni Gallo (12)
- Prince Langston Neil Seneca (12)
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We here at JTW thoroughly enjoyed our Holidays and were grateful to spend time with our families. However, day one back to school, we hit the ground running! There was STAR testing the first week back! This tested our students on their reading and writing retention. Couple the testing with book fairs, new projects and of course Mid-Winters, the school has been abuzz with activities. We are excited to face the new challenges and new learning that this new year will bring us!
January has been a successful start to the New Year at A.J. Schmidt Elementary. I am so proud of AJS students who participated in Mid-Winters. Great job! getting to school this month and being active in the community. I look forward to seeing students for our February Fun Day on February 19th. We are taking a field trip to see a movie at the New Angola Theater. Permission slips will go out shortly. I hope many students can attend. Keep up the great work! We are about half-way through the school year already.

Amanda Sobczyk
Wow! We are half way through the school year! Monday, January 29th the 3rd quarter begins. Students have been meeting with their guidance counselors to plan their schedules for next year. Next year, students must have at least 6.5 credits in their schedule. Lake Shore is offering some exciting new electives so students will have some interesting choices. Electives are a great chance for students to explore a variety of subjects. Students should make their choices based on interest and also where they would like to see themselves in the future. Colleges like to see a well-rounded student who has challenged himself/herself with a rigorous, diverse class load. New classes being offered are listed below!

**Art**
- Jewelry Making and Design
- Native American Art
- Animation
- Virtual Reality

**ELA**
- SAT Prep
- Print/Broadcast Journalism

**Family and Consumer Science**
- Global Gourmet
- Clothing and Textiles
- Housing and Environment
- Nutrition, Health, and Fitness
- Advanced Baking

**Business**
- Sophomore Seminar (career planning)
- Criminal, Civil, and Commercial Law
- Applied Digital Skills
- Digital Citizenship
- Marketing & Promotional Design
- Entrepreneurship

**Social Studies**
- International Political Relations
- Home Planet-Out geography, people and culture
- Intro to Psychology

**Math**
- SAT Prep Math
- Applied Technical Math