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Red - Seneca Nation Education Department
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Mrs. Starr’s Counseling Updates

The middle school weekly lunch groups, called ha’déwë:níshäëka:’ hodiye:is (they meet at noon) have been ongoing in the three districts since September. Right now, the focus is surrounding the character traits in the Creation Story. The students are interpreting the lessons within the story, and learning how to apply these lessons to help them meet their own life goals.

On a monthly basis, I will work with the Lakeshore High School students in Seneca Language as well, where we will be learning more about epigenetics and stress management. In addition, the After School Enrichment Program has invited me in to provide lessons on stress management and social emotional growth.

I am excited to once again be a part of your child’s school year. Individual counseling is also available to help your child further develop skill sets to assist them in their education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Nya:weh!

Carla Starr
Fall Happenings at Silver Creek High School
Submitted by Aimee Sleeth

The school year is in full swing, and students are getting ready for many exciting November events for Native American Heritage Month. The American Indigenous Youth Organization is also planning a community dinner and film discussion for the month of December to coincide with the Silver Creek Title VI Parent Committee Meeting.

October brought fun Halloween activities, opportunities to give back, and presenters to prepare students for life after high school. Many seniors continued the tradition of dressing up for the annual Costume Contest and Parade.

Silver Creek JOM welcomed the outreach coordinator from Cornell, who gave an excellent presentation on preparing for higher education.

Did you know the most needed, but least donated item to shelters is socks? October was “SOCKTOBER” month in Silver Creek. AIYO President Nia Nephew shows 13 pairs of brand new socks that were donated to help our local community.
We are rolling right along over here at Gowanda Middle School. October was a pretty busy month with fall sports, I-ready incentives, Red Ribbon Week (to support a drug-free life), and the middle school youth summit. Students are already getting set for the 2nd quarter which starts on November 12, 2019.

Fall is an exciting time of year for students, because for some, it is their 1st time being able to play school sports. Once a student reaches 7th grade, they are eligible to try-out for a modified/jv sport such as cross-country, volleyball, cheerleading, football, or soccer. Students must be in good academic standing in order to participate. Many of our students, such as Ezra Beaver, Jayson Twoguns, Ha’tshighado:d Stevens, Alhanna Gabel ran on the cross country team. Elizabeth Green, Kierra Moses, and Alyssa Golden played modified volleyball. Keep up the good work!!

Each year, the SNI Education Department hosts a Youth Summit at the ECLC. They hold 3 separate events, one for the elementary, one for middle school, and one for high school. This year we were able to take 16 students who were in good academic standing and met all requirements to attend this field trip. While at the summit, students attended 3 workshops. We learned about trade schools and different types of trades from Sunnea John. We learned about how we can learn from our past and use it to succeed and be resilient from Jordan Cooke. There was also a workshop with staff from BHU and they discussed the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. We ended the day with lunch and a social. This is always a great event and students are excited to interact with students from different schools as well.

Students are encouraged students to seek extra help if needed. We stay after school for homework help Monday-Thursday and the learning center is open as well. We are looking forward to a great 2nd quarter!!!

Important Dates:

- November 11: No school for Veteran’s Day
- November 15: Rock your mocs and crocs Day
  Early dismissal for Parent-Teacher conferences
- November 19: Fall Band Concert (grades 7-12)
- November 27-29: No school for Thanksgiving Break
October was a very busy month at Gowanda Elementary School. Students visited the smoke house to learn about fire safety. Then on October 11th all the local fire departments participated in our fire drill. The fire drill begins normally, but this time, trucks respond. Students had the opportunity to see various types of fire trucks from several local departments, and an ambulance. They had a chance to speak with firefighters and learn about their gear. The GES Halloween Parade was a success despite being moved inside due to the rainy weather.

Faith Stewart
Lake Shore
Middle School
October 2019

This year, I was asked to be a crew leader for the 6th grade class. It has been an amazing experience to meet students once a month and work on team building. We have recently done a school scavenger hunt as well as a Halloween challenge. The scavenger hunt was held to help introduce 6th grade students to different areas of the Middle School grounds that they may be unfamiliar with. The Halloween challenge was meant to be competitive fun; students participated in relays, and tried to work together to see which group could make the longest paper chain in 3 minutes with limited supplies.

Other educational opportunities were provided for LKSMS students at ECLC where 20 students from each of the tri-school district were invited to attend the MS Youth Summit. Students learned about having a good mind and being able to apply a positive mindset even in difficult situations. They learned about the many problems that stem from drug and alcohol abuse while playing a jeopardy game. And lastly, they were provided information about different types of careers to consider in their future. At the end of the event students participated in social dancing as well as a fun cake walk!

We are now gearing up for the 1st Quarter to end Friday (11/8/19); wrapping up in 7th grade with mobile colony and Creation story projects, Heritage projects as well as a Creation Story project in the 8th grade and for many of my 6th graders they are closing up hours on IXL math lessons and finishing up units tests in other core subjects.

What a great start to our 2019-2020 School Year!

Alyssa Ostrowski
October Newsletter - Silver Creek Elementary

Another fantastic school year is underway at Silver Creek Elementary and October has been full of exciting events. On October 16th students in grade 3-5 were invited to attend the Seneca Nation Elementary Youth Summit held at the ECLC. Students took part in three activities and then participated in a social/cupcake walk before returning to school. This is always a great opportunity for Silver Creek students to connect with other students from Lake Shore and Gowanda.

An anti-bullying door decorating contest was held at school and many classrooms worked hard on their door creations. Students in the JOM morning Homework Help program made paper jack-o-lanterns and bats with anti-bullying messages on them to decorate our door theme of Nightmare Before Christmas. All classes did a tremendous job and it was great way to get into the spirit of Halloween.

We look forward to November to honor Native American Heritage Month. There are many activities scheduled during this month including a visit to school from the Seneca Nation singers and dancers, “Rock Your Mocs” day, and Indian Taco Day. It is a great time for the students to share elements of their culture with their classmates and teachers. As we move into the school year I want to remind parents and guardians of the importance of attending school and completing assigned daily homework. Each student should be reading every night to complete their daily IRLA steps. This will help them grow into stronger readers and comprehend the text that they do read. If your family is in need of books for home please have your child talk to me at school and I will send reading material home.

Lisa Anderson
Silver Creek Middle School had some exciting events in October. Students participated in several different in school events for Home Coming, Red Ribbon Week and Unity Day - A day against Bullying. Fun dress up days were held for each different event with a culminating pep rally for Home Coming.

The Behavioral Health Unit, BHU, has again started grade level prevention groups focusing on positive life choices and drug abuse awareness. Our specialists, Lydia Bushman and Justin Gill meet on Wednesday’s with a different grade level each week. I look forward to hearing more about the topics that will be covered over the course of the year.

On Wednesday October 23rd, 14 students boarded the bus and headed to the Education Department at ECLC for the Annual youth Summit. Students participated in 3 different workshops. BHU presented a Jeopardy type games about drug, alcohol and tobacco use. We had a workshop on Trade programs such as construction, welding, etc. and higher education to help the students start to think about what their next steps could be after they complete high school. It’s never too early to start to think about what to do next, even when next is still several years away. Having a goal and a future story is on way to stay focused on the tasks at hand and stay motivated. The last presentation was on resiliency, what can we learn from our past experiences, both good and bad, to help us overcome challenges in the future. We ended the day with a group social and “cupcake” walk. Students had a great time and left great feedback about what they would like to see in the future.

The very next day, 7th grade students, again boarded the bus. This time the grade level went to Fort Niagara for the day. Students had an historical experience learning about the Clinton Sullivan Campaign and the Role of Fort Niagara both in the Revolutionary war and the history of Haudenosaunee people.

And who can forget Halloween. Students were allowed to wear school appropriate costumes to school for the day. Many classes did Halloween themed activities. Though the weather was wet, windy and became chilly, many students had a great time both in school and then later in the day.

Upcoming events:
Quarter ends - Nov. 8
Rock Your Mocs - Nov 15
Thanks Giving Bread - Nov. 27 - 29
Will's Report

What an exciting school year we have had thus far! After brushing off the post-summer blues, our students hit the road running. We had several faculty changes as well as many new students to our district. These changes allowed for our students to showcase their upbeat attitudes and school family values. We also have had several changes in regards to the state standards in reading and math. This lead to new small group and testing methods. As always, these new changes were embraced in the typical WAUGH way, with our students rising to the challenge with great determination and vigor.

It hasn’t been all work and no play, however. We celebrated red ribbon week earlier in the quarter, to make a pledge against drugs. It was an entertaining week as we had several “dress down” days including; Role model day, school spirit day, Hawaiian Day, and a Halloween costume day that included a fantastic parade. Everyone, including parents, jumped into the All Hallows Eve spirit. The week culminated with the always highly anticipated JTW faculty vs. the Evans Police Department basketball game. It was a hard fought game with the teachers losing by a single point! This broke the teachers three year winning streak. We will get them next year!

Our fourth graders have been very busy promoting kindness. They have been making necklaces with sayings that are meant to brighten ones day and promote kindness. Last year they raised and were able to donate $500 to a local charity, this year they are hoping to double that! Two local news stations came in an interviewed them. They have shipped necklaces all over the country and are aspiring to ship abroad as well!

Ajenyoya’sháshá’
“RESPECT”

Respect was our theme for the Elementary Youth summit. 15 JTW students went to the ECLC to learn about respecting themselves, each other and Mother Earth. A delicious meal was had and the day ended with a social. A fun time was had by all.
### Gowanda Elementary School 2019-2020
#### Fourth Grade Honor Rolls

**Honors**
- Isabela Gill
- Raelin Smith

**Merit**
- Lillian Spruce
- Aziyah Washburn
- Mychal Williams
- Rylee Yasurek

### Silver Creek Middle School 2019-2020
#### 1st Quarter Honor / Credit Roll

**Honor Roll**
- Leon Taisi Olsen, 8
- Aubrey Ruth Donnes, 7
- Gabriella Danette Seneca, 7
- Ella Grace Austin, 6
- Skylo Jace Gates, 6
- Shylor Gage Maybee, 6
- Haleie Jayde Rybii, 6
- Courtney Lynn Wolff, 6

**Credit Roll**
- Sage Elizabeth Holden, 8
- Lucille Marie Jimerson, 8
- Vayda Lynne Stevens, 8
- Timothy Carl Williams, 8
- Bryce Jacob Balestrieri, 6
- Molly Makayla Becker, 6
- Adrian Danielle Frame, 6
- Marcus Isaac Gable, 6
- Malorie Rae Gisegomah, 6
- Kailey Ray Jamison, 6
- Trevor Allan Jamison, 6
- Takoda Robert Mar, 6
- Ayden Lee Neims, 6
- Sean Allen Waterman, 6

### Lake Shore High School 2019-2020
#### 1st Quarter Honor / Merit Roll

**Honor Roll**
- Rayne Brooker, 9
- Savannah Olsen, 10
-2000 Central
- Angela Edmond, 9
- Emily Hoenig, 9
- Ebony Ayers, 11
- Coby Jimerson, 11
- Fortnite, Dragon Quest, 12
- Jada John, 11
- Kai Johnson, 11
- Jodyn Jones, 12
- Alexandria Kennedy, 9
- Emma Kudin, 11
- Yanenow Logan, 12
- Elise Maybee, 12
- Madeline Maybee, 10
- Shyan Mohawk, 10
- Koby Parker, 12
- Nyala Rivera, 9
- Lainey Scanlan, 11
- Layla Seneca, 11
- Amaya Talcistro, 12
- Tianna Thuman, 9
- Holly Weston, 12
- Tallynn Whitney, 12
- Aryana Williams, 12
- Ava Williams, 10
- Miranda Williams, 11

**Merit Roll**
- Game Done, 9
- Myanna Groves, 10
- Dallas Olen, 9
- Shannon Sammon, 11
- Brandon Ayers, 10, 11
- Mayla Jolin, 9
- Megan, John, 12
- Sally, John, 10
- Ann Kennedy, 11
- Sahna Logan, 12
- Angela Lander, 9
- Malorie McCumber, 9
- Mariner Parton, 10
- Holly, Rice, 10
- Sophia Snyder, 17
- Carter Thompson, 12

Silver Creek High School 2019-2020
#### 1st Quarter Honor / Credit Roll

**Honor Roll**
- Alexis Jade Balestrieri, 12
- Morningstar Halftown, 12
- Julia Nicole Kennedy, 12
- Nia Destiny Nephew, 12
- Shandon Jose-Carmen Monroy, 11
- Kianna Kee Warrior, 11
- Genevieve Jay Balestrieri, 10
- Gracie Hoelzle, 10
- Lila Eve Farrell, 9
- Kayla Marie Johns, 9
- Jackson Abbot Williams, 9

**Credit Roll**
- Dancnceus Kyluyunn Maybee, 11
- Sincere RaeBecker, 10
- Noelle May Boushie, 10
- Roger David Williams, 10
- Tory Lee Cook, 9
- Tehya Sydney Mar, 9
- Jakeb Allen-Johnson Millar, 9
Nya:Wēh for Reading