



## Drama Club Returns to the Stage with a Contemporary Favorite: High School Musical!

By Brenda Martin-Kemp

We're finally back at it again, folks! The Letchworth Jr./Sr. High School Drama Club is back in their favorite place to be: the theater! After our last show was canceled two years ago due to COVID, we are all grateful and thrilled to be able to come together to perform, set build, learn songs, design costumes, and create choreography. This year, our cast is excited to announce that we will be "gettin' our heads in the game" and performing Disney's High School Musical! This is a show about high school students coming together at East High after their winter break. The students of East High are learning to not "Stick to the Status Quo" as they embrace their differences. Star basketball player, Troy Bolten, discovers his passion for music and the theater after meeting a brainiac, Gabriella Montez. Troy and Gabriella help everyone discover who they are outside of their cliques and experience something new.

Our backstage technicians have been hard at work designing amazing sets for us to use along with costumes to wear. The "techies" play just as big of roles in making a successful production as our actors do. Without them, we would not have any props to use, sets to dance on, or costumes to wear. The technicians are the ones who help our play run smoothly, and we are thankful to all of those who are helping Drama Club prepare.

Additionally, we are in the works to highlight a backbone of our cast—the understudy cast—by having a special understudy performance. Our understudies have worked extremely hard to study and learn these lines, songs, and choreography, and we can't wait for everyone to support them as well. More details will be forthcoming! The Club is also preparing to honor two years' of Drama Club alumni who were never allowed to perform their senior show because of the pandemic. There will be an invitation for these former students to join this year's production in a special way, along with a reception after one of our performances to honor these young men and women. This year's performances will be March 18th and 19th at 7:30 pm, and March 20th at 2 pm in the Charles Little Auditorium at Letchworth Central School. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and prices this year are: \$8 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and students. Please come to support a great group of students who have worked tirelessly in and outside of rehearsal to put on the best show that we can.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP

On a cold evening at the end of December the Letchworth music department embarked on a trip to Shea's Theater in Buffalo. Though the theater's COVID restrictions made for a different sort of trip, the senior high students and chaperones watched with wide eyes one of the biggest musicals ever staged. Lin Manuel Miranda's Hamilton is a retelling of the founding of our nation from the revolution to the establishment of the system of government, following the life of Alexander Hamilton. Though the show is packed full of history, it is billed as "American then told by America now" and features modern musical styles from hip hop to full Broadway pop numbers. The music department looks forward to returning to more pre-pandemic opportunities for our students in the coming months and years.



## EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

In the event that school is closed or delayed due to an emergency or bad weather, the following radio and TV stations will be notified. On mornings when weather is questionable, parents and students are advised to tune in to any of the following stations:

WCJW (1140 AM), in Warsaw  
WHAM (1180 AM) & Channel 13, Rochester  
WBEN (930 AM) & Channel 2, Buffalo  
as well as others not listed here.

The information will also be sent out on ParentSquare and updated on the school website at [lechworth.k12.ny.us](http://lechworth.k12.ny.us).

## BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought of being a school bus driver? Letchworth is currently seeking people who enjoy working independently outdoors, driving, and working with children. This occupation involves solving practical problems and working with details. It is the ideal part-time job as it usually involves 1-2 hours in the morning and/or afternoon and leaves most mid-day, evenings and weekends free and flexible for the adult. Our hourly rate is competitive (at \$14.73 per hour with a bus driver minimum run rate of \$23.00). We also offer an attractive benefit package on a sliding scale determined by the average number of hours worked. {Sick days, Personal Days, Paid Holidays, Health care benefits} If you are interested, please contact the Transportation Department at 493-2828.

Training is provided at no cost to the driver!



# MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CAMPBELL



Dear Letchworth Families,

As superintendent, I find myself amazed at the things I see students and staff accomplish on a daily basis. The media around us tends to focus on the negative and extreme. What I see here at school are daily successes and challenges that our students and staff accomplish and overcome. Some are small and some are big. I spoke with our teachers the other day about "WOW" moments for our students and their families. These are those times that you see a breakthrough for a student who struggles to read or a student finally sees the connection between math class and small engine repair. **Little things still matter here at LCS. We teach students to look you in the eye when you are talking, say thank you and please, work together for a common purpose, treat all people and those in authority with a level of respect and develop a strong work ethic.**

These simple truths are still important to us as I know they are to you. I mention this to let you know how proud we are of our school and the students you send us each day. Despite our differences we are still moving forward and working together. Character is strengthened by seeing different views on topics and developing an atmosphere for healthy debate and research. When I step into classrooms I see healthy learning environments and students who treat their peers and instructors with respect. This does not happen on its own. We are striving to make connections with every family and build a trust that will endure tough times. We all have the same goal; a life for our children that is rewarding, regardless of the struggle. Please be encouraged, we see hope here at school on a daily basis.

**Throughout this newsletter you will see real examples of the things I am speaking about. Students, staff and community members working together, learning, celebrating and sometimes even struggling. Enjoy the various highlights and be proud of Letchworth.**

A brief update on our new building project:

- NYSED has issued our new building permits
- We opened contractor bids on February 4th
- We are on schedule to break ground June 27, 2022

**This year's musical will be High School Musical performed on March 18, 19 and 20. You will not want to miss it, mark your calendars. We have one of the biggest casts in LCS history.**

In closing, thank you for your continued support.

Together...We are Letchworth.

Todd Campbell, Superintendent

## NEW ADDRESS? OR NEW PHONE?

*Please let us know!*

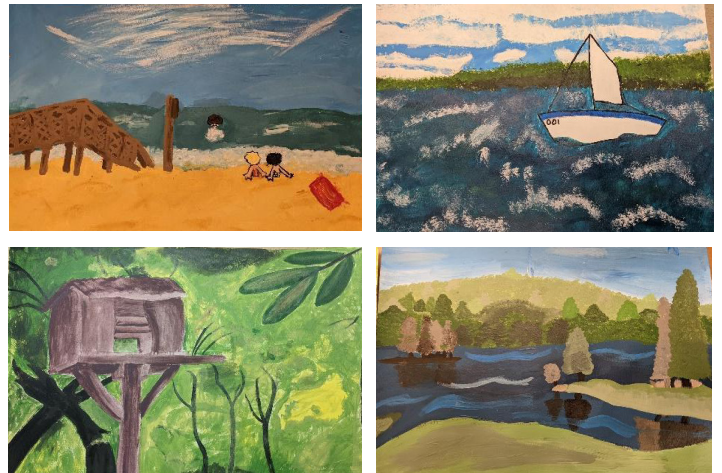
If you have an address or phone change during the summer please call 493-3530. We especially need to know if you have a PO Box. The Post Office will return all mail we send you if not addressed correctly. Keeping your information up-to-date assures you will receive important school information in a timely manner.

## Middle School Greatness

We are proud to show what some of our middle school artists have been up to with our art teacher Mrs. Fontaine. The first few pictures are endangered species that the students had to research and then draw. The students did an outstanding job learning about the animals and creating their likeness.

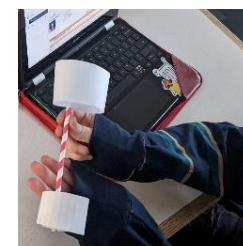
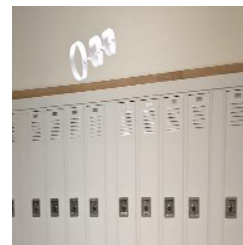


The next pictures are of landscape work our 8th grade students produced. As you can see we have some very talented artists.



We also have some great things going on in technology. Mr. Giardino is working on CO2 cars with our students and Mr. Ptak has been working on airplanes and the physics of flying. Here are a few pictures of what the students produced.

These three teachers are just a snapshot of what all of our teachers have to offer our students and the great things that happen everyday within the walls of our school.





# Winter Cheerleading

If you were to step onto the track in the high school gym any day after school, you would see nearly 50 athletes participating in Winter Cheerleading!! Coach Mistretta has 19 on her Varsity team, Coach Graham has 11 JV girls, and Coach Tisdale has 18 cheerleaders at the modified level!! The 3 coaches are thrilled to have so many athletes participating in cheerleading this winter. All teams cheer at home boys basketball games, and the JV and varsity teams will compete at several competitions this winter. Most competitions are live streamed, so if you are not able to attend in person, hopefully you can watch their performances online.

Mrs. Mistretta, Miss Graham, and Miss Tisdale would like to thank the cheerleaders for their hard work and their parents for their support during this unique season. A special thank you goes out to our exchange student Chiara for joining our team this year and to our Seniors: Madison, Lulu, Casmira, and Destiny for their leadership this season and their dedication over the past 6 years!!



## Varsity Team:

Coach: Marsha Mistretta Seniors: Casmira Bartz, Leah Halsey, Chiara Palumbo, Destiny Wallace, Madison Weaver Juniors: Grace Berwaldt, Leah Bolen, Delaney Dahl, Reagan Drumma, Sidney Simmons, Isabelle Talley. Sophomores: Lila Bailey, Kendra Brace, Kaelin Chapman, Jenna Keller, Mylah McCormick, Emma Pfeiffer, Shelby Salamone, Logan Wright



## JV Team:

Coach: Sandy Graham Sophomores: Maria Friedhaber, Hannah Hibbard, Hunter Schroeder Freshmen: Emilee Fuller, Shelby Hastreiter, Grace Mitchell 8th Graders: Ella Belkota, Mia Belkota, Maddie Geising, Grace Hopkins, Maddyn Miller



## Modified Team:

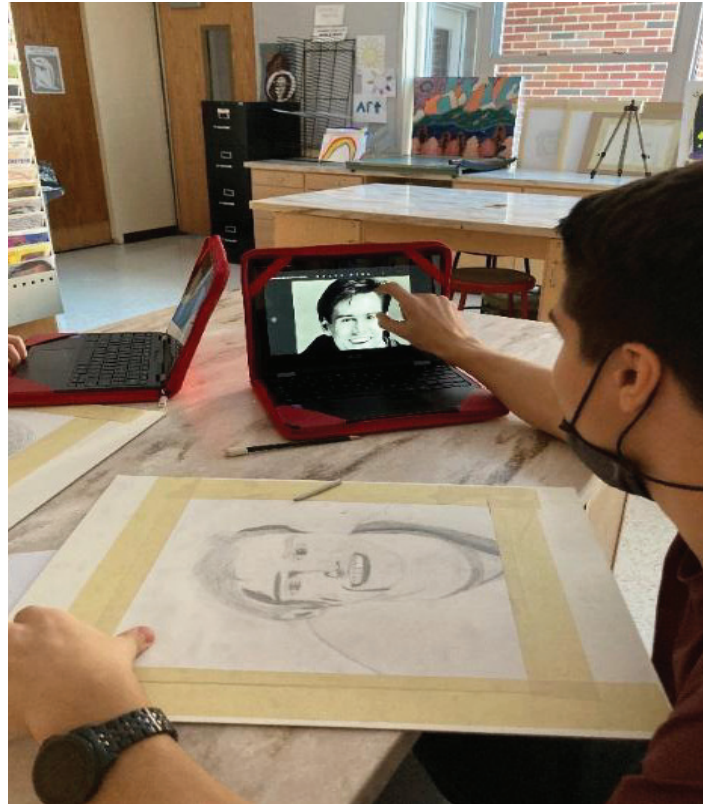
Front: Racquel Hartman 1st Row: Samantha Warner, Madison Youngers, Gianna Krobe, Elizabeth Fuller, Bella Wahr 2nd Row: Lillian Lane, Katrina Snyder, Julie Jordan, Bianca Rodriguez 3rd Row: Kaylyn Bradley, Sophie Lavrincik, Marly McGrath, Hazel Bailey, Allannah Giardino, Abigail Cummins, Zanyah Yisrael, Madison Satterlee \*Not Pictured: Jenny Carney, Lauren Matthews

## Varsity Sectionals at Gates Chili High School Tuesday, February 22



# HIGH SCHOOL ART

This year in Art with Ms. DiGuardi, students have focused on the process of creating in different mediums. Recently, the Drawing and Painting and Studio Art students have worked on realistic portraits of someone they love or look up to. Ceramic students have worked on a project that involves studying ceramic art from other cultures around the world, to inspire them to create their own art piece. Graphic Art students have worked on designs for a logo for their favorite singer or band. Students work together to problem solve and have fun while they bring their imagination and creativity to life. They have built strong relationships and bonds within the classroom that elevates their experience of the art world.



# EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Mr. Hess and his students for receiving this year's Genesee Valley School Boards 2022 Excellence in Student Service Award.

They were nominated for their service project that restores old bicycles and lawn mowers to distribute to the local community free of charge.

Here are a few quotes from students involved in the project.

"In our school we have an awesome Agriculture Department with some of the best teachers. Our teachers would go out of their way to help us with our own vehicles or projects big or small. The last couple of years we've asked people to donate lawn mowers and bicycles in any condition. We fix up these lawn mowers and bicycles and then donate them to the community for anyone in need. It's a great experience." J. Perl

"I thought the lawn mower and bike repair service projects are a very good way to teach kids a basic understanding of the mechanical world around them and expose them to the mechanical trades, while also giving back to the community." E. Covert.



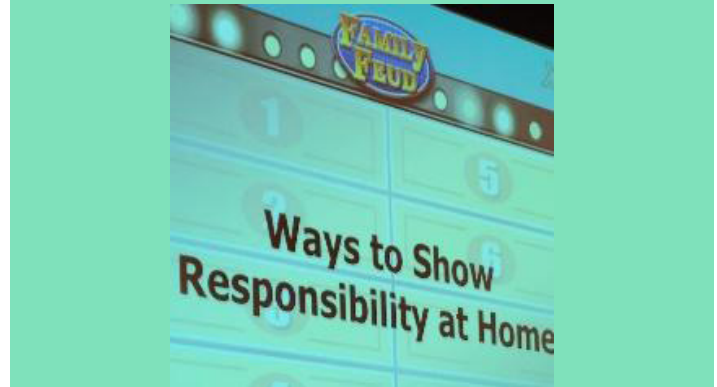
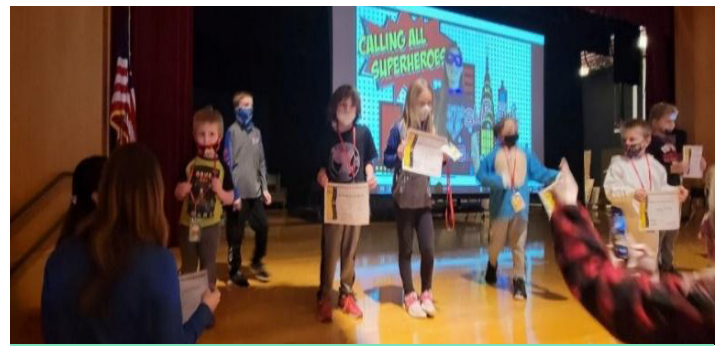


# ELEMENTARY NEWS

It has been pretty busy at Lockwood Elementary. Two new videos were released that STAR our Parents and Students. The Grit Video highlights all the students selected by teachers who have shown the most amount of GRIT during the year. The Responsible Like video features Parents dancing with their Children. The song was modeled after the hit Fancy Like Song and choreographed by our own Mrs. Krist. Check it out on the Lockwood Elementary Facebook page and Parent Square.



Another Great LEAP Assembly was put on by the Lockwood Elementary Teachers. It featured Minute to Win It games, Family Feud Responsibility Edition, a Dance Off, and we of course recognized our Super Hero Energy Bus Students of the Month.





## A HOMECOMING TO THE STAGE

After two years, the Charles Little Auditorium welcomed its first audiences since the lockdown. The LCS Fine Arts Department was thrilled to invite their community back for a three-part concert series, including public sharings from groups in 4th through 12th grade.

The first concert was a night with the Senior High Chorus and Senior High Band. Mrs. Raymond took the stage for her second concert series at LCS as the director of choirs. Mr. Wartinger took the stage for his final performance as the leader of the Senior High Band. Both groups had a varied selection of repertoire including holiday selections. Spectrum and Jazz Band provided musical contributions to the program.

The second night in the concert lineup was Junior High music featuring both the Junior High Chorus and Junior High Band. A massive 80-plus chorus led by Mrs. Raymond sang their prepared pieces and shared a video of music created for the event. Mr. Decker led the Junior Band in a strong performance of musicians who had not touched their instruments since before the lockdown a year and a half ago.

The final concert was a night of new beginnings. Two beginning choruses and two beginning bands took the stage for the very first time. The 6th grade chorus was the only group with one concert experience on this program. Mr. Hopkins led his 4th Grade Chorus to a grand performance of the holiday fair. Mrs. Raymond's two choruses provided opportunities for talented singers to take a solo. Mr. Decker conducted, for the first time in his career, two beginning bands. His 6th Grade Band performed music for a play acted out by our LCS Administration Team.

Each night was a triumph in its own right as the community found their way back to the much-needed performing arts. The student musicians would like to invite you back in the Spring for the next concert series:

Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM – Spring Concert I: Sr. Chorus, Spectrum, Sr. Band, and Jazz Band

Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 PM – Spring Concert II (Grades 4-6): 4th Grade Chorus, 5th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Chorus, 5th Grade Band, and 6th Grade Band

Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM – Spring Concert III (Grades 7-8): Junior Chorus and Junior Band

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

September-

5th grade- Kendall Jines & Kane Bly

6th grade- Joshua Laureano & Micah Hansen

7th grade- Abigail Cummins & Elijah Horton

8th grade- Ivy Smith & Elijah Volpe

October-

5th grade- Emerson Whalen & Cody Mest

6th grade- June Prall & Alexander Marquart

7th grade- Ariana Sheer & Dylan Smith

8th grade- Julia Mest

November-

5th grade- Lidia Yount & Wesley Reed

6th grade- Marianna Abbott & Sara-Grace Hill

7th grade- Autumn Mann & Ryan Mitchell

8th grade- Naomi Yount & Ryan Gordon



## HOOPS FOR A CAUSE

Maddison Strathearn, Delaney Bean and Ethan Schroeder, students in the Leadership in Action Class planned and organized the 3rd Hoops for a Cause game on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the High School Gym. This event was a basketball game played by Letworth faculty against local Law Enforcement officers.

During the game, Decisions Catering was set up in the concession stand with delicious food and made a generous donation to the cause!

438 students, staff and community members attended the game and very generously donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Organization in honor of Natalie Bartholomew, a LCS 4th grader and our beloved AG teacher, Forrest Hess.

LIA is proud to donate \$8,500 to the WNY Branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Organization. We are so grateful for the generous donations from the people in attendance, Decisions Catering, WYCO Jail staff, WYCO Road staff, the team of local Law Enforcement officers, the Hess family and Team Natalie.

The organization and planning of an event of this magnitude is no small feat and these amazing Seniors did an outstanding job. A huge thank you to all who came, donated and helped behind the scenes to ensure our 3rd Hoops for a Cause game was a huge success!



Both teams, the MCs (Nik and Ethan) and the LIA students in charge before the game.



The winning shot, made by Natalie for the Law Enforcement team.

# 10 WEEK HONOR ROLL

## CLASS OF 2022

### HIGHEST HONOR

**94.500-100+**

Cherish Bagg  
Basmira Bartz  
Paige Bayliss  
Delaney Bean  
Kaitlyn Broughton  
Olivia Buchholz  
Lilly Crane  
Emma Davis  
Brooke DeGroff  
Ryleigh Duryee  
Jared Flint  
Jade Flitcroft  
Jonelle Flitcroft  
Emily Greene  
Leah Halsey  
Lucas Hansen  
Kasey Krenzer  
Blaise Leone  
John Mertsock  
Eric Mills  
Tucker Owens  
Joshua Perl  
Anthony Steves  
Maddison Strathearn  
Connor Till  
Kissler Tumangob  
Madison Weaver  
Kirsten Webster  
Alan Wilber  
Morgan Wright

### HIGH HONOR

**89.500-94.499**

Phoebe Conklin  
Ethan Covert  
Nikolas Eustace  
Levi Gill  
Brooklin Hastreiter  
Nathan Husted  
Madison Kovach  
Bella Leone  
Caleb Maines  
Demitri Montalvo  
Ethan Schroeder  
Jacob Shearing  
Zachary Whalen

### HONOR

**84.500-89.499**

Jared Broughton  
Bradley J. Cole  
Marquis Flint  
Elias Franklin  
Nickolas Price

## CLASS OF 2023

### HIGHEST HONOR

**94.500-100+**

Morgan Brace  
Lindsay Constable  
Reagan Drumma  
Samantha Ferris  
Victoria Franklin  
Teah Garrison  
Hana Gill  
Caidence Hulton  
Garrett Kemp  
Katelynn Linsey  
Brenda Martin-Kemp  
Jordan Morin  
Noah Reis  
Christopher Shearing  
Tessa Sherman  
Sidney Simmons  
Adrianna Smith  
Isabelle Talley  
Claire Wilkins

### HIGH HONOR

**89.500-94.499**

Grace Berwaldt  
Leah Bolen  
Alexander Bowles  
Ethan Carter  
Delaney Dahl  
Logan Diver  
Alexis Domes  
James Gillmer  
Cylie Hulton  
Audra McBride  
Connor Osborne  
Chiara Palumbo  
Caleb Runfola  
Travis Russell  
Alana Soto  
Devan Tisdale  
Devin Tisdale  
Mackenzie Winnie

### HONOR

**84.500-89.499**

Sarah Andrews  
Tyler Ballinger  
Taylor Belkota  
Hunter Fitzwater  
Kyra Flint  
Lucus Hadfield  
Morgan Holderer  
Hailey Ratigan  
Alexis Richards  
Connor Snyder  
Austin Westermeier

## CLASS OF 2024

### HIGHEST HONOR

**94.500-100+**

Lila Bailey  
Reagan Bannister  
Jack Carney  
Evan Carter  
Kaitlyn Conway  
Abigale DeRock  
Brian Fay  
Hannah Hibbard  
Richard Hoyt  
Massimo Malone  
Mylah McCormick  
Emily Perl  
Samuel Plymale  
Olivia Wahr

### HIGH HONOR

**89.500-94.499**

Alyssa Abbott  
Abigail Bacon  
Quinn Baker  
Edmund Bentley  
Kendra Brace  
Erika Constable  
Adam Halsey  
Matthew Maines  
Alyssa Milillo  
Nataliia Proskurnia  
Abigail Schreiber  
Hunter Schroeder  
Trinity Scott

### HONOR

**84.500-89.499**

Noah Almeter  
Evan Broughton  
Harlan Foote  
Jenna Keller  
Gavin Kemp  
Mackenzie Kovach  
Joslyn McMurtry  
Annetta Owens  
Eric Prince  
Trevor Remington  
Shelby Salamone  
Ella Schwab  
Damon Timmermans  
Alexander Whalen  
Ryan Wilmet

## CLASS OF 2025

### HIGHEST HONOR

**94.500-100+**

Ava Conklin  
Lily Distaffen  
Onalee Gates  
Olivia Gilbert  
Nicholas Jacoby  
Grace Mitchell  
Nathan Perl  
Alannah Roberts  
Anthony Rose  
Connor Shear  
Derek Smith  
Gabriel Sommer  
Felicity Wantuch

### HIGH HONOR

**89.500-94.499**

Maggie Almeter  
Hayden Ayers  
Miley Brosius  
Patience Burnett  
Jordyn Ellwood  
Kiarra Gilbert  
Shelby Hastreiter  
Carly Jines  
McKenzie Osborne  
Jackson Prall  
Jaina Smith  
Adam Webster

### HONOR

**84.500-89.499**

Adam Berwaldt  
Aubrie Brown  
Noah Brown  
Alisha Buelte  
Austin Caryl  
Richard Caryl  
Ty Domes  
Kaylie Emmons  
Justin Flint  
Emilee Fuller  
Arisdely Garcia Damian  
Benjamin Hibbard  
Ayden Miller  
Alexis Mitchell  
Natalie Orcutt  
Erin Royce  
Hayden Schroeder



## The Letchworth Ski and Snowboard Club

took advantage of the winter cold and snow this January! More than 30 students from grades 3-12 bundled up to head down the slopes at Swain Resort each Sunday afternoon. Beginners took advantage of complimentary lessons to develop skills and confidence. By the end of the four weeks of fun, everyone was able to cruise down the hills without assistance.

Join in on the fun next year! Look for information in October!



## PLAY DAY

On February 2nd the LCS Kindergarten classes participated in the Global School Play Day. For one day we put the academics aside to focus on the social interactions and emotional well being of our kids. After all, as Mr. (Fred) Rogers said, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

Our students were invited to bring in non-electronic toys and games from home. Throughout the day we engaged in pretend play scenarios, construction activities, games, and free play opportunities. The kids loved it and the teachers were quite impressed with the fun that was had by all!



**VISIT THE LCS WEB SITE AT: [WWW.LETCHWORTH.K12.NY.US](http://WWW.LETCHWORTH.K12.NY.US) FOR UPDATES AND FOR EMERGENCY CLOSINGS.**

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<b>GRADE 9</b>	Connor Sheer Nathan Perl	Hailey Seefeldt Adam Webster	Ava Conklin Anthony Rose	Maggie Almeter Derek Smith	Patience Burnett Issac Hansen
<b>GRADE 10</b>	Ella Schwab Massimo Malone	Jenna Keller Evan Broughton	Ryan Wilmet Noah Almeter	Reagan Bannister Adam Halsey	Evan Carter Kendra Brace
<b>GRADE 11</b>	Delaney Dahl Connor Osborne	Lindsay Constable Alexander Bowles	Lucus Hadfield Teah Garrison	Renay Blaszak Chris Shearing	Devin Tisdales Isabelle Talley
<b>GRADE 12</b>	Brooke DeGross Jared Flint	Kasey Krenzer Joshua Perl	Jade flitcroft Ryleigh Duryee	Phoebe Conklin Tucker Owens	Emma Davis Connor Till