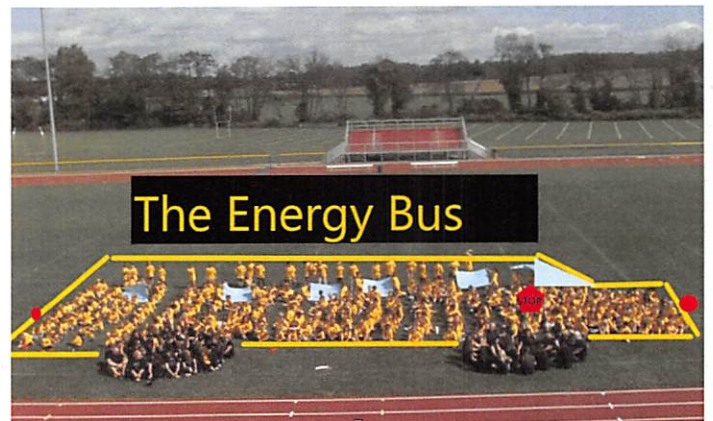




## First Responder/Fire Prevention Day

On October 7th a group of dedicated community members took the time once again to come in and make our children aware of the importance of our First Responders and what to do in case of a fire. It is always an amazing time watching all the real life interaction that takes place on this day. The kids are

awestruck by all the equipment and all the trucks that are here. It is such a cool day of hands on learning and excitement. The smiles on children's faces and the questions they were asking are true evidence of this great day. Thank you to all our community members and First Responders that were here.



## Energy Bus

On September 12, 2019 Letchworth Central School received a generous donation from Perry Rotary for student programs. Lila Bailey and Mr. Campbell were there to represent the school and to say "Thank you" in person!

Well, as most of you know, the Elementary L.E.A.P. challenge is to get on the Energy Bus and live your life with positive thoughts and actions. All year long we are doing activities that revolve around this book "The Energy Bus" by John Gordon. One of the crazier things we did was to go out to our football field and try to make a human bus as a cool kick off. It is going to be a great year!



# Leadership in Action

Students from the Leadership in Action Class were invited to interview with the Letchworth Cable Access TV Program to discuss projects from last year as well as plans for this school year. On October 8, seniors Pierce McPherson, Will Bean, Gabi Goodrich, Dana Callaro and Kristin Hastings were joined by their teacher, Kara Bonn for the interview.

Throughout the meeting the students explained how the class worked, how different projects benefited our school and community and which projects they were looking forward to completing this year. These exceptional seniors had the opportunity to discuss their future plans and explain how this class has helped them step out of their comfort zones and encourage them to step up as leaders in and out of class. Overall the students did an amazing job and we look forward to seeing their hard work and efforts come together throughout this year in Leadership Class.



## Lab Notes

Gabrielle Goodrich, Kristin Hastings, Pierce McPherson, Mathew Weaver (Mr. Radzysinski)

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You throw a stone off a bridge. One... two... Splash! The stone hits the water. Have you ever asked yourself how fast the stone was accelerating? Well if you haven't, the physics lab has figured it out for you!

Acceleration is the rate at which velocity changes, meaning that the stone is speeding up as it gets closer to the water. The average acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) on Earth is  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  (meters per second, per second; meaning that every second, speed increase by 9.81 meters per second). Yet this can vary slightly depending on your distance from the center of the earth. Mount Nevado Huascarán in Peru has the lowest  $g$  on earth, at  $9.76 \text{ m/s}^2$ ; and the Atlantic Ocean has the highest, at  $9.83 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

We wanted to find the exact acceleration due to gravity here at Letchworth. To figure this out, we measured the distance from the top of the stairs to the boomerang, and then dropped a pencil from the top of the stairs and timed how long it took to hit the boomerang. After several trials, we calculated a class average of  $9.95 \text{ m/s}^2$  for the acceleration due to gravity. Although our answer came out larger (a result, most likely, of some inconsistency in our experiment, like reaction time), it is within range of the accepted value.



Resource Officer, Mr. Carrasquillo in Mr. Mertsock's Class Presenting and discussing Character & Career Education, Safety Topics, Goals of the SRO Program, Current Events, etc. with various Senior Classes.

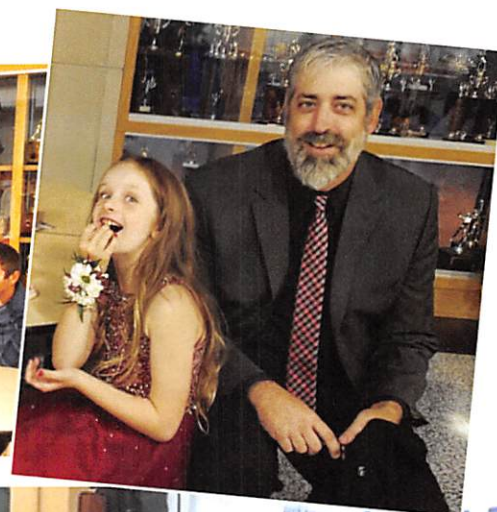
## Important Medicaid Reminder

Parents, if your child receives Medicaid, you **MUST REAPPLY** every year in order for your child to continue to be Medicaid eligible. To avoid a lapse in eligibility, please make sure you reapply annually



# Father Daughter Dance

Our Father Daughter Dance was held on October 18th. We had over 260 participants this year which has been our biggest dance yet. All the girls looked amazing and the fathers had a great time dancing the night away, enjoying the photo booth, and tasting the cookies. Box Tops were collected at the dance to help cover some of the costs. Please send in your Box Tops so that we can continue to have this awesome event.



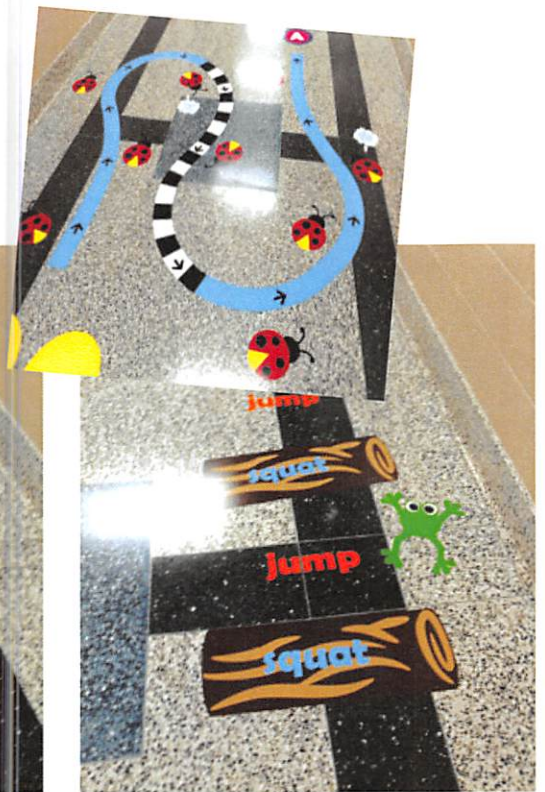
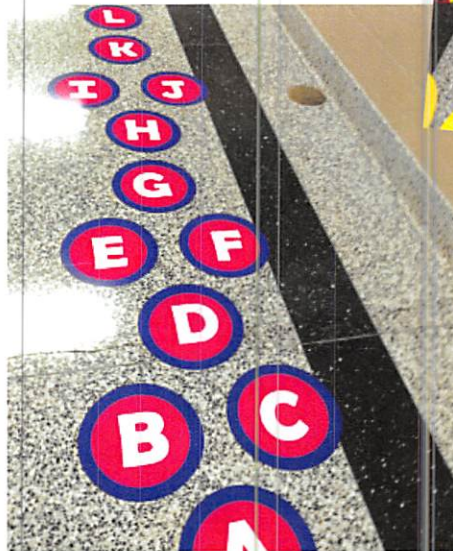
# Mr. Hess Returns to College

On October 25, Mr. Forrest Hess returned to his college alma mater to present to the Annual Fall Tech Conference. His topic was "Maple Syrup Production for the Technology Education Setting," and was the highlight of the Technology Innovation Showcase for this event. In the presentation, Mr. Hess discussed the maple syrup evaporator he designed and built. He will be implementing this project into the existing maple syrup production curriculum at the high school level. This information included plans for building one of these units as well as what it takes to start a full scale maple sap collection and syrup production operation. Congratulations to Mr. Hess on this terrific accomplishment!





# A New Sensory Path for the Elementary School



Over the summer, we had teachers volunteer to come in and set up the new Sensory Path that will be available for students this school year. "A Sensory Path is a colorful, creative and playful way for kids to build sensory pathways, connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, sound, etc., which allow kids to complete complex, multi-step tasks" according to Todd Smith of Fit Fun Play

Scapes. Activities like this helps kids get the blood pumping and the creative juices flowing so they are able to sit and focus for longer periods of time in the classroom. This is going to be a great addition to the Elementary for all students and we are so excited for it to be well used in the upcoming years.

## Food Drive for the Holidays

The Senior National Honor Society is holding their annual food drive for the holidays. They would appreciate help in collecting food for the food pantries in Castile and Silver Springs.

Collection period for canned food and non-perishable items is November 5 - 19, 2019. Please send items to school with your child and help their class win a prize for being the class with the largest contribution.

## Address & Phone Changes

If your address or phone number changes, please let us know. Call 493-3530.

If you have PO Box we need to know that for mailings. The best way for us to get information to you is to keep your child's information up to date.

**Thank you!**



We are also taking donation items for Suzanne's Comfort Care Home in Perry, NY. They have requested bottled water, ginger-ale (cans), coffee pods [reg & decaf], soap, lotion, Kleenex. Postage stamps and copy paper are also gratefully accepted.

## Free & Reduced Meals

The application can be found on the school web site at [www.ketchworth.k12.ny.us](http://www.ketchworth.k12.ny.us)

Click on the Knife & Fork icon to find the application and monthly menu's.



# What is new with LCS Music?

Please welcome **Mrs. Barbara Raymond** the LCS Fine Arts Department! Mrs. Raymond comes to Letchworth Central School with a wealth of experience. Her music training is from both Roberts Wesleyan College and SUNY Fredonia. She has many years of teaching experience at Attica CSD where she taught classroom and vocal music. Mrs. Raymond is very excited to take over LCS's secondary vocal / general music teaching position. What brings Mrs. Raymond to LCS? She lives in the district and wanted to work in the school her children attend. She is very excited to collaborate with our students, community, faculty, staff, and administration. Mrs. Raymond looks forward to her conducting debut at LCS this December.



**Reagan Drumma** (oboe) and **Kirsten Webster** (flute/piccolo) were both selected for this year's Roberts Wesleyan College Honor Band! This honor group is selected from the top musicians in the state that apply. Musicians that apply must have several years of high marks at solo festivals and a reference from their band director.

Reagan and Kirsten spent a weekend on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College preparing a very challenging concert program that was performed on Sunday, October 20th. Both LCS musicians had a great experience. They both felt the weekend made them stronger musicians. Mr. Wartinger looks forward to hearing what they will bring back from the experience in his rehearsals.



**Mr. Wartinger's 6th Grade Guitar Class** got into instrument building making washtub basses out of 5 gallon buckets. With these instruments we explored the interaction of pitch, string length and tension in the production of soundwaves. Thanks to Mr. Todd Brant and Mrs. Amy Leone for helping find all the materials!

## Music Events

**Thursday, December 5** – Winter Concert I:  
Sr. Band & Chorus (Grades 9-12), 7 PM

**Thursday, December 12** – Winter Concert II: –  
Jr. Band & Chorus (Grades 7-8), 7 PM

**Wednesday, December 18** – Winter Concert III:  
Grade 4 (Chorus), Grades 5 & 6 (Band & Chorus),  
6:30 PM

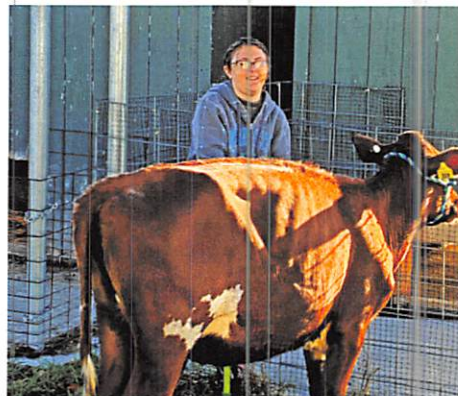
**Wednesday, January 8** (Snow day 9) – All-County  
Auditions: Instrumental 7-12, Vocal 10-12, Jazz 9-12 - at  
Livonia

### Reagan Drumma

(oboe) was selected for NYSSMA Zone 2 Area All-State Jr. Band! After two successful years of NYS-SMA solo festivals Reagan had the scores to be selected for this remarkable honor group. The group is comprised of the best musicians grades 7-9 in the greater Rochester Area. The ensemble is very competitive to get into and she is the first student from LCS to get into Zone 2 Jr. Band in over 15 year. Bravo Reagan Drumma and congratulations. The concert will take place at Greece Athena High School on November 2nd. Please contact Mr. Wartinger for more details.







## Animal Husbandry Class

The Animal Husbandry class is in full swing of catering for the animals at the school barn! This year we are caring for chickens, ducks, pigs, dairy cattle, miniature horses and goats. The purpose of the class is to teach students how to work with various animals, care for the animals as well as learn different techniques when it comes to showing a particular species of animals.

One of the jobs that the students have embraced is working with the registered Ayrshires on a daily basis. They are in charge of feeding, washing, clipping and leading of the heifers. They will get to see their hard work pay off, as one of the heifers will be traveling to Louisville, KY to compete in the North American International Livestock Exposition in November. We would like to wish "Balboa" good luck!

## Congratulations to the Spectrum Choir!

Gabby Pfeiffer  
Destiny Wallace  
Morgan Brace  
Cathryn Kovacs  
Sidney Simmons  
Jade Brown  
Autumn Harris  
Jade Carpenter  
Claire Wilkins

Hayleigh Ratigan  
Reagan Drumma  
Elyssa Nourse  
Alexia Lescher  
Alex Cole  
Shawn Drumma  
Ethan Leffler  
John Gayton  
Colton Schoonover

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**Senior National  
Honor Society**

**Annual Blood Drive**

**February 11, 2020**





# Longhouse Construction Project

Throughout the month of September, 4th graders have been learning about the early Native American influence of the New York State region; specifically the ingenious

use of natural resources. To showcase this, many 4th graders chose to build model longhouses to demonstrate their understanding of this concept. Mrs. Moseman

## Did You Know....

The following information can be found on our web site:

- ✓ Cafeteria Menus
- ✓ Free/Reduced Lunch Application Form
- ✓ School Newsletters
- ✓ Board of Education: Meeting Schedule / Agenda / Minutes
- ✓ Calendar of Events
- ✓ Link to Sports Schedules

## Absences

If your child is sick or absent, please call 493-5999, press 1, and dial 5149. Leave a message with the student name, grade and reason for absence.

If you call us - we won't have to call you!

## Visitors

Anyone visiting the school during school hours must first report to an office. Please bring a photo ID (driver's license) with you. Your ID will be scanned using our RAPTOR system for safety purposes, then you will sign in and receive a Visitor Pass. Any visitor not making their presence known at the office may be violating the law. We appreciate your cooperation for the safety and protection of our students and staff.



# Superintendent's Message

Dear Families and Friends of Letchworth,

We have so much to be thankful for here in Wyoming County. I have been enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and the leaves change daily as I drive to work. I hope you take a few minutes to look through this newsletter and read about the talented people we have here. We are blessed with dedicated staff and students who work hard each day to improve and continually strive for excellence.

On behalf of all of us, I want to thank our Board of Education for their dedication to our school. These volunteers shape policy and help develop a budget that supports everything we do here. I can honestly say that each one of them has a clear desire to help all students. They truly love when students present at meetings or come to tell their "story" of how an education at LCS is helping them succeed. October was BOE appreciation month, so if you see one of our Board members tell them "thank you."

Our Fine Arts Department has a full schedule of performances during the month of December. You do not want to miss it. Our students' musical talent is top

notch. The new chorale director, Barb Raymond, will have her debut with the student choirs. You will also get to see and hear our brand new Yamaha baby grand piano donated to us by the Pike Seminary Foundation. What a gorgeous instrument for our music department.

I have been eating lunch with Seniors this past month and we have had some great conversations. I hear about dreams of becoming nurses, lawyers, farmers, technicians, welders, teachers, a music producer and even a chef. I plan to have had lunch with all of the Seniors before Christmas. This is one of my favorite things to do as we begin the school year. These lunch dates remind me of the culmination of 13 years of investing in the lives of each student. Different things have shaped each of them, but in the end, they have developed skills and interests that are very diverse. What makes me extremely happy is when they say, "Thank you for inviting us." as they leave. Their enthusiasm and ability to express their hopes and dreams inspires me- so "Thank you Seniors." for spending time with me!

In closing, I just want all of you to know the pleasure I take in representing this school community everywhere I go. To say I am blessed in being part of this work is an understatement. Whether it is a sporting event, musical performance, board meeting, reading to students, or sitting in on a math class, it is a joy! Yes, we have challenges here and always will. But, the people here are the difference makers. Don't ever underestimate what we can do here or the difference we can be in the life of a student. Everything we do matters and let's be thankful we have the opportunity!

Take care and enjoy the holiday season that is just a few weeks away.

Together...  
**We are  
Letchworth.**

Mr. Todd  
Campbell



## Student Accident Insurance

Families Are Responsible For Paying Bills Resulting From Student Accidents / Injuries. Letchworth Central School is not required to offer student accident insurance; however, as assistance to families, the Board of Education does purchase a "scheduled insurance" which provides minimal coverage.

If the family insurance plan does not completely cover the medical bills, the school's insurance will help as "scheduled" for each type of injury. Families are responsible for any remaining amount after the school's "scheduled" insurance payment. Remember though, that the school's coverage is only minimal coverage. Any questions about student accident insurance coverage should be directed to our agent, Hart's Insurance, at 237-2126 or the school health office.



(F) Nick Youngers, Mark Miller, Vanessa Karasiewicz, Claire Smith, Steve Youngers  
(B) Robert Jines, Pete Broughton, Bill Kuipers, Scott Kemp

**"Thank you" BOE members!**