



RACHEL'S CHALLENGE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

On September 8th, the Middle School hosted a speaker from Rachel's Challenge. Mr. Chris Mowery was here and presented four different times throughout the day. Mr. Mowery, talked to students about the inspiring story of Rachel Scott, whose example of kindness and acceptance came to light after she became the first victim in the Columbine High School tragedy.

Conveyed through stories from Rachel's life and writings, Rachel's Challenge shows the profound positive impact we can have on those around us. Rachel's Challenge demonstrates to the listener the power of deliberately reaching out in word and action to start what Rachel called, "a chain reaction of kindness and compassion." This program to stop school violence provides simple, positive actions students can take to create a positive, inclusive culture in their school.

Rachel's Challenge encourages participants to examine their own lives in the light of the following 5 challenges:

1. Look for the Best in Others
2. Dream Big
3. Choose Positive Influences
4. Speak with Kindness
5. Start your own Chain Reaction

Congratulations VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Soccer team for their championship in the Craig Lawrence Memorial Soccer tournament held in Wayland-Cohocton on September 6th & September 8th. The team defeated Wellsville 3-2 in overtime and Mt. Morris 4-0. Well done!!

On October 17 the team defeated Lyndonville/Barker 3-0 in the first round of Sectionals. The team was defeated by a very skilled O-A team in the second round. Great season ladies!



Pictured above is Mrs. Leone our MS Principal, Mr. Mowery, and Mr. Donald O'Geen Wyoming County District Attorney. Mr. O'Geen helped with funding to make the program possible.

Students met in the afternoon to talk about what they would like to do to keep the message of Rachel's Challenge going. Ideas included positive messages in lockers, cleaning the cafeteria, creating a closet for kids who need basic things, and making a chain of good deeds that have been done. Mrs. Leone will be meeting with students monthly to keep the positivity going.



SECOND GRADE FIELD TRIP

On Friday, September 29th the second grade took a trip through Warsaw. We learned about jobs in a local community where people strive to be good citizens. The second graders got to see how everyday work makes a difference to others. The day started at the State Troopers' Barracks, where Trooper Bebak, introduced two of their K-9s and their handlers. Next, we met with Warsaw's Deputy Mayor, Scott Gardner. Mr. Gardner showed the kids around the Wyoming County Business Center. As part of our trip, all 60 kids got to have lunch at Silver Lake Family Restaurant. A special shout out to Rachael Fuller and Silver Lake Family Restaurant for helping us organize and feed lunch to all these kiddos. This was no small task on a Friday. After lunch, we toured through the courthouse with First Assistant District Attorney, Vince Hemming. The students had an opportunity to see and hear what a real life courtroom is like. They also got to meet Warsaw Police Chief Peter Hoffmeister and hear even more about local law enforcement. Last, we toured the Warsaw Post Office and got to see what life is like in the mailroom. The kids had a great day and are now all ready to be SUPER CITIZENS, just like the characters in the stories they are reading about this month!



LETCWORTH WELCOMES NEW TEACHING STAFF

Kassandra Bailey

School Social Worker

Hometown:

Fillmore, New York

"I can help students with individual and group counseling along with assisting in linking students with community resources. I love helping students be the best version of themselves!"



Rachel Mathews

Grade 3 Teacher

Hometown:

Westfield, New York

"I have always wanted to work alongside kids and truly have a passion for making a difference for each and every one of my students."



Julie Slepinski

Kindergarten Special Ed Teacher

Hometown:

Lancaster, New York

"I became a teacher to help students learn in their way to meet their goals."



Stacy Bishoff

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Hometown:

Arcade, New York

"I became a COTA because I like helping people and being creative about it."



Cassidy Nelson

Grade 3 Teacher

Hometown:

Rochester, New York

"I love building meaningful relationships with my students!"



Zachary Wiedemann

7-12 Social Studies Teacher

Hometown: Arcade, New York

"I've worked with kids my whole life, and I have a deep passion for the youth. My mom is a teacher and I saw the direct impact on kids' lives and I hope to be able to have the same results."



Julia Capuano

Elementary Art Teacher

Hometown:

Stony Brook, Long Island, New York

"I became a teacher because I love art and experimentation of materials; and that's exactly what we get to do all the time in the art classroom."



Payton Powers

Grade 1 Special Ed Teacher

Hometown: Nunda, New York

"I have always loved working with kids. I come from a long line of teachers and I feel I was raised to do the same."



Megan Wilson

Middle School Physical Education Teacher

Hometown:

Norwich, England

"I had great teaching role models growing up. It was my PE teacher, Mr. Keating, who inspired me to pursue a career in Physical Education. I want to be the kind of teacher Mr. Keating was and to ensure my students have the opportunities and tools needed to reach their full potential and become physically literate individuals."



Shannon Herr

English 10

Hometown:

Lancaster, New York

"I became a teacher to inspire my students to be lifelong learners. I'm fortunate that I have the opportunity to work with students every day to help them grow and succeed academically and as individuals."



Jordan Reed

Grade 1 Teacher

Hometown: Castile, New York

"I had a teacher here at Letchworth that really inspired me to become a teacher. She believed in me, even when I doubted myself. I want to give that same positive experience to other students."



Long Term Substitutes(left):

Cody Elwell - Grade 5 LTS

Amanda Maher - Grade 5 LTS,

Bonnie Kirkland - Middle/High School Media Specialist LTS,

Megan Smith - Kindergarten LTS (not pictured)

MESSAGE FROM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, MRS. WEBSTER

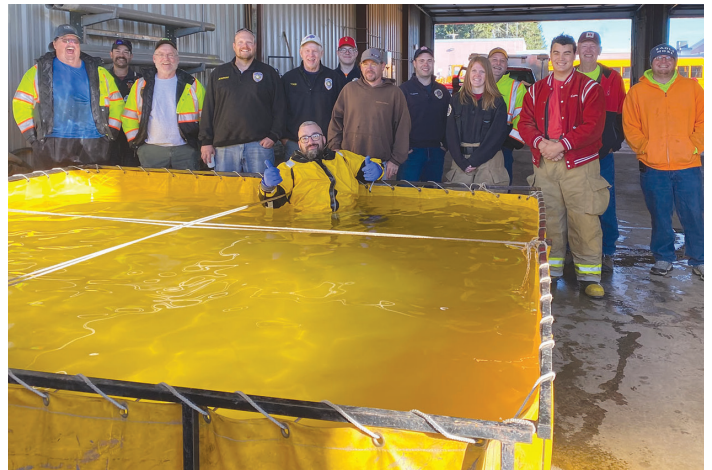
It feels so good to be back! The classrooms and halls are once again filled with eager students, smiling teachers, and lots of learning and laughter! In very little time, so much has been accomplished; goals have been set, challenges faced, and successes celebrated. Here are a few highlights from our first weeks of school:



LEAP Week - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Scholar! Our elementary students reviewed and practiced those positive expectations across all school settings during the month of September. The first week of October we celebrated LEAP (Lockwood Elementary Acting Proud) Week! Throughout LEAP Week students and teachers completed challenges that required them to use "tools" such as teamwork, perseverance, creativity, and focus; tools that help to "Build the Best Me!", which is our theme for this school year. Students also showed their school spirit by participating in themed dress up days during LEAP Week. "Neon Day" seemed to be one of the new favorites...I think it is because LCS students are so bright!

Fire Prevention - On Friday, October 13th, volunteer emergency responders from Castile, Eagle, Gainesville, Pike, and Silver Springs came to our school to teach us about fire safety and about what they do as volunteers. Students were given the opportunity to see the inside of a fire truck and an ambulance, ask questions, and some even tried on firefighter gear! They learned that being an emergency responder is hard yet rewarding work. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of these brave men and women who volunteer in our communities. Not only do they help us in emergencies, but they also take time to teach our students about fire safety and prevention!

I am so proud to be a part of our LCS community, and I look forward to an incredible year as we continue to work together to help our students grow and flourish.



HOMECOMING 2023

While the most wonderful time of the year might be Christmas for some, it is Homecoming week for LCS. From creative dress up days to a dominant football game, LCS HOCO week was full of spirit. This showed through all 4 theme days, Cowboy Day, Decades Day, Barbie & Ken Day, and LCS Day, as well as at fan-filled athletic events, the Powder Puff game and pep assembly, and the Halloween Homecoming dance.



CAPITAL PROJECT PHOTOS



KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM



NEW AG-TECH WORKSHOP



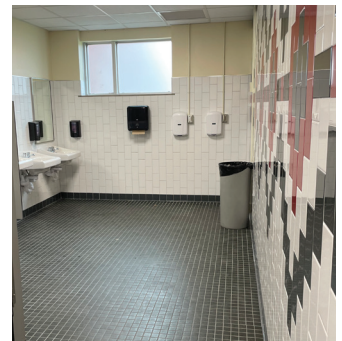
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NEW FUEL STATION



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOM

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THANK YOU SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS!

School Board Recognition Week

October 16-20, 2023

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local school board members.

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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.

Don't Forget!

SPORTS BOOSTERS

Sports Boosters has been a long-standing organization beginning in the mid 1990s. Funds raised from Sports Boosters has helped purchase various pieces of equipment, providing athletes with offseason opportunities and helped our programs to grow. Currently, we are in need of people like you to help rebuild and reestablish this program. If you would like to take a more active role in providing for our student-athletes please reach out by emailing Tyler King at tking@letchworth.k12.ny.us. Let's go Letchworth!

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care solace

It's okay to ask for help

Dear Community,

We are excited to announce a new resource available to the Letchworth community. Letchworth Central School has partnered with Care Solace, a mental health coordination service, to connect students, staff, and families with providers of mental health or substance use services.

There is no cost for this service and it is available 24/7/365. Contact can be made by phone at 1-888-515-0595 or on the website <https://caresolace.com/site/letchworth>. After answering a few questions, Care Solace will find providers to match the expressed needs, present the identified options, and can even assist with booking an appointment.

This opportunity will expand access to mental health services with the goal of reaching more families in need. If you or anyone you know are in need of services, please share the information or contact Care Solace to initiate the process. Information regarding Care Solace can also be found on LCS Facebook or website.

For additional information, reach out to one of the Health Team members:

Mr. V: jveiro@letchworth.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Vossler: kvossler@letchworth.k12.ny.us

Mrs. McGowan: rmcgowan@letchworth.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Wilkie: pwilkie@letchworth.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Bailey: kbailey@letchworth.k12.ny.us

SEPTEMBER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

5th Grade - Charli Smith & Zachary Helfrich

6th Grade - Joslynn Kowalski & Gracie Carmichael

7th Grade - Charlie Lundy & Kyler Cummings

8th Grade - Kayleigh Heppner & Cooper Mathews

Find us on the web at www.Letchworth.k12.ny.us



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CAMPBELL

The start of the year has been very smooth. Staff and students have settled into their schedules and are already developing supportive and positive relationships.

We want to welcome all of our new staff and students to Letchworth. Our goal is to provide the support you need to become a contributing and valued part of our team for years to come. A few reminders for all parents and guardians to establish a positive communication flow with your child's teacher.

- Reach out sooner than later with your child's teacher and encourage dialogue.
- If you sense a problem, please speak up. Don't wait till something goes wrong.
- Take time to ask your child about their school day. Even if their words are few, it matters.

Our Capital Improvement Project is running behind its scheduled completion date, but is getting very close. Our new opening date for the STEAM addition is December 4, 2023. We plan on inviting the public to tour this beautiful new space when it is completed. Included are some pictures of completed areas such as Kindergarten classrooms, Ag/Tech areas and the new MS bathrooms. Staff and students have been extremely patient as we navigate the completion of this project.

You were recently notified about the formation of our LCS Stakeholder Group to provide guidance as we select a new School Logo/Name. The public

will receive periodic updates about the process via Parentsquare, our school website and social media. Thank you to everyone who filled out an application and showed interest in being part of this journey. Please check out this link for more information.

link: <https://www.letchworth.k12.ny.us/child-page-one/logo-information>

If you haven't heard, we are excited to have a new Food Service Department at LCS. Chef Gill and his team hope you will encourage your child to try a lunch at school. The food quality and menu options are delicious. If your child is already accessing the new service be sure to check your child's lunch account. Menus are available on our school website.



Pictured above is LCS Food Service Dept.

In closing, you will see from this newsletter that students are at the center of all we do. Your child's educational experience and growth is our passion. We value your partnership and need your support to make it all work. Let's make this our best year yet.

Together...We are Letchworth,
Todd Campbell

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The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 16-20 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by local school boards. Public schools form the bedrock of our communities and our country. Democracy thrives with educated citizens capable of critical thinking and civil discourse. And it is our local school boards who are ultimately responsible for student success.

If you happen to see one of our BOE members, be sure to thank him/her for their commitment to LCS.

The members serving our district are:

- Pete Broughton, President
- Scott Kemp, Vice President
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- Mark Miller
- Shane Scott
- Nick Youngers
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