



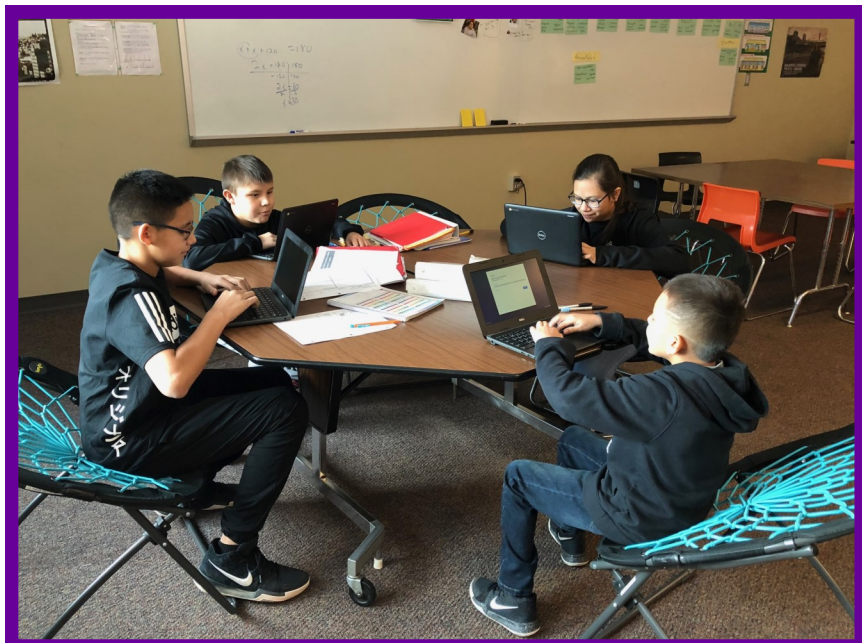
# Lake Shore Schools

## Title VI Program News

Winter 2018

### **Middle School Gets an Update**

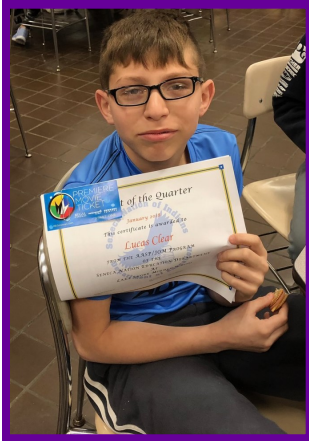
This winter, the Middle School Native American Support room received a much needed update. At the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Melissa Hummel moved to a much larger classroom than she had previously. She asked her students what types of tables and chairs they would like. Mrs. Hummel's goal was for her students to feel comfortable, so that they would always do their best with school assignments. The new room was outfitted with comfortable bungee cord chairs, softer lighting, and new posters for the walls. Research suggests that flexible seating in the classroom leads to higher rates of student success. Even more exciting than new furniture, the Title VI Program was able to purchase new Chromebook computers for the students to use while working in Native American Support. Mrs. Hummel and her students are very happy with their new room and all of the upgrades.



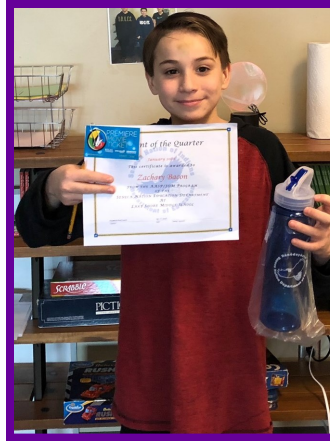


## **Middle School Students of the Quarter**

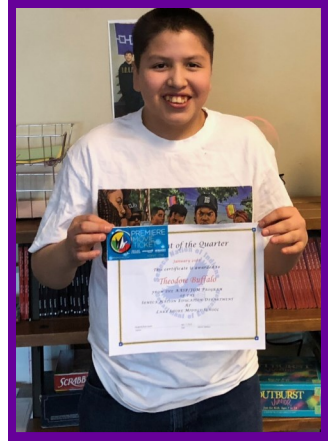
Each quarter, JOM teachers choose one student from every grade level who display good character, grades and a positive attitude. The Seneca Nation Department of Education gives each student movie tickets and a water bottle! Way to go!



Lucas Clear, 6th grade



Zachary Bacon, 7th grade



Teddy Buffalo, 8th grade

## **High School**

### **Puzzle Drive**

Ace Club, Lake Shore's Native Culture Club at the High School is sponsoring a puzzle drive. They will be collecting puzzles at the High School for the month of March. Puzzles gathered will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Evans Senior Center, and the AOA.



Jigsaw puzzles make your entire brain work. The left side of the brain, our analytical side, works to logically sort the pieces while the right side of the brain, our creative side, serves to see the finished product and works intuitively

## **Ace Club Delivers Valentines to AOA**

To celebrate Valentine's Day, Ace Club students handmade over 100 Valentines and delivered them to Elders at the AOA. Students who delivered the Valentines were also able to enjoy lunch and spend time with the elders.

Nya:wëh to the AOA for having us!



## ***SNI Native Connections introduces: Family Engagement Program!***

A new Family Engagement Program, sponsored by the Native Connections Committee, is holding a grand kick off April 3rd at the Cattaraugus Wellness Center and April 4th at the Allegany ACC. Both events will feature a family movie night, snacks and a free craft for the first 20 participating families. Also families will be eligible for prizes at both kickoff events including a Buffalo Zoo Family Membership.

The Family Engagement initiative, generated through the Native Connections Program, is designed to increase family involvement in community events and participating school events.

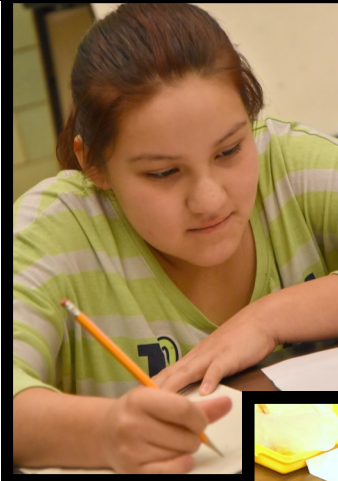
To be eligible to participate in the Family Engagement Program, your family must consist of at least one parent or guardian and one Native youth 24 years or younger who is eligible for services within the Seneca Nation Health System. Families must first register in the Family Engagement Program by signing up at the Native Connections table at participating events, or visit one of two Behavioral Health Unit locations at the Cattaraugus Health and Wellness Center or the Lionel R. John Health Center in Allegany.



## SIMS Signals Success for Middle School

The Success in Middle School (SIMS) program has been meeting since October at J.T. Waugh and A.J. Schmidt Elementary schools. Title VI Liaison Nancy Klemens and J.O.M. Amanda Sobczyk coordinate the group that promotes a successful transition to Middle School. Some of the group's activities include: practicing combination locks, learning about the Middle School class schedule, homework load, and the cafeteria. Several exemplary students from the 6th grade meet with the SIMS group to talk with their 5th grade friends and offer their advice for a successful transition. The SIMS students have learned to sew and created small pillows for the elementary teacher that influenced their lives the most. Soon they will be sewing their own locker organizers which will follow them to Middle School. The character traits of respect, maturity and strength are emphasized throughout the program.

Currently the SIMS group is working on a new project. They are painting their clan on a banner made of Tribal cloth provided by the SNI Department of Education.



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Dr. Darryl Tonemah conducts Haudenosaunee Culture classes once a month at J.T. Waugh and A.J. Schmidt elementary schools. The students are always happy to see him. Along with culture, he shares a message of resiliency and pride which he imparts in a unique and engaging manner. Students in the Middle School and the High School also see Dr. Tonemah in small groups for discussion and guidance on healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Tonemah is Tuscarora, Comanche and Kiowa. He is a psychologist and nationally recognized public speaker.



Dr. Darryl Tonemah was the featured speaker at a Professional Development Schools Consortium held March 8 at A.J. Schmidt Elementary.

Teachers from A.J. Schmidt as well as students from Buffalo State University and teachers from other school districts heard Dr. Tonemah talk about supporting Native American students experiencing trauma.





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***SIMS kids unlock their future.***

## ***Dates to Remember...***



March 28th– Parent Committee Meeting 5pm at SNI Library  
March 29th– 3rd Quarter Ends, grades 6-12  
March 29th– Mr. Lake Shore and Spring Homecoming at HS  
March 30th-April 8th– No School, Spring Break  
April 9th– School Resumes  
April 17th– Board of Ed. Meeting  
April 21st- Lake Shore Family Support Center Family Fun Walk at HS  
April 24th– AJ Schmidt Read-A-Thon, 3:35-5:30  
May 8th– Parent Committee Meeting, 5pm at SNI Library  
May 22nd– Family Literacy Night at JT Waugh  
May 25th– 28th– No School, Memorial Day  
May 31st– J.T. Waugh Talent Show