

G.P.S. NAVIGATOR



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Calendar of Events

Monday	August 29	First Day of School Grades 1-5
Monday— Tuesday	August 29 & 30	Kindergarten Appointments
Wednesday	August 31	First Day of Kindergarten PTO Mumkin Fundraiser Begins
Monday	Sept. 5	Labor Day—No School
Wednesday	Sept. 7	Mumkin Forms/Envelopes Due
Thursday	Sept 8	PTO Meeting at 3:15pm in the Library
Wednesday	Sept. 14	Online Mumkin Store Orders Closes at Midnight
Tuesday	Sept. 27	PTO Mumkin Fundraiser Pickup 2:30pm-5:00pm West Lawn
Tuesdays/ Thursdays	Sept. 27/29	State Testing Practice Sessions Grade 3 Students—Letters will be sent home for invited students. These must be signed and returned for your student to attend.

Principal's Note: Welcome Back!

With great excitement the entire GPS staff welcomes all students back to the 2022-2023 school year. We are looking forward to continuing our SOAR initiative for PBIS and PAX lessons this year. SOAR stands for **Stand up for everyone, everyday, Organize** (Read and follow the student handbook), **Always do your best**, and **Respect one another**. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. We will also be implementing a program called Character Focus that emphasizes a different behavior asset each month. August and September will focus on Citizenship and Kindness. Character Focus assets teach real world skills about prosocial behaviors that are important for people to have as citizens. This program will be implemented throughout the year along with our district approved reading and writing curriculum called Wonders, Go Math, and Fusion Science in grades 3-5.

COVID guidelines are on the back of this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me regarding your questions or concerns, but remember your child's teacher should be your first contact in many cases. Please continue to read with your child(ren) daily, practice math facts, and make sure that your child gets to school on time daily. Thank you for all your support in making the start of the school year a success.

Sincerely,
Ms. Julie Farina, GPS Principal

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755 Austin Road
Geneva, Ohio 44041
440-466-4831 ext. 3001

Transportation

Please send a note to school for any daily transportation changes. If the school does not receive a note, we always default to bus transportation home. If you have issues regarding bus transportation, please contact transportation at 440-466-4831 ext. 1198.

If your student is a car pickup, please help your student practice their number so we may quickly load cars at dismissal. Thank you for your continued patience with transportation as the first week or two is an adjustment to drivers and students. Your students' safety is our number one concern.

Attendance Procedures

Be sure to call the office attendance line at 440-466-4831 select 1 for attendance and then 3 for GPS to report your student's absence.

When your student does return to school, please send a note or medical excuse.

School Hours

Drop Off: Office Entrance Only
8:30AM— All Students
School Starts: 8:45 AM
Tardy Bell: 8:48 AM
Car Pickup: 2:55-3:15PM
Bus Dismissal: 3:00-3:15 PM
Please stay in your car and use the car line. We are trying to keep everyone safe. Thank you!

Tardy

If your student arrives to school after the 8:48am bell, please park and take them to the office to sign in for the day. Please bring a note with you with the reason for being tardy. (overslept, Dr.'s Appt, etc).

Party Date(s)

Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 28th. There will be a parade outside at 2:00pm followed by a party at 2:15pm. Only 2 parents will be permitted to attend the inside party. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in being a homeroom parent. A homeroom parent consists of organizing the party consisting of store bought donations. In the event of inclement weather, there will not be a parade at the school.

Please follow GPS on Twitter @GPSFarina.

School Pictures

Forms will be sent home with students as soon as we receive them.

Picture Day is October 6th.

SAY CHEESE!

**PTO OFFICERS**

President—Rachel Cash
Vice President— Sarah Sanders
Treasurer—Jennifer Andrus
Secretary-Jolene Anderson

Latest COVID Guidance

If your child has tested positive for COVID,

- ◆ Please keep them home for Days 1-5 & contact the school.
- ◆ They may return on Day 6 if symptom free.
- ◆ Students are required to wear a mask for Days 6-10.

If your child has been exposed to COVID,

- ◆ You are encouraged to wear a mask for 10 days.
- ◆ If you are symptomatic, testing is highly recommended.

GPS Staff

Kindergarten: Ms. Gurley, Ms. Pfouts, Mrs. Sheppard
Grade 1: Mrs. Hord, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. O'Keife, Ms. Vliek
Grade 2: Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Charo, Mrs. Cochran
Grade 3: Mrs. Carraher, Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Limpert
Grade 4: Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kopczak, Mrs. Burgard
Grade 5: Mrs. Allds, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Myers
Art— Mrs. Simmons
Cafeteria— Mrs. Sulecki, Mrs. Schwegler, Mrs. Ramey, Ms. Cruea, Ms. Valvoda
Counselor— Mrs. Herter
Custodial— Mrs. Kinney, Ms. Cuccaro, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Hanna
Directions— Ms. Friday
Intervention Specialists— Mrs. Babyak, Mrs. Crews, Mrs. Bobish, Ms. Quayle, Ms. Simmons
LEP— Ms. Valdez
Music— Mrs. Stowell
Nurse— Mrs. Hoffman
Physical Education— Mr. Corlew
Principal— Ms. Farina
Psychologist— Miss Stegh
Secretary— Mrs. Korn, Mrs. Varckette
Special Needs Assistants— Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cardaman, Ms. Saba, Mrs. Sochia, Ms. Vossers, Miss Patty, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Ramey
Speech— Mrs. Drenik
Title I— Mrs. Kimmich (K-2); Mrs. Sunderlin (2-3)

Parent Portal Registration Key

Please setup a Parent Portal account if you do not have one already. Email Mrs. Horvath at roberta.horvath@genevaschools.org. In the Subject Line and Email, write your student(s) name(s) and school. Please state that you are requesting a registration key. Mrs. Horvath will return the Key in an email to you. This will allow you to access your student's school information such as grades and assignments.

Schoolwide Title One Program

Geneva Platt R. Spencer has a Schoolwide Title One Program where students can receive support and help even if he or she does not have an Individualized Education Plan. We are required to assess all students yearly using diagnostic assessments. Geneva Area City Schools currently uses the iReady assessment tool. Teachers will review your student's results and develop Reading Improvement Plans (RIMPs) to address weaknesses in reading in grades K-3. Please continue to read with your student daily and contact your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.