

# G.P.S. NAVIGATOR



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## Calendar of Events

Friday	Sept. 30	Interim Reports Sent Home
Monday	Oct. 3	Tri-C Fundraiser Begins Thank you for supporting our school!
Thursday	Oct. 6	Picture Day PTO Meeting at 3:15pm in the Library
Friday	Oct. 14	NEOEA Day—NO School
Tuesday	Oct. 18	Tri-C Fundraiser Ends—Forms are due.
Tuesday	Oct. 25	Grade 3 Ohio State Test in English Language Arts Part 1
Wednesday	Oct. 26	Grade 3 Ohio State Test in English Language Arts Part 2
Friday	Oct. 28	Outside Halloween Parade at 2pm Weather Permitting No weapons, full face makeup, or overly scary costumes. Party at 2:15pm only 2 parents permitted per classroom End of 1st Nine Weeks

## Fall Party

Our fall party will celebrate, Halloween or “Spooky Fun”, where the students can wear their costumes and participate in a parade. The parade will begin at 2:00pm. Each teacher or grade level will send home guidelines of whether or not the students should come to school in their costume or change at school. **Parents may not drop off costumes that day. Please plan ahead.**

Please keep the guidelines below in mind when selecting a costume. Students are not permitted to have a costume or make-up that looks like blood. **Please do not put full face makeup on your student. Last year, these guidelines were not followed causing many students to become uncomfortable with other students that were wearing scary makeup.** Students are not permitted to bring in any weapons that may go with their costume. It is our goal that all of our students will enjoy our parade and parties, but not at the expense of scaring anyone. These types of costumes can be saved for their nightly activities. Also, please remember that you may all join us for the parade, but **only** parents who have volunteered ahead of time with the classroom teacher may attend the party.

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.

**Ms. Julie Farina, Principal  
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 or email [charlotte.leonard@genevaschools.org](mailto:charlotte.leonard@genevaschools.org).

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 we work to deal with our bus driver shortage.

## 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:** 3:15 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 walk them to the front doors. A staff member will meet you there. Please bring a note with you with the reason for being tardy. (overslept, Dr.'s Appt, etc).

## Parade Route

Students will exit through the front southeast doors starting with fifth grade and then followed by each descending grade. The fifth grade teachers and their students will lead the parade-across the front walk, turn right (head north) along the building, and then make a final right on the north walk. The students will all re-enter the building using the northeast doors.

Parents are allowed to watch along the drive throughout the parade route. Please arrive early as parking will be limited at the school. There may be available spots across the street.

## Picture Day

Picture day forms were sent home last week. Pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 6th.

**SAY CHEESE!**



## PTO OFFICERS

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## 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.

## Parental Involvement in Education

Our School Board along with the GPS staff believes that parent/guardian involvement is an important part of our educational program. Current research indicates that a home-school partnership and greater involvement on the part of the parents/guardians in the education of children results in higher achievement, improved behavior and reduced absenteeism. All parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children. The Board directs the administration to develop the necessary regulations to ensure that this policy is followed. This regulation will:

1. encourage strong home-school partnerships;
2. provide for consistent and effective communications between the parents/guardians and school officials;
3. offer parents/guardians ways to assist and encourage their children to do their best;
4. offer ways parents/guardians can support classroom learning;
5. provide opportunities for parent involvement.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 9 & 17**

**4:30-8:00 PM**

**Look for information coming home soon.**

**The Scholastic Book Fair will be available to shop on the evening of November 9th and throughout the week of November 7th for students with their class.**