

# G.P.S. NAVIGATOR



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## Calendar

Mon.	Jan. 16	No School—MLK Jr. Day
Thurs.	Jan. 19	End of 2nd Nine Weeks—1st Semester
Fri.	Jan. 20	No School—Teacher Inservice/Records Day
Fri.	Jan. 27	Report Cards will be accessible through Parent Portal— Please setup a Parent Portal Account if you have not already done so. Directions are on the bottom right hand portion of this page. Interims will only be sent or mailed home at the halfway point of each quarter. Me & My Guy Dance 6-8pm at GPS Forms for sign up will be sent home ahead of time from PTO.
Fri.	Feb. 3	No School—Teacher Inservice Day
Wed.	Feb. 8	4:30-8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences More information can be found on the back of this page.
Thurs.	Feb. 9	3:15pm PTO Meeting in the GPS Library
Tues.	14	Valentine's Day Party at 2pm.
Thurs.	Feb. 16	4:30-8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences More information can be found on the back of this page.
Mon.	Feb. 20	No School—President's Day

## Valentine's Day Party Info

Elementary students will have an opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day this year on Tuesday, February 14th in their classrooms.

- \* Parents may send in Valentine's cards, one for each student that will be distributed and sent home.
- \* Teachers will contact you in regards to sending in **store made individually wrapped treats with ingredients for students to enjoy at home.**
- \* *Homemade treats even if individually wrapped will not be accepted.*
- \* *Teachers will contact parent volunteers in the classrooms. Each classroom is limited to (2) parent volunteers and no siblings are permitted to attend.*
- \* *All items must come with the students to school.*
- \* **Please limit delivering items to the school if possible.**

## If your student is going to miss school:

\* Be sure to call the office attendance line at 440-466-4831 extension 3007 to report your student's absence.

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

\* **If your student has Covid, please contact the school**

\* Your student must remain home for 5 days, he or she may return to school and mask for days 6-10 if symptom free.

**Any student that currently is ill (not with COVID) is expected to be symptom free for at least 1 full day prior to returning to school.**

**If you have any questions in regards to illness,**

\* please contact the school at 466-4831 extension 3005.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to work to keep our students and staff healthy.

### Character Focus

**January Asset:** Perseverance

**February Asset:** Courage

Students at all three elementary buildings have been working on a character asset each month. So far the focus has been on citizenship, kindness, respect, gratitude, and self-control. Each asset is taught throughout the school environment through announcements, stories, spirit days, and lessons by our school counselor Mrs. Herter.

## BUNDLE UP!

During the cold and snowy season, students need to come to school in heavier clothing and boots. Please do not send students to school in shorts when we are having winter weather. It is important that children protect themselves from the cold during a brief outside recess. Children in primary grades can benefit from having a change of pants and underwear in the event they fall into slushy snow.



## Two Hour Delay Procedures

If school will be delayed or closed for weather related reasons:

- ◆ The superintendent will strive to make a decision by 6:00AM. An announcement will be made to the media and an automated telephone call will be made to parents.
- ◆ If weather conditions continue to deteriorate after a 2 hour delay has been called, a decision to close schools will be made no later than 7:30am.
- ◆ Morning bus transportation will be delayed approximately two hours.
- ◆ Buses arrive at GPS at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ Parents may drop off students at GPS at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ School starts at 10:45 AM.
- ◆ No breakfast will be served.
- ◆ Lunch program will remain on the normal schedule.
- ◆ Dismissal will remain on the normal schedule.



## Winter Parent/Teacher Conferences February 8th and 16th 4:30-8:00 PM

Your student(s) teacher will be in contact with you to schedule times. Please contact your student(s) teacher if you have not yet received any information. Teachers can be reached by email at [firstname.lastname@genevaschools.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@genevaschools.org) or by calling the school at 466-4831. Please go to the Geneva schools website where you click on GPS and will find all directory information in the documents section. We are looking forward to speaking to you about your student(s) progress.

### About the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

In kindergarten through grade three, schools will evaluate all children to determine if they are reading on or off track. If a child appears to be off track in reading, the school will immediately start a reading improvement plan.

A reading improvement plan (RIMP) will address each student's unique reading problems. Schools will monitor the plan to make sure the student's reading is improving. Schools will work closely with parents to help create a remedy and for parents to be able to support the plan.

**In order for students to advance to the fourth grade, students had to meet a minimum score on the state reading test of 685 (scaled score) or 47 (subscore).** This score needs to be attained either in the fall or spring administration of the state third grade reading test. The students will also be given an alternate measure called the Terra Nova where the student would need to reach another specific cut score. Permission slips were sent home in December for students that need to take the Terra Nova in January based on their fall OST results. The results of the Terra Nova will then be communicated to parents.

Students will have additional opportunities to test in the spring. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Remember our goal is to make them better readers and the testing serves as a tool to guide our teaching.

### Title One Reading and Math

Please be aware that GPS offers schoolwide Title One services to students who are at risk in the areas of reading and math at each grade level. If you have concerns about your student's academic progress, please contact your student's teacher and schedule an upcoming parent teacher conference on February 8th or 16th. **Remember to read and practice math facts at home.**