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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wed. March	1	March Begins a New Character Asset: Empathy Gifted Night at the Geneva Public Library 5-8pm.
Thurs. March	2	Dr. Seuss' Birthday—Read Across America Week Kicks Off— Students will participate in Drop Everything and Read Time (DEAR). Receive a birthday treat from PTO.
Mon. March	6	4th Grade Career Visit to A-Tech
Thurs. March	9	PTO Meeting at 3:15pm in the GPS Library
March	23	GHS Band Members visit Grade 5 Students to showcase instrumental music for Grade 6 at 11am.
March	24	End of 3rd Nine Weeks PTO sponsored Lake Farmpark Visit 9:30am -12:30pm—20 min. assemblies per class
March Mon-Fri	27-31	SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
Mon. April	3	4th Nine Weeks Begins
Thurs.	6	Report Cards Will be Sent Home
Fri-Mon	April 7-10	No School—Easter Break

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 is the one being tested for COVID,

* keep them home and contact the school.

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.

Spring 2023 Testing Schedule Ohio State Tests and Terra Nova

ELA

April 12 & 13—Grade 3

April 17 & 18—Grade 4

April 19 & 20—Grade 5

ELA Window Closes April 28th

Terra Nova

Grade 3 Late April/Early May
(select students)

Math

April 20 & 21—Grade 3

April 24 & 25—Grade 4

April 26 & 27—Grade 5

Science

May 1 & 2—Grade 5 Science

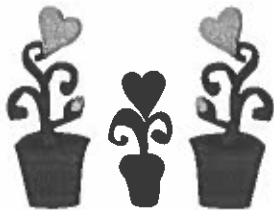
Math/Sci Window Closes May 9th

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these days and make sure your student arrives on time to school. Thank you



Character Focus
 March Asset: Empathy
 April Asset: Compassion
 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, self-control, perseverance, and courage. Each asset is taught throughout the school environment through announcements, stories, spirit days, and lessons by our school counselor Mrs. Herter.

Thank You!



A special thank you to homeroom mothers and fathers, grandparents, retired teachers, community volunteers, KICKS volunteers and PTO for helping in our school. We couldn't do it without you!

Tardy

If your student arrives to school after the 8:48am bell, please park and walk them to the front doors to the main office. Please bring a note with you with the reason for being tardy or you may write one upon arrival.

Geneva Schools Announce Kindergarten Registration

May 15 Austinburg Elementary
May 16 Cork Elementary
May 17 and 18 Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2023.
Call the GPS office starting Monday, March 6th to schedule your appointment.
Information will then be provided on how to start the online registration process.

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement with homework is very beneficial. While no student should have an excessive amount of homework, these assignments are given for a variety of reasons:

- ◆ when students don't finish class work.
- ◆ to practice reading independently.
- ◆ to complete a reading log.
- ◆ to practice Go Math with an online tutorial program.

When students return to school repeatedly without homework, or have not made a good effort, a number of things can happen:

- ◆ they miss an opportunity practice.
- ◆ they may make slower than expected growth.
- ◆ they may receive a lower report card grade.
- ◆ they receive a consequence.

If students have ongoing problems with behavior, a behavior log may be used. This can be a successful strategy when the log is:

- ◆ signed and returned daily.
- ◆ used to talk with your child about behavior.
- ◆ combined with rewards and consequences.

Your involvement and assistance is of great benefit to your child's progress in school and will have a positive effect on their behavior. We appreciate your partnership in this process!

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. **Notification of results from the winter administration of the Terra Nova will be sent home soon.**