

Genesee Elementary School



December 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 7:
Genesee PTP Meeting @ 6 p.m.
(Childcare provided - all are welcome!)

Saturday, December 9:
Family Skate Party
Grades K-2 @ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Grades 3-6 @ 1-2 p.m.
Pizza for everyone from 12-1 p.m.

December 18-20:
Penguin Patch

Wednesday, December 20:
Winter Concert @ 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 21:
Fill A Belly

Friday, December 22:
Go Home Early Drill
Students dismissed 15 min. early

December 25 - January 1:
NO SCHOOL - Holiday Recess

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Genesee Families,

It is hard to believe it is already December. The holiday season is a time to reflect on all we have to be grateful and thankful for. I am personally thankful for your children, the wonderful students of Genesee. It is truly a pleasure to spend **each and every day** with each and every one of them.

At the center of our building is our brand-new, beautiful auditorium, and we are certainly thankful to be using this space again! On November 9, we had our PBIS celebration, and the dance party station was held in the auditorium. The kids had a great time rocking out to the play list DJ Hump put together for us. The auditorium also hosted the RSVP ladies who crocheted hats, mitten, and scarves for all of our Genesee students. The auditorium was also a part of our Parent University STEAM Night where parents joined our District Math Specialist, Stefan Kowalski, for a presentation on the K-3 Math Modules.

Mrs. Chadderdon's third graders were especially grateful for going to see the movie "Wonder" as a culminating activity to their book study. The book brings such an important message of empathy and kindness to all who read it.

We are grateful to welcome December and all of the excitement that comes with it. Our students will get to share the joy of giving with a shopping trip to the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop. Students will be able to come to the library where inexpensive (\$0.25-\$12) gifts will be available. Penguin Patch details and envelopes will be coming home soon.

Check out some other things we are grateful for throughout the rest of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Simmons

Contact us:

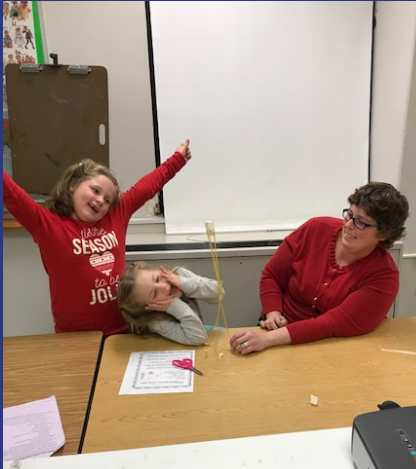
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STEAM Night

We are really grateful for all of the families who joined us for Family STEAM Night; it was a huge success! Families enjoyed an evening of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math as they visited activities and presentations throughout the building.



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Thank you for our knitted accessories, RSVP volunteers!



PBIS Update

We are also grateful to have recently hosted our PBIS celebration. Besides the dance party, students also participated in a yoga session and an art center. We would like to thank the GTP for helping to support this awesome celebration. PBIS, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, is at the core of school-wide expectations.

PRIDE is the acronym we use to remind ourselves of our expectations:

Productively struggle
Respectful
In Control
Dedicated
Empathic

Some components of Effective Praise

- Praise Statement:
"Thanks for..." "I liked the way you..."
"Good job of..." "You were really..."

- Describe the behavior or skill
- Following Directions
- List steps or components of skill
- "You looked at me, you listened, you said ok, you did it."

We would be really grateful for your support of PBIS at home. Here are some things you can do:

- Talk with your child about what is going on with PBIS at school such as lessons that take place.
- Ask your child if they are earning PAW tickets.
- Come up with a system for acknowledging your child for following behavior expectations at home.
- Use Effective Praise (it is a really important component of PBIS).

The Lego Robotics team was especially grateful when their hard work paid off and they won the research award. We are all so proud of the team!

CONGRATULATIONS!



 **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**
every student **present!**

Bright futures begin with good school attendance

#EveryStudentPresentAECSD