April's Guiding Principle is..."Self-Control"



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring may finally have arrived in the great Northeast!

At our April <u>PTO</u> Meeting on <u>Monday, April 16</u>, at 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room, <u>Superintendent Jeffrey Simons</u> will be joining us. Mr. Simons will present information about the draft 2018-2019 School District Budget. He will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about our budget. Refreshments will be served. I hope that a good number of our parents will be able to attend this important presentation. See you there!

Recently, we have had a larger than usual number of concerns with our students' behaviors on our school buses. If your child takes advantage of using our buses to get to school it would be helpful to offer them a couple of reminders for general behavior on the buses. We will be discussing this at school also.

- <u>Electronic devices</u>: just as in school, all electronic devices must be "off" and in a student's backpack while on the bus. This includes all cell phones, tablets, I-Pads, laptops, etc. It is also important to remind the students that <u>under no circumstance</u>, with any device, are students permitted to photograph and/or transmit photos of any students on the bus or in school.
- <u>Inappropriate Language and/or Gestures:</u> towards anyone are not permitted on the bus or in school.
- <u>Bullying or Hurtful Behavior</u>: saying unkind things to others to hurt their feelings or to embarrass them is prohibited. Additionally, this would include any physical contact of hitting, pushing, pinching, tripping, or taking another's personal belongings.

Our <u>School Handbook</u>, which was sent home in September, provides additional information about expected bus conduct. Riding our buses is a privilege, not a right. Bus privileges may be suspended at any time following an infraction of the district's expectations for proper bus conduct.

If you have a concern about any possible bullying behavior being directed towards your child, please contact Karen Sheridan, our School Social Worker. Mrs. Sheridan is Genet's Dignity for All Students Coordinator.

Thanks for helping with these reminders! Spring seems to be a time when we need to refresh our students in these areas. We appreciate your cooperation.

Best regards,

Ana Yeomans

FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

PTO Meeting with Superintendent Simons

Monday, April 16, at 6:30 PM

Genet Conference Room

Looking Ahead!
PTO Spring Fling
Friday, May 11
6:00 PM
Details coming soon!

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