

# December's Guiding Principle is... "Kindness"



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## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

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Happy Friday! We are officially one week away from the Holiday Break and there is excitement in the air at Genet! We are planning our Sing-a-long to close out December and the Character Ed program on Friday, December 20th. I am looking forward to this event and singing and celebrating with all of our staff and students.

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On Monday, Genet welcomed the Bridge Arts Ensemble to our home and they put on a wonderful presentation on Music through the Ages as well as doing workshops with our Kindergarten and 5th grade students! This was their second year coming to Genet and we hope they will visit us again next year with their love and passion for all things music!

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Today, students had a presentation by the Ronald McDonald House on how our school can support this wonderful cause. We will be partnering with the Ronald McDonald house during the month of January as part of our school-wide read-a-thon! The program supports the Ronald McDonald House of Albany, which provides housing and supportive services to families of children who are sick and receiving treatment from our local area hospitals.

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Our students will once again be using their reading to raise money to support the families at the Ronald McDonald House. Students are encouraged to gather pledges from family and friends in support of the reading they will do for the month of January. Donations raised will be used to support the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Here is for your review regarding Ronald McDonald House and their purpose: <https://vimeo.com/294287783/fb37450bbb>

Last year, Genet raised \$3,700 dollars for Ronald McDonald House of Albany and this year two goals have been set with some special prizes at the end. They are:

- If Genet can raise \$4,000 dollars—three of the highest earning students will get to cover me in silly-string.
- If we see an increase in student participation in the event (53 students participated last year), 1 student from each grade level, selected at random, will have a chance to throw a pie in my face! The participation goal would be for over 100 students to take part in this worthy cause.

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### **News and updates from Genet Student Council, by Mrs. Davis and Mr. Siver**

Student Council is selling "Make-A-Wish" angels from December 10th thru December 17th. The first 100 students will receive a free candy cane for making a donation. Make-A-Wish angels will be sold from 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM in front of Mr. Siver's homeroom. Angels cost \$1.00.

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### **News and updates from the Art Room, by Mrs. Letourneau**

*Winter is here!...and that means kindergarteners started creating their Winter Cardinal Snow globe paintings. We learned how to create tints of blues and purples for the sky. For being first time tint-makers, kinders did a fabulous job producing these light color blends. Next comes the red cardinals and tree branches.*

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*During these cold weeks, first graders are working on their warm alphabet soup project. They practiced writing upper and lower case letters in their 'soup bowl', using oil pastels and then painted over it with yellow liquid watercolor, creating an oil pastel resist. We are also designing a plaid placemat for our soup bowl, spoon and napkins which adds to an awesome 3-D effect.*

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*Second grade is beginning their clay unit. In second grade, students learn how to correctly attach clay pieces together, using the clay terms of score, slip, and smooth. They are having a blast making their clay fish....every part of the fish is made from a ball of clay, and then pressed into a hamburger thickness. We start with a pinch pot turned on its side, and then proceed to the top, back and side fins.*

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*Third grade started their Picasso Blues Guitars, after learning about the famous Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. One of his many styles involves a blue monochromatic color scheme (one color plus different values of that color). We also talked about how colors can be associated with emotions. Students are creating and applying a variety of blues to their illustrated guitars. They are progressing beautifully.*

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### **News and updates from the Music Room, by Mrs. Scolaro**

*The 4th and 5th grade Winter Concert is next week! These students have been working together since the beginning of September to prepare for this wonderful event. The concert will include performances by the 4th grade chorus as well as the 5th grade band, chorus and orchestra. We look forward to seeing you at the evening on Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm in the Genet Auditorium. There will be a dress rehearsal at 9:30am that morning so the students will have an opportunity to perform for the school. We are so proud of these students and can't wait for you to experience their musical talents!*

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### **Here is some info on upcoming events at Genet:**

December 17th - Genet's Winter Concert for Grades 4 and 5. More information to come from your child(ren)'s music teacher! Program runs from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. See you there!

December 19th - Star Wars Day at Genet! In anticipation of the final movie release, students and staff are encouraged to dress up in support of the final movie release.

December 20th - Final Morning Program for December with Holiday Sing-a-long!

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Thank you for your continued support of Genet and I wish you all the best this coming week

Sincerely,

Wayne Grignon