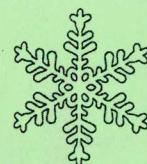


January's Guiding Principle is..."Self-Control"



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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

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Happy Friday and Happy New Year! Out with 2019 and in with 2020! I hope this year brings with it excitement and positive experiences to you and your family. 2020 will be a magical year at Genet as the faculty and staff continue to be innovative in their craft of providing high-quality and rigorous instruction to our students.

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Please do not forget that Genet is working to support Ronald McDonald House. 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 support 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.

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

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- 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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On Wednesday, January 8, we will be having our **Wacky Wednesday** at Genet! The theme is Dress Alike. This is a great way for students to dress like a friend or a parent or even a teacher they admire.

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On Thursday, January 9th, Genet welcomes our families to our Annual Family Reading Night which will kick off in our auditorium at 6:30 PM. We hope you and your family will join us and listen to some of the staff's favorite stories as we celebrate and promote family literacy!

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A list of upcoming events at Genet:

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- January 6, 2020 - Genet PTO Meeting, 7 PM GCR
- January 8, 2020 - PTO Sponsored Wacky Wednesday - Dress Alike Day
- January 8, 2020 - BOE Meeting at Central Admin - 7 PM
- January 9, 2020 - Genet Family Reading Night, Genet Auditorium 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- January 14, 2020 - Parent Workshop @ CHS 6-8 PM - Focus: Keeping The Tech in Check
- January 17, 2020 - Congressman Tonko's Visit to Genet - Presentation to 5th Grade
- January 17-19th, 2020 - WinterFest
- January 20, 2020 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 30, 2020 - District Wide Choral Presentation @ CHS - Grade 4 and 5 - Be on the lookout for a permission slip next week!

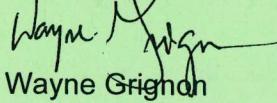
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Thank you for your continued support of Genet and from all of us here, we look forward to working together with our families in the new year!

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Sincerely,



Wayne Grignon

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SHORT NOTES

Snow day plan

Make sure you have a plan in place for weather-related school closings and delays. You might ask a coworker to swap shifts or see if you could telework when school is canceled. If you can't get home in time for an early closing, find a relative or neighbor to pick up your child from school or meet him at the bus stop.

What's that sound?

Play this game to sharpen your youngster's listening skills. Have her close her eyes while you make a noise. Can she identify the jingle of the dog's leash or the "pop" of the toaster? Trade roles, and let her create a sound for you to figure out.

Support for grandfamilies

If you're raising a grandchild, ask the school counselor about "grandfamily" support groups. You'll meet other grandparents to swap advice and discuss the joys and challenges of parenting the second time around. Some may even offer grandparent-grandchild activities where your youngster can meet other kids with families like his.

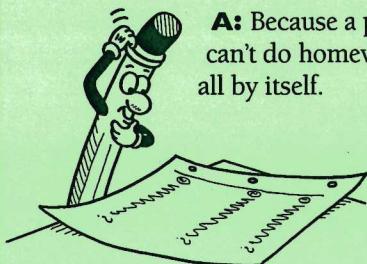
Worth quoting

"If you see a friend without a smile, give him one of yours." Proverb

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do you do homework with a pencil?

A: Because a pencil can't do homework all by itself.



Genet Elementary School
Wayne Grignon, Principal

Goal setting: A recipe for success

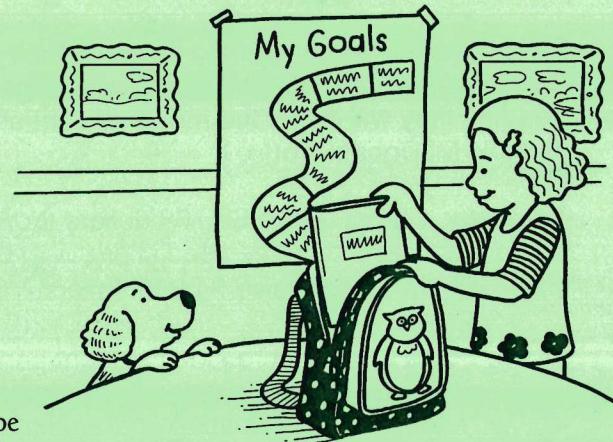
Reaching a goal involves more than just hoping and dreaming. Here's how your child can practice setting, tracking, and achieving goals—skills that will serve her well now and in the future.

Be specific

What would your youngster like to accomplish? Maybe she wants to earn higher grades or become a better gymnast. Suggest that she narrow down the goal so it's more targeted. Her goal might be "I will turn in all of my assignments on time" or "I will move up one level in gymnastics this year."

Map it out

Breaking a goal into small steps makes it feel more manageable. Your child could draw a winding road on paper, add lines to divide it into segments, and write a step in each one. Examples: "Put my planner in my



backpack when school ends" or "Do my beam routine five times in a row without falling off." She can color each step as she completes it.

Check in

Support your child in sticking to her plan. Say she falls behind on a long-term project. Together, look at her planner and find slots of time where she can catch up. Or if she has to miss gymnastics class one day, offer ways to practice at home like using a strip of duct tape as a balance beam.♥

Parent helpers

School volunteer opportunities come in all shapes and sizes to fit anyone's schedule. Consider these ways you might help your youngster's school.

● **Contribute supplies.** Offer to save recyclables to use in the classroom. Ask the teacher what he needs—perhaps plastic bottle caps for math games or baby-food jars for snow globes. Note: If you have clothes your child has outgrown, find out whether the school nurse could use them.



● **Share a talent.** See if you can help with an after-school or evening activity. Love music? Maybe you could tune students' instruments before a concert. If you're a runner, you might help coach a running club. Or if you enjoy arts and crafts, volunteer to make scenery or sew costumes for a play.♥