

October's Guiding Principle is... "Courage"



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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

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I hope you and your family are doing well and healthy. This week brought with it some unexpected weather that unfortunately impacted our delivery model for our A cohorts. In a notification from our Superintendent, next Wednesday, October 14th will be an in-person day for our A cohort of students. Our B students will have a remote day.

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While I realize that our school's pickup plan for materials for our A day students was short notice, I appreciate everyone's flexibility as we strived to turn something unfortunate into something positive/productive for our students.

As a reminder to our families, there is no school on Monday, October 12 for observance of Columbus Day.

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Genet Virtual Open House

On the evening of October 15th we will be hosting a virtual Open House. Parents will have the opportunity to hear presentations from their child's teacher concerning programs, classroom routines, curriculum, and "virtually" visit classrooms. Please keep in mind that this is not a time for individual conferences. If you have concerns or other information you would like to share with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to meet at a later date.

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Genet Open House	
Class/Grade Level	Time
Message from the Principal	5:50 PM - 6:00 PM
Grades K-2	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM
Special Areas, ENL, AIS	6:45 PM—7:15 PM
Grades 3-5	7:15 PM - 8:00 PM

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Support Staff and service providers will be available as well. Due to privacy concerns, please make an appointment if you would like to meet.

Additional communication and links for the Open House night will be shared as on Wednesday, October 14th.

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Halloween

While restrictions keep us from dressing up and holding our annual Halloween Costume Parade this year, we will still show our Halloween spirit by wearing orange and black at school on Thursday, 10/29 (A day students) and Friday, 10/30 (B day students).

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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: K, 1, 2 CHROME TABLETS

This week our students in grades K-1 were given new Google Chromebook Tablets by our district. Our 2nd grade students have received their devices and had them for a week. All devices will be kept at school to ensure that students have had an opportunity to practice using the device with their teachers. Our remote students have or will have a scheduled pickup day for their devices. All devices can be logged in with either your child's district given username and password or by their Clever badge ids (provided by the schools - essentially a QR Code that is recognized by the device's camera). This will make logging in for students easier. Once students are familiar with their device, students will be asked to bring them back and forth to school from home in their bookbags. Please make sure they are charged nightly! :)

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Health

Please continue to fill out the daily COVID Screening Form. This must be completed everyday, for each student. Our office staff will contact parents if the screening form has not been completed. We ask that you make an effort to complete this form prior to 8:30 a.m. The form can be at: <https://entry.neric.org/egcsd>.

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There have been many questions regarding what to do if your child is sick. As always, we ask that you call our main office to let us know your child will be absent and why. Additionally, New York State has issued updated guidance for students returning to school after illness. This information can be found on our website at: <https://egcsd.org/2020/10/02/new-york-state-updates-return-to-school-requirements/>. If you have any questions regarding student illness or return to school procedures, you may contact our school nurse, Margaret Condo, R.N., at (518) 207-2684.

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Emergency Go Home Drill

The annual Emergency Go Home Drill will take place on 11/9 and 11/10 this year. There will be a letter forthcoming with details regarding this drill. All students will be dismissed 15 minutes early on these days and are expected to go to the emergency location listed on the verification form, so please plan accordingly. If you are unsure what location you have listed on your child's form, please contact Mrs. Giordano in our main office at (518) 207-2681 or by email at giordasa@egcsd.org.

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School Pictures

Adirondack School Pictures will be taken on October 23 (B Day Students) and Monday, October 26 (B Day Students). For our students on full remote, we are working with Adirondack to develop alternative school picture taking options to ensure our remote students will be included in the yearbook

That concludes this week's Genet Journal! I wish you all the best this weekend and next week. Thank you for your continued support of Genet Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Wayne Grignon



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Math+Science Connection

Building Excitement and Success for Young Children

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TOOLS & TIDBITS

Number "hat trick"

Score a "win" with this sequencing game. Have

your child number slips of paper 1–20 and place them in a hat. Take turns pulling out three numbers and arranging them from smallest to largest.

Choose one number to keep, and put the rest back. The first person to get three numbers in a row (4, 5, 6) calls out, "Hat trick!"



Earth's path in space

Give your youngster an idea of how Earth orbits the sun. Let her stick a big ball of play dough (the sun) on the middle of a pie plate. Then, help her tilt the plate to roll a smaller play dough ball (Earth) around the edge. Although Earth's orbit isn't a perfect circle, this model helps her understand how we travel around the sun.

Book picks

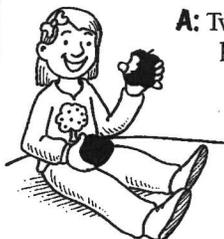
■ Your child will learn pumpkin facts as he skip counts with Charlie and his classmates in *How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?* (Margaret McNamara).

■ The story of *Magnet Max* (Monica Lozano Hughes) will inspire your youngster to figure out what's magnetic and what's not.

Just for fun

Q: If a tree has 10 apples and you pick two, how many apples do you have?

A: Two, because that's how many you picked.



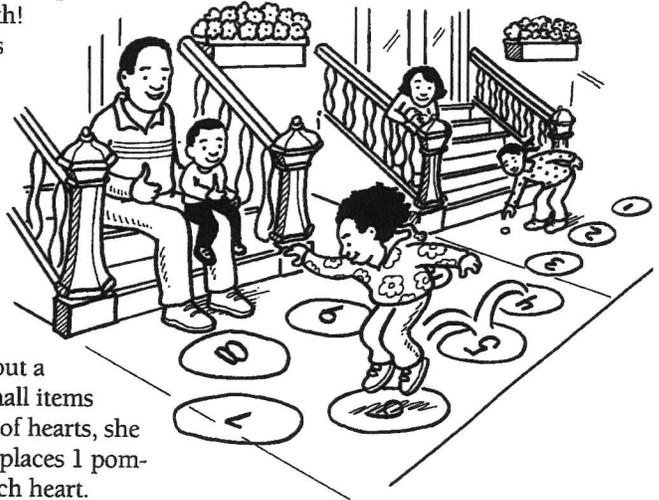
Fun with number sense

Play cards, eat a snack, hop like a frog—and do math!

Here are hands-on ideas for building your child's number sense.

1-to-1 matching

Playing cards are ideal for matching up objects 1-to-1. Let your youngster arrange cards faceup on the table (face cards removed, ace = 1) and put a matching number of small items on each card. For the 6 of hearts, she could count to 6 as she places 1 pom-pom or jelly bean on each heart.



Snacks at a glance

As an adult, you can probably tell how many objects are in a small group without counting. Help your child practice this skill. Arrange 1–10 small snacks (pretzels, raisins) on a plate, and give her a few seconds to look before you cover the plate with a napkin. Ask her to tell you how many snacks there are, then count to check. Now it's time to eat!

Lily pad hop

Your youngster can pretend she's a frog while counting from numbers other than 1. Let her use green chalk to draw 10 lily pads, numbered 1–10, on a sidewalk. She should roll a die and stand on the number rolled (say, 4). Ask her to hop and count on to 10 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) or backward to 1 (3, 2, 1). *Challenge:* Erase the numbers—can she count the circles without them? 🐸

My science station

Inspire your junior scientist to make discoveries by helping him set up a science station.

First, let your youngster gather science tools he can use to investigate and explore. *Examples:* magnifying glass, flashlight, tweezers, cups, spoons, paper, pencils, crayons.

Then, encourage your child to collect natural objects, or "specimens," from the ground outside (bark, rocks, dirt, sticks, flower petals). He can label and display them, then use his tools to observe them closely. Have him draw what he sees. 🐸

