

November's Guiding Principle is... "Citizenship"



G From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

F Happy Friday the 13th everyone! The wonderful weather followed us into this week and then began to wane during the latter part of the week. As a reminder to families, we will continue to go outside for recess as long as the weather permits us to encourage fresh air and physical activity. Please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate attire to be outside (i.e. jacket, hat, etc.). Here are a few updates from Genet and what to look forward to next week:

N Emergency Go Home Drill Recap and Various Safety Drills

E Our drills that took place on Monday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 10th went fantastic. I was so proud of our students on how they left the building each day. A special thank you to all of our parents that picked up their child(ren) on those days for being patient as we practice.

T Later this month we will practice additional safety drills and notifications will be emailed to parents leading up to those events.

S Student Expectations On Remote and Live Virtual Wednesday

J I have been receiving many questions regarding expectations on Remote Learning Days and for Live Virtual Wednesdays for students who are part of the hybrid program. On Remote Days, students are expected to login and complete the work assigned by their teacher. The work then needs to be submitted to their teacher in order for them to be considered in attendance for that day. On Wednesdays, students are expected to follow their teacher's schedule for the day and log on to live google meets or other meetings when possible. Work completed should be submitted via Google Classroom unless otherwise specified by the teacher. If you have any questions regarding classroom expectations or schedules, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher.

U Reminder: Report Cards

R Report cards will be e-mailed home to students in grades K, 1, 4, and 5 on Monday, November 16th. For students in grades 2 and 3, students will be sent home with paper copy on the day they report to Genet. For students in Grades 2+3 that are full remote, your report card will be mailed home on Monday, November 16th as well. Parents should receive their child(ren)'s report card in time for Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 19th.

S School Pictures Update

N We have two retake days that are scheduled for Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8. On those dates the picture crew will be here from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM only.

A For families that are on Full Remote and had their child's picture taken at home or another place, you can send a digital picture and the release form to genetyearbookphotos@gmail.com. Please do so by December 11th. If there are any questions, please contact the PTO or myself.

L Sincerely,

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SHORT NOTES

Parents: Join the club!

It's never too late to get involved with the PTA or PTO at your youngster's school. You might sign up to help with a spring event, such as a car wash fundraiser or a teacher-student basketball game. You could also pitch in over the summer to help plan back-to-school activities for the fall.

Dealing with perfectionism

Some kids become frustrated if their work doesn't turn out "perfectly" on the first try. If this happens to your child, encourage him to think of his worksheet or drawing as a work in progress. He can go back and edit answers or tweak parts until he feels proud of his work.

DID YOU KNOW?

Waiting lists for popular library books can be long, so now's a good time for your youngster to start thinking about summer reading. Let her list books she'd like to read. Then, visit the library or help her check its website to see if any of the books have waiting lists and add her name to them now.

Worth quoting

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." *Winston Churchill*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What goes up but never comes down?

A: Your age!



A sprinkle of kindness

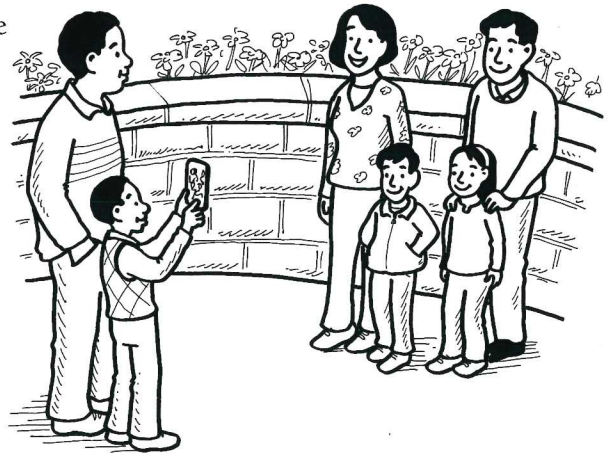
Kindness makes every place a better place, whether your child is in school, at home, or out and about. Inspire him to be kind with these ideas.

Be there for others

Is there a student in your youngster's class who seems lonely or an elderly neighbor who doesn't get out much? Suggest that your child seek out his classmate on the playground or in the cafeteria. Or you and your youngster could find out which board games the neighbor likes and invite him over to play one.

Pass it on

Teach your child about "paying it forward." When someone is kind to you (say, another driver pays your toll), tell your child about it. Then, ask him to think of ways to keep the kindness going by doing a kind act for another person. If the two of you notice people trying to



take their own photo, your youngster could offer to snap the picture.

Surprise with gifts

Giving handmade gifts to others "just because" is a sure way to brighten someone's day. Ask your child to come up with gifts he could make for someone else. He might create paper flowers for his aunt, design a bookmark for his brother, or write a poem for his grandpa. Then, help him follow through by delivering his gifts in person or mailing them. ♥

Seven ways to ask about school

Want to get your child to talk about her day at school? Try asking questions that encourage more than a yes-or-no answer. Here are seven to start with.

1. What do you think I would have liked best about school today?
2. How would you describe your day to a pet?
3. What's your favorite paper in your backpack, and why?
4. Who did you play or work with today, and what did you do together?
5. What was the easiest thing you did today? The hardest?
6. What healthy foods did you eat at lunch?
7. What new words did you hear or read, and what do they mean? ♥

