

March's Guiding Principle is... "Honesty"



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From the Principal's Desk...

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Dear Genet Families!

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Happy Friday to you all! Another week in the history books for us at Genet. We tried to maximize our time outside with the warmer weather as much as possible. As we know the weather in up-state New York can change on a dime, please send your child with a jacket just in case.

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Today we celebrated Epilepsy Awareness Day at Genet. Students all week were sharing facts about Epilepsy on Genet TV. Students and staff wore purple in support of the worldwide event! I am so proud of everyone's efforts today.

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As a reminder to our 1st grade families, next week we will welcome back our students. They will be reporting five days a week. Our classrooms were staged and prepared to welcome our students back on Monday, March 29th. The maintenance team and I are currently preparing our second grade classrooms for the return of our second graders on Tuesday, April 13. As I have mentioned before, our Superintendent continues to look at all available options to increase in-person days for all students in our district and has been sharing his thoughts with the NYS Commissioner of Education.

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Here are a few updates for everyone looking forward:

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The week of March 29, 2021 will be an **A Week** and the 2nd Week in our Specials Rotations for Genet. In an effort to help families plan, here is the schedule through the week we return from April Recess:

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Week Of:	Type of Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 29th	A Week	A Day (March 29th)	B Day (March 30th)	A Day (March 31st)	Remote Learning Day (April 1st)	NO SCHOOL (April 2nd)
April 12th	B Week	Remote Learning Day A Day (April 12th)	B Day (April 13th)	B Day (April 14th)	A Day (April 15th)	B Day (April 16th)

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Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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As a reminder, this coming week is only three days of in person instruction. Thursday, April 1st is a remote day. There is also a remote learning day for all students on Monday, April 12th. I have had a few parents reach out regarding why these days are remote learning days. Back in December, a communication was shared with families from our Superintendent outlining the need for these remote learning days. Here is the link to that communication from the EGCS D website: <https://egcsd.org/2020/12/02/district-announces-calendar-changes-and-adopts-remote-learning-for-snow-days/>

Additional important information on next page—please keep reading...



NYS Grades 3-8 Exams:

Yesterday, communication from the district was sent out to families regarding NYS testing for grades 3-8. Please, if you did not receive it, you can view the information on the East Greenbush website or I will attach the documents as a PDF in this week's communication. If you have any questions after reading the documents, please feel free to reach out to me at Genet.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 26th - Genet Virtual Movie Night - Starts at 6:00 PM - The link was e-mailed out to parents this afternoon. Students will need their username and passwords to access the live stream link.

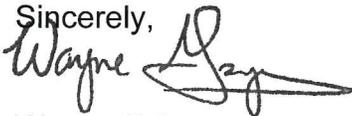
Thursday, April 1st - Is a Remote Day for all students - Student work will be posted within their Google Classroom or sent home as needed

Friday, April 2nd - No School - Good Friday

April 5 - April 9th - Spring Recess - No School

I wish you all the best this coming week! Thank you for your continued support of Genet. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,



Wayne Grignon



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SHORT NOTES

Display schoolwork

Saving work your youngster brings home is one way to show her that school is important to you. Consider creating a hallway gallery of framed papers and artwork, or store her work in a coffee-table binder. *Tip:* Take photos of her sculptures, dioramas, and other 3-D projects. Display the photos, or add them to her binder.

A list-making habit

Get your child in the routine of making checklists in a student planner or notebook. Suggest that he write down tasks in the order he needs to complete them. Encourage him to check off each item as he tackles it—he will enjoy a sense of satisfaction as his list grows shorter.

Promote a work ethic

A good work ethic, or a belief in the value of hard work, will make your youngster better at any job she undertakes. Develop this trait by giving her regular chores like taking out the recycling or sweeping the floor. Then, let her know how her contribution makes a difference. (“The kitchen looks nice and tidy thanks to you!”)

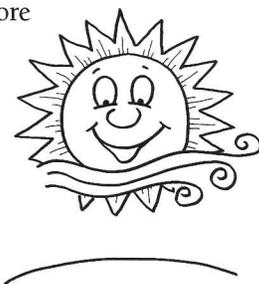
Worth quoting

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” *Dr. Seuss*

JUST FOR FUN

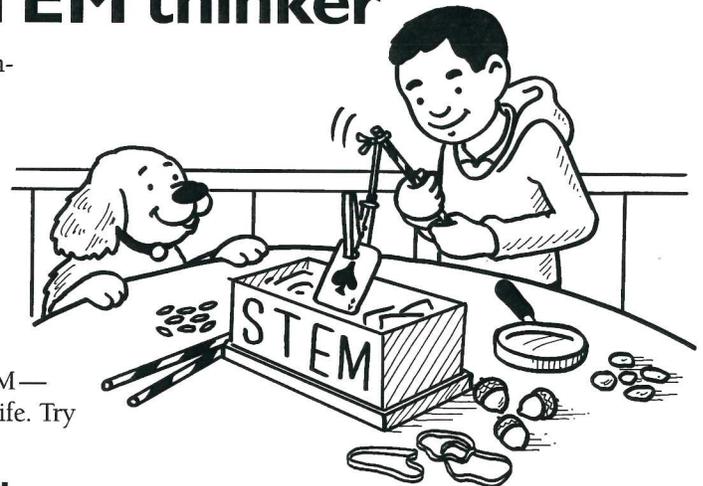
Q: “I pass before the sun but make no shadow. What am I?”

A: The wind.



Be a STEM thinker

With science, technology, engineering, and math jobs in demand, STEM is a hot topic these days. Being a curious, critical, creative thinker who can solve problems will help your child do well in STEM—and in every area of life. Try these ideas.



Wonder out loud

Bring out your youngster’s natural curiosity by discussing what you’re curious about. (“I wonder why rainbows are curved and not straight.”) Then, he could experiment to find out. Perhaps he’ll create his own rainbows using a flashlight, a mirror, and a pan of water.

Make a “tinker box”

Your child will use critical thinking skills by tinkering with natural objects and loose parts. In a shoebox, let him collect items like pebbles, acorns, seeds, straws, rubber bands, and clothespins.

He could add new objects as he finds them. Maybe he’ll design a “claw machine” that picks up small objects or examine an acorn under a magnifying glass.

Promote problem solving

Treat everyday problems as learning opportunities. Say the TV remote won’t work, even though you just replaced the batteries. Have your youngster think of solutions and test them. He might check that the batteries are inserted correctly, try batteries he’s sure are fresh, or turn the TV off and on again.♥

Parent-child chats

Regular conversations with your youngster keep the two of you close—and build her language skills. Here are suggestions for making chats more meaningful.

● **Phrase questions thoughtfully.** Questions that require more than a one-word answer will lead to more informative answers. Try “What made you laugh today?” rather than “Did you have a good day?”

● **Show you’re paying attention.** It’s easy for busy parents to respond out of habit without focusing on what youngsters are really saying. Instead, look your child in the eye, and stop to consider her words. She’ll know that what she has to say matters to you.♥

