

April's Guiding Principle is... "Acceptance"

G From the Principal's Desk...

E Dear Genet Families!

N Happy April and welcome back to Genet! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Spring Break and you were able to enjoy the warmer weather. This week was filled with excitement as we welcomed back our students to Genet and our 2nd Graders full time. It was wonderful to see them all as one group.

E At last night's Board of Education Meeting, Mr. Simons, Superintendent of Schools, discussed a plan to move towards bringing back students at the elementary level with the recent changes to social-distancing requirements (6 ft to 3 ft). More information about the plan will be forthcoming and the Board of Education will review the plan at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Genet.

T Here are a few updates for everyone looking forward:

The week of April 19, 2021 will be an **A Week** and the 4th Week in our Specials Rotations for Genet. In an effort to help families plan, here is the schedule through the next week:

Week Of:	Type of Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 19th	A Week (April 19th)	A Day (April 20th)	B Day (April 21st)	A Day (April 21st)	A Day (April 22nd)	B Day (April 23rd)

U Genet Purple's Up in support of Military Families!

R Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation, specifically military-connected children during their K-12 careers. April is designated as the *Month of the Military Child or Purple Up! For Military Kids*. Across the nation, states and school districts will celebrate the important role military children play while their service member parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color purple.

N The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) selected **Wednesday, April 21, 2021** as the official **Purple Up! For Military Kids day!** I welcome all of Genet to please join the Genet Team in celebrating our military families and their children by wearing purple next Wednesday!

A Brinley's Bags

L The Genet team and I are looking for your help in supporting one of our own teachers with a wonderful cause. Mrs. Tarbox (Kindergarten teacher at Green Meadow Elementary School) began this organization in September 2018. She is the mother of Brinley, a micro preemie born April 17, 2018 weighing 1 pound 14 ounces at St. Peter's Hospital. Brinley spent 60 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and is now thriving.

We are asking students to wear a hat to school on April 22nd and April 23rd in support of Brinley's Bags. Families that would like to make a donation can do so by sending in a suggested donation of \$1.00 to your child's teacher. ***All funds raised will go directly to Brinley's Bags to provide necessities for the NICU care packages. All bags stay local.** I hope you will consider supporting this wonderful cause and wearing a ball cap or hat to school on April 22nd and April 23rd!

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



NYS Grades 3-8 Exams:

The NYS ELA Exam will take place on Monday, April 19th through Wednesday, April 21st. The exam will begin shortly after morning announcements at Genet. Students will be given an unlimited amount of time to complete the exam. Students in grades 3-5, will only be taking Part 1 of the exam. The exam will consist of only multiple choice with no writing component this year.

Upcoming Events:

April 19th - NYS ELA Exam - A Day Students

April 20th - NYS ELA Exam - B Day Students

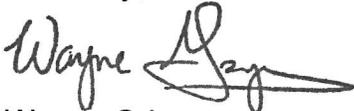
April 21st - NYS ELA Exam - Full Remote Students

April 21st - Genet "Purple's Up" in support of Military Families - Wear Purple!

April 22nd-23rd - Genet Supports Brinley's Bags! Donate \$1.00 to wear a hat at school

I wish you all the best this coming week! I am thankful and fortunate to work with an amazing team here at Genet and a supportive school community. Thank you for your continued support of Genet!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Grignon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Wayne Grignon

Early Years



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START



KID BITS

Safety first

Help your child stay safe with these clothing tips. Make sure she wears shoes that fit properly and either tie or have Velcro. They're less likely to cause accidents than floppy shoes like sandals or clogs. Also, avoid baggy clothes and cords or strings on clothing that can get caught in playground equipment.

Sizing things up

Take a walk around your neighborhood with your little one, and use objects you see to encourage him to compare sizes. Ask questions like "Is that mailbox *taller* or *shorter* than you?" or "Is the white rock *bigger* or *smaller* than the gray one?"

Helping hands

Trace around your child's hands on paper, and ask her to name different ways she is helpful. Maybe she takes care of your dog by feeding him and helps you by dusting. Together, write each example on a separate finger. Then, hang up her "helping hands" to remind her how helpful she can be.

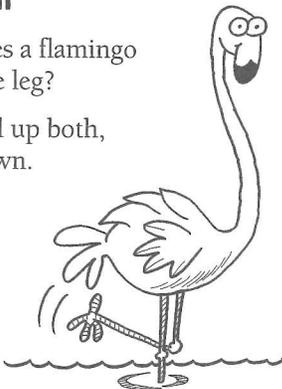
Worth quoting

"Wonder. Go on and wonder."
William Faulkner

Just for fun

Q: Why does a flamingo hold up one leg?

A: If he held up both, he'd fall down.



Genet Elementary School
Wayne Grignon, Principal

Keys to self-control

It can be a tall order for little ones to handle big emotions like anger, frustration, and disappointment. Work on increasing your child's self-control with these strategies to help him think before he acts.

Talk it out

Give your youngster words to use when he is upset. For example, if you can't find your glasses, you might say, "I feel so *frustrated!* Where did I last have them?" Then, when he's aggravated (say, he misplaced his favorite book), encourage him to use similar words. ("I feel *upset* because I want my book. I was looking at it in the living room—maybe it's there.") He'll learn to talk through his problems and be less likely to cry or whine.

Think ahead

Prepare for situations where self-control comes in handy. You could say, "I'm going to be on a work call. Let's think about what you can do if your sister is playing with a toy you want." He



may ask to join her, or he could play with another toy until she's finished. Having a plan can help your child avoid grabbing the toy or yelling at his sister.

Calm down

When your youngster begins to get upset, suggest ways to keep his cool. For instance, he might take a deep breath, count to five, or draw a picture of how he is feeling. The distraction may be enough to settle him down. And once he's used to these techniques, he'll be able to do them without a reminder from you.♥

Family playtime

Has the grown-up world left you too tired to play? Consider these ideas that will let you connect with your youngster—and unwind after a long day:

- Show her what you liked to play when you were her age. You could teach her a card game, a jump rope rhyme, or a magic trick, for instance. Next, ask her to teach you a game or an activity she enjoys.

- Step into a role. You might each pretend to be someone else (a cashier and a customer, a bird and a squirrel) while carrying on a conversation. Encourage your child to think about what her character would sound like and what she would say.

- At bedtime, shine a flashlight on the walls, ceiling, and floor. Have your youngster "chase" your beam with her own flashlight. Then, trade roles.♥

