



CITIZEN GENET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Wayne L. Grignon
Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please mark your calendar! On **Friday, June 18**, we will celebrate our 5th grade students as they graduate from Genet Elementary School and move up and on to their middle school years at Goff Middle School.

We are committed to celebrating and honoring our 5th graders as they graduate. While we are not able to do the type of large group graduation ceremony that is the tradition at Genet due to the statewide school regulations and guidelines on gatherings, we do intend to award our students their diplomas in person, with a drive up Pomp and Circumstance Celebration at the front of Genet Elementary School.

The evening before the 18th, we will send the virtual part of our program to your child's Google Classroom, which will include remarks and speeches from staff and a slideshow for the students. Our plan is to post the video at 7 PM. Please enjoy the video with your family and we will see you on Friday for the awarding of diplomas.

Each 5th grade class will have a set time for their graduation parade where their name will be announced and they will receive their certificate. Families should arrive 15 minutes before the event start time and enter Genet via Elliot Rd. We ask families to line up at Romer Field where staff will be waiting to assist and direct families in their car. At the appointed time, we will give the go ahead, and cars will pull out in an orderly fashion to complete the procession.

The front of school will be decorated in honor of our graduates, and families are welcome to decorate their cars to add to the festivities.

We must ask that each family have only one car per graduate for the event. In an effort to make this even extra special for our students, students will have an opportunity to get out of their car and walk down the sidewalk towards the front of Genet. While your child is walking, families can follow in their car as their child receives their certificate. This year, we have hired Life Touch Studios to take a picture of each child and their teacher at the front of Genet. Each child will receive two 3x5 photos which will be mailed home during the summer.

In order to adhere to state guidelines and ensure we are practicing appropriate social distancing, we ask that only students exit their car and parents remain in their car for the event. Again, families will be asked to enter Genet through the back entrance off Elliot Rd, by Romer Field. While it pains us to not be able to shake the hands of our students or give high fives and hugs, we will know that is what is in our hearts.....pride for our students as they graduate, and gratefulness for you, the parents and families who supported and guided them along the way.

A School and Community Working Together

Friday, June 18th @ Genet Elementary School
****Arrive no more than 15 minutes before the event start time****

Ms. Ball & Ms. Corey: 12:30-1:30 PM
Ms. Murawski and Ms. Brunner: 1:40 – 2:40 PM
Mrs. VanSkiver and Mr. LaGoy: 2:50 – 3:50 PM

We look forward to seeing you all!

Sincerely,

Mr. Grignon, Ms. Ball, Ms. Brunner, Ms. Corey, Mr. LaGoy, Ms. Murawski and Mrs. VanSkiver