

GENET JOURNAL ~ 1/14/2022

January's Guiding Principle is...Self-Control

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

Happy Friday to all of our families! This week was firing on all cylinders at Genet and there is a definite excitement in the air regarding the potential Winter Storm Izzy on Sunday Evening into Monday. If you have to travel Monday, please drive safely!

This week we held a safety drill in conjunction with our local and state police departments. Students and staff practiced a lockdown drill. These drills are required as part of our building safety plans and NYS Department of Education. Our students did a tremendous job! I could not be prouder of how they handled themselves during the drill and listened to the directions of law enforcement. A special thank you to Sgt. Michael Condo, School Resource Officer for assisting with the organization of the drill.

A friendly reminder that we are still focusing on our character trait for the month of January: Self-Control/Self-Regulation. I look forward to celebrating the month at our end of the month character education assembly.

This past week has brought with it changes to quarantine and contact tracing regulations. Additionally, the district has shared with our families the remote instruction plan if we have to revert to virtual learning. As mentioned in the latest communication from the district, we are not planning on going remote, but only sharing the plan with families so you are aware. NYS Department of Education and the Department of Health are evaluating the ever changing COVID pandemic that we are currently living within and additional changes to regulations may be forthcoming. We will continue to communicate any changes with families to keep you informed.

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

- There is no school on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- The week of January 18th will be an "A" Week for specials.

Parent Drop Off and Pick-Up

As a reminder to our families, parent drop off in the morning begins at 8:40 AM and goes until 8:55 AM. If the drop off team is not there, please pull around to the front of Genet and escort your child into the building. They will need to be signed in with Mrs. Giordano. When the bell rings at 8:55 AM, that is our late bell for students. We understand and recognize that we have many families driving their child(ren) to school and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Additionally, parents or guardians who are picking up their child(ren) should have appropriate identification on them at all times. If we are not familiar with you, we will ask for your identification to release your child(ren).

I realize that you want to pick your child(ren) up and waiting in line can be tiresome. Please understand that the policy and procedures we follow are for the safety of all children. The parent pick-up/drop off team has over 90+ families that pick up each day. I kindly ask that you have patience with my team as we reunite each child(ren) with their family.

I appreciate your help and understanding!

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COVID Testing Kits:

We still have some testing kits available for those families that would like one and have not picked up theirs yet. If you would like to stop by Genet next week to pick up a kit for your child, please reach out to the Genet main office by calling 518-207-2680. If you are unable to come to Genet to pick-up a testing kit, please call us.

Recess during Winter Months:

Our goal is to always provide an outdoor recess period for our students. A decision is made each day based on the weather and windchill temperatures in consultation with Mrs. Condo, Genet's school nurse. If the temperature goes below 20 degrees on a given day, we will have indoor recess. Students should be prepared to go outside for recess with appropriate attire. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child(ren)'s teacher or Mrs. Condo.

Weather Alerts for Families:

If you have not opted in to the district's text notification system in the event of severe weather, you can by following the directions at the link:

<https://egcsd.org/departments/safety-health-and-wellness/alert/>

Along with the winter months is the need for appropriate attire for students. Please remember to send your child to school with the necessary clothing for outdoor recess as we try to take students outside as much as possible. Warm jackets, hats, gloves and snow boots/appropriate foot attire is required.

News and updates from the Art Studio, by Ms. Miecznikowski

Happy New Year! Our K-5 artists have been hard at work in the art studio since our collage unit newsletter went home at the end of November. (Click [here](#) if you missed it!) In December, we made winter-themed sculptures as well as decorations for Mrs. Scolaro's wonderful holiday singalong. Now, we are in the middle of our painting unit!

- *Kindergarten artists are learning how to mix **primary colors** (red, yellow, and blue) to create **secondary colors** (orange, green, and purple.)*
- *First grade artists are learning how to create **light and dark values** by adding white or black paint to any color.*
- *Second grade artists are learning how to use **warm** (red, yellow, and orange) **or cool** (green, blue, and purple) **colors** to create different moods in their paintings.*
- *Third grade artists are learning how to create and blend **analogous colors** (a set of neighbors on the color wheel).*
- *Fourth grade artists are learning how to create and use **complementary colors** (two colors that are opposites on the color wheel) to create contrast in their paintings.*
- *Fifth grade artists are learning how to use light and dark values to create **monochromatic** (any color plus white and/or black) pictures and designs.*

In the next few weeks, we will begin our final paintings where K-5 artists will use the skills they have been developing during our unit to represent an idea that is important to them. Be on the lookout for portfolios full of your artist's paintings coming home in the next month!

Thank you for your continued support of Genet!

Sincerely,



Wayne Grignon

