



## March's Guiding Principle is...Honesty/Trustworthiness

### From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Genet Families!

Happy Friday Families! I hope you all had an enjoyable week. Another snow storm is scheduled to impact our area Saturday and continue throughout the day. Snow accumulations are not finalized, but if you are traveling this weekend, please take your time and drive safe.

Next week will be a "B" week for specials and will bring with it **St. Patrick's Day at Genet!** The kindergartners have placed leprechaun traps around Genet in hopes of catching one.

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

#### **Genet STEM Fair**

We are excited to announce that we have over 40 applicants that will be showing off their love for science, technology, engineering and math on Tuesday, March 22nd! This event is open to the public and will take place in our gymnasium starting at 6:00 PM. I look forward to showcasing Genet's love of STEM!

#### **Hannaford Helps Program**

Today, your child(ren) will bring home a flier from Hannaford regarding raising funds for schools. The program runs now through May 28, 2022. When you shop for supplies and/or groceries, look for items that qualify (they will have a label) and when you check out, you will receive 3 school dollars for every 4 participating products you purchase. All you have to do is drop your receipt in the collection tower at Hannaford under the Genet slot!

If we are the highest earning schools, we will receive an extra \$1,000 dollar bonus to any funds raised!

Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **Attendance Reminders**

One of the most important factors in determining student success is a student's attendance at school. When students are frequently absent, they miss out on important activities, learning opportunities and student-teacher interactions that take place in the classroom. This can also have an impact on student learning when students are habitually tardy (coming in late or leaving early) to school. Please also remember to send your child(ren) in with a note upon their return to Genet. We look forward to a continued year of success working together and watching your child(ren) grow!

#### **COVID-19 At Home Test Kits:**

If you need additional COVID-19 Test Kits please do not hesitate to reach out to the Genet Main Office.

*(please continue reading for additional important information)*

## **RECESS and RECESS ATTIRE**

As a reminder to our school community, we strive to get our students outdoors as much as possible, especially during recess. This does require that students will need their appropriate outdoor attire for the cold weather. 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.

Each morning we review the local weather and make a determination if the air temperature outside with the wind chill is safe for our students to go outside. We notify students and staff if we are going out for recess prior to lunch. If the air temperature feels like 20 degrees or higher (with the wind chill) we take our students outside. If the air temperature is below 20 degrees, students will have indoor recess in their classrooms.

## **Genet Supports our local Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser:**

Again this year we are partnering with the Ronald McDonald house during the month of March, in conjunction with Read Across America and our annual Genet Family Reading Event as part of our school-wide read-a-thon! The program supports the Ronald McDonald House of Albany, which provides housing and supportive services to families of children who are sick and receiving treatment from our local area hospitals.

Our students will once again be using their reading to raise money to support the families at the Ronald McDonald House. Students are encouraged to gather pledges from family and friends in support of the reading they will do for the month of March. Donations raised will be used to support the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

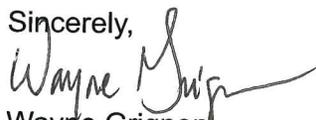
Here is for your review regarding Ronald McDonald House and their purpose:

<https://vimeo.com/294287783/fb37450bbb>

Last year, Genet raised \$4200 dollars for Ronald McDonald House of Albany and this year we hope to match or exceed the previous year's total. To help motivate our students to read we have established a reward for the entire building. If Genet can match or exceed \$4200 dollars - I will kiss a pig in front of our students before the end of the year!

Thank you for your continued support of Genet! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead this weekend!

I wish you all the best this weekend!

Sincerely,  
  
Wayne Grignon  
Principal

