



Calendar of Events for December

Monday	3	Grade 3 Music Program 5:30pm in the Gym Grade 4 Music Program 7:00pm in the Gym
Mon.-Fri	3-14	iReady Assessments in Reading and Math All Grades
Tuesday	4	PTO Meeting at 3:30pm in the Library
Wednes- day	5	Grade 3 Field Trip to the Nutcracker Leave GPS at 11:15am; Return to GPS by 2pm
Friday	7	Downtown Christmas Parade 7:00pm, Gr. 4 students line up at 6:30pm, Eagle St.
Mon.-Fri	10-14	Santa Shoppe 9:30-11:30am for the Students There will be one later time for PM Kindergarten.
Friday	14	10:30am AM-K Gingerbread House Building 2:10pm PM-K Gingerbread House Building
Thursday	20	Holiday Parties AM Kindergarten 10:15am; K-5 1:45pm Homeroom Parents report at 1:30pm Last day of classes before winter break
Fri.-Wed.	21-2	No School—Winter Break
Thursday	Jan. 3	Classes resume after Winter Break

Cafeteria Notes

The 12 Days of Cafe Christmas start December 3rd. Every day for the next 12 days, we will have Lucky Tray Day. The lucky tray winners will receive a small prize & one lucky tray winner each day will receive a stuffed animal. Then all the lucky tray winners will be entered into a chance to win a Bike & Helmet when Santa comes on December 19th.

When sending in lunch money, please make sure you send it in an envelope or plastic bag with your child's first and last name, teacher's name, and amount enclosed.

Two-Hour Delay and School Closings

- ◆ If school will be delayed or closed for weather related reasons:
- ◆ The superintendent will strive to make a decision by 5:30AM. An announcement will be made to the media and an automated telephone call will be made to parents.
- ◆ Follow Mr. Kujala on Twitter @GenevaPride; where he will make the delay or closing announcement first.
- ◆ If weather conditions continue to deteriorate, a decision to close schools will be made no later than 7:30am..
- ◆ **AM Kindergarten will be cancelled.**
- ◆ Morning bus transportation will be delayed approximately two hours.
- ◆ Buses arrive at GPS at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ Parents may drop off students at GPS starting at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ School starts at 10:45 AM.
- ◆ No breakfast will be served.
- ◆ Lunch program will remain on the normal schedule.

Christmas Parade

The fourth grade students and their parents will be walking in the Christmas Parade on Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm.

Dismissal

Please do not call the school to make changes in transportation. All transportation arrangements must be made in writing.

BUNDLE UP!

During the cold and snowy season, students need to come to school in heavier clothing and boots. Students are not permitted to wear shorts when we are having winter weather. It is important that children protect themselves from the cold during a 15-20 minute outside recess with their teachers. Students in primary grades should have a change of pants, socks and underwear in the event they fall and get wet on the playground



Honor Roll and Merit Roll

Congratulations to all the students that made the Merit (A's and B's) and Honor Roll (All A's) during the first quarter. We had an assembly to celebrate on November 13th. There were 55 students in grades 3-5 who made the Honor Roll and 50 students who made the Merit Roll. Please look for a picture of the Honor Roll students in an upcoming edition of the Gazette. Keep up the hardwork GPS!

Student Emergencies

Please make sure that your emergency contact numbers are updated. In the event that your child is injured or ill while at school, we must have two contact numbers on file in the office. The contact numbers should be of local family or friends that can pick your child up from school.



Parent Portal

Access the academic progress of your child online through the Parent Access Module. To set up an account, send an email to roberta.horvath@genevaschools.org. She will email you with instructions to get started. If you already have an account, use the same password as last year.

If have moved, please call Central Registration at 440-466-4831 ext. 2002 to update your address and phone number.

Tips for Helping Students at Home

- Ask about your child's homework schedule.
- Talk with your child about their assignments and help them to correct any errors.
- Read with your child every day. Reading just 15 minutes a day is linked to strong academic success.
- Practice math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).
- Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions.

About the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

In kindergarten through grade three, schools will evaluate all children to determine if they are reading on or off track. If a child appears to be off track in reading, the school will immediately start a reading improvement plan.

A reading improvement plan (RIMP) will address each student's unique reading problems. Schools will monitor the plan to make sure the student's reading is improving. Schools will work closely with parents to help create a remedy and for parents to be able to support the plan.

Advancing to Fourth Grade Except for those with special circumstances, students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test of 677 (scaled score) or 45(subscore) to move on to the fourth grade. This score must be attained either in the fall or spring administration of the state reading test. The students will also be given an alternate measure called the Terra Nova where the student would need to earn 18 points out of 30 possible points.

If the student remains in the third grade, the school must provide a high performing reading teacher and 90 minutes of reading instruction daily.

Giving Back Programs

Kindergarten and First Grade classes are collecting new pajamas to donate to Scholastic through Friday, December 14th. GPS is also collecting toys for the annual Toys for Tots Giving Program. Please send in new unwrapped toys. Thank you

Lost and Found

As we enter the season of hats, mittens, scarves and gloves, items get dropped or left behind daily! At times, coats and boots are among these items. If your child is missing items of clothing, please remind them to check the lost and found located on the stage in the cafeteria.

