

G.P.S. NAVIGATOR



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Calendar of Events

Mon.-Fri.	30-2	Art Week
Monday	5	100th Day Celebration
Tuesday	6	PTO Meeting, 3:30pm Library
Friday	9	Me and My Guy Dance 5:30-8:00pm PTO Fundraiser Begins
Tuesday	13	Yearbook Group Pictures at 9:30am
Mon- Fri.	12-16	Art Week
Wednesday	14	Valentine's Day Parties
Thurs, Tues.	15, 20	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 PM
Friday	16	Progress Reports Go Home
Monday	19	SCHOOL CLOSED, President's Day
Friday	23	PTO Fundraiser Ends- Pickup March 16

Transportation Procedures

Thank you everyone for your patience in regards to the changes that took place with transportation last month. Please keep in mind that students will not be released until 2:55pm each day. The north entrance tends to be less crowded in the morning especially around 8:35am. Please continue to form 2 lanes at both entrances. If you drop your child off at the north entrance, please wait for an adult to come to your car to escort your child through the parking lot. The south office doors open at 8:25am for students in grades 3-5 who are eating breakfast and the north doors open at 8:30am.

More on Transportation

As a reminder, we do not accept phone calls to change transportation arrangements.

A note must be sent in if your child is to walk home or ride home with another family. Thank you to those families that have included car tag numbers on dismissal notes.

Any students not picked up from school by 3:15pm will be waiting in the office after dismissal time. If your child is going to be tardy for the day, please park at the south office entrance and walk them into the building. The north doors close promptly at 8:45am.

Valentine's Day Parties

GPS will be celebrating Valentine's Day this year on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The am kindergarten party begins at 10:15am and the pm kindergarten through grade 5 party begins at 1:45pm. Homeroom parents with consent from their child's teacher may report to classrooms at 1:30pm. Siblings of any age are not allowed to attend the elementary school parties district wide. Parents should plan on leaving around 2:45pm due to the changes in transportation.

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MRS. JULIE GUSTIN, PRINCIPAL

**Parent/ Teacher
Conferences
K-5**

**February 15 & 20
4:30-8:00 PM**

**Fundraiser Pickup
March 16th
3:00-4:30pm
GPS Cafeteria**

**Congratulations GPS
Students who earned
Honor and Merit Roll
for the 2nd Nine
Weeks!**

**Number of Students
on Merit Roll
(A's and B's)
Grade 3: 20 students
Grade 4: 27 students
Grade 5: 29 students**

**Number of Students
on Honor Roll
(Straight A's)
Grade 3: 15 students
Grade 4: 10 students
Grade 5: 19 students**

**Keep Up the Great
Work!**

Vision

We at Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary School (GPS) believe the road to success begins with active relationships between home and school. We meet children where they are and move them forward emotionally, socially and academically. GPS is a safe and encouraging school environment where all children can learn.

Mission

The mission of Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary School (GPS) is to prepare all children to be successful students. This will include educating them to read with comprehension, write clearly, use information to solve problems and act responsibly.

10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in
Elementary School courtesy of kidshealth.org

1. Attend Back to School Nights and Parent Teacher Conferences.
2. Visit the school and its' website.
3. Support homework procedures by offering support, asking questions, and checking for accuracy and work completion.
4. Send Your Child to School Ready to Learn by putting them to bed early and making sure he or she has access to breakfast.
5. Teach organizational skills by teaching them how to clean out folders, desk, and backpack.
6. Teach study skills by having students review their assignments each night instead of waiting right before the test.
7. Know the disciplinary policies by reviewing the student handbook online.
8. Get involved by attending a school board or parent teacher organization meeting.
9. Take attendance seriously by only keeping students home when they are physically ill with a fever or vomiting.
10. Make time to talk about school . For instance, what book are they reading? What went well today?

Just some strategies to make your child's elementary experience is as meaningful as possible.

**Ohio's State Tests for
Students in Grades 3-5
Begin in April**

Students in grades 3-5 will take the Ohio State Tests, which are computer-based assessments, to measure their achievement in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. All assessments will be administered within the online testing environment again this year.

The Ohio State testing window will run from April 9-27 for English Language Arts and April 16 to May 7 for Mathematics and Science.

In next month's Navigator, a schedule will be provided so you know the exact dates for your child's assessments. Your cooperation in planning any appointments around those dates will be beneficial for your child.