



## Calendar of Events for December

Friday	1	Downtown Christmas Parade 7:00pm, Gr. 4 students line up at 6:30pm, Eagle St. Progress Reports Sent Home
Tuesday	5	PTO Meeting at 3:30pm in the Library
Wednesday	6	Grade 3 Field Trip to view the Nutcracker at the Ashtabula Arts Center
Wed.-Wed.	6-20	iReady Assessments in Reading and Math All Grades
Friday	8	10:30am AM-K Gingerbread House Building 2:00pm PM-K Gingerbread House Building
Tuesday	19	Grade 1 Music Program 5:30pm in the Gym Grade 2 Music Program 7:00pm in the Gym
Wednesday	20	Holiday Parties AM Kindergarten 10:15am; K-5 2:00pm Homeroom Parents report at 1:45pm Last day of classes before winter break
Tuesday	Jan. 2	Classes resume after winter break

### Decorations and Parade

Be sure to check out the GPS tree in town located by the gazebo. You will see the GPS tree decorated by the second and fifth grade students and teachers led by Mrs. Ramsey. The fourth grade students will also be walking in the Winterfest Parade on Friday, December 1st at 7:00pm.

### Picking Up Students

☺ Please write a note to the teacher when someone different will be picking up your child. This will assist staff waiting with students during dismissal. Any adult who picks up a student must be on the student's emergency form.

☺ If your child is not picked up everyday, you will need to come into the office to sign your child out of school. If you are not recognized when you come into the school, you will be asked to show identification. Your identification may be photo copied.

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

☺ Please remember to update our office with your new telephone number and address. If there is a mix up in transportation, we will rely on this information to make sure your child is transported safely to their destination.

☺ Please call transportation at 440-466-4831 ext. 1198 for any bus related questions.

Thank you



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## 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 to 20 minute outside recess. Students in primary grades should have a change of pants, socks and underwear in the event they fall and get wet on the playground.



## Weather Related School Closings

When severe weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, or to have a two-hour delayed start, you will be notified by announcements on the radio, television and by telephone. Announcements will generally be made by 6:00 AM. Radio stations 102 ZOO, Star 97, 107.5 The Fox, WFun AM 97, 104.7 WKKY and television stations WKYC (3), WEWS (5), FOX (8) will broadcast our announcements. Please do not call the school to obtain this information. Thank you.



## 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.



## Honor Roll and Merit Roll

Congratulations to all the students that made the Merit and Honor Roll during the first quarter. We had an assembly to celebrate on November 28th. Keep up the hardwork GPS!

## 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](mailto: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.

## About the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

In kindergarten through grade three, schools will evaluate all children to determine if they are reading as well as they should be. If a child appears to be falling behind in reading, the school will immediately start a reading improvement plan.

Reading Improvement Plan - This plan 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 to move on to the fourth grade. This score must be attained either in the fall or spring administration of the state reading test.

If the student remains in the third grade, the school must provide a high-performing reading teacher and 90 minutes of reading instruction each school day. Schools can move students to the fourth grade in the middle of the year if the student's reading improves.

## 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.

## Giving Back Programs

Kindergarten and First Grade classes are collecting new pajamas to donate to Scholastic through Wednesday, December 13th. Student Council 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.

