



Upcoming Changes at GPS Effective Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As many of you are already aware, the Geneva Board of Education took action at their December 11, 2017 meeting to initiate several reductions concerning recess, housekeeping, library, and transportation. Students will no longer have recess or use the library on a daily or weekly basis. Teachers may choose to take students outside at their own discretion; so it is important to still send students with appropriate attire for the weather.

Transportation was cut to a state minimum level where only students that live 2 miles outside of the school will be bussed home. The district will still continue to bus students to daycares where arrangements have been made previously. Daily bus changes or passes will no longer be accepted.

With that being said, there is now going to be a large number of students that will need to be dropped off and picked up from school daily. All students and family groups will receive a car tag number if they do not have one already. Families that currently pick up in the South Office area by car will continue to do so; however those families that walked to the office entrance will now need to use their car tag. There will no longer be office pickups by foot in front of the main doors. In the event of an emergency, parents may contact the office to pickup at 2:30pm.

In order to accommodate the large number of pick up and drops off daily, car tag numbers 1-150 will use the south office entrance as they have previously for both drop off in the am and pickup in the afternoon and the former bus area (north playground) will now be used for car tag numbers 151 and up; again for both pickup and drop off times. Students will start being released to cars by 3:00pm daily.

The south office doors will open at 8:25am for any students in grades 3-5 who eat breakfast; all other students will need to wait with their adult until 8:30am. Again the south office doors should only be used for car tag numbers 1-150 and any student who eats breakfast in grades 3-5. The north playground doors will both be open in the back for students starting at 8:30am for car tag numbers 151 and up. Car tag numbers will be sent home next week; along with notes to families that will still have access to the bus.

More information can be found on the Geneva Area City Schools website at www.genevaschools.org. Please do not hesitate to contact transportation at 440-466-4831 ext. 1198 or the school at 440-415-9325. Thank you for your patience with these upcoming changes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Gustin, GPS Principal

BUNDLE UP!

During the cold and snowy season, students need to come to school in heavier clothing and boots. Please do not send students to school in shorts when we are having winter weather. Teachers may take students outside for recess on some days. Children in primary grades can benefit from having a change of pants and underwear in the event they fall into slushy snow.



Thank You!

We would like to extend a special thank you for the donations received during our We Care We Share Food Drive in November and Toys for Tots in December. Thanks to Mrs. Hord, student council and our student council members for coordinating this community service activity.



School Hours

Drop Off: 8:30 AM
 Breakfast: 8:25 AM Grades 3-5 first, then K-2 at 8:30am
 Breakfast Ends: 8:45
 School Starts: 8:45 AM
 Tardy Bell: 8:48 AM
 Car Pickup: 3:00 PM
 Bus Dismissal: 3:15 PM

Two-Hour Delay

Drop Off: 10:30 AM
 AM Kindergarten is cancelled.

THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S SANTA SHOP A SUCCESS!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO OUR PTO, WHO SHOPPED UNTIL THEY DROPPED, PRICED ITEMS, SET UP AND TORE DOWN THE SHOP.

LOTS OF WORK GOES INTO THIS FUN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS. THE TIME, HARD WORK AND EFFORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



School Closings

When school is closed or has a delayed start, you will be notified by radio, television and our automated telephone calling system. Please keep your telephone number current with our office so you will be contacted. Announcements will generally be made by 6:00 AM. Radio stations 102 ZOO, Star 97, 107.5 The Fox, WFUN AM 97, WKKY 104.7 and television stations WKYC (3), WEWS (5) and FOX (8) will broadcast our announcements.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, January 11th End of 2nd Nine Weeks
Skate Night at Ashtabula Family Roller Den

No School: Friday, January 12th—Teacher Work Day
Monday, January 15th—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16, 2018—Transportation Changes
 Please refer to the front of this newsletter.

Friday, January 19, 2018 Report Cards Sent Home

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