

# G.P.S. NAVIGATOR



Volume 9 Issue 1

September 2018

## Calendar of Events

|           |       |   |
|-----------|-------|---|
| Monday    | 3     | No School - Labor Day                                   |
| Thursday  | 6     | PTO Meeting 3:30pm in the GPS Library                   |
| Tuesday   | 18    | PTO Fundraiser Kickoff - Fundraiser Ends October 2      |
| Friday    | 21    | Picture Day   |
| Mon.-Fri. | 24-28 | Start with Hello Week as Part of the Sandy Hook Promise |
| Friday    | 28    | Purple Day- Wear Purple to School                       |
| Sat-Sun   | 29-30 | Grape Jamboree Weekend                                  |

### Principal's Note: Welcome Back!

The GPS staff is excited to start another school year. We are looking forward to starting our SOAR initiative for PBIS this year. SOAR stands for **Stand Up for everyone, everyday, Organize** (Read and follow the student handbook), **Always do your best**, and **Respect one another**. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This program will be implemented throughout the year and takes the place of our Kindness Drawings. Please feel free to contact me regarding your questions or concerns, but remember your child's teacher should be your first contact in many cases.

### A Note on Arrival Procedures:

Thank you for your patience and support as we start the 2018-2019 school year in regards to arrival procedures. Students in grades 3-5 who eat breakfast are allowed in the building daily at 8:25am. All other students will start their day at 8:30am. Students when entering the building after 8:30am should report directly to breakfast if they choose to participate in the school's breakfast program.

**Please remember students may not be dropped off early to wait outside the building (before 8:25am).** Students who walk to school should also not arrive prior to 8:25am where he or she will be unsupervised. The south and north drives are used for dropping off students. **No car is to be parked and left unattended in the drop off zones.** Parents who wish to escort their children into the building must park in the south lot. **Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot to walk unescorted to the building.** Students may pickup a grab and go breakfast in the cafeteria if he or she arrives after 8:40am. The tardy bell rings at 8:47 AM and classes begin. If your student is tardy, please bring them to the south office entrance, as the north playground entrance closes at 8:47am.

*Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary School*

755 Austin Road

Geneva, Ohio 44041

440-415-9325

Mrs. Julie Gustin, Principal

## Transportation

Please send a note to school for any daily transportation changes. If the school does not receive a note, we always default to bus transportation home if your student is eligible unless you have made prior arrangements with the school in writing. If you have issues regarding bus transportation, please contact transportation at 440-466-4831 ext. 1198.

If your student is a car pickup, please help your student practice their number so we may quickly load cars at dismissal.

## The Student Code of Conduct

I have been reviewing the student code of conduct with all students during lunch time as taken from the Elementary School Handbook that is available online at [www.genevaschools.org](http://www.genevaschools.org). If you require a paper copy please call, send in a note or email me at [julie.gustin@genevaschools.org](mailto:julie.gustin@genevaschools.org).

## Donations Needed

GPS is proud to announce that we now have a Maker Space! This is a room in our library for our students to quietly do STEM activities! We are asking for donations of plastic lids (milk jugs, Gatorade bottles, water bottles...), empty rolls (toilet paper, paper towels), pipe cleaners/chenille sticks toothpicks, and cotton balls. If your kids have outgrown Lego's, K'nex, or any building toys that you would like to donate, it would be great appreciated!

### Party Dates

#### Homeroom Volunteers

**Report at 1:30pm for all parties.**

**Parties begin at 1:45pm.**

**Homeroom volunteers can sign students out at 2:45pm by homeroom.**

Teachers will determine the number of homeroom volunteers that can attend. **Siblings are not permitted to attend classroom parties.**

#### Fall Party: Halloween or Spooky Fun

Friday, October 26th

Parade will begin at 1:45pm.

All parents are welcome to watch the parade outside weather permitting. Specific information will come home as we get closer.

#### Winter Party:

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

#### Valentine's Day Party:

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

Please follow GPS on Twitter  
@GPSGustin.

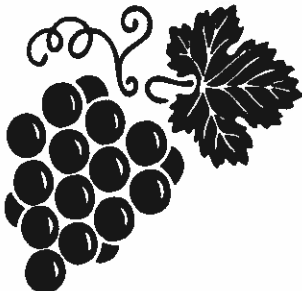
### PTO OFFICERS

**President—Tracey Martin**

**Vice President—Heather Clugh**

**Treasurer—Angela Palmer**

**Secretary—Karen Vosser**



**Geneva  
Grape JAMboree  
September  
29 & 30**

### A Note on Classroom Parties

This year at GPS we will have (3) classroom parties per the student handbook.. Refreshments are provided by homeroom volunteers. Homeroom volunteers will be selected by the classroom teacher. Parties are for students and homeroom volunteers only; siblings may not attend. If homeroom volunteers have more than one child in school, they will attend one classroom party only.

Our fall party will celebrate, Halloween or "Spooky Fun", where the student can wear their costumes and participate in a parade. More information will come home as we get closer regarding the parade route and if the students should wear their costume to school or change at school (this will be determined by each teacher).

Please keep the guidelines below in mind when selecting a costume. Students are not permitted to have a costume or make-up that looks like blood. Students are not permitted to bring in any weapons that may go with their costume. It is our goal that all of our students will enjoy our parade and parties, but not at the expense of scaring anyone. These types of costumes can be saved for their nightly activities. Also, please remember that you may all join us for the parade, but **only** parents who have volunteered ahead of time with the classroom teacher may attend the party.

### GPS Staff

**Kindergarten:** Ms. Pfouts, Mrs. Sheppard

**Grade 1:** Ms. Gurley, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Warring

**Grade 2:** Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Charo, Mrs. Cinco

**Grade 3:** Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Kirk

**Grade 4** Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kopczak, Mrs. Scarniench

**Grade 5** Mrs. Allds, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Stewart,

**Cafeteria—**Mrs. Sulecki, Mrs. Dudick, Ms. Grimmet, Mrs. Gorancy, Mrs. Lechintan

**Custodial—**Mrs. Kinney, Ms. Cuccaro, Mr. Zukoski

**Directions—**Ms. Friday

**Intervention Specialists—**Mrs. Carraher, Mrs. Crews, Mrs. Babyak, Mrs. White, Mrs. Kuhn, Ms. Simmons

**LEP—**Mrs. Cramb

**Music—**Mrs. Stowell

**Nurse—**Mrs. Newmeyer

**Physical Education—**Miss Tersigni

**Principal—**Mrs. Gustin

**Psychologist—**Mr. Kubec

**Secretary—**Mrs. Korn, Mrs. Varckette

**Special Needs Assistants—**Mrs. Campbell, Miss Patty, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Bruinsma, Ms. Robison, Mrs. Allison

**Speech—**Mrs. Jablonski

**Title I—**Mrs. Earley, Miss Trenn