

# Genesee Joint School District #282

October 2009 Newsletter



## **Fall Food Bank Collection**

As the harvest winds up and the weather gets cooler, please remember our local food bank! The school is hosting a Fall Food Bank Collection, so please send canned or boxed items to school by the end of October. Donations are gratefully accepted any time! Economic times are tight, but if each family in our school could send just one item to school, we could help stock up the Food Bank for those most in need. Thank you very much for your support!

## **2010 Safe and Sober Graduation**

Plans are underway for the 2010 Safe and Sober Graduation celebration. This is a post-graduation activity that is both fun and drug-free. Donations can be sent to the Genesee School, c/o Tauna Johnson or Donna Wommack. Please watch for more information!

## **SAVE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES!**

Staples will give Genesee School \$3 for each empty ink cartridge and toner we collect. Please bring them to the office and put them in the PTO ink cartridge box! THANK YOU!

## **Lunch Menu and Activity Calendars**

Please refer to the school district's website for the following:

- Lunch Menu is available at [www.sd282.org/foodservices](http://www.sd282.org/foodservices)
- Activity Calendar is available at [www.sd282.org/calendars](http://www.sd282.org/calendars)
- Detailed Sports calendar is available at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

## **SAFeway CLUB CARDS = CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Register your Safeway club card on scrip and whenever you use your card at Safeway, a percentage will be donated to our school. It's easy and Free!! Parents, teachers, friends and families are all encouraged to sign up.

1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on "sign-up"
3. Follow the instructions to register your Safeway card. Our group ID is 8559702.

## GENESEE BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Genesee Booster Club would like to thank everyone for attending our annual barbecue and welcome all new and renewing members. If you weren't able to attend the barbecue, you can still pay your dues - \$30.00 for a Blue & Gold membership, with your name included on the display board at the school or \$15.00 for a general membership with no name on the display board. Please send dues to: Genesee Booster Club, P.O. Box 433, Genesee. We will be updating the board soon, so don't delay to ensure your name is included.

The new Booster Board is enthusiastic and we have several new and exciting ideas for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to contribute either by volunteering or in any other way, please contact any board member. We welcome and encourage ideas and assistance from our members. The success of the booster club depends on the support of our members.

We also have a wonderful new assortment of Genesee Bulldog clothing items. We will be including samples of the items in our display board at the school and will be selling items at upcoming sporting events. If you see a board member wearing Bulldog apparel that you would be interested in purchasing, let them know or you may also call Kim Knecht (285-0150) to order or purchase items.

Please feel free to contact any of the new board members.

**Co-Presidents:** Stacie Osterberg - 285-1056 and Sue & Bill Krick – 285-1788

**Vice-Presidents:** Ann & Greg Moser - 285-1462

**Treasurers:** Mary & Steve Broemeling – 285-1164

**Secretaries:** Kim & Darrel Stout - 285-1559

**Membership Chairmen:** Kim & Jim Knecht - 285-0150

## **PSAT Test at Genesee School on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**For interested Sophomores & Juniors:** The PSAT test will be administered here at school on the morning of Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$13. Shannon will have a sign up sheet at her window in the office soon after October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to take the test you must be signed up AND paid by 4:00pm on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS. The test will take most of the morning. For sophomores it is a practice for the SAT test and will provide you specific feedback about how you might expect to perform on the SAT test. For juniors it provides the same opportunities, plus you can gain entry into the National Merit Scholarship competition if you score exceptionally high on the PSAT, but only when taken as a junior.

**For junior girls planning to participate in the Junior Miss competition for spring 2010,** the PSAT test (as well as taking the ACT and/or SAT tests at least one month before Junior Miss) will earn you more points in the scholarship portion of the Junior Miss judging.

Contact Mr. Scripser if you have questions about the PSAT test

### **Community Give-Back Day**

The Genesee Secondary students will once again be working in teams to give back to the community. On November 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., students will take on a variety of projects throughout the community. Projects can be for individuals or community organizations and can include anything from yard cleanup to office work. They need your help in letting them know what projects will benefit the community the most! If you have an idea for a project or have any questions, please contact Mr. Kelly Caldwell at 285-1162 or email [kcaldwell@sd282.org](mailto:kcaldwell@sd282.org).

### **SAVE YOUR BOXTOPS!!**

Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top!

PTO will reward treats to the class that brings the most Box Tops by Oct. 23rd!

Ask your friends and family to save them, too!

Each K-6 classroom will have a drop box so you can bring them in at anytime!

## Special Services in the Genesee School

There are numerous special services available to students at Genesee School. As a parent, you should be aware of these programs and you can speak with your child's teacher for additional information.

The following programs are available:

**Title I-A.** The Title I-A program offers remedial instruction in reading, language and mathematics. Genesee School has a targeted assistance program which means that we offer services to students utilizing a priority system based on several factors of need. Students with the highest priority are served first. We employ a .8 reading teacher, Mrs. Hanson, and a .5 math paraprofessional, Jody Mayer. This program is federally funded.

**Special Education, Title VI-B.** Genesee School provides services for students with identified disabilities. Students are educated in the least restrictive environment as determined by a multi-disciplinary team which includes the parents/guardians and sometimes the student. Genesee School employs two full-time special education teachers, Joe Bartosz and Darliss Bardwell, a part-time paraprofessional who works with speech students under the guidance of a Speech Language Pathologist under contract from Gritman Therapy. The District also contracts with Gritman Therapy for Occupational and Physical Therapy as needed.

**Gifted and Talented Education.** Genesee School is required to identify students who meet the definition of giftedness as identified in our state-approved plan. The District employs one part-time GT facilitator, Tina Carlson, to coordinate services for these students.

The Genesee District utilizes the Response to Intervention approach to providing services for students with learning difficulties. RtI is a data-based approach to prescribing intervention instruction to mitigate the learning problem. Parents are always involved with the RtI process. There are strict federal guidelines we follow to qualify students for special education.

The criteria for the Gifted and Talented program are identified in the District's state-approved GT Plan which is available online. Students must meet specific criteria primarily through testing and parent and teacher questionnaires.

If you have any questions regarding any of these programs, you can speak with your student's teacher, any of the individuals identified above or David Neumann, Superintendent.

### **October PTO Meeting:**

Wed.10/21 @ 7-8pm in the Multipurpose Room  
Please join us!! We welcome everyone!!

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### **Authorization for Administration of Medication at School**

For parents who desire school staff to administer prescription medication to their student, we need the permission form "Authorization for Administration of Medication at School" to be completed and signed by a health care provider and parent. This can be done the next time you take the student to the doctor or by faxing the form to the health care provider. This form complies with District Policy 470.9. The new form is located on the District web site at the following URL: [http://www.sd282.org/forms/assets/medicine\\_admin\\_authorization.pdf](http://www.sd282.org/forms/assets/medicine_admin_authorization.pdf).

### **DIG PINK Breast Cancer Fund Raiser**

On October 13, the GHS Volleyball teams are holding a fund raising event to earn money for breast cancer research. Working in conjunction with the Side-Out Foundation, the Bulldogs are hosting the Troy Trojans beginning at 6:00 PM in the main gym. Players from both teams will be soliciting fans, prior to the match, for pledges based on the number of team digs. Fans can pledge any amount per dig or a specific fixed amount. All proceeds will be sent to the Side-Out Foundation. Pledges can be made with any junior varsity or varsity player.

In addition to the pledges, the teams are soliciting business donations and there will be several activities during the match where fans can participate with all the proceeds going to breast cancer research. Donations may also be made directly to the Foundation in Genesee's name on the team's web page at: [https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team\\_page/1336](https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/1336).

So wear pink, come to the final home match of the 2009 season, support this worthwhile cause and your team and have fun. For more information, please contact Coach Neumann at 285-1161.



**You are invited to the  
HARVEST CARNIVAL  
BOOK FAIR**

**3:00-5:00PM**  
**on OCTOBER 10, 2009 in**  
**the Multipurpose room**

There will be a variety of  
fun activities and prizes:  
Face painting    Cupcake walk  
Beauty salon    MASH tent  
& more!

Buy 30 tickets for \$5.00 or  
5 tickets for \$1.00 for the activities.  
**Come have fun & help our  
school at the same time.**

The Book Fair will also be open on  
Friday, October 9 from 10am-4:00pm.

*Sponsored by Genesee PTO*

12th Annual for Homecoming  
**Big Kettle Cook-Off**

**GEA Scholarship Fund-Raiser**  
**Friday, October 23**  
**Football Field**

**Get a team together—  
prepare **soup, stew or chili**, and  
compete against community  
and the teachers' teams.**

**If interested, call Meg Booth at 285-1162.**

Enjoy all you can eat and dessert  
while Genesee plays Potlatch.

Food served 6:15-7:30

Prices: Adults \$4

Children (12 and under) \$2

Pop \$.75



**All proceeds go to the  
Genesee Education Association Scholarship Fund.**