

Genesee Joint School District #282

February Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Four Day School Week
- Spelling Bee
- Local Scholarships
- PTO Meeting

Local Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Genesee School is fortunate enough to have an extremely generous local scholarship program, which awards scholarships to many of our graduating seniors every year. The application materials for these scholarships will be made available to the seniors in late February or early March.

They will have at least six weeks to complete their application forms and supporting documents. When the time comes, I will meet with all of the seniors to explain the application procedures to them and I will also make announcements in the school Bulletin and the Newsletter that the application materials are available on my webpage, located on the school district's homepage.

Students interested in these scholarships do not need to worry about working on the local scholarships at this time. College-bound seniors should instead make sure they are completing their college admission forms, financial aid applications, and taking the ACT, SAT, and/or COMPASS entrance tests if they have not already done so.



Spelling Bee

Tuesday, Feb.9th 1st Level Spelling Bee includes 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades - 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the MPR

2nd Level Spelling Bee includes 6th, 7th, & 8th grades - 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the MPR (The top four finalists from each level will move on to the District Bee.)

Tuesday, Feb. 16th District Spelling Bee - 8:45 a.m. in the MPR

The 8 Finalists will compete and the top winner will represent our Genesee School District at the Regional Spelling Bee.

Sat. March 6th Inland Northwest Regional Spelling Bee - 1:00 p.m. at the L.C.S.C. Williams Conference Center in Lewiston, Idaho



GENESEE PTO



Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

* NEXT PTO MEETING *

Wednesday, Feb. 10th ~ 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room

BOXTOP DEADLINE

**** FEB. 19th ****

- © REMEMBER TO KEEP SAVING your boxtops!
- © Bring all of your boxtops to school by 2/19
- © The class with the most boxtops will be announced and awarded in March
- © Our last collection for the school year will be at the end of May.

TEAM BASKETBALL

PICTURES - \$5.00

PTO is offering Genesee Rec. basketball players an 8x10 team picture for \$5.00. Pictures will be taken Jan. 30th. Sign up and pay by Feb. 6th. Look for the PTO table on Saturday mornings in the Gym Foyer. All proceeds go to PTO.

Thank You to all that helped with and supported the Basket Silent Auction! We had many wonderful baskets and many groups were supported. We appreciate all who were involved in making this a successful event!

 ★ Thank you to everyone who volunteers your time and energy to our school!!
 ★ You truly make a difference!
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SAFeway CLUB CARDS = CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Register your Safeway club card on [escrip](http://escrip.com) 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. **WE HAVE 18 FAMILIES REGISTERED SO FAR!!**

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on "sign-up"
3. Follow the instructions to register your Safeway card. Our group ID is 8559702.

~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS ~

- **Feb. 17-Mar. 31: Love & Logic Classes** ~ Wed. evenings from 6:30-8:30 PTO will be providing refreshments and assisting with childcare for this event. We need volunteers to bring refreshments. If you are interested in helping, please contact *Caty Spence* or *Tami Pope*.
- **March 27, 2010: Bulldog Bingo** - : **SAVE THE DATE!!** Bring the whole family for an evening of food and fun! We will have dinner and an evening of Bingo with fun prizes for all ages. We hope to see you there!

SAVE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES! Staples gives Genesee PTO \$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! **We have been able to pay for supplies, teacher requests and staff appreciation goodies with the Staples dollars!!**
THANK YOU to everyone who has donated cartridges!

If you would like to be on the PTO email list to keep updated on events, activities and volunteer opportunities, please send an email to **Caty Spence at caty@moscow.com**

If you have questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact *Tami Pope 285-1369 briantami05@genesee-id.com* or *Caty Spence 862-9136 caty@moscow.com*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the multipurpose room from 7-8pm.

Please join us!

- 2/10/10 • 4/21/10
- 3/17/10 • 5/19/10

2009-2010 PTO Officers:

Presidents: *Tami Pope & Caty Spence*

Secretary: *Kelley Porter*

Treasurer: *Becky Kopf*

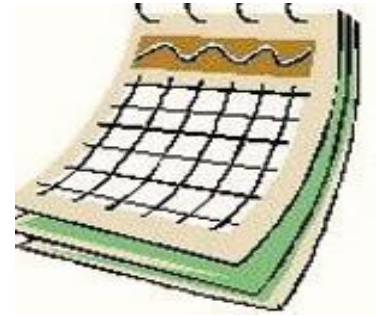
Staff Appreciation Chair: *Angie Petzinger*

Fundraising Chair: *Susan Rigg*

Check out the PTO webpage on the Genesee School District Website. On the right, below External Links, click PTO

Four Day School Week

The Board has been discussing the District response to the pending state funding shortfall we anticipate for the 2010-2011 school year. One of the topics of interest to the trustees is the four-day school week. This concept has been discussed at public meetings during the past two years. While there were some financial savings from transitioning to a four-day school week in prior years, a change in the way school bus transportation is now funded has almost doubled the savings which would result from the schedule change. Idaho now reimburses allowable bus transportation at 50% of the cost versus the prior 85%. Saving twenty percent of our regular transportation is now 10% saving versus 3%. In addition kindergarten would likely transition to two full days which would eliminate the noon bus routes further increasing the savings to the District.



The Board appointed a committee under the direction of Mr. Caldwell which will include four staff members and several parents to go visit a school district currently on the four-day school week. A public meeting will be held in February to provide information regarding the four-day school week and committee members and Mr. Neumann will be available to answer questions.

It should be noted that there are other positive educational reasons to consider the four day school week in addition to the financial benefits which will be discussed at the meeting. There are challenges as well, but the track record of schools transitioning to this form of schedule has, for the most part, been very positive. The school board plans to make a decision in March.

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
- Activity Calendar is available at www.sd282.org/calendars
- Detailed Sports calendar is available at www.highschoolsports.net