

Genesee Joint School District #282

January 2010 Newsletter



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Families, Friends Young and Olde, Neighbors and the outermost parts of the Kingdom of Genesee are all invited to the 8th grade Drama Group production: "A Canterbury Tale from the Wife of Bath" January 13-14, 2010 at 7 o'clock p.m. Presented in ye olde Multi-Purpose room. Ye will surely Love this tale of mirth and amusement!

GeoBee National Geographic

Genesee's District Level of the National Geographic GeoBee will be held at 3:30pm in the MPR on Tuesday, Jan. 19th for grades 5th -8th.



Students, parents and friends are all welcome to attend. There is a Daily Practice Challenge available at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/today.html#/start>

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



Sharing Tree

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Sharing Tree Project by purchasing a gift, donating money, shopping, or wrapping presents. This year the Sharing Tree supported 18 families - 42 children in our community! This is a very special project that benefits a great number of children, and it is humbling to see the magnitude of the support of our community for this wonderful program. The Sharing Tree was able to provide clothes, winter clothing, and a few fun items to each child. In a year when many families are struggling, your help and support is greatly appreciated.

College Financial Aid Workshop - January 6th

Genesee School will host a college financial aid workshop on Wednesday, January 6th 2010. It will take place in the multi-purpose room from 7:00 until approximately 8:00pm. The information presented will be relevant for students/families planning to enroll in any post-secondary school that offers financial aid. Topics to be discussed will cover grants, work study, scholarships, and loans. The workshop will also include a how-to presentation on completing the FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). I strongly encourage any high school senior (and their parents) who plans to apply for aid to enroll in a college certificate or degree program to attend this workshop.

Any family planning to complete the FAFSA form should try to do so online. Part of that process requires having a PIN number that serves as an electronic signature; one PIN for the student and one for a parent. Parents who have previously received a FAFSA PIN for another of their children can use the same PIN. Students and parents can apply for a federal PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov/ The PIN application process takes just a couple of minutes. You will need your social security number to complete the application.

Love & Logic Parenting Classes Coming to Genesee School in February

Love & Logic is an approach to teaching and parenting that was developed by a former school teacher and a pediatrician. Their goal in developing Love & Logic was to provide techniques for teachers and parents to teach their kids to be more respectful and responsible, while developing stronger relationships with their students and children in the process. Several of our elementary teachers have taken a college course on Love & Logic and are currently using these strategies in their classrooms. Love & Logic techniques are effective and appropriate for kids from toddlers through high school age.

Becoming a Love & Logic Parent has been offered in Lewiston and Moscow for several years now by Doug Brandt, M. Ed. Doug is an elementary school counselor at two schools in Lewiston and he is certified to teach Love & Logic techniques to both teachers and parents. The course typically costs parents around \$40 per parent/couple. Through a generous grant from the Genesee Education Foundation, the classes will be offered here in Genesee for the first time and at no charge to participants. This course is a series of seven classes, which will take place at the school from 6:30-8:30pm every Wednesday evening, February 17th – March 31st. We will make an attempt to enroll parents of students across all grade levels from our school. Enrollment will be limited to 40 participants, with priority given to parents who will commit to attending all seven sessions. Further information and registration applications will be available in early to mid-January.

To learn more about Love & Logic and the numerous resources they offer, go to www.loveandlogic.com For specific information about the Becoming a Love and Logic Parent course, visit <http://www.loveandlogic.com/what-is-for-parents.html>

LUCKY DAWG RAFFLE!

The GHS Class of 2010 Safe and Sober Graduation Committee is sponsoring a raffle with cash prizes of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500! Tickets are available from all senior parents, and are available from parents at all home athletic events. Get your tickets now! Tickets will be sold for \$10 each and make great stocking stuffers!

COME JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2010**

**DURING THE GIRLS HOME GAME WITH COLTON AND THE BOYS HOME
GAME WITH TROY**

---DO SOME EARLY VALENTINE'S DAY SHOPPING!!!---

***ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VARIOUS SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. ALL
DONATED ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A SUB-
STANCE -FREE SCHOOL. NO WINE BASKETS PLEASE! PAYMENT IS DUE AT
THE END OF THE AUCTION, SO PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHECKBOOK!***

*For more information about including a basket for your group or organization or if you would
like to help with the auction, please contact Marnie Zenner at 285-0262*

Genesee PTO NEWS

~December 2009~

* *Next PTO Meeting: Jan. 20, 2010 ~ Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.*

* **ATTENTION** all groups, clubs, organizations and classes: PTO will be organizing the Basket Silent Auction to be held on Jan. 23, 2010. If you have any questions and/or can help please contact Marnie Zenner at toothchick@genesee-id.com or 285-0262.

* **Congratulations** to the 2nd grade class for bringing the most Box Tops in October. You are amazing! Remember to keep saving your Box Tops. You can bring them in anytime. We will have another reward in February for the class that brings the most.

* The PTO will be sponsoring a Family Fun Bingo Night on March 27, 2010. We are currently organizing this event and are seeking volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested, please contact Caty Spence or Tami Pope. (contact info below)

* If you are not currently on our email list and would like to keep informed of PTO activities, meetings, and events, please email Caty Spence caty@moscow.com .

* If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Caty Spence caty@moscow.com 882-9136 or Tami Pope briantami05@genesee-id.com 285-1369. We welcome all input!

The PTO would like to thank every person that helps make Genesee School such a fantastic place to have our children spend their days. We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year!!