

June Newsletter

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Genesee School District #282

Mark Your Calendar:

Special Programming with Mr. Overlie on July 9!

Mr. "O" is Genesee's master story teller and former Genesee School librarian and teacher. He has touched many students' lives during their years at Genesee. He continues to volunteer his time helping others in libraries and schools throughout Northern Idaho while keeping residence in Spokane, WA.

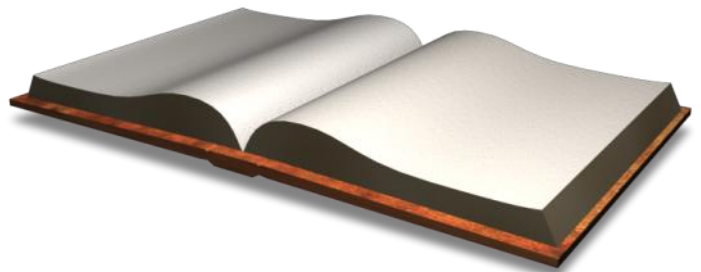
Mr. "O" will give 2 programs on July 9.

An early program is scheduled for 11AM as a special Summer Reading Program for the youth at Genesee Branch Library.

The evening program is scheduled from 7 – 9 PM at the Senior Citizen Center, 140 East Walnut.

Come and enjoy a story from a master of Telling.

Both programs are sponsored by Friends of the Genesee Library.



Genesee Jt. School District 282 Notice of Hearing – Fee Increase

Jt. School District 282, Genesee, Idaho will conduct a hearing for the purpose of soliciting public comment at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, 2010 at the meeting of the Board of Trustees in the library at Genesee School, 330 West Ash, Genesee, Idaho. The Idaho Digital Learning Academy has increased their fees which are passed along to students as follows:

	<u>current</u>	<u>proposed</u>	<u>% increase</u>
IDLA course enrollment fee	\$50	\$75	50%

The purpose of the course enrollment fee is to provide students with credit recovery options, enrichment options and flexibility in scheduling courses and meeting graduation requirements.

If you have comments, you may appear at the hearing or you may send written comments *prior* to the meeting to the Board of Trustees at PO Box 98, Genesee, ID 83832. Please contact Mr. Neumann at 285-1161 for additional information.

Senior Thank You

The GHS Class of 2010 and senior parents would like to thank all the businesses and organizations in our community who so generously donated money, gifts, time and talents for the Safe and Sober Graduation celebration. All Genesee seniors participated in a fun-filled and safe night of activities at the University of Idaho Recreation Center following graduation. This fabulous celebration wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from our community and many generous donations. Many thanks to the following businesses/organizations (our sincerest apology if anyone has been inadvertently left off of the list):

American Insurance, Bearable Dentistry, Brent's Autoworks, Meg Booth, Castle Carpet Cleaning, Clearwater Paper, Chipman & Taylor Chevrolet, Clarkston Auto Sales, CLD Pacific Grain, Clearview Eye Clinic, Clearwater Power, Costco, Dentistry 4 Children, Deranleau's, Fab Tec, First Step Internet, Fork Refrigeration, Genesee Meats, Headmasters School, Inland Cellular (Moscow), Inland NW Services, JJ Building Supply, Joe Hall Ford, Charlotte Johnson, Latah Federal Credit Union, Lewis Clark Terminal, Dan & Cindi Mador, McDonald's, McGregor Company, Moscow Auto Service, John & Sharon Merrick, Moscow Family Medicine, Moscow Realty, Motley-Motley, Murray Myers, Norm's Custom Glass, Northwest Management Inc., Pickard Orthodontics, Marvin & Mary Pitts, Pizza Perfection, PNW, Potlatch #1 Credit Union, Pre-Mix, Rick Woods Insurance, Rogers Motors, Rooster's, Rosauers, Schweitzer Engineering, Short's Funeral Chapel, Silver Mountain, Don & Linda Schlueter, Spence Hardware, Sprenger Construction, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Foundation, Strom Electric, Sunset Mart, Tom Stroschein, Lauren Trail, Tri-State Outfitters, Tyler-Kelly Chevrolet, University Inn Best Western, Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home, Village Centre Theaters, Wendy's, Mingle's, and Gambino's.

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
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May/June PTO News

1. Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported PTO this year. We had a successful first year thanks to the support and encouragement from the school and community.
2. At our May meeting, we elected two new officers for 2010-2011. Congratulations to our new secretary: Kristy Mayer and our new treasurer: Melissa Hanson. Thank you ladies for volunteering to be an active part of PTO!
3. Our last box top collection was May 21st. We collected 1,829 box tops! Thank you to everyone who saved them and brought them to school! Each box top really does make a difference! We collected over 10,000 box tops this year! That has earned our school around \$1000 which is twice as much as previous years! Great job everyone! The May winner will be awarded and announced at the end of the year assembly.
4. PTO will be sponsoring a staff breakfast on June 2nd. We are seeking volunteers to bring food items for the breakfast. Please contact Angie Petzinger (285-1426) for details.
5. Genesee Community Days is quickly approaching! PTO will be sponsoring the rock climbing wall (courtesy of National Guard) and the Jumpy Castle (courtesy of Genesee Civic Assn.) We will need volunteers from 12-4 that afternoon. If you are available for an hour or more during that time, please let Caty Spence (882-9136) know. Thanks!
6. Save your ink cartridges over the summer! We have used the Staples dollars for teacher supplies and requests, staff appreciation and PTO supplies. Each cartridge is worth \$3 and really does make a difference!

The PTO hopes to assist the teachers with a “supply closet” next year to help compensate for their supply budget cuts. We will be stocking the closet with basic supplies such as paper, pens, markers, glue, tape, post-its, band-aids, hand sanitizer, etc. If you are out and about this summer and find a good deal on any of those supplies, please consider donating to the teacher supply closet. We will have a collection barrel at the beginning of the school year. Any questions, contact Tami @ 285-1369 briantami05@genesee-id.com or Caty @ 882-9136 or caty@moscow.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer!

Genesee says goodbye to David Neumann after 18 years

Profile

Roles in Genesee

- Principal/ Athletic Director – 2 years
- Superintendent – 16 years
- Elementary Principal – 1 year
- Volleyball – 14 years

Family

- Wife – Gail
- Kids – Ari, Mike, Libby

Education

- Bachelors – U of I
- Masters - Idaho State University
- Specialist - U of I

Jobs prior to Genesee

- Wood River High School: 16 years – Vice Principal/ Athletic director, Social Studies teacher/Volleyball coach/Business teacher
- Juneau-Douglas High School: 1 year – Marketing Teacher



We had the privilege to interview Mr. Neumann and ask him about his memories of the Genesee School District:

Q: What is your most memorable moment being here in Genesee?

A: “I don’t really know how to narrow it all down to just one thing” He then went on to say that watching his last child graduate from Genesee High School was one of the most memorable moments.

Q: Do you have any words of advice for future teachers or students?

A: For the teachers—“Get experience in other kinds of work so you can relate the subject matter to

the real world.”

For the students—work hard and take advantage of what is offered.”

Q: What is your favorite part about working for the Genesee School District?

A:Coaching volleyball, working with the financial part of the school and helping build a school that is not only respected academically but also athletically

Q:What are the challenges that you see education facing in the future?

A: There will never be the funding for schools that there used to be and the schools will be more able to adapt to this change than the

parents will. He believes that the work ethic of our kids are dwindling and the ones that keep the hard work ethic will excel to great lengths.

Q: What are you plans for retirement?

A: Mr. Neumann plans to move to the Coeur D’Alene and live on the lake. He is looking forward to having the fall to go out and do more traveling and hiking. He also is thinking about being a representative in American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence an organization that gives people with different degrees a chance to become a certified teacher.

Thanks to Mrs. Grieser!

All the staff and student at Genesee Jr./ Sr. High would like to congratulate Mrs. Grieser on her retirement. We all would like to give her a big thanks to all the hard work that she has put into Genesee Jr./ Sr. High.

Mrs. Grieser has worked with the elementary since January of 2001. She is an aid to the special education teacher and she also does recess duty, making sure that the kids don't get out of line at recess.

Mrs. Grieser has been happily married for 45 years. She has been the cashier for 6 years of games at Genesee Schools. Prior to working at Genesee she did daycare for 16 years.



Margaret Grieser is retiring after working for 26 years

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

A: To Play with my grandchildren and great grandchildren

Q:What was your most memorable moment?

A: Working with a great group of people and the children

Q: What was your favorite part about working here and what are you going to miss the most

A: Favorite part would be the children and she will miss the positive attitude of the staff and kids

Q:Challenges for future education

A: Challenges with money because of the financial cuts

Q:Word of advice to students and future staff

A: Enjoy what you are doing and give it your all. Keep the good attitudes and make the best of it

Goodbye Mrs. Mattoon!

Years of Teaching: 30 years

Role in Genesee: Enthusiastic model for learning

Family: Husband, two children, five grandchildren, one sister, and many nephews and dogs.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in English from San Jose State, Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from West Virginia.

Prior Employments: Alaska School District

On behalf of the staff and students, the Genesee School District would like to congratulate Mrs. Mary Liz Mattoon on her retirement after 15 years of teaching English and Yearbook in the high school. With a combined 30 years of teaching experience, Mrs. Mattoon has brought inspiration to many students. Mrs. Mattoon has enjoyed many aspects of her job over the years, and when asked, she said that her most memorable moments have been seminars during Senior English. This year, Senior Geoffrey Leediker came up to her before a seminar on the book Siddhartha and told her that when he leaves for college, he will build himself a small bookshelf that will contain two books, Siddhartha being one of them. Mrs. Mattoon feels that little moments like these are what helps her believe in what she is teaching and that what she is doing is right.

Mrs. Mattoon went on to say that she will miss the stimulations and challenges of her job. She enjoyed the challenges of things like prep hours where she may have to decide what she would teach the Freshman that day and how she could make it interesting for them. For retirement, Mary Liz "plans to not have a plan." She explained that she hears all these people talk about the trips they are going to take and the people they are going to see during retirement, and she doesn't want that to be her.



Mary Liz Mattoon has been teaching English and Yearbook for over 15 years at Genesee High School and will retire after the 2009-2010 school year concludes.

She wants things to fall in front of her and what happens, happens.

Below are two excerpts from an interview with Mrs. Mattoon:

Q: What do you see as future challenges for education?

A: I think that the challenges are the same as what there will be for the country. I see that work ethic and honesty has been greatly decreasing as the years go by. I think that hard work and ethic behavior are what will save the country and what will save education. The attitude of the country is that "want more for less" idea. For instance, students want high grades for doing minimal work.

Q: Do you have any words of advice to future students and teachers?

A: Be ready to let the things go that are beyond your control and focus on what you know is right. Look to your own heart to decide what is right and wrong and stick with it. Just focus on what you think is right and who cares about what other people say about it.

Mrs. Marone is Retiring!

The staff and students at Genesee High School would like to congratulate Mrs. Marone on her retirement. We would also like to thank Mrs. Marone for all her contributions to Genesee High School, the students, and the faculty. Without her it would have been a completely different experience.

Mrs. Marone has been teaching at Genesee for 10 years. She has taught a total of 31 years. While she has been working at Genesee she has been the K-12 Librarian and she has taught English for 7th, 8th, and 11th grades. She is married with three sons and three grandsons, one of which was just recently born. Mrs. Marone has a Bachelors Degree in English Literature from the College of Idaho and a Masters Degree in English from the University of Idaho. Before coming to Genesee Mrs. Marone taught English at Homedale, taught a GED class for a few years, was the librarian for Troy high school, and taught English at Troy high school.



Q. What are your plans for retirement?

A. Do some traveling, spend some time with her grandchildren. She has seen 45 states and she wants to see the rest. She wants to learn to play the flute. She wants to actually sit down and read, cook some gourmet meals, go hiking, and she is going to finish remodeling her houses in both Troy and Sandpoint.

Q. What is your most memorable moment from Genesee?

A. "I don't really have one specific moment but I'm definitely going to miss working with Genesee students, whether it is reading to the younger kids or teaching the older ones."

Q. What is your favorite part of working here?

A. "Again spending time with the children. I didn't like the checking in books and putting them away as much but it meant that a lot of kids were reading."

Q. What are you going to miss the most?

A. "I am going to miss the people the most. Both the students and the staff."

Q. What challenges do you see for future education?

A. "Funding. Education is bigger than just earning money. There should be a better way to fund education than by the attendance. With funding how it is now it puts a lot of pressure on all the little schools. I just think knowledge is good to have and be able to know things without having to be someone's paycheck. I plan on being a lifetime learner."

Q. Word of advice for students? Teachers? And Future Teachers?

A. For the students she said, "Be a lifetime learner and be open minded."

For the teachers she said, "Remain idealistic, don't loose your idealism, helping one student is worth it all."

For the future teachers, "STOP! Go to counseling." She said jokingly. "Working with students can be really discouraging, but it can give you energy and idealism because you are working with the future."