



# Genesee School District January 2011 Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- National Geographic Bee
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- 8th Grade Drama
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- Silent Auction

## Important Reminders:

- School Website: [www.sd282.org](http://www.sd282.org)
- Lunch Menu: [www.sd282.org/foodservices](http://www.sd282.org/foodservices)
- Activity Calendar: [www.sd282.org/calendars](http://www.sd282.org/calendars)
- Athletic Calendar: [www.sd282.org/sports](http://www.sd282.org/sports)
- Lumen Parent Portal Information: contact Mr. Campbell at [campbell@sd282.org](mailto:campbell@sd282.org)

## National Geographic Bee

The School-wide National Geographic Bee will be held at 3:30 pm, on Thursday, January 6th, 2011, in Abilio Monteiro's room in Genesee High School.

Two winners will be selected from each class room, grades 4 - 8, to compete in the School Bee competition on Jan. 6th. The School Bee winner must complete a written qualifying test that determines the top 100 students in each state. These students are invited to attend their state competition on Friday, April 1, 2011.

Parents and family members of the competitors are invited to come to the School-wide National Geographic Bee competition.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hayne: [jhayne@sd282.org](mailto:jhayne@sd282.org)

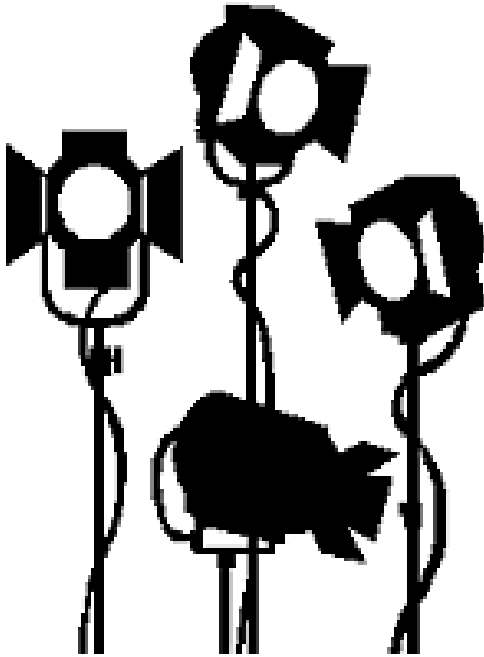
## School Breakfast

Beginning January 3rd, Genesee Joint Schools will begin offering a breakfast program to all students in grades K-12. Studies show that students who eat breakfast overall do better academically. We are confident that this small step will provide great gains for our students.

Breakfast will consist of a whole grain cereal, milk, juice and bread product. High school students will have the option of purchasing an additional bread product for \$.30 ea.

**We hope that this service will help get your families' morning off to a great start and hope that you will encourage your child(ren) to take part in the breakfast program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 208-285-1161.**

Mrs. Wendy J. Moore, Superintendent



Come one, come ALL!  
We're Not Mak-  
ing This  
Play Up As We Go  
– Honest!

a one-act comedy by Bradley  
Walton  
will be performed by  
the 8th drama grade class  
on January 19th in the MPR at 7  
p.m.

This is a FREE performance.

## Sharing Tree

This year the Sharing Tree Project, sponsored by the Genesee Education Association, was able to provide winter coats and boots, clothing, and a few fun items for 39 children in our community. THANK YOU! It is humbling and inspiring to see the tremendous support of this project every year - even when times are tough for many of our own families. Many, many people throughout our community and the surrounding area supported the Sharing Tree by purchasing an item (or several!), donating money and wrapping supplies, wrapping gifts, or sharing time to organize. It is an incredible project and couldn't happen without your help. A sincere and heart-felt thank you to all who helped the Sharing Tree this year.

# College Financial Aid & Local Scholarship Information

## Applying for Federal Financial Aid

Workshop on applying for Financial Aid for college.

Our annual workshop for seniors and their parents will be on Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-**8:00pm in Mrs. Booth's classroom (located next to the high school Commons area down-stairs)**. Please park on the west side of the building and enter through the northwest door that night. The presentation will include information describing various forms of financial aid available for post-secondary education, as well as an overview of how to complete the FAFSA form.

Apply at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**You can't apply until after January 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year your student wants to start college.

You can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheet prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, which will make filling out the actual financial aid application a much faster process. The FAFSA worksheet can be found at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before012.htm>

To complete the FAFSA application online—STRONGLY RECOMMENDED—the student and one parent need to have a federal PIN number, which serves as the electronic signature for the online application. 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/](http://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.

## FAFSA/Admission Form Priority Deadlines for Regional Colleges and Universities

A *priority deadline* is the date a particular college requires a student to apply by to be considered for all federal financial aid and scholarships offered by the school. This means the FAFSA form and the school's own financial aid application (if another form is required) need to be filed by this date. For new freshman, this deadline also includes the admission application and fee, the student's ACT, SAT or COMPASS test results and any other required application documents. Please keep in mind that these dates usually mean *received* by this date, not just postmarked by then. In the case of the FAFSA, this means the federal processor needs to receive your electronic web application by this date, *not* received at the school(s) you are applying to. An electronic/WEB application is dated and marked received the moment you submit it. If the school you are hoping to attend is not one of the area schools listed below, I encourage you to contact the other college(s) you are applying to ASAP to determine their FAFSA deadline and whether they require any additional forms to apply for aid..

<u>College</u>	<u>Priority Deadline</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Financial Aid</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Boise State University	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.boisestate.edu/">http://www.boisestate.edu/</a>	208-426-1664	800-824-7017
BYU – Idaho	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="http://www.byui.edu">http://www.byui.edu</a>	208-496-1015	208-496-1036
Eastern Oregon Univ.	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="http://www.eou.edu/">http://www.eou.edu/</a>	800-452-8639	Ask for Department
Lewis Clark St. College	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="http://www.lcsc.edu">http://www.lcsc.edu</a>	800-933-5272	Ask for Department
North Idaho College	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.nic.edu/">http://www.nic.edu/</a>	208-769-3368	208-769-3313
University of Idaho	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/">http://www.uidaho.edu/</a>	208-885-6312	208-885-6326
University of Montana	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.umt.edu/">http://www.umt.edu/</a>	406-243-5373	800-462-8636
Walla Walla C. C.	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="http://www.wvcc.edu/CMS/">http://www.wvcc.edu/CMS/</a>	877-992-9922	877-992-9922
Washington State Univ.	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> (Scholarships) March 1 <sup>st</sup> (FAFSA)	<a href="http://wsu.edu/">http://wsu.edu/</a>	509-335-9711	888-468-6978

## Local Scholarships

Seniors will have the opportunity to apply for our Genesee School local scholarships (the scholarships awarded during the graduation ceremony) beginning in late February or early March. Mr. Scripser will meet with all of the seniors in February to inform them of the application processes and deadlines.

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# Genesee PTO NEWS

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~December 2010~

\* *Next PTO Meeting: Wed., Jan. 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room*~ Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

\* Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with the PTO Fall Carnival and Scholastic Book Fair. **Both were a success and we appreciate everyone's contribution to both events. The Book Fair** was a resounding success and the PTO book fair committee thanks you for supporting our school, our students and our teachers. We met our Dream-Big goal to earn enough money from the book fair to allow every K-6 student to choose a book to keep. There were also books donated by generous shoppers for each classroom wish list and the library. THANK YOU for supporting Genesee PTO and School!!

\* *Congratulations* to the 1st grade class for bringing the most Box Tops in October. They brought in over 2,000 Box Tops!! That is amazing! We collected over 4800 all together in October. They really add up and really make a difference! Thank you to everyone who helped with the collecting. Please keep saving your Box Tops. You can bring them in anytime. We will have another reward at the end of February for the class that brings the most.

\* The PTO will be organizing team pictures for Rec Basketball. If your child is playing and you are interested, please look for the sign-up sheet at the first game.

\* ATTENTION all groups, clubs, organizations and classes: PTO will be organizing the Basket Silent Auction to be held on Feb.8, 2011. If you have any questions and/or can help please contact Marnie Zenner at [toothchick@genesee-id.com](mailto:toothchick@genesee-id.com) or 285-0262.

\* The PTO will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Bulldog Bingo on Saturday, March 19, 2011. We are currently organizing this event and are seeking volunteers to help. If you are interested, please contact Susan Rigg at [family@rrigg.com](mailto:family@rrigg.com)

\* 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](mailto:caty@moscow.com) .

\* If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Caty Spence [caty@moscow.com](mailto:caty@moscow.com) 882-9136 or Tami Pope [briantami05@genesee-id.com](mailto: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!!

Come join us for the annual

# Silent auction

Tuesday  
February 8, 2011

During the Last boys home game against Prairie

***PLAN TO DO SOME VALENTINE'S SHOPPING!***

*All proceeds benefit various school and community groups. All donated items are appreciated, but please remember this is a substance-free school. No wine baskets please. Payment is due at the end of the auction, so please remember your checkbook!*

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