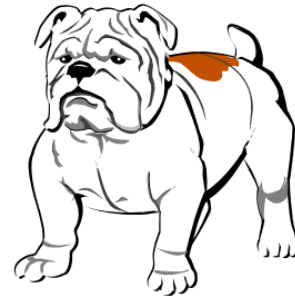


# Genesee Joint School District #282



February 2009 Newsletter

## New President and New Semester

This January we witnessed a first—the inauguration of an African American as President of the United States. Barack Obama became the 44<sup>th</sup> President with words that were somber, but inspiring to Americans. President Obama knows “the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time.” He encouraged the American people to choose “hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.” He explained “that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted... Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things... who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.”

As a new semester begins, I feel that we as students, parents, staff, and patrons of Genesee School District can benefit from President Obama’s words. With the economy downturns and low tax receipts and costs of goods and services rising, we know that educational funding from the state will probably be less for next year than for this year. This means the Board of Trustees will be faced with the daunting task of balancing the budget while at the same time maintaining a vital educational program for the students. Our Board is faced with challenges that are real and tough decisions will have to be made. Hopefully we can give our input to the Board with the realization that they need our support too.

Besides the financial considerations, we need to understand that education is not an overnight process. In our world of fast communications, cell phones, email, texting and television and even faster entertainment, NASCAR, Netflix, Wii, and Football Super Bowl Sunday, we forget that academic, athletic, and social successes come as a result of hard work and dedication. If success doesn’t happen immediately, we become upset, blame others, and even quit. Does one learn to play basketball the first time he/she picks up a basketball or play a piano the first time the index finger hits the “C” key or learn to read the first time a child looks at a book? No, whether playing basketball or the piano or reading a book, it takes practice. In our world of let’s hurry, hurry, we need to take a breath and count to 10 (as my daughter tells me) and realize that some things in life take time and can’t be achieved “in a short span of time.”

As we begin a new journey with our new President and our new semester, I urge us to participate in President Obama’s desire for us to use “those values upon which our success depends—hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism—these things are old. These things are true. ...What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility...” Let us use these values and responsibility for the present and future Genesee children to be willing leaders of our community that realize success is achieved through perseverance, dedication, and a giving spirit.

# Announcements

## Spelling Bee

Tuesday, Feb. 10th 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. 17th 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 7th Inland Northwest Regional Spelling Bee – 1:30 p.m. at the L.C.S.C. Williams Conference Center in Lewiston, Idaho



## Go For The Gold!

Win some extra cash to spend on whatever you like! The GHS Class of 2009 Safe and Sober Graduation Committee is sponsoring a raffle for three cash prizes: \$1500 - FIRST Prize, \$1000 - SECOND Prize, or \$500 - THIRD Prize. Tickets are available from all senior parents. Get your tickets now! Tickets will be sold for \$10 each, and will be sold until the beginning of April. Enter for your chance to win!

## Genesee Fireman's Crab Feed

The Genesee Fireman's Crab Feed is on February 14th at the Genesee Fire hall. Firemen and women are currently selling tickets door to door or you can purchase them at the following businesses: Points of View, Hall's Corner Bar, Wells Fargo, Genesee Union, and City Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for kids. Dinner includes homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and crab as well as a beverage.

## Warm Your Heart...Share With the Food Bank!

Friday, February 13 is our next scheduled Food Bank Friday. Bring valentines for your friends and a canned/boxed item for the Genesee Food Bank on this day. All donations gladly accepted - collection boxes are in the High School Office and all elementary classrooms. Thank you so much for your continued support of our local food bank. We have many families using this wonderful resource. If you have questions about how to access the food bank, please contact Vicki at 285-1195.

## 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.

## February Music Notes 2009

Wow! January has flown by. As we enter February the music department will be heavily involved with district basketball games and preparing for the UI Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The students will be very busy and time management is a skill necessary to get through this month!

The pep band will include Junior High and High School students for the district basketball games. Here are the possible dates for District Basketball this year.

**Girls Feb. 3, 6, 10, & 12. Boys districts will be Feb. 16, 20, 24, & 26.** The Pep Band Bus usually leaves 1 hour and 15 minutes before each scheduled game time. Students riding the bus will be admitted free of charge for the tournament games when the band plays. Mr. Caldwell will try to keep the music website updated to keep people informed of the possibilities of pep band times and places. [www.sd282.org/music](http://www.sd282.org/music)

Genesee Schools will have 4 large groups and 6 soloists performing/competing this year at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. On **Wednesday February 25**, the GES Singers will perform at 10:40 in the LDS Church behind Staples. Later in the day the JH Choir will perform at 2:40 in the Administration Building

Auditorium. Soloists for Wednesday are Jackie Himmelberger at 1:00 and Kylie Harris at 1:15 in the UI Commons Building 4<sup>th</sup> floor. On **Friday February 27**, the HS Choir will perform at 2:00 in the Administration Auditorium. Earlier in the day Ryelee Schlueter will perform at 8:15 in the UI Commons 1<sup>st</sup> floor, and Ken Wommack will perform at 9:00 in the UI Commons 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Jake Himmelberger will perform at the LDS Church behind Staples and Chelsey Phares will perform at 11:00 in the same building. On **Saturday February 28**, the HS Jazz Band will be perform at 9:20 in the Moscow JH Multi-Purpose room. We certainly hope you can come and hear one or more of the groups at the Jazz Festival. The daytime performances are free of charge too! If you are interested in being a chaperone for any of these groups please call Mr. Caldwell at the school. Wednesday will be VERY busy and chaperones are a must for a smooth day.

Looking ahead to March, there will be a **JAZZ Concert on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the gym**. This concert will feature all of the jazz groups in our school. We will have the concert in the gym because the UI Jazz Choir 1 will be coming to our school to sing in the concert. If you've attended in recent years, you remember those tremendous performances. Not only is it a thrill for our students to experi-

ence singing with the UI students, there are many familiar faces in the UI Choir—Genesee Alumni! PLEASE tell your friends and invite everyone you know for this outstanding opportunity to hear jazz from Genesee and the University of Idaho. *We will be taking a freewill donation to help pay for the bus expenses to bring the UI students to our school.* Hope to see you there!

Last but not least, March 25-28 the HS Band & Choir students will travel to Powell, Wyoming to compete in the Northwest College Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Festivals. It has been a few years since the students were able to travel to these festivals because the dates conflicted with other events. This year everything is a week later so it all works out! The students will perform at a school along the way, compete in the festivals, take in the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, WY, and attend a great Jazz concert. We will return home on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have already donated to the students through the play-a-thon, thank you very much! If you would still like to donate to the music department donations will gratefully be accepted! Just send a check to GHS Music to Mr. Caldwell. Thank you for your support!

## February Lunch Menu

Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
lunch	<b>Feb 2:</b> Spaghetti, breadsticks, green beans, applesauce, milk [optional secondary entrée: chicken & cheese pocket, burrito, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 3:</b> Chicken Burger, French fries, corn, apple, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: hamburger, fishwich, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 4:</b> Cheddarwurst sausage in a blanket, a gratin potatoes, cherry juice bar, milk [optional secondary entrée: rib-b-que, burrito, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 5:</b> Tony's Pepperoni Pizza, mixed veggies, pineapple bits, gelatin, milk [optional secondary entrée: meatball pocket, corndog, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 6:</b> Un crustable, mega noodle soup, crackers, peaches, cookie, milk [optional secondary entrée: tuna sandwich, turkey sandwich, or chef salad]
lunch	<b>Feb 9:</b> Popcorn chicken, French fries, carrots, cherry crisp, milk [optional secondary entrée: rib-b-que, un crustable, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 10:</b> Soft taco, tortilla chips, salsa, sour cream, mixed fruit, cookie, milk [optional secondary entrée: burrito, quesadilla, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 11:</b> Cheeseburger, nachos, winter mix veggies, peaches, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: hamburger, Sloppy Joe, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 12:</b> Burrito, tater tots, mixed veggies, animal crackers, milk [optional secondary entrée: corndog, chimichanga, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 13:</b> Tony's Cheese Pizza, corn, pineapple bits, valentine cookie, milk [optional secondary entrée: chicken & cheese pocket, burrito or chef salad]
lunch	<b>Feb 16: No School - President's Day</b>	<b>Feb 17:</b> Chicken nuggets, nachos, winter mix vegetables, apple turnover, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: chimichanga, egg roll, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 18:</b> Italian Dunkers w/meat sauce, green beans or carrots, blueberry crisp, milk [optional secondary entrée: burrito, meatball pocket, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 19:</b> Turkey w/mashed potatoes & gravy, roll, green peas, pumpkin bar, milk [optional secondary entrée: chicken patty, beef patty, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 20:</b> Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, celery, mixed fruit, milk [optional secondary entrée: tuna sandwich, un crustable, or chef salad]
lunch	<b>Feb 23:</b> Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, peaches, milk [optional secondary entrée: ham pocket, chimichanga, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 24:</b> Rib-b-que, hash browns, corn, brownie, milk [optional secondary entrée: BBQ chicken patty, hamburger, chef salad]	<b>Feb 25:</b> Burrito, tater tots, corn, strawberry freeze, milk [optional secondary entrée: quesadilla, egg roll, chef salad]	<b>Feb 26:</b> Corndog, mac & cheese, green beans, animal crackers, milk [optional secondary entrée: meatball pocket, hamburger, or chef salad]	<b>Feb 27:</b> Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll, peas & carrots, apple crisp, milk [optional secondary entrée: pork patty, beef patty, or chef salad]
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## February Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FFA Meeting, 7pm Ag Shop	3 GBB District Tourney	4 GBB District Tourney	5 BBB vs. Prairie, 6pm	6 GBB District Tourney	7 Team Varnish VB Tourney, 7am  FFA Prepared Spk, UI
8	9 Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm	10 GBB District Tourney	11	12 MENC All-NW Music Conference, Spokane  GBB District Tourney  Early Release	13 MENC All-NW Music Conference, Spokane	14 MENC All-NW Music Conference, Spokane  GBB State Play-in
15 MENC All-NW Music Conference, Spokane	16 <b>President's Day – No School</b>  MENC All-NW Music Conference, Spokane	17	18	19 GBB State Tourney	20 BBB District Tourney  GBB State Tourney	21 GBB State Tourney
22	23	24 BBB District Tourney	25 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival	26 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival  BBB District Tourney  Early Release	27 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival	28 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival  BBB State Play-in