

# Genesee Joint School District #282



March 2009 Newsletter

## Principal's Corner

### Top 12 Teen Addictions

Recently I came across a summary of an article, "Do you know the Top 12 Teen Addictions?" by Scott Gallagher and a survey results, "Sex and Tech" by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy." I don't know how well the articles were researched, but I thought the information from the articles was newsworthy enough to write about.

Being the curious person I am, I googled the full article of the *Top 12 Teen Addictions*. Being a former alcoholic and drug user, Mr. Gallagher now works with teens with compulsive and addictive behaviors. From his surveys with youth that he works with, he rated the following at the top teen addictions:

- Junk Food
- Internet/Computer
- Marijuana and/or Hash
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Sugar or Candy
- Overeating
- Under eating or Anorexia
- Self Harm
- Sex
- Bullying or abusing others
- Video games

Personally I haven't thought of junk food being an addiction, but looking at some students' eating habits, Mr. Gallagher is probably right about that

one. The second addiction, Internet/Computer, I would agree with, but would add cell phone usage with the category. This brings me to the second article, "Sex and Tech." (Teen means ages 13-19 and young adult means 20-26).

The Key Findings on this research were startling. Some of these findings are:

A significant number of teens have electronically sent or posted online, nude or semi-nude pictures or video of themselves.

Sexually suggestive messages (text, email, instant messaging) are even more prevalent than sexually suggestive images.

Although most teens and young adults who send sexually suggestive content are sending it to boyfriends/girlfriends, others say they are sending such material to those they want to hook up with or to someone they only know online.

Teens and young adults are sending sexually explicit messages and images, even though they know such content often gets shared with those other than the intended recipient.

Young people who receive nude/semi-nude images and sexually suggestive texts and emails are sharing them with other people for whom they were never intended.

Teens and young adults give many reasons for sending/posting sexually suggestive content. Most say it is a "fun and flirtatious" activity.

I know that technology can seem overwhelming, especially when you are dealing with teenage children, but there are ways of helping your children understand that while technology has many positive characteristics, it also has its negative side. Here are some helpful discussion hints:

Don't assume anything you send or post is going to remain private.

There is no changing your mind in cyberspace—anything you send or post will never truly go away. Don't give in to the pressure to do something that makes you uncomfortable, even in cyberspace.

Consider the recipient's reaction.

Nothing is truly anonymous.

Think about what information and photos you are posting on MySpace and Facebook.

What information is public and what information should remain private.

Discuss with your child what you consider appropriate electronic behavior. Set the limits.

Cells phones, the internet, and email are important parts of our lives. We need to help our children use them to enhance their lives and not to become an addictive behavior. Personally I love my cell phone. I can keep in touch with my family everyday. This ability to immediately call my children was certainly important to me when they were still in high school. Therefore, respect the technology and use in moderation.

## Newsletter Goes Paperless

Beginning in April, the newsletter will no longer be mailed to school district patrons. In a cost-saving measure, starting next month, the newsletter will only be available in an online version on the District web site at: [www.sd282.org](http://www.sd282.org).

The District has been mailing over 700 copies of the newsletter throughout the school district boundaries. While we feel that the information contained in the newsletter is important, the requirement to reduce spending to meet the current financial realities has caused the Board and administration to re-evaluate all expenditures within the District.

Changing to an online version of the newsletter will save the cost of paper, copying and mailing while still providing parents and patrons with the important news, calendar and menu items. The District will continue to look for cost savings in every program and asks for your support.

If you would like to sign up to receive the newsletter via email each month that it is posted, please visit [www.geneseeidaho.com/newslettersignup](http://www.geneseeidaho.com/newslettersignup).

# Announcements

## Mr. Caldwell hired as 7-12 Principal

With the retirement of Mrs. Stowers at the end of this school year, the Board of Trustees selected Mr. Kelly Caldwell, current K-12 music teacher, as secondary principal and activities director beginning in the fall of 2009. He will assume his new duties beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Caldwell has taught at Genesee School for seventeen years as well as serving as the activities director for several years. He earned his Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Idaho in 1997. Mr. Caldwell was selected from among eight applicants for the position.

Mr. Neumann will assume the responsibilities of the elementary principal beginning in the fall.

## Patron Input Solicited

The Board of Trustees has set a special Board meeting at 7:00 PM on March 23, 2009 in the library to receive patron input regarding potential budget cuts as a result of anticipated reduced state funding. While the District has not yet received any financial information from the state for the fiscal year 2010 budget, the trustees are interested in gathering information regarding patron priorities in the event that cuts need to be made.

The trustees have already held special meetings to solicit input from the instructional staff and the extra-curricular coaches and advisors. No decisions have been made but a list of ideas has been generated and is available on the District web site at: [www.sd282.org](http://www.sd282.org). It is anticipated that final decisions will be made in April at the regularly scheduled board meeting once financial information is received by the School District.

## FFA

The Genesee FFA Chapter had a great night on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. It was one of the most original monthly meetings that has been held in a long time. The first half consisted of general meeting procedures which include committee reports and members' opinions of past competitions or conferences. We also had an opportunity to eat freshly made pancakes as part of refreshments. During the second half is generally when we have something a little bit more fun. This time we had planned a Fear Factor night. "Contestants" had the great opportunity of sampling from the very original menu. Entrees included: a mixture of bacon bits, v8 juice, and a whole bottle of Tabasco sauce, a potted plant (with Oreos and gummy worms covered in honey), and a can of dog food (spam and maple syrup). We had a great meeting tonight and hope we see more members come out next time!

## French Club

Headed to Paris....

The French Class is planning a trip to France over the Thanksgiving Break of the 2009-2010 school year. We have been fundraising like crazy to try to reach our goal of being able to pay half the trip for everyone going. We have some ideas that we will be doing later in the year and in the summer. If you have any ideas however, let us know. So far, we have done basketball concessions, sold doughnuts, sold pizza cards, and we have picked rocks. We also have received donations, and we would like to thank anyone and everyone who has donated. We are working on planning a French Night, for later in this year. This will include live music, a play, French food, and students speaking French.

We are really excited to go and are grateful for this opportunity to go out of our own country. On our eight day trip in France, we will be visiting lots of cathedrals, the Eiffel Tower, and we will be visiting the Latin Quarter. We will get a firsthand look at French culture and experience parts of it ourselves.

Again, we are really excited for this once in lifetime opportunity to see another culture and have fun! We would like to say thanks again to people who have donated, helped us (including parents), and people who have shown their full support.

## 2009 Genesee Spelling Bee Results

CONGRATULATIONS to the all of our Level Spelling Bee Winners:

### Level 1

Courtney Bunce, Hannah Cartwright, Cierra Mayer, Tessa Renton

### Level 2

Karli Bennett, Clancy Clawson, Ely Stone-Walker, Tyler Young

TYLER YOUNG is the Genesee Joint School District 282 2009 Spelling Bee Champion. He goes on to the Twentieth Annual Inland Northwest Regional Spelling Bee at LCSC Sat. March 7th at 1:30 pm. The Regional Bee will be held in the Williams Conference Center on the Lewis-Clark State College campus in Lewiston.



Tyler Young, Spelling Bee Champion

## Local Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

An information sheet describing the application procedures for all Genesee School local scholarships was distributed to our seniors on February 17<sup>th</sup>. All applications are available online at <http://www.sd282.org/guidance/>, by clicking on the red link about halfway down the page. The deadline to submit all applications to Mr. Scriptor is **3:30pm Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## Grant Awarded for New Technology in Elementary Classrooms

Tauna Johnson, Heidi Waisanen, and Donna Wommack wrote and were awarded a \$9,976 Local Education Program Fund grant from the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. Funds from the award were used to purchase Infocus projectors, large screens, and speakers for eight elementary classrooms. With this new technology in place, student learning will be enhanced by: accessing the latest worldwide information from the Internet, the ability to present student-created presentations, demonstrating essential computer skills and programs to students, and integrating various forms of media support. This new technology will enable elementary students to be better prepared for the technological expectations of junior high and high school.

## Child Development Screening

The Genesee School District will be providing FREE developmental screening for **children ages 3-5 years old on Friday, April 10th**, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Catholic Center in Genesee.

We will also be completing preschool and kindergarten registration as well. Kindergarten registration will be for students who are not currently attending pre-school this year. Parents need to bring immunization records as well as their child's birth certificate.

## 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 JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282 MARCH 2009 LUNCH

Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
lunch	Mar 2: Popcorn chicken, French Fries, corn, strawberry desert, milk [optional secondary entrée: chicken & uncrustable, eggroll, or chef salad]	Mar 3: Hotdog Wrap, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Juice Bar, milk [optional secondary entrée: rib-b-que, fishwich, or chef salad]	Mar 4: Tony's Cheese Pizza, carrots & celery w/ranch dressing, jello w/fruit, milk [optional secondary entrée: corn dog, meat pocket, or chef salad]	Mar 5: Uncrustable, cereal bar, juice, orange halves, milk [optional secondary entrée: Sausage English muffin, French Toast or chef salad]	Mar 6: Chimichanga, baked potato, peach cups, sport crackers, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: burrito, quesadilla, or chef salad]
lunch	Mar 9: Spaghetti, pretzel, green salad, applesauce, milk [optional secondary entrée: meatball pocket, pretzel with cheese, or chef salad]	Mar 10: Chicken burger, nachos, winter mix vegetables, fruit snack, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: hamburger, fishwich, or chef salad]	Mar 11: Tater tot casserole, green beans, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk [optional secondary entrée: eggroll, burrito, chicken Caesar salad]	Mar 12: Corn dog, mac & cheese, green peas, mixed fruit, milk [optional secondary entrée: Quesadilla, chicken & cheese pocket, or chef salad]	Mar 13: Uncrustable, mega noodle soup, crackers, celery, applesauce, milk [optional secondary entrée: tuna or ham sandwich or chef salad]
lunch	Mar 16: Cheeseburger, French fries, mixed veggies, yogurt raisins, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: hamburger, sloppy Joe, chef salad]	Mar 17: Tony's Pepperoni pizza, Romaine salad, pears, St. Patrick's cookie, milk [optional secondary entrée: burrito, quesadilla or chef salad]	Mar 18: Rib-b-que, scalloped potatoes, green beans, clodhoppers, milk [optional secondary entrée: fishwich, BBQ chicken patty, or chef salad]	Mar 19: Popcorn chicken, tater tots, peaches, Gogurt, milk [optional secondary entrée: ham pocket, teriyaki dippers, or chef salad]	Mar 20: Taco salad w/salsa and sour cream, corn, cherry crisp, milk [optional secondary entrée: tuna sandwich, soft taco, or chef salad]
lunch	Mar 23: Chicken nuggets, French fries, peaches, animal crackers, chocolate milk [optional secondary entrée: Teriyaki dippers, meatball pocket, or chef salad]	Mar 24: Turkey Tetrazzini, breadsticks, green beans, strawberry freeze, milk [optional secondary entrée: chimichanga, rib-b-que, chicken Caesar salad]	Mar 25: Tony's cheese pizza, pineapple bits, mixed veggies, yogurt snack, milk [optional secondary entrée: ham pocket, corn dog, taco salad]	Mar 26: Chili, cinnamon rolls, cheese sticks, applesauce, milk [optional secondary entrée: eggroll, fishwich, or chef salad]	Mar 27: Burrito, Tater tots, mixed fruit, graham cracker, milk [optional secondary entrée: Quesadilla, corn dog or chef salad]

Genesee School District is an Equal Opportunity Provider - Reduced: \$0.40; Elementary \$2.45; Secondary \$2.75; Adult \$3.45  
Milk: \$0.30; Flavored Milk \$0.35

## March Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Genesee Jazz Concert w/ UI Jazz Choir, 7pm	3	4 NAEP Testing - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 BBB State Tourney	6 BBB State Tourney	7 BBB State Tourney
8 Varnish Jr's Tourney, 7am	9 Eugene Children's Ballet - Pullman, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> graders  Board of Trustees Mtg, 7pm  JHGBB vs. Deary, 5:30pm	10 JHBBB vs. Deary, 5:30pm	11 District II Sole/ Ensemble Festival @ Deary, 9am	12 State BPA  Early Release	13 State BPA  JH Dance	14 FFA Welding Shootout - LCSC  State BPA
15	16 JHGBB @ Kendrick	17 IDFY Social, 6-8pm, Commons	18	19 Winden Willows, K-6, 9am  JHGBB @ Potlatch, 5:30pm	20 JHBBB @ Potlatch, 5:30pm	21 Father Brunch 8:30-noon
22	23 JHGBB vs. Troy, 5:30pm  Board of Trustees Meeting for Patron Input, 7pm	24 JHBBB vs. Troy, 5:30pm	25 HS Music Tour	26 HS Music Tour  Make-up Pre-school Day, 12:30 pm  JHBBB @ Potlatch	27 HS Music Tour  Early Release	28 HS Music Tour
29	30 Spring Break-no school	31 Spring Break-no school				

**Genesee Junior/Senior High Honor Roll, 1st Semester 2008-2009**

<b>Highest Honors 4.0</b>	<b>High Honors 3.6 (or above)</b>	<b>Honorable Mention 3.3 (or above)</b>
Brittany Burt	Holly Carter	Evan Drake
Reggie Tilleman	Stephanie Becker	Taylor Kelnhofer
Karli Bennett	Sydney Cornell	Raechel Osterberg
Brian Cartwright	Kamri Sams	Kylie Harris
Joshua Bryant	Jacklyn Himmelberger	Ryan Kneale
Gavin Esser	Hailey Johnson	Miranda Carter
Garrett Jones	Payton Parkins	Jack Hermann
Erin Ghigleri	Katelyn Phillips	Brianna Nelson
Philip Pitts	Jason Borth	Carmine Tyler
Daniel Carlson	Mitchell Renfrow	Rachel Krick
	Tyler Renton	Kendell Kelnhofer
	Tauna Tyler	Justin Pickard
	Courtney Sams	Tallah Revord
	Cassidy Phillips	Samuel Hermann
	Ryan Borth	Kenneth Wommack
	Michelle Brown	Cole Wilson
	Destiny Barker	Brandan Nelson
	Cody Kinzer	Tori Johnson
	Kaytlin Sams	Beau Dahmen
	Travis Schwenne	John Esser
	Jordan Kelnhofer	
	Steven Cox	
	Nikki Long	
	Alyssa Lichti	