GENOA-KINGSTON PTO PARENT/GUARDIAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

MISSION STATEMENT: The PTO is a non-profit organization. The mission of the Genoa-Kingston PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at Genoa-Kingston Middle School, Genoa Elementary School, and Kingston Elementary School, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at our schools through volunteer and financial support.

A HUGE THANK YOU!! THANK YOU to everyone who has been working hard to collect those Box Tops! Our winners for last quarters competition were; Mrs. Benzinger's class for Kindergarten, Mrs. Lucca's class for 1st grade, Mrs. Rich's class for 2nd grade, Mr. Davekos' class for 3rd grade, Mrs. Volkening's class for 4th grade, and Mrs. Tillitt's class for 5th grade! The winning classes at GES received a surprise donut delivery! Winning classes at KES received COGS BUCKS to spend at the COG store! They were all super excited so keep clipping!! Remember to tell your friends and family to clip Box Tops as well. We will be collecting all year long with prizes to the classes who collect the most Box Tops per quarter. Visit our Genoa Kingston PTO Facebook page and SHARE the HELP post to your friends and family to help spread the word. There is a flyer included to make copies of and give/mail to family and friends as well. Every Box top counts!!

Recently, every student at GES was able to go on a field trip to see the movie Wonder! Another great thing the kids were able to do because of our wonderful families working hard to help the PTO raise money. This is why we fundraise!!! The children loved the experience and raved about the movie.

IN THE WORKS:

Our Spring catalog fundraiser will be Yankee Candles! We are very excited about this because they offer special products not available at stores! So Mama's make sure you start dropping hints now for Mother's Day gifts.

We will have Spirit wear available in the early spring for our little children that do not fit into youth sizes!! We will have all sizes from toddler to adult and many different styles to choose from.

The APEX Fun Run is in the works for Genoa Elementary School. We are very excited about this!! Details to come.

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Spring Blood Drive March 22nd. Heartland Blood Center will be setting up shop at GMS. This will be an easy way to raise money for the PTO and also do something great for the community! Blood donations save lives. Donor blood is the only hope for patients who are in need of a blood transfusion. Thanks to modern medicine, blood from a single donor can help multiple patients because the whole blood can be separated into its four components: red blood cells, platelets, plasma and white blood cells. Must be 18 years or older to donate blood. 16 and 17 year olds may donate with parents written consent.

**Teacher appreciation week is May 7th thru the 11th and we are getting a jump on ideas to make sure our teachers are extra appreciated. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send us an email!

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to be added to our email list, please send us an email at the address listed below.

Upcoming Events:

- -Keep collecting those Box Tops for our BOX TOP class competitions for KES and GES!! Whichever class per grade collects the most box tops will win a super awesome prize! Next collection date is March 14th
- -Spring Blood Drive- March 22nd GK Middle School (PTO will receive \$10 per donor if we get 20 or more donors!!)
- -Visit our booth at the Home and Business Expo on March 3rd. We will have a super awesome Gift Basket we are raffling off!
- -MONTHLY PTO MEETINGS: January 23rd, February 27th, March 20th, April 24th, and May 22nd. 5:30-6:30 at the GK Middle School Library