



EMPLOYEE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent*

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear G-K Faculty & Staff,

As you are probably aware there have been confirmed cases of H1N1 flu reported across the United States, including Illinois, in the last few weeks. Our school works closely with local, state, and national health agencies to investigate any illnesses and/or infections. Both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu are characterized by fever (100° or more), sore throat, cough, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue. Some may also experience nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Some GK students have experienced a flu-like illness. However, the DeKalb County Health Department **has not received any confirmed cases of H1N1 within the GK School District.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that most people with 2009 H1N1 flu have had mild illness and have not needed medical care and the same is true of seasonal flu. However, the flu can be serious, especially in children younger than 2 years old and targeted adults and children of any age who have cer-



tain chronic medical conditions. These conditions include asthma or other lung problems, diabetes, weakened immune systems, kidney disease, heart problems and neurological and neuromuscular disorders.

Because of how the flu is thought to be spread, the district has taken the following extra measures to combat the possible virus:

- Classrooms are cleaned with an EPA registered disinfectant cleaning product, including all door handles, table/desk tops, key boards, sinks, etc. All touch surfaces are cleaned.
- The same product and process is done in school libraries, computer labs, music rooms, bathrooms and all GK facilities.

Obviously, anyone with flu-like symptoms should stay home until the symptoms are gone

for at least 24 hours. However, the DeKalb County Health Department, the CDC, and the Genoa-Kingston Schools administration do not recommend keeping healthy students home. **Healthy students should be at school.** We will update the District website with important health information.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to provide the best environment for our students to learn.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Wakeley
Superintendent

H1N1 Vaccine

Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 will host two immunization clinics for students in November and December. Specific dates are to be determined. These clinics will be available only for students and at no charge. The clinic is being sponsored by the DeKalb County Health Department.

Flu Shot Clinic



The district will be sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic again this year on Friday, November 13th beginning at 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Employee's **must** make an appointment. We will **not** be able to accommodate any walk-in requests this year due to being limited on the number of vaccines allotted for our school district. This flu shot is for the regular flu, not H1N1. There has been some concern over the flu shot clinic date, but after speaking with Wellness, Inc. this date is not too late for the flu season.

Employee Emergency Contact Information

Please remember to update your emergency contact information. Submit any changes to Donna Freise at dfreise@gkschools.org. This information is kept confidential for your building principal / supervisor and in your personnel file and only used in case of an emergency.

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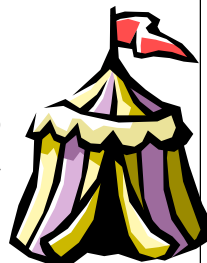
Winter is fast approaching. Make sure the district office has your correct contact information should school be closed for inclement weather. Send the phone number that you wish to be contacted at to dfreise@gkschools.org.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FAIR

Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 will be hosting the first Employee Benefit Fair on Friday, November 13th beginning at 3:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Vendors from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Met-life, Reliance Standard, AFLAC and all of our approved vendors for 403b will be in attendance.

There will be four informative sessions throughout the fair:

3:45—4:05 403B What is it and How do I participate? This session will be presented by Sherry Sandwick with Ameriprise, Ms. Sandwick will explain the basics of a 403b and how to select a financial advisor.



4:15—4:35 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Jon Renner from IMRF will inform employees of what IMRF is, how can you add to your retirement, and general questions.

4:45—5:10 MEDCO, Lindsey Staniszkeski will have a power point presentation on our new prescription carrier, MEDCO. This session is important for you to attend if you are currently enrolled in the district's medical insurance.

5:20—5:45 TRS. Steve Rollins with TRS will be present a view of the TRS web-site on how to find information, forms and other important information.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Nov 5** — 11:30 am Early Release, Parent/Teacher Conference
- **Nov 6** — Parent/Teacher Conference, Teacher Institute, No School
- **Nov 13** — Flu Shot Clinic 2:00 pm—5:00 pm GKHS Community Room
- **Nov 13** — **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FAIR 3:30 PM—6:00 PM GKHS COMMONS & MEDIA CENTER**
- **Nov 18** — 1:45 pm Early Dismissal, Staff Development
- **Nov 25** — 1:45 pm Early Dismissal
- **Nov 26 & 27**— School and District Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Dec 9** — 1:45 pm Early Dismissal, Staff Development
- **Dec 18** — 1:45 pm Early Dismissal
- **Dec 21-Jan 1** — Winter Break