



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Mr. McPherson

As we continue to battle the snow and weather during these winter months, there are some important dates quickly approaching. Please contact me at school if you have any questions regarding the following, 815-784-5222:

8TH GRADE PROMOTION:

May 21st, 7pm at GKMS.

ISAT TESTING:

March 6th-9th. We ask for our parents help with ISAT testing by encouraging a good nights rest as well as breakfast for our students during ISAT testing.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Feb. 16th and 17th. Please call to make an appointment.

To keep up with happenings at GKMS, please follow us on Twitter (it's free!). @gkmscogs. Also follow our blog at <http://mrmcpcscogblog.blogspot.com>.

ISAT TESTING

All students will be participating in ISAT Testing MARCH 6th THROUGH MARCH 18th (These dates include make-up testing.) IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND TO BE ON TIME EACH DAY OF TESTING.

Parents – whenever possible, please do not schedule any appointments or activities during this time. Studies have also shown that students do better in school when they are well rested and have had a healthy breakfast.

Students in 6th and 8th grade will be tested in Reading and Mathematics. Students in 7th grade will be tested in Reading, Mathematics and Science.

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

Student Council will be selling 50 cent and \$1.00 candy grams during lunches several days prior to Valentine's Day. These candy grams will be delivered to students on the 14th at study hall times. We thank you in advance for your support.

FLOWER GRAMS

Garden Club will begin selling flower-grams for \$2.00 during lunches on February 3rd for Valentine's Day delivery.

WINTER COLLECTIONS

Student Council is still collecting hats, gloves, scarfs, and mitten through the end of February. All donations of new or nearly new items can be dropped off in Mrs. Hencken's room. This items are donated to the Genoa Food Pantry that serves families in our community. Thank you

8TH GRADE PROMOTION

8th Grade Promotion: May 21, 2012 7PM.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

2012-2013 Additional Immunization Required

ALERT!

Effective for the 2012-2013 school year, the Department of Public Health will require all 6th through 12th graders to receive the Tdap immunization. Tdap protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis. Please contact your local health care provider to learn more.

DRAMA! DRAMA! DRAMA!

Auditions for the spring play are coming up in mid-February. The dates and times will be in the daily announcements. The spring performances will be Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, both at 7:00pm.

VISUAL ARTS—Mrs. Sorensen

The second half of the school year in Visual Arts Class is messier (some would say more fun because of it) and even more involved as we build on prior knowledge and create with a greater variety of art vocabulary, materials, mediums and techniques.

In Sixth Grade this semester, sessions will complete the formal and elemental study of visual art with lessons in texture, visual mass (form), value and perspective. Additional element lessons include working with symmetry/asymmetry, and patterning using a simple circle motif and experimenting with mixed media and oil pastel. Artist of the Week is continued with three new artists that compliment our objectives this session of sixth grade art.

Seventh Graders use the widest range of materials and media of the three grade levels this session. Beginning with portraiture study, the seventh graders learn that a good foundation of practice and awareness makes for better final results from which to build. They continue their appreciation for historical and cultural variety by incorporating various media to create their masks. They continue to expand their understanding of materials and methods during their printmaking unit as well. Seventh lessons overlap during their tooling foil repousee lesson when they take it to create a rubbing print from the piece. The last project for seventh grade takes a look at using their hand seven times as a motif for creating an overall composition into which they add seven patterns and incorporate seven terms about themselves to round out their seventh grade theme year of “Me, Myself and Art”.

The Eighth Graders are anxious to be graduates. In Visual Art at GKMS, that means that they are expected to show more originality, better craftsmanship and take more responsibility for knowing when their image needs work, help or development. Eighth graders are challenged at the beginning of the session to create an interlocking, repeated pattern known as a tessellation. These designs require good parts to whole thinking as well as consistency to create a flow and spatial effect. They build on the tessellation when they create a “Pipe and Ribbon” drawing that pushes the 2 dimensional surface even further into 3 D illusion. Afterward, eighth grade moves on to actual 3 D construction by creating their platform sculptures. These culminate their learning over the 6 weeks by utilizing flat materials to create a piece that can take up the space of a much larger 3 D image. Art Journal assignments continue this session as well and help to keep those creative juices flowing until graduation in May.

Ask your student about the wonderful variety of artwork they make in their classes this semester/ session. We have fun and enjoy creating an artfully aware foundation for problem solving.

Happy New ART!

FROM THE 6TH GRADE TEAM

Reading

We continue to work on generating inferences and visualizing, specifically in the genre of poetry. We are reviewing parts of a story—conflict, resolution, and climax. As we gear up for ISAT, we are perfecting the art of the extended response. Students need to explain their answers, generate inferences, and find textual details to support their inferences. Students will also be identifying mood, tone, author's purpose, and voice in various texts. In conjunction with the study of ancient Greece in social studies, we will also read and analyze a variety of Greek myths

Language Art

We continue to work on narrative and expository writing. We are practicing using the traits of Ideas, Conventions, Word Choice, Presentation, and Organization. Capitalization, spelling, and mechanics are being reviewed daily.

Math

As we start February we will be finishing up our unit on fractions, decimals and percents. We will then start getting into our units on geometry and measurement. It will cover everything from two-dimensional geometry with area and perimeter, to three-dimensional geometry and volume. We will also be making conversions between metric and customary measurements. This unit will rely heavily on definitions and the use of formulas to work with the shapes and conversions

FROM THE 7TH GRADE TEAM

Math

Students have just received their new textbooks for the second half of the year. It is very important these books be kept in a three ring binder. This will act as a book cover and protect it from being torn or damaged. In class, we are in the middle of a long unit on ratios and proportions. We will also begin performing operations with fractions. I am impressed with the effort being put forth by all of our students with these difficult concepts. Keep up the great work!

Social Studies

2011 ended our study of Latin America. We learned the importance of the Panama Canal. We studied the history of only communist country in the western hemisphere – Cuba. We came to appreciate the vast size, but fragile nature of the Amazon rain forest.

Also at the end of second quarter students participated in the National Geographic Bee in the classrooms. The school Bee was held in January. Andy Walker (8th grade) won for the second year in a row!

In the new year we are learning about the countries of Europe. We analyzed ethnic and cultural changes of the United Kingdom. We imagined the slower paced life of the French. We will compare the changes in Germany since the fall of the Berlin Wall. We will examine the economic differences between European Union states. And we will learn about the transition of communist Soviet Union to twenty-first century Russia.

We will continue to have assessments of students' knowledge of countries' locations. Remember there are study aids at www.mccunegeography.wikispaces.com. And students can earn extra credit weekly at www.mccunegeography.blogspot.com.

Science

We finished up our study of heredity and genetics. We are moving into adaptation and natural selection and a look at how elements and compounds make up organisms. The pea plants are growing well in our classroom. We hope to see the current generation produce pea pods and attempt to replant those to see what a second generation would be like.

FROM THE 8TH GRADE TEAM

Reading

Eighth graders have had a busy start to the third quarter. In reading, students have just finished reading “Flowers for Algernon” by Daniel Keyes. During this unit, students generated their own Rorschach (inkblot) tests and analyzed them. They also discussed the differences between realistic fiction and science fiction. Students will be determining methods of inferring information in fiction and non-fiction by using Making Meaning texts. This will continue for the next several weeks.

Language Arts

In language arts, we have just finished reviewing the proper uses of homonyms. Currently, students are learning about persuasive essays and are writing persuasive essays on topics that are interesting to them. Students continue to practice writing using Six +1 Writing Traits. In Word Study, students are continuing to memorize word parts and their meanings so that they will be able to determine the meanings of whole words using that knowledge.

It's been a full year so far. Make sure your students have paper and writing utensils. We will be doing several writing projects during this quarter. If you have any questions, please contact us at school at 815-784-5222 or at our school email: kdeverel@gkschools.org, kroberso@gkschools.org, svolden@gkschools.org.

Social Studies

8th Grade Constitution Test will be administered during 3rd and 4th hours on Wednesday April 4th (9:26 - 10:41am).

Science

Currently students are finishing up our unit on Machines. We are learning about the types of simple machines and how they make our work easier. We will have a basic understanding of how the mechanical advantage of a machine allows us to change the force and speed with which we are able to accomplish our work. And, we will be constructing a machine (the mousetrap car) that allows us to test the effects of changing the mechanical advantage. We will be racing the completed cars to determine the mousetrap car champion.

In the coming weeks we will be investigating electricity and magnetism. We will discover where electricity comes from, how it is produced and how we use it. Likewise, magnetism will be investigated to find its connection to electricity. Students will understand electromagnetic induction and how it makes electric motors possible.

I would also like to encourage all parents to ask their students about the things we are doing in school, to keep checking assignment books and grades on Powerschool. As you know middle school students are not fully independent and need support from home studying for tests, completing projects and finding purpose in the lessons they are taught. Thank you for your support and your fantastic kids!

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS—Mrs. Sorensen

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT -

There are three main steps toward environmental protection:

1. It is MOST important to REDUCE consumption of wasteful, toxic, non-renewable and non-recyclable materials.

Three examples of ways to REDUCE are:

- Purchase reusable containers for microwaving and storing goods instead of relying on disposables
- Consolidate trips to the store to save on gas and car wear and tear
- Purchase a stainless steel water bottle to fill and refill with water from home; fewer bottles to produce and fewer to recycle

2. REUSE of materials will reduce landfill waste, tap our resources at a slower rate and extend the healthy life of our planet.

Three examples of ways to REUSE materials are:

- Save large plastic coffee cans for storing art supplies, nuts & bolts, small toys, garden items, etc.
- Rinse out straws and reuse, fold and reuse a paper lunch bag
- Siphon “gray water” like bath water or laundry rinse water into a bucket for watering trees

3. RECYCLE anything that you can in your area and save special items like batteries, electronics, paints, etc. for annual pick-up/drop-off services.

Three ways that you can fight on the third line of environmental defense are:

- Sort types of recyclables in laundry baskets or bags
- Be sure to empty containers thoroughly and give a quick rinse before putting them into a recycle bin
- Composting your vegetable waste for your garden is actually a great way to “recycle” nutrients back into the soil...Your garden plants will love it, too.

Maintaining a healthy, natural planet is our most valuable legacy!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Genoa-Kingston kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year will begin Tuesday through Friday, March 6th through March 9th at Davenport Grade School located at 123 W. First Street in Genoa. Children who are 5 years old as of September 1, 2012, are eligible to enroll for kindergarten.

No appointment is necessary; however, parents should bring an original, certified copy of their child's birth certificate to registration & two proof of residency. Residency requirements can be found on our District website: gkschools.org. Medical, vaccination record, vision and dental records are required prior to the first day of school. Fees will be collected in August, prior to the start of school.

Hours of registration are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with extended hours until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th. If you have questions regarding early registration, please call 815-784-2448.

GKMS MUSIC NOTES



2012 Upcoming Events

February 1st—Cheesecake Sales Begin

TBA—FAB Fundraiser

February 15th—Cheesecake Orders Due

February 16th—High School Choral Theme Night 7 pm High School Auditorium, Admission \$3.00

February 21st—Great America Forms are Due

February 23rd—High School Band Concert 7 pm High School Auditorium

February 25th—Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest

March 16th—18th—G-K High School Musical High School Auditorium

April 14th—Community Jazz Dance 7:00—10:00 pm—GKHS Commons, Middle School & High School Jazz Band and Vocalists perform

TBA—Contest rehearsals

May 7th—Middle School & 5th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm GKHS Auditorium

May 14th—Middle School & High School Chorus Concert 7:00 pm GKHS Auditorium

For more information about the G-K Fine Arts program visit out G-K FAB (Fine Arts Boosters) website

gkfineartsboosters@gmail.com

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

<p>1 Wrestling Home</p> <p>2 Girls BB 8th @ Harvard, 7th Home Red Out/American Heart Association</p> <p>4 FAB Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>6 Girls BB 8th Home, 7th @ Hiawatha</p> <p>7 Girls BB 8th @ Prairie Grove, 7th Home</p> <p>8 Progress Reports go home Wrestling @ Rockford Lutheran</p> <p>9 Girls BB 8th Home, 7th @ North Boone</p> <p>10 Activity pictures begin at 8:00 am</p> <p>13 Wrestling @ Winnebago</p> <p>14 Girls BB 8th/7th Home vs. Westminster</p> <p>15 Girls BB 8th @ Marengo, 7th Home</p>	<p>16 PT Conferences—dismissal at 11:30 am. Market Day pick up</p> <p>17 PT Conferences—dismissal at 11:30 am. Wrestling Home</p> <p>18 Girls BB Oregon Tourney</p> <p>20 NO SCHOOL—President’s Day Wrestling @ Lutheran</p> <p>22 Wrestling Home</p> <p>23 Spring Pictures PTO Meeting @ 6:30 Girls BB 8th Home, 7th @ Riley</p> <p>25 Solo & Ensemble Contest</p> <p>28 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm, GKHS Girls BB 8th @ Hampshire, 7th Home</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Report Cards sent home: March 15, 2012 and the last day of school

Progress Reports sent home: February 8, 2012 and April 20, 2012.

School Board Meetings: February 28, 2012, March 20, 2012, April 24, 2012, May 22, 2012 and June 26, 2012

**GENOA-KINGSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL-2nd Quarter, 2011-12**

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS – Nicholas Adamczyk, Jacob Almquist, Kendal Bacon, Steven Baker, Cody Beeman, Ethan Broderick, Briana Campbell, Justin Campbell, Thomas Corbett, Madelyn Demings, Mikaela Ferrara, Brandon Foley, Taylor Fowler, Chance Franckowiak, Zachary Gschwind, Erika Hansel, Thomas Hansen, Kelly Hensley, Alexandra Holley, Sarah Howes, Riley Jenner, Thomas Kathalynas, Emilie Kottmeier, Katey Kurpius, Jake Lauderdale, Jacob Linneman, Thomas Lucca, Carly Lundgren, Jessica Mauger, Kristin McKinney, Matthew Musielski, Jose Ocelotl, Abigail Pahnke, Brandon Paradies, Derrick Petruchuis, Abbey Rasmussen, Daniel Russell, Jason Sester, Kegan Shannon, Brendyn Sonntag, Kendyl Strack, Collin Stratton, Derek Tijerina, Mary Toczyłowski, Dakota Tomisek, Andrew Voltz, Andrew Walker, Matthew Walsh, Alexander Widmayer, Christopher Wood,

HONORS – Grace Andersen, Jared Barton, Torri Bennett, Andrew Caldwell, Melissa Clemente, Kailey Cooper, Arielle Emmens, Noah Engles, Ian Fell, Carly Fischer, Gianna Focht, Odalys Galarza, Sierra Gandsey, Josh Goff, Devin Guard, Elizabeth Hanson, Paul Harms, Sadie Heading, Brock Heinger, Terje Hensley, Ellee Holden, Brady Huffman, Danielle Johnson, Mara Kettner, Katelyn Kinsman, Haley Kohout, Evangeline LaCasse, Tabitha Long, Samantha Marth, Arnold Martinez, Claire McCurdy, Kevin McLean, Erika Mendoza, Ireland Milinac, Dominic Morocco, Justin Mousser, Riley Oberg, Morgan Picolotti, Kyle Quintell, Manuel Rangel, Mitchell Rausch, Jack Richardson, Bonnie Roberts, Stephanie Routson, Marcelo Ruiz, Katlin Schambach, Mary Kay Sharp, Jackson Shortridge, Karli Smith, Nicholas Strauch, Haley Temes, Jacob Wakeley, Jacob Walitzer, Caitlin Walker, Alyssa Yager, Breanna Young, Jocelyn Zapatka

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS – Amanda Anderson, Alexis Atterberry, Scott Benzinger, Ethan Bode, Bailey Boehmer, Maggie Bouque, Cody Bradshaw, Sarah Brown, Joseph Brynteson, Hunter Busse, Zachary Butler, Edwin Camargo, Alexander Campbell, Savannah Cave-Hansen, Jacqueline Contreras, Danyelle Crozier, Jackson Daurer, Joshua DeNoma, Anna Drendel, Todd Durham, Zachary Edwards, Julianne Galauner, Heather Gathman, Sonia Gaytan, Gregory Gomez, Brookelynn Grismer, Connor Hansen, Austin Hanson, Rachel Hughes, Jessica Jureczek, Jason Kuhn, Jessica Kurpius, Alissa Lacko, Jesus Lara, Carlee Lauderdale, Brandon Mangum, Trey McCarty, Mary McCausland, Matthew McCluskey, Madelyn McConnell, Justin McNeal, Caleb McPherson, Cally McPherson, Luke Miller, Spencer Mulso, Jessica Nay, Sydnie Neblock, Sandra Osorio, Saul Osorio, Annabella Paradies, Micah Phillips, Tessa Poffenberger, Anna Raimondi, Kaitlyn Rease, Carson Riggs, Joseph Ruehl, Madeline Ruehl, Taylor Russell, Shane Sax, Heidi Scaccianoce, Kurt Schmicker, Carli Schmidt, Aidan Simmons, Edward Small, Daisy Sota, Gysel Soto, Paige Tatroe, Martin Tinajero, Grace Villella, Clint Wewetzer, Kristin Wilcox, Cayla Winters, Alex Zelaya, Megan Zimmerman, Lindsey Zuke

HONORS – Andrew Arias, Kathryn Beauchamp, Zach Brown, Michael Buczkowski, Dylan Connell, Nicholas Cotton, Taylor Curry, Darlene Dawidzaik-Herrmann, Elizabeth Dillett, Samantha Dillett, Catherine Drake, Colin Dvorak, Bryan Earley-Harrison, Trace Fidler, Hannah Flint, Bailey Foley, David Fromi, Alan Gable, Morgana Gandsey, Kyle Garrelts, Janet Gomez, Anthony Gutierrez, Jessica Harmon, Steven Hull, Madison Hunt, Ryan Johnson, Meghan Kohler, Michael Kral, Samantha Kratochvil, Maj Kravos, Mya Lee, Treysen Long, Jason Madey, Conner Makoben, Leonardo Marquez, Hector Mercado, Andrew Miller, Zachary Miller, Cole Morocco, Olivia Napiorkowski, Joanne Partipilo, Morgan Paulsen, Morgan Phillips, Connor Quinn, Maxwell Rausch, Tyler Reisinger, Marco Rodriguez, Cody Schuldt, Colin Seisser, Kaitlin Sosnowski, Julia Springer, Mia Tomes-Buckley, Nicolas Uecker, Jacob Uszcieski, Luz Vasquez, Brooke Wade, Samantha Walton, Rebecca Waxman

6TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS – Jeanette Brann, Halle Brynteson, Veronica Cieslica, Jordan Claggett, Kelley Creadon, Stephanie Dries, Jackson Ebel, Lucas Feliciano, Erin Fidler, Leah Fowler, Nicklaus Gargani, Alexis Garza, Taylor Gilbert, Madelynn Grismer, Ethan Heilman, Benjamin Heinsch, Tyler Heinsch, Gabriella Janes, Jackson Kral, Alison Kramer, Jayna Masters, Patti Medina, Icela Mendoza, Edith Mercado, Nicholas Musielski, Cody Ordlock, Hannah Phillips, Payton Phillips, Jessica Pope, Sarah Ray, Karen Rodriguez, Autumn Routson, Julia Rylko, Arlie Sandusky, Taryn Sarto, Hannah Schwichtenberg, Jacob Sester, Zoe Sitarz, Zachary Sonntag, Rebecca Stevenson, Lauryn Stoffregen, Brooke Sunderlage, Hailey Thurlby, Kristen Trost, Heather Vance, Misty Villagomez, Emily Vintika, Lauren Walker

HONORS – Cassandra Bade, Cody Bollech, Zeb Brandlein, Andrew Brening, Samuel Bruneman, Carrie Catherwood, Lisette Diaz, Taylor Dudek, Ravyn Easterbrooks, Jacob Engel, Trace Feliciano, Alec Felvey, Caroline Fisher, Alan Franson, Caden Frye, Payton Garcia, Carter Gribble, Mitchell Halat, Tyler Hankins, Clifton Hansen, Jacob Hansen, Caitlyn Harris, Erica Heath, Celia Huerta, Nicholas Iscra, Dylan Kribs, Monserrath Leon, Sean Logan, Ivan Marquez, Annemarie McKinney, Dallas Miller, Brooklynn Mulso, Lillian Muniz, Sarai Orozco, Oscar Pizano, Nicholas Probeck, Dillon Rice, Melissa Rodriguez, Emily Sanchez, Samantha Scalf, Mackenzie Schalk, Jacob Schambach, Jenna Schuldt, Jaylin Segatto, Connor Sesko, Nathan Shannon, Veronica Siegwath, Konnor Sosnowski, Colin Strader, Kyle Strauch, Zachary Uecker, Andrey Wade, Madison Wagner, Abigail Wakeley, Alison Walitzer, Jeremy Widmayer, Brendon Zekoff

Genoa Kingston Middle School Perfect Attendance 2nd Quarter 2011-2012

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7th Grade

Alexis Atterberry, Scott Benzinger, Ethan Bode, Maggie Bouque, Hunter Busse, Edwin Camargo, Alexander Campbell, Savannah Cave-Hansen, Jacqueline Contreras, Danyelle Crozier, Taylor Curry, Joshua DeNoma, Brody Dozier, Catherine Drake, Colin Dvorak, Kaleb Eskew, Jacob Fell, Gregory Gomez, Connor Hansen, Madison Hunt, Brodie Knotts, Michael Kral, Samantha Kratochvil, Jason Kuhn, Jessica Kurpius, Jesus Lara, Mya Lee, Conner Makoben, Brandon Mangum, Leonardo Marquez, Trey McCarty, Madelyn McConnell, Olivia Napiorkowski, Jesica Nay, Joanne Partipilo, Micah Phillips, Marco Rodriguez, Cody Schuldt, Daisy Soto, Gysel Soto, Paige Tatroe, Mia Tomes-Buckley, Jacob Uszcienski, Luz Vasquez, Roberto Vasquez, Brooke Wade, Klint Wewetzer, Kristin Wilcox,

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