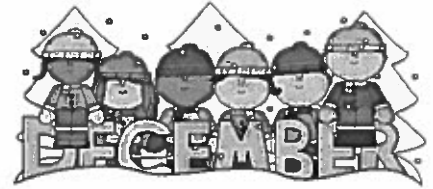




Kingston Elementary School November/December 2017 Newsletter



From the Principal-

November is here! We kick off the month with parent/teacher conferences on November 1st (dismiss at 1:45), and 2nd (dismiss at 11:30). Then on the 4th we have no school. We close the month celebrating what we are thankful for with Thanksgiving. We will celebrate with no school for the holiday on November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. HaPpY ThAnKsGiViNg!!! The Kindergarten will be doing their feast on November 21st.

We will be offering a Christmas Shop the last week of November. The PTO is sponsoring this. The Christmas Shop offers low priced gifts for the kids to buy for family members. This gives them the pride of buying something special for a loved one. The dates are November 28th, 29th, and 30th. There will be more information sent home soon.

In December we will be doing our winter MAP testing beginning December 11th - 22nd. The 2nd grade concert will be held on December 14th. Students should arrive at the high school at 6:30 and the show will begin at 7:00.

Winter seems to come earlier and earlier every year. As we all know the weather in northern Illinois can be very inconsistent. Please make sure that your child is prepared for whatever may come by having coats, hats, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, etc. Please make sure that everything is marked with their first and last name. Once the snow falls, ONLY students with proper winter attire will be allowed off of the blacktop during recess.

Our last day of school for 2017 will be on December 22nd on that day we will be having our holiday parties. There will be more information to follow regarding the holiday parties.

Just a reminder, please call by 2:15 if you are changing transportation for your child. This ensures that we can get them the message in enough time.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime at 815-784-5246 or by email at skill@gkschools.org Also look for us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KingstonElementarySchool and Twitter @kescogs.

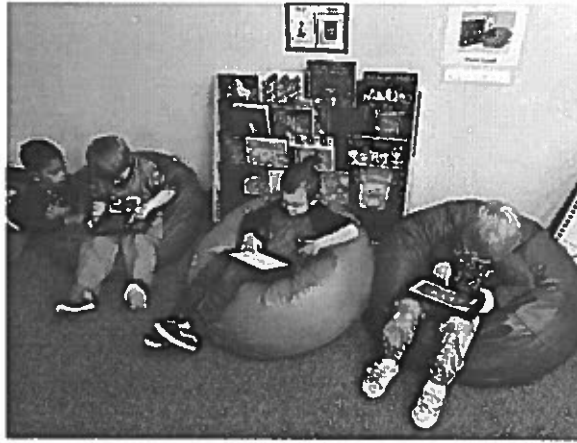
Thank you so much for your support!

Stefanie Hill, Principal



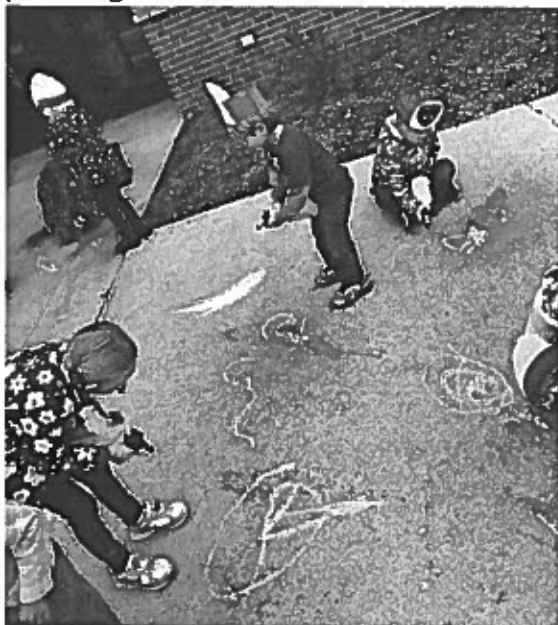
AM CLASS

October was a fun month in the AM class! The students loved the pumpkin patch at dramatic play and playing with fire trucks during fire safety week! After working so hard on their IEP goals in 1st quarter, the students deserve an iPad break!



PM CLASS

The PM class did a great job following directions and staying with their class during our field trips to the Genoa-Kingston Fire Station and Yaeger's Pumpkin Patch! During fire safety week, they had fun putting out fires!





Kindergarten Newsletter



Thank you to all of our parents and students for making Halloween in kindergarten a Spooktacular event! We all enjoyed our school wide parade and loved seeing our parents in the gym. Parent helpers were greatly appreciated at the class parties as well!

An extra THANK YOU to all of our families for scheduling parent teacher conferences during Open House. We can't wait to meet with all of you and share your child's progress in kindergarten! If for any reason you need to change your time or you simply haven't set up a time please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

As we begin to prepare for cooler weather, your kindergarten teachers have a few requests. Please remember that we have over 40 feet to attend to, so we appreciate boots without ties. Students will need boots, snow pants, coats and gloves to play in the snow at Kingston Elementary School. We appreciate your help in practicing putting all of these items on at home. Most importantly LABEL EVERYTHING!!!! We will have many multiple sets of items and they often times get switched. We will have the best luck returning your items if they are labeled.



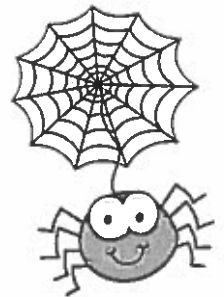
We will be assessing children for the end of 2nd quarter shortly before we take our winter break. Report Cards will come home with students on Tuesday, January 16th. Here are the skills we will be assessing:

Phonics

- Letter names and sounds: Ss, Aa, Tt, Ii, Pp, Nn, Cc, Kk, Ee, Hh, Rr, Mm, Dd, Gg, Oo, Uu, Ll, Ff, Bb.
- Students will be asked to blend to read words using the above letter sounds (short vowel sounds only).
- Tricky Words: the, I, see, to, you, like, play, is, look, all, are, he, she.

Math

- Recognizing numbers 0-10.
- Counting groups of objects up to 10
- Students are expected to verbally count to 20.
- Compare groups using more, less and equal.



Dates to Remember

No School on Friday, November 3rd.

Kindergarten Feast will be Tuesday, November 21st.

No School November 22nd-27th

Christmas Parties on Friday, December 22nd.

Winter Break begins Monday, December 25th.

Return to School Monday, January 8th.



First Grade November Newsletter



The week of October 1st-7th was Fire Prevention Week. Our local firefighters came and presented a program on fire safety. We truly appreciate and thank the firefighters for the important work they do for us. We learned a lot and really enjoyed their visit. The activity bag given to each first grader was a special treat.

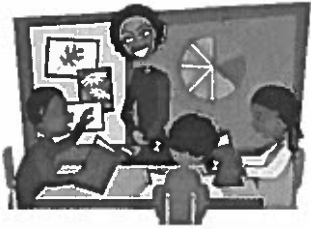
It's hard to believe that one quarter of the school year is over. We have seen many changes in our first graders. We have already covered several topics in our math program. Students are making progress in their reading groups learning new sight words and practicing reading strategies.



Please remember to send one healthy snack to school with your child. Many children get hungry in the middle of the morning and find it helps to eat a snack. Snacks that are allowed include fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, cheese, nuts, popcorn, and crackers.

Contact your child's teacher if you have not already scheduled a conference. We look forward to meeting with you.

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SECOND GRADE

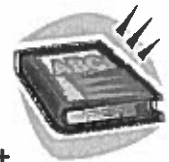


field trip



FIELD TRIP NEWS! We are so excited to go on our first field trip this year. On November 9th and 10th second graders will be visiting Russell Woods which is in our community. We will be working on some of our science concepts which is always a big hit. Please remember this is an OUTDOOR field trip so good walking shoes/boots, appropriate weather gear, and a sack lunch are required! Please check with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Don't forget to return the permission slip and money quickly!

Remember the spelling words that your child brings home are life-long spelling words. Please help your child learn these new words. Also, when your child writes, check that these high frequency (spelling) words are spelled correctly. Even when there is not specific spelling homework, take a minute or two to review the weekly word list. It may be helpful to save spelling lists or keep a running list of words to use as a reference.



Did you know there are some fun websites or apps to visit for spelling and word work? Check out these sites if you are looking for some additional practice:

www.kidsspell.com/
www.spellingcity.com/
www.funbrain.com/spell/
www.gamequarium.com/spelling.html



Happi & the Word Thief
Rocket Speller
Sentence Builder Free
Phonics Vowels- (short, long, 2 vowels)



We are delighted with the enthusiasm that our students have shown toward the KES Reading Incentive Program! Remember, your child is **not** required to return the leveled sheets the next day. Only reading 15 minutes at a time? That's okay! Divide a box in half and

SECOND GRADE

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date/initial it with the time read so you don't lose track of those precious minutes. If your child's teacher requires daily reading for an on-going log, remember to count this time for any reading incentive program too (i.e. Book It)! As the goals increase in difficulty, it may take your child several days or even a week or two to complete a level. The goal is to develop a lifelong habit of reading for enjoyment.

Math Facts: Remember to practice those addition facts! We will test addition facts again 2nd quarter. Subtraction is right around the corner so it is important to have addition facts memorized.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Music Concert on December 14th. Ms. Johnson and our second graders have been working hard to make this performance a success! Details will be coming home soon.



Looking for some fun reading and story websites? Check out these fun links to sites that allow children to hear stories read to them. Hearing stories read aloud is great for students because they will hear good examples of stories read fluently and with expression!

www.storylineonline.net/
www.starfall.com/
www.abcya.com
www.magickeys.com/books/

* The Kidzstory Collection Apps
* Oceanhouse Media Apps
* Auryn Inc. Apps



Wondering if a book is too difficult or easy for your child? Check out the five-finger rule. Have your child select a page from the chosen book. Hold up a finger for each word your child cannot read. If you find there are five or more errors, the book is too hard. Choose another book. If your child doesn't make any errors, then the book is probably too easy.



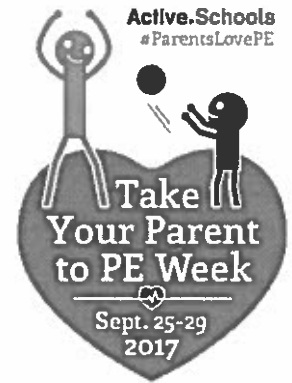
Physical Education



Welcome to the Physical Education portion of the school newsletter. The first 2 months of school have moved very quickly, and the students have been learned a lot! It has been nice getting to know the students in the afternoon early childhood class, kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade!

I wanted to say thank you to the parents who filled out and returned the orange information sheet that went home in the beginning of the year. It is very important to me to have insight on the students and what their interests are, as well as, what allows them to be most successful.

Additionally, a huge thanks to the parents who came and took part in Take Your Parent to PE week! I cannot believe how many were in attendance, and am so glad that so many people were able to attend. With that being said, the letter at the beginning of the year stated that students would focus on movement concepts, skills themes, and wellness concepts; so please understand that sport skill development will not be a part of the curriculum at KES, as sport skill development at this age is not developmentally appropriate.



The students have worked on a variety of skills so far this year. Skills that have been taught are movement skills, manipulative skills, and scooters. The students are currently participating in rhythmical movements and will also focus on some cross curricular games prior to Thanksgiving. One of the greatest advantages to teaching students at the elementary level is watching their skills progress, and I have seen a lot of improvement during each unit so far this year. One of the biggest struggles this far, and something to work on at home is that when your child rolls or throws a ball, they need to make sure to step with the opposite foot!

Movement skills and pathways are the basic fundamental skills and are the building blocks of movement. They include running, skipping, galloping, sliding, etc. All students should be able to demonstrate proper form for all locomotor skills by the end of 2nd grade. The students worked on their locomotor skills by using relays, games, and a variety of stations during class time. The locomotor skills unit ended with the



Obstacle Course, which the students participated in during class and also had the opportunity to use at Open House. Thank you to those who stopped in at Open House, the final count showed that 225 Kingston students plus their siblings visited the Obstacle Course that evening!



Manipulative skills are a set of skills that assist the students in developing the skills needed to participate in sport skills as they get older. At Kingston, the focus is on the skill, and not the sport. The students have practiced rolling, underhand throwing/tossing, and overhand throwing. With all of the skills the students have had at least 3 practice days. The first day with the skill includes individual or partner work, the second day focused on an activity or short game, and on the last day the students apply the skills

while playing a game. It is nice to see the development in a few short days!

While participating in the scooter unit, the students worked on upper and lower body strength, endurance, and pathways. It is interesting to watch because what one student is good at, may be a struggle to another student. However, needless to say, the students have a good time and that is all that counts!



PE Reminders:

- All students must have tennis shoes on to participate in class! Rubber soled tennis shoes are needed. No crocs, sandals, or boots will be allowed!
- Shoes must stay on your child's foot during class. If the shoe comes off during activity this is a safety issue for your child as well as the others in the class and after one warning will be asked to sit out.
- Please make sure if your child wears a skirt or dress on a PE day that they have shorts underneath, or there is a chance they will not be able to participate.

THE PBIS POST



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Caring



November



This month focuses on respect, which is a very important character trait at Kingston Elementary. Modeling respectful behaviors at home and in public is very important as your child watches everything you say and do. One key phrase students may understand: Follow the Golden Rule (treat others as you want to be treated).

What should respectful children do?

- ❖ They speak politely to parents.
- ❖ They show courtesy and honor to others who are older or in positions of authority.
- ❖ They take care of things they borrow.
- ❖ Respectful students listen carefully to someone else's opinion, even if they disagree.

What Can I Do at Home?

- Ask your children how they show respect for: themselves, their family, their friends, and the environment.
- Practice respectful behaviors at home and in the community.
- Read books that have respect as a theme.

Suggested titles: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Mathia, Arthur's Nose by Marc Brown, Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney, and Big Al by Andrew Yoshi



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Congratulations to our KES students who exhibited the TRUSTWORTHY trait in October! These students were honored on our bulletin board outside the office in the main hall. Every month two students from each class will be honored on our character counts bulletin board. Encourage your child to keep up the hard work!

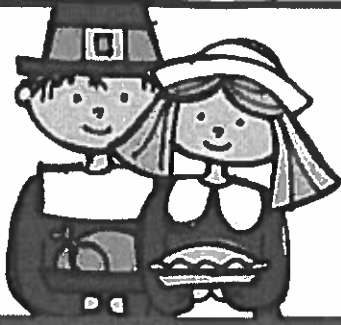
TRUSTWORTHY TRAIT WINNER

E. C.	KINDERGARTEN	1 st GRADE	2 nd GRADE
Adam R.	Lucas D.	Brynne V.	Breydan L.
Iven K.	Amy P.	Cameron R.	Natalie D.
	Luke D.	Isaac C.	Adrian J.
	William S.	Nikola R.	Annalynn G.
	Parker W.	Caleb K.	William W.
	Ilijah T.	Olivia L.	Maya M.
	Shawn S.	Hunter R.	JT C.
	Lexi H.	Scarlet R.	Alexa A.
		Landon J.	
		Naia M.	

COGS BUCKS & COGS STORE

Accidently washed a purple Cogs buck lately? KES is always looking for good behavior. When students are "caught" exhibiting good behavior, a staff member may give them a purple Cogs buck or even a shout out. Students save their purple bucks to go shopping at the "Cogsmart". Our store is open every 6 weeks and students are able to buy one thing during store hours. Students can choose among a variety of items ranging from 2 Cogs bucks up to triple digits! Ask your child what they purchased at the end of November or what they are saving up for when they visit next time!





Building Readers

Mrs. Whittenhall, Reading Specialist

November 2017

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Reading Connections

Reading for Meaning

Who? What? Where? When? Why?

Readers ask themselves questions as they read. Finding the answers helps them understand stories. To help your child's comprehension, ask a few simple questions. **Before:** Get ready to read by looking at the cover and talk about the title and the picture. Predict and discuss – what do you think this is about? What do you already know about _____?

During: Stopping to ask questions is a good way for a child to check his/her understanding. "Wait a minute, if the character is afraid of the water, why is he in the ocean?"

After: Ask some 'big picture' questions: "What was the problem? How was it solved? Would you like the main character as a friend? Why or why not?"

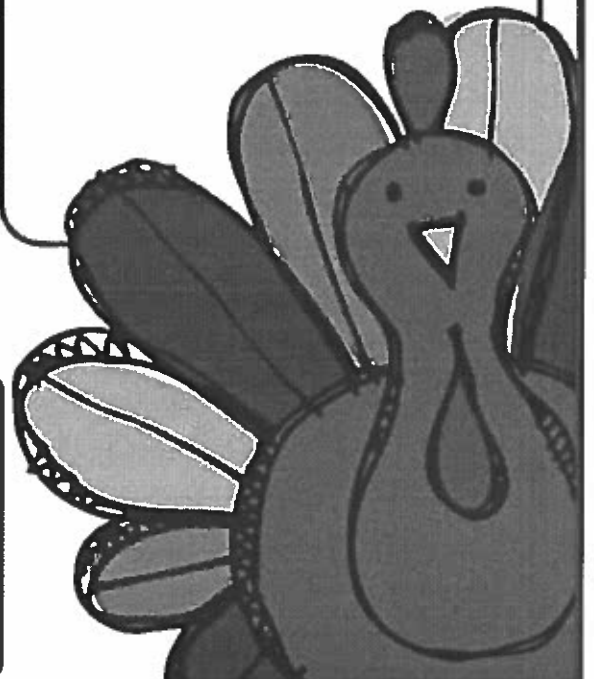
Fun with Words

To help children recognize sounds, try playing games with letter sounds:

- Put three different objects on the table (ie: apple, sponge, fork) and ask "Which one starts with the sss sound?"
- See how many rhyming words you can make with a word chunk like: *ap cap, lap, map, zap, clap, snap, nap, rap, sap...*

Books Kids Love

Great series books for primary grades: Biscuit, Elephant and Piggie, Pigeon books, No David, Pete the Cat and Fly Guy are just a few!



Important Dates

November 1st ~ 1:45 Release- parent/teacher conference
November 2nd ~ 11:30 Release- parent/teacher conference
November 3rd ~ School Improvement- No student attendance
November 8th, 15th, 29th ~ 1:45 Release
November 13th ~ PTO fundraiser pick up- GKMS 4-7pm
November 22nd- 24th ~ No School/Thanksgiving break
November 28th, 29th, 30th ~ Christmas Shop (More info to come)
December 6th, 13th, 20th ~ 1:45 Release
December 14th ~ 2nd Grade Concert
December 22nd ~ Holiday Parties
December 25th - 29th ~ No School/ Winter Break



Lunch Times

Kinder 11:30-12:15

1st 10:50-11:35

2nd 12:10-12:55



Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!

Please send your child with a snack!

IF YOU ARE CALLING TO CHANGE HOW YOUR CHILD IS GOING HOME **PLEASE** CALL BY 2:15. THIS ENSURES THEY GET THE MESSAGE.



Please Save:

- Aluminum can tabs
- Box Tops

PLEASE remember to call the office if your child is going to be absent! 815-784-5246



Genoa-Kingston Elementary School



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>6</p> <p>A: French Toast Sticks w/Scrambled Eggs B: Meatball Sub Green Beans Diced Pears</p> <p>C:</p> <p>Mon & Wed: Turkey & American Croissant Tues & Thurs: Ham & Swiss Sandwich Fri: Ham Salad Wrap D: PB or Sun butter & Jelly</p>	<p>7</p> <p>A: Beef Walking Tacos B: Chicken Slicks w/Slice Bread Refried Beans Pineapple Chunk</p>	<p>1</p> <p>A: BBQ Pork Riblet B: Corn dog Battered Chicken Nuggets w/Pretzels Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO LUNCH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>13</p> <p>A: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich B: Fish Sticks w/Tarter Green Beans Dice Pears</p>	<p>14</p> <p>A: Chicken Pizzadilla B: Cheeseburger Seasoned Black Beans Pineapple Chunk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>A: Dice BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Sandwich B: Corn dog Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches</p>	<p>9</p> <p>A: Rotini w/Marinara Meat Sauce B: Cheeseburger Steamed Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce</p>	<p>10</p> <p>A: Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza B: Chicken Giggles w/Goldfish Crackers Tater Tots Fruit Slushy</p>
<p>20</p> <p>A: French Toast Sticks w/Scrambled Eggs B: Meatball Sub Green Beans Diced Pears</p>	<p>21</p> <p>A: Beef Walking Tacos B: Chicken Slicks w/Slice Bread Refried Beans Pineapple Chunk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>A: BBQ Pork Riblet B: Corn dog Battered Chicken Nuggets w/Pretzels Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Thanksgiving Feast Roast Turkey, Mashed potato w/Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Warm Autumn Apples and a Cherry Turnover</p>	<p>17</p> <p>A: Cheese Bosco Slick w/Marinara B: Bacon Cheeseburger Polato Smiles Fruit Slushy</p>
<p>27</p> <p>A: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich B: Fish Sticks w/Tarter Green Beans Dice Pears</p>	<p>28</p> <p>A: Chicken Pizzadilla B: Cheeseburger Seasoned Black Beans Pineapple Chunk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27</p> <p>A: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich B: Fish Sticks w/Tarter Green Beans Dice Pears</p>	<p>29</p> <p>A: Dice BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Sandwich B: Corn dog Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches</p>	<p>29</p> <p>A: Dice BBQ Chicken and Cheddar Sandwich B: Corn dog Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches</p>	<p>30</p> <p>A: Chicken Rotini Alfredo B: Chicken Patty Sandwich Steamed Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce</p>	<p>Full \$2.80 Reduced \$.40 Free to all who qualify Menu Questions: Regan Peterson 815-784-6222</p>

November 2017 Lunch Menu



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6 Offered Daily: Fresh Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice and Assorted Cereals with Elf Grahams	7 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Orange Wedges	8 Pigs in a Blanket Craisins	9 Mini Maple Pancakes Banana	10 Egg, Bacon & Cheese Bosco Stick Strawberry Cup
13 Apple Strudel Mixed Grapes	14 Breakfast Burrito Orange Wedges	15 Mini Cinnamon Waffles w/Syrup Craisins	16 Soft Pumpkin Pretzel w/Cream Cheese Banana	17 Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza Strawberry Cup
20 Apple Cinnamon Muffin w/Cheese Stick Mixed Grapes	21 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Orange Wedges	22 NO SCHOOL	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Apple Strudel Mixed Grapes	28 Breakfast Burrito Orange Wedges	29 Pigs in a Blanket Craisins	30 Bagel Log w/Cinnamon Cream Cheese Banana	Menu Questions: Regan Peterson 815-784-6222

November 2017 Breakfast Menu

GENOA COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB
PRESENTS THE 29TH ANNUAL

WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHRISTMAS Craft/Vendor Show

SUNDAY - NOV 12, 2017
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GENOA-KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL
RT 72 (W of Genoa)



ADULTS \$2.00
STUDENTS \$.50



FEATURING:

OVER 140 LOCAL & REGIONAL CRAFTERS, VENDORS, CLUBS
& ORGANIZATIONS – FOOD – 100 DOOR PRIZES

VISIT WITH SANTA 11:30-1:00

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