

Genoa-Kingston PTO
Parent/Guardian Monthly Newsletter
March 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.

WOW!!! What a fun busy month February was! The month was full of field trips, the APEX fun run, and the unveiling of the book The Mouse and the Motorcycle. Kindergarteners went on their FIRST field trip to St. Charles to see the play "Dragons Love Tacos!" They loved it! The excitement of getting to leave school and ride a bus to somewhere new was refreshing in this cold month. Without the PTO fundraisers, each ticket would have been considerably higher, so even though fundraisers can be a pain for parents they really do pay off!! The unveiling of the book, The Mouse and the Motorcycle was also very exciting. KES made it super fun by dropping clues before the big announcement. Along with the book, an exciting activity has been introduced called One School, One Book. It is focused on building a community of readers. Each and every child in KES was provided a book and a reading schedule to promote family reading time together. There is even a community scavenger hunt!! The amount of time and effort our schools put into these activities is just amazing!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the APEX Fun Run a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help. Thank you to all the families who spread the word and helped their kids get donations! The kids had a blast running the glow run and enjoyed all the interactions and lessons learned in the days leading up to the big run! Not only did the event raise money for the school, it also left behind a life long memory for the kids! This is why the PTO works so hard!! We love seeing the kids so happy and making sure each child has the opportunity to make great memories no matter what!

In The Works:

Last day to turn in BOX TOPS for this quarters competition is Friday March 2nd!! Winners will be announced the week of the 5th. GES class winners will receive a popsicle surprise at school!! KES class winners will receive COGS BUCKS to spend at the school store!

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In addition to the Box Tops, we are collecting TYSON Project A+ labels. Go to <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/> for a complete list of participating products. These labels are worth .24 cents AND count as 2 box tops towards the class competitions! Also, we are collecting loaves for learning so check your bread bags!! <http://www.loaves4learning.com/> Details are also on our Genoa Kingston PTO Facebook page.

WE HAVE AFFORDABLE SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!! We have all sizes from toddler to adult and many different styles to choose from. Watch for the forms to come home soon! Also, there will be a link online to order from as well. Make sure you LIKE our Genoa Kingston PTO Facebook page so you can stay up to date!

We are having an event called Dinner with the PTO! We will be at the new restaurant in Genoa called Rivers on Saturday March 10th starting at 5:30. All are welcome! We will be there all night so if you cant make dinner then stop by for a dessert or appetizer later. This is just a fun evening out. No fundraising or shop talk, just come and hang out with us!

Our Spring catalog fundraiser will be Yankee Candles and will begin March 16th and run thru April 6th! 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.

Spring Blood Drive will be March 22nd. Heartland Blood Center will be setting up shop at Genoa Kingston Middle School. 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!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BUSINESSES TO SPONSER OUR 2018 FUN FAIR! If you have any suggestions please let us know. There will be special incentives for sponsors :)

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.

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Upcoming Events:

-Keep collecting those Box Tops for our class competitions for KES and GES!!
Whichever class per grade collects the most box tops will win a super
awesome prize each quarter! Year end grand prizes coming next!

-Start collecting TYSON Project A+ labels. Each label is worth .24 cents AND
counts as 2 box tops towards class competitions!! Also, collecting loaves for
learning so check your bread bags!!

-Visit our booth at the Home and Business Expo on March 3rd. We will have
a super awesome Gift Baskets we are raffling off!

-Dinner with the PTO March 10th 5:30 at Rivers Mexican Restaurant in
Genoa. Come for a meal or meet us after for dessert!

-March 16th begins our Yankee Candle fundraiser. Mother's day gifts will be
easy this year!!

-Spring Blood Drive- March 22nd at Genoa Kingston Middle School (PTO
will receive \$10 per donor if we get 20 or more donors!!)

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-MONTHLY PTO MEETINGS: March 20th, April 24th, and May 22nd.
5:30-6:30 at the Genoa Kingston Middle School Library

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