

GENOA-KINGSTON PTO
PARENT/GUARDIAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: I know many of you are thinking, "If I see or hear about another school fundraiser, I'm going to SCREAM!" We get it. We understand that everyone has busy lives and schedules and adding one more thing to it is just not possible. Between jobs, school meetings, sports, feeding your family, and trying to have some fun in between, life can be pretty demanding. BUT, if you think you could possibly squeeze in some volunteer time throughout the year, it would help us tremendously!

If you cannot make all or any of the meetings or do not want to commit to being an active member, that's ok. Are you crafty? Are you good at making flyers/posters? Can you donate awesome raffle baskets? Can you volunteer once in a great while at an event? Do you have older children that would enjoy helping? (Volunteer work with the PTO counts as community service hours for your middle and high school students) Can you collect Box Tops from family and friends? There are many things that could help us out. If you are interested in becoming a member or random volunteer, send us an email at the address listed below and let us know how you can help. We will add you to our crew and keep you informed.

Our main goal is to raise as much money as we can for our schools. So as a community, if we can all work together, we can raise money to make sure our children have the best tools to further their educations.

What is PTO money used for?? The PTO funds are used for many different things at each school. When the children get to go on field trips, PTO money is used for each students fee in order to keep cost down for parents. For example, some fees for each child can be around \$20 but with PTO money the cost can go down to \$8. For the day of the eclipse, PTO money was used by GES to buy each student special eclipse glasses in order for them to be able to partake in such a memorable learning experience. Recently, PTO funds were used to reupholster chairs to make a comfy sitting area in the GKMS library for students. Funds were used to purchase an industrial laminator for the schools to use. Funds were used on Flocabulary at GES. KES spent PTO funds on "The World according to Humphrey" books and a reading party last year. That is just a few of the items and experiences

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the PTO funds have been used on. We really need your help to be able to continue raising money for our children's schools!! Please check out our upcoming events to see if you can help. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

-PTO MEET and GREET at Prairie State Winery (Genoa location) October 6th, 6pm-10pm. Come have a glass of wine with us, or not, and see what we are all about. (PTO is way more fun than you think!)

-FALL Funfair: October 13th at the GK middle school
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED please visit our Facebook page for the link to sign up) watch our Facebook page for more details.

-Student Christmas Shoppe- November 27th thru December 1st
Students will get the chance to do some Christmas shopping!

-Fundraiser goodies pickup. November 13th, 4pm-7pm GK Middle School (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED please visit our Facebook page for the link to sign up)

-This month will begin our BOX TOP class competitions for KES and GES!! Whichever class per grade collects the most box tops will win a super awesome prize! Details will be sent home soon.

-MONTHLY PTO MEETINGS October 24th, November 28th, December 19th, January 23rd, February 27th, March 20th, April 24th, and May 22nd. 5:30-6:30 at the GK Middle School Library

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