

Genoa Central Elementary School

Parental Involvement Plan 2016-17

Parent Involvement Committee

Cathy Reeves, Principal

Tanya Fowler, Library Media Specialist/Parent Facilitator

Angie Bryant, Administrator

Robin Call, teacher

Rana Pilgreen, teacher

Tracy Skinner, parent

Candace Swim, parent

Alisha Thompson, parent

Trista Underwood, parent

Mission Statement

The Genoa Central School District exists to provide an education to meet the intellectual, social, and emotional development of all the students of our district. We want to provide a nurturing, caring, educational atmosphere where all students can learn to the best of their ability.

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. A parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family.

Genoa Central Elementary communicates with parents in several ways to promote parental involvement and to support classroom instruction. Communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful.

- Newsletters— Grade levels distribute newsletters which include school news, upcoming events, and other classroom information. A monthly newsletter is distributed that contains parenting aids that promote success in the classroom

such as homework tips and study skills. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves and Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*

- Home Access Center— Parents have access to their child’s grades and contact information for their children’s teachers. Parents are encouraged to sign up for Home Access Center at a booth during Meet the Teacher. *Responsible Person: Cathy Holder, 870-653-2132, and Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Genoa Central School District and Elementary Website—The website contains a calendar of events, special programs, and other pertinent information for parents. *Responsible Person: Lisa Posey, 870-653-2089, and Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Elementary School Facebook —The elementary school has a Facebook page that shares pictures of various events and daily activities of students at the school. Upcoming events are also promoted. Parents and community members are encouraged to follow the school through Facebook/social media. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- eNotes Notifications—Parents can sign up to receive alerts via email and/or text messages. These alerts include notifications of school closings and events for the elementary school and school district. *Responsible Person: Cathy Holder, 870-653-2132*
- Academic and Conduct Updates—Parents receive information on their child’s progress from teachers via report cards, progress reports, honor roll postcards, and conduct charts. *Responsible Person: Cathy Holder and Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Weekly Folders—Each teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school. *Responsible Person: Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Direct Contact—Teachers routinely contact parents on an individual basis to discuss their child’s progress. All parental contacts are logged. Staff is also available for consultation with parents during conference periods and before and after class instruction time. *Responsible Person: Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Parent/Teacher Conferences—Two conferences are held annually, during the first and third marking periods. Conferences are scheduled during afternoon and evening hours to give parents flexibility and are scheduled on different evening for each campus so parents of students at multiple schools can attend all conferences. Parents are given reports of student progress and test scores. Teachers can also explain interventions as needed to assist students in reaching achievement goals. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Renaissance Place Home Connect—Information is sent home to parents so they can monitor online their child’s progress in the Accelerated Reader program. Parents are given the option to have quiz results emailed to them in real time. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*

Genoa Central Elementary encourages parental involvement by asking for participation in various activities held throughout the school year. Parental involvement encourages students and supports student learning.

(Responsible party is italicized.)

- Kindergarten Orientation (August 4) *Emily Nash, 870-653-2248*
- Meet the Teacher Night (August 11) *Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Grandparents Day (September 9) *Colleen Burrell, 870-653-2248*
- Volunteer Breakfast (September 13) *Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*
- Family Walk-a-Mile Program (October 3-21) *Mary Bryant, 870-653-2248*
- Book Fair (September 14-27 and February 14-24) *Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (September 20 and February 16) *Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Blood Drive (November) *Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*
- Thanksgiving Play (November 18) *Gayln Richardson, 870-653-2248*
- Classroom Parties (December 21 and February 14) *Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Jump-a-thon/Trike-a-thon (March/May) *LaGail Thomas and Kim East, 870-653-2248*
- Pioneer Days (May) *Cindy Hensley, 870-653-2248*
- Track and Field Day (May) *Mary Bryant, 870-653-2248*
- Kindergarten Graduation (May 24) *Lori Tibbit, 870-653-2248*
- Awards Assembly (May) *Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Music Programs (varies) *Jeffrey Murphy, 870-653-2248*
- Room parents *Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Breakfast/Lunch with students *Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Classroom volunteers *Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Guest Speakers/Readers *Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*

Genoa Central Elementary provides opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school wide improvement plan and other decision making processes. Community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

- The school will ask parents to serve on the school improvement committee. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- The school will ask parents to serve on the parental involvement committee. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Encourage parents to join and become involved in the Parent Teacher Organization which fosters parental and community involvement. *Responsible Person: Debbie Donally 903-280-5562*
- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*

- The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Teachers are encouraged to use the parent volunteer resources guide to utilize parents as volunteers. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- The school will ask parents to serve on the Field Day committee. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*

Genoa Central Elementary School makes a commitment to encourage parental involvement in all classrooms.

- Teachers are required to attend at least 2 hours of professional development designed to enhance their understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-2248*
- The principal is required to attend at least 3 hours of professional development designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies and the importance of leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent participation. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Teachers are encouraged to use the volunteer/interest survey information to utilize parents as volunteers. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Volunteer training will be offered annually during the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. *Responsible Person: Vicki Jewell,, 870-653-2248*

Genoa Central Elementary provides resources for parents to promote responsible parenting.

- Materials such as parenting books, magazines, videos, brochures, and other parenting materials are available in the Parent Center and Library Media Center to promote and support responsible parenting. These materials are available for parents to check out through the Library Media Specialist/Parent Facilitator. Parents are encouraged to checkout resources during regular library hours. Materials continue to be added to this center as funds allow. For additional information, contact our parent facilitator, Tanya Fowler, at tfowler@dragons.k12.ar.us. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Home study aids are provided to supplement areas that a student needs as recommended by teachers or requested by parents. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Information packets are provided each year to parents that include the parent-teacher-student compact, parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, parental involvement activities planned throughout the year, a district calendar, faculty email listing, and parenting brochures. *Responsible Person: Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*

- Distributing a school handbook to all parents that includes the school's process for resolving parental concerns as well as policies and procedures of our school. *Responsible Person: Cathy Reeves, 870-653-2248*
- Parenting brochures are also located in the front hallway. *Responsible Person: Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*

The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program.

- The school will hold an annual Title I meeting on September 29th at 3:30 separate from any other meetings or activities to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*