

Genoa Central Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement

Plan 2017-18

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

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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 parent and family engagement 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: Vicki Jewell 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: Vicki Jewell, 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*
- Remind 101— Remind is a messaging platform that helps educators and parents send quick, simple messages to any device. *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: Vicki Jewell, 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 parent and family engagement by asking for participation in various activities held throughout the school year. Parent and family engagement encourages students and supports student learning.

(Responsible party is italicized.)

- Kindergarten Roundup (April) *Emily Nash, 870-653-2248*
- Meet the Teacher Night (August 11) *Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*
- Grandparents Day (September 8) *Colleen Burrell, 870-653-2248*
- Volunteer Breakfast (October 20) *Debbie Huff, 870-653-4343*
- Family Walk-a-Mile Program (October 2-23) *Mary Bryant, 870-653-2248*
- Book Fair (September 13-21 and February 6-15) *Tanya Fowler, 870-653-2248*
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (September 19 and February 15) *Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*
- Thanksgiving Play (November 17) *Gayln Richardson, 870-653-2248*
- Classroom Parties (December 21 and February 14) *Vicki Jewell, 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*
- Doughnuts for Dad (April) *Emily Nash, 870-653-2248*
- Muffins for Mom (May) *Emily Nash, 870-653-2248*
- Track and Field Day (May 3, 10) *Mary Bryant, 870-653-2248*
- Kindergarten Graduation (May 23) *Lori Tibbit, 870-653-2248*
- Awards Assembly (May 23) *Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*
- Music Programs (October 19, November 16, December 14, March 15) *Jeffrey Murphy, 870-653-2248*
- Room parents *Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2248*
- Breakfast/Lunch with students *Vicki Jewell, 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: Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248

Genoa Central Elementary School makes a commitment to encourage parent and family engagement in all classrooms.

- Teachers are required to attend at least 2 hours of professional development every 4 years designed to enhance their understanding of effective parent and family engagement strategies. *Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, 870-653-4343*
- The principal is required to attend at least 3 hours of professional development every 4 years designed to enhance the understanding of effective parent and family engagement strategies and the importance of leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent participation. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*
- 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, parent and family engagement activities planned throughout the year, a district calendar, and parenting brochures. The parent and family engagement plan is given to parents at parent teacher conferences. The survey for volunteer interests is conducted via an online form at Meet the Teacher night. *Responsible Person: Vicki Jewell, 870-653-2248*
- All parents are offered a choice between a digital or hard copy of a school handbook that includes the school's process for resolving parental concerns as well as policies and procedures of our school. *Responsible Person: Vicki Jewell, 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 October 26th at 3:45 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: Debbie Huff, 870-653-4343*