



Georgetown News

January 19, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY

21 Marco's Night
22 PTC Meeting 7:00p

30 ECSE Sleigh Ride

FEBRUARY

2 Jet's Pizza Night

11 M/W K Valentine Parties

12 Valentine Parties
12 Father/Daughter 50's Sock Hop
6:30p-9:00p

13 **NO SCHOOL**

16 Play to Learn
16 Marimbamania Assembly

19 PTC Meeting 7p
19 Wendy's Night

20 Popcorn Day and all school PJ
Day!

MARCH

2-4 PTC Basket Raffle
2-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

4 Health Videos Grades 4/5

5-6 **NO SCHOOL**

10 Lansing Field Trip for 4th Grade

17 Kindergarten Round-up
10am and 7pm

17 PTC Meeting

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A Note from Mrs. Reagan

Dear Parents,

The winter chill has arrived! Due to the extremely low temperatures (air and wind chill), the children were inside for recess everyday this week. We are hoping for a "warmer" week next week so that we can resume our normal recess schedule which allows for running, playing and fresh air. If at all possible (and the weather permits), please encourage your children to go outside and play this weekend.

We have been updating our blogs (school and classrooms) 2-3 times a week. They are full of information regarding school events and classroom events. PLEASE make sure that your register for email updates on the school blog as soon as possible. This is the best way to stay on top of school events and announcements. Our paper supply is running low, and in an attempt to save paper for teaching/learning work, we are reducing the number of paper announcements sent home. We do have a list of families who have requested paper copies. If you prefer paper copies, please make your child's teacher aware. For those of you who can build in the routine of checking the blogs, you will quickly discover that information about schedules, events and activities that are happening throughout the week.

Blog address: <http://georgetown.edublogs.org>

Finally, attached to the newsletter is a letter to all parents about the plans for Kindergarten in the 2009-10 school year. This letter is from Mrs. Suzanne Curro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. In short, due to budget cuts state wide, the state will not be fully funding pre-kindergarten beginning next year. As a district, we will support our kindergarteners in this change and meet their needs in every way possible. Please know that we are focused on supporting learners at all ages, and we will make necessary adjustments to meet the children's needs. If you have neighbors who have incoming kindergarteners who will be the first in the family to attend Georgetown, please share this information with them. Also, encourage these parents to register for the school blog email updates. I will be posting any new information about funding and the kindergarten round up news to the blog frequently.

Stay warm and have a wonderful weekend!

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School News

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Just a few friendly reminders from the office. We have been having some parking issues here at Georgetown. We have families here that rely on using the handi-cap parking spaces that are available and especially with all the snow and ice we have currently it is **IMPERATIVE** that you **DO NOT** use these parking spaces unless you have the sticker on your license plate or in your front window. Just so you are aware, we do have Ottawa County officers that patrol our parking lots occasionally and you could be ticketed for this. Thank you for being considerate.

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AFTER SCHOOL CHANGE IN PLANS

It would be **greatly appreciated** by the office staff and the teachers that if you have a change in plans for after school transportation that you **send a note** with your child to school for them to give to the teacher. It gets extremely busy here at school and sometimes the important details can be forgotten when given throughout the course of the day. It is also helpful for the teachers to have the note "in hand" as a reminder for the end of the day as this is a very hectic time in the classroom. It also helps the teachers with students who are worried about having a change in plans or their routine for the end of the day. Multiple interruptions to the classroom are very disruptive. **Thank you for your help with this matter!**

For the safety of your children if they **do not have a note** stating that they will be picked up after school or may be going home with a friend, etc. **they will be put on the bus** as usual or sent home in their usual manner. Please for your children's safety and confusion here at school **send a note for any alternative plans after school!! Thank you!!**

Please remember to be prompt and considerate when picking up your students after school. We have been having some issues with students not being picked up on time after school. All students should be picked up by 3:45. Thank you for your help with this! We really appreciate it!!

PE NEWS

The PE Apparel sale has started. The BRIGHT pink order form should have come home with your student this week. Please fill out the provided form and return it to school by **Wednesday, January 28th!**

SNOW DAY PROCEDURE FOR HOT LUNCH

With snow just around the corner, the food service program would like to remind parents and students about what will happen if school is closed due to weather. If your district is closed, the menu that was supposed to be served on the snow day will be moved to the next school day. An example: if school is canceled on Tuesday due to weather, Tuesday's menu will be served on Wednesday and the menu that was scheduled for Wednesday will be completely canceled. Because of our computer lunch account system, there will be no need to issue credits and your student will still be able to order a lunch if they need one. The only exception to this policy is if school is canceled on Friday. In this case, Friday's menu will be completely canceled and we will continue with the regular menu on Monday. Information on what menu will be served on the day you return will be available on the food service web page at www.jenhudfood.org. Please feel free to contact the food service department at 457-2400 if you have any questions or are unsure of what the menu will be. Thank you!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Just a note to mark you calendars for the Father/Daughter dance. It will take place on **Thursday, February 12!** Note this is a Thursday night but the students **do not** have school on Friday. The theme this year will be a **"50's Sock Hop"!!** Please see the blog or have your daughter stop in the office for the sign-up form. **Forms need to be turned in to the office by Monday, February 2!**

PTC News

2008-09 Board Members: Kristi Fellows, Carrie Clark-Berry, Jamie Ham, Krista Lawrence

BOX TOPS - Our December Box Tops winners are as follows: Lower elementary winners are Elizabeth Ball (K-B) with 50 Box Tops and Carson Price (2-B) with 40 Box Tops. Upper elementary winners are Jack Nurenberg (4-J) with 206 Box Tops and Brianna Smith (5-B) with 128 Box Tops. These students will be awarded with gift cards from Blockbuster and Arby's for their collection efforts.

Our **January** competition is now under way and will continue until February 13th. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE LAST COMPETITION FOR THE YEAR.** The reward for this collection will be an ESPN Gridiron Electronic Handheld Football game and Hudsonville T-shirt for the top boy collectors in upper and lower elementary. The top girl collectors will receive a set of pom-poms and a Hudsonville T-shirt. Please have collection bags with your child's name and teacher clearly marked.

CASH FOR CASH - Don't forget to purchase your gift cards through our cash for cash program, some cards are available to purchase on the spot **Fridays from 3:15-4:00 in the Georgetown lobby.** We challenge each family to buy four \$25 gas cards before the end of the school year. This is a great way to make \$\$ for our school!

PAPER GATOR - Don't forget to fill the Paper Gator. If the bin is full, please don't leave your papers next to it, there is another Gator by the Middle School (near the tennis courts). Remember all your holiday gift wrap can also go in there!!!

Community News

These activities and promotions are NOT sponsored by the Hudsonville Public Schools. Activities and promotions are listed as a service to the Hudsonville Public School Community.

GEORGETOWN LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

Georgetown Little League in-person registration will occur on January 17 & 24 from 9 - 1 at the Jenison High School Media Center. Online registrations are open now and will run through at least February 14 with some divisions having late registration with a \$10 late fee until February 28. Little League is open to girls who are 5 before 12/31/08 and boys who are 5 before 4/30/09. If you live north of Port Sheldon and east of 56th Ave, Georgetown Little League is your Little League. More information is available at www.GeorgetownLL.com or you may call Rob at 437-5054.

