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Eagle Scout Project will Quench Thirst and Clean Hands!



A big thank you to **Matthew Pritchard**, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church. He is 17 years old and a student at Laguna Hills High School and working on becoming an Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle project, Matthew and members of his troop installed a sink and drinking fountain on the playground. Funds were donated by GCC parents and the Rowdies to offset the cost of this project.

Matthew stated that, "Geneva Children's Center program has touched so many families and I am excited to be able to earn my Eagle Scout by giving back to my church, GCC children and the community."

The children are so excited to have a drinking fountain outside and we know it will be well used by all who enjoy the use of the playground during the week and on Sundays.

Matthew, we say a big THANK YOU and wish you the best as you achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.



Director's Corner

The Jessie Rees Foundation was inspired by 12 year old Jessica Joy Rees. Better known as "Jessie." Jessie was a beautiful athletic, smart and compassionate girl who fought two brain tumors (DIPG) from March 3, 2011 to January 5, 2012. On that painful day, Jessie left an amazing legacy of love that her family foundation now continues.

During her 10 month courageous fight, Jessie focused on spreading hope, joy and love to other kids fighting cancer. She knew having cancer made kids feel lonely and limited, and as a result, Jessie felt empowered to help ease these feelings for those children fighting. Jessie shared her message to **NEGU (Never Ever Give Up)** to as many kids as she could. In addition, she stuffed and sent her "Joy Jars" to over 3,000 kids personally...64 oz. plastic jars stuffed full of love with fun, age appropriate toys. **Please see attached flyer: JOY JAR APPROVED TOYS LIST**

All toys must be NEW. Joy Jar's are 6 inches tall with a 4 inch round opening. Please make sure all toys can fit in the opening the size of the circle you will find on information sheet and are not taller than the line that is drawn on the same sheet.

Please help us by supporting this wonderful organization. This is a great time for your children to be a part of giving back to others. Please check out the Jessie Rees Foundation website for more information www.jessie.org. Donations will be accepted at GCC from Feb. 1-28th. **MAKE SURE YOU REVIEW THE LIST OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED** before purchasing.

GCC Year End Statements Now Available: All statements were placed in the sign-in book located on your child's sign-in page. Let Mrs. Sherry know if you did not receive a copy of the statement and we will be happy to reissue you one. Located on the statement you will find the tax ID number for your records. We thank you for your diligence in paying your tuition on time.

Parent Reminder: Children in our Extended Day Program need to be picked up between 3:00-3:30 to enable GCC to continue with our Full Day Program and for appropriate staffing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Calendar

- 2/1 Tuition Due
- 2/10 Valentine Collection
- 2/14 & 15 Valentine Parties
- 2/20 President's Day — School Closed
- 2/1-28 Collections for NEGU Charity, Jessie Rees Foundation

The Chapel Focus for February is Fairness

Pastor Steve and the GCC staff lead chapel times alternating Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:45-9:15 in the Sanctuary. The children listen to Bible stories, pray and sing. We sing a lot! The children have many favorite songs that they enjoy singing not only in chapel but during the week in their classrooms.

The dates for chapel this month are Feb. 8, 14, 22 and 28. Our Bible verse for the month is, "God...accepts men from every nation to do right." February's theme is "Hearts and Hands Around the World". The Character trait for the month is Fairness.

We welcome all parents, visitors and friends to come to chapel. We want to thank Mrs. Stirling for creating the lessons, Bible stories and songs for our chapel times. This is also a special time for us to celebrate birthdays and have help from our GCC children as we learn our monthly Bible verse.

Chapel is enjoyed by all of us.

"Imagine That" Summer Program to Begin June 19th

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner and will be here at Geneva Children's Center before you know it!

GCC's new summer program, "Imagine That" will begin Monday, June 19. GCC is a year around school so your child will automatically be enrolled in the 9 weeks of fun summer activities. \$100 summer fee due May 1st.

Mark Your Calendars

GCC will be closed the week of August 21-25 for fall preparation. This is the time for staff to clean, organize and prepare for the upcoming school year. The fall program will begin on Monday, August 28th, at this time children will transition into their new classrooms.

Xtreme Dance and Martial Arts Classes Optional Programs Offered at GCC



GCC offers optional programs to enhance your child's learning experience. Currently offered is the **Xtreme Dance Class**. Dance class meets Mondays, 3:30-4:30 and is available to all GCC students. At this time 15 GCC students now attend the Xtreme Dance and there is still space available. Class is \$60 per month. Pick up a flyer at the info booth or contact Mrs. Sherry, Director for more information.

New Martial Arts class to be offered at GCC. Family Martial Arts Center, Inc. of Lake Forest is now offering a new class here at GCC. This 45 minute class meets twice a week. The class is \$110 per month and includes a uniform, a \$40 value. Class is offered on a month to month basis, no contracts. Ten students are required to enroll before the program can begin. Time of class is to be determined. The program includes the basics that introduce discipline, concentration, self-confidence and self-control. Please contact Mrs. Sherry if you are interested. See flyer attached.

Handmade Valentines to Cheer Local Seniors

Geneva Children's Center will be making Valentine's in February, lots of them! The Valentine's will be given out to seniors from Geneva Presbyterian Church and to seniors of family and friends who are in need of being cheered up.

Most of the Valentine's will be handmade here at school but we are encouraging families to work together to make Valentine's at home. Please bring your homemade creations to school on or before February 10 and we will deliver them by Valentine's Day. Thank you!

Upcoming: Valentine Parties, Pizza and

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 14 and 15 will be our Valentine Pizza Parties and Valentine exchange. GCC will supply the pizza and your child may bring Valentine's to distribute to classmates.

Please see your child's teacher regarding handing out Valentine cards and to sign-up for goodies for the class party. Thank you.