

Geneva Day School



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A Monthly Newsletter for Parents, Friends, Staff, and Students

May 2010

Dear Geneva Parents, Friends, and Staff:

Marvelous May is here, and we are all enjoying the lovely weather and gorgeous flowers! The children's bulb planting efforts last fall are resulting in an amazing array of daffodils and tulips! Azaleas and tree blossoms are gorgeous, too! We hope you are enjoying the spectacular spring show of colors here at Geneva!

Our last month together will be as busy as ever! Classes are moving outside for lunch and snacks, work in the garden, plus seed planting and plant experiments. All have been enjoying nature walks, with some including the creek at the end of Goya. All are also studying insects through Painted Lady caterpillars and butterflies, ladybugs, and ants. Nature Center visits are scheduled for Locust Grove, Brookside, Meadowside, and Cabin John. The Pre-Kindergarten Classes are making Fairy Houses and collecting natural items for construction. The Kindergartners will be visiting the Recycle Center, baking and selling cookies for an elephant fund raiser, and raising chick eggs.

Some Earth Day events were moved inside on the 26th due to rainy weather. Nevertheless, all youngsters planted sunflower seeds in individual newspaper pots, contributed to class murals using natural elements (sticks, seedpods, evergreens, leaves, shells, and more!), listened to Earth Day stories, and planted an evergreen sapling to care for in each class (Thank you families for helping to collect these!). Morning students also observed a tree planting on the playground of a native Redbud tree. Rubin, from Good Earth, was an amazing teacher who

explained every step he took to insure that "our" tree would be off to a good start!

Parent-Teacher conferences are rescheduled for most classes at the end of May, so School will be closed on May 20 and 21, except for Kindergarten. Child care will be provided during the time of your conference on these days. Be sure to read the notices from your Teacher for more information and to sign up.

Other May events are also listed in this and Teacher newsletters, as we don't want your family to miss anything! Fun events as Field Days and Bike-a-thon, Art Show, Father-Child Breakfast, baseball game, and the End-of-year Celebration and Picnic are all amazing and fun! Mark them on your calendar!

Thank you for all of your support to your child's class and to Geneva Day School during the past year! We wish everyone a sensational summer! Best wishes to our departing Friends, as we will miss you all! We hope to see you back at Summer Camp (We have spaces—including for Graduates!), and for the GPA Popsicle Party in the Fall on September 10 at 5:30.

Once your child is a Geneva Student, s/he is always a Geneva Student! We hope that your scholar will return to visit Geneva Friends often and as their new school calendar permits!

Warm regards,

Suzanne Funk
Director

Marvelous May Events!

**May 5 and 6 – Field Days and Bike-a-thon - Outside
Wear your Class Color!**

**May 7 - Half Day Classes only – No PM classes
No Enrichment of After-care
Art Show Set-up**

**Return 5:30 – 7:30 for the Art Show!
Even for just a few minutes!
The School becomes an art gallery!**

**May 8 - GPA Father-Child Breakfast – Playground
Let Mom sleep in! From 9:00 – 11:00 am**

May 11 - GPA Meeting – 7:00 PM

**May 12 - Bowie Baysox Ball Game for some classes
Be at the game by 10:50 AM
Kindergarten sings at 11:05 AM**

**May 19-21 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
No School on May 20 & 21, except K
Child Care provided during conferences**

May 27 - Last Day of Classes

**May 28 - All-School Celebration at 11:30 in the Church
All-School Picnic from 12:00 – 2:00**

June 7 - Summer Camp Begins

Happy Summer!

April Activities!

Creek Walk – Open Classroom and All Day Class



Earth Day



Planting a Tree on the Playground



Kindergartners Hatch Eggs



Studying Bugs and Ants

