



GENESEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENESEE COUNTY'S REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

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Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center Cheerleading Festival

Coach Candy Wagner reports that the EKLC Varsity Cheerleaders hosted their Annual Cheerleading Festival on September 16. Varsity Cheerleaders from Swartz Creek, Davison, Grand Blanc and Carman-Ainsworth cheered, danced and tumbled for the whole school. It was a really spirited affair. It was the first event for this year's Varsity Bulldog Cheerleaders. The EKLC cheerleaders next performance will be at the Carman-Ainsworth Homecoming Parade on September 30.



The Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center Varsity Cheerleaders perform at the Annual Cheerleading Festival in September.

GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan and Annual Report Approved

Throughout the summer, GISD's administrative team reviewed the goals, objectives and outcomes of the 2001-06 *GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan* and developed the Annual Report. The current plan includes

the mission, slogan and belief statements adopted by the board of education on October 23, 2001. The five broad goals in the plan include increased student achievement, professional development, integration of technology, collaboration to address common needs and development of career and employability skills. At the September 13 GISD board meeting, Superintendent Thomas Svtkovich reviewed the goals, objectives and accomplishments of the 2004-05 school year, as well as the focuses for the 2005-06 school year. The GISD board accepted and approved the Annual Report as well as the *GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan*.

Support for Genesee County Sewer/Water Lawsuit Approved

Genesee County school districts are involved in an appeal process with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner with regard to water and sewer system connection fees and operation and maintenance charges for school buildings. It is the belief of the county superintendents and board members that the current schedule of fees and charges utilized by the Drain Commissioner reflect rates that are significantly higher than the districts should be charged, considering actual use of the system. The residential equivalent units (REUs) are significantly higher than those assessed in other Michigan counties.

At the current time, Carman-Ainsworth, Flushing, Grand Blanc, Lake Fenton and Linden are actual plaintiffs and are bearing the cost of the appeal and resulting lawsuit. They are asking that GISD join this action without cost or risk. By joining the action, GISD is showing a united front and supporting its constituent districts. Making this action a "class action" by the schools of Genesee County may result in cost-saving benefits for GISD sometime in the future should it need to expand

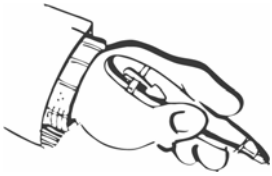
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its facilities. Several districts, other than the five noted earlier, have joined the appeal/lawsuit at no cost.

At the September 27 meeting, the GISD board approved a resolution designating GISD as a named plaintiff at no cost, affirming that GISD does not have formal plans or a pending application for new construction, expansion or addition.



Helping Those in Need

Hurricane Katrina struck a powerful blow to Gulf Coast residents. Millions of people were negatively affected by this destructive storm. The nation watched the devastation and reacted with help. GISD took a leadership role in our county to help people from the hurricane areas who literally lost everything. Our Health, Safety and Nutrition Services staff worked long hours in an emergency reception center set up by Genesee County Emergency Management at the McCree Center in downtown Flint. GISD represented Genesee County education by assisting with the relocation of students coming to our region. We acted as a partner with the Genesee County Health Department, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Genesee County Emergency Management, local churches, the Courts and a variety of social service agencies in providing resources for storm victims. On behalf of our entire school community and Board of Education, I extend my thanks to the staff who were involved in these special assignments. I also want to express my sincerest appreciation to all of you who contributed to this effort by giving money and other needed items, such as food, clothing and household goods. I can assure you, the items were greatly appreciated by the hurricane survivors who migrated to our area.

From a long list of transportation volunteers, Kathy McIntosh and J.R. Robinson were randomly selected to drive a GISD bus to Louisiana, at the request of Genesee County Emergency Management. They returned with 15 members of an extended family. I want to particularly thank our Transportation Services department and these two staff members who drove to Louisiana, returned with a family, and provided the first step in helping create a new start for these individuals. The family members from Louisiana are establishing a permanent residence here in Flint, seeking employment and moving forward with their lives. The children are enrolled in the Flint Community Schools and, with our help, are once again establishing a normal life pattern.

It is no surprise to me that GISD staff showed their support by helping victims of this terrible storm. GISD staff is known for its generosity. We lead Genesee County schools in supporting the United Way Employee Combined Campaign, and I'm sure that we will meet or exceed our goal once again this year. Our generosity has paid dividends for GISD programs and services. Last year we have received \$293,000 in grants from United Way for our programs, which provide direct support for students. As a GISD staff member, you can be extremely proud of your participation in our Employee Combined Campaign. As you can see, your gift is extremely important.

Over the last year, I have become aware of many special support efforts that have taken place, aiding members of our own GISD family who have been in need. We always seem to be able to step up to help when needed.

On behalf of our entire school community, our Board of Education and the recipients of our donations, I want to thank each of you for being a part of these initiatives. You have made a real positive difference in the lives of literally thousands of Genesee County students and community members. I know you will continue this wonderful tradition of help, support and giving. In return for our generosity, we know that we have helped someone in need or less fortunate. As a member of the GISD staff, I share your pride in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Property Transfer Hearing Date Set

GISD received a petition from Mark and Angela Woodfield, to transfer their property located at 7459 East Coldwater Road, Davison, from the Kearsley Community Schools to the Davison Community Schools. The GISD Board voted to conduct the hearing at 6:00 p.m. on October 11, 2005.

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Shared Business Services for Kearsley Community Schools Approved

Superintendent Jeffrey Morgan, Kearsley Community Schools, submitted a written request to purchase business management services from Genesee Intermediate School District. Superintendent Morgan has worked with Business Services to develop a conceptual model of services to be rendered and a pricing model for the services based on the actual cost of the employee billed back to the district on a per diem basis. The Kearsley Board of Education approved the concept on September 12, 2005.

At the September 13 meeting, the board authorized the GISD superintendent to continue to develop and implement the plan, as well as execute appropriate documents that define Kearsley Community Schools' shared business office relationship.



Donations Accepted

Generous donations to the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center and Health, Safety and Nutrition Services were received by the board. The donations were given by a parent, as well as Marshall Field's.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Melinda S. DeWyse, Bus Driver, Specialized Transportation Services; Patti J. Garvin, Bus Driver, Specialized Transportation Services; Pamela F. Koehler, Bus Driver, Specialized Transportation Services; Gale L. Luketich, Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Annette J. Ryder, Transportation Aide, Transportation Services; Nicole M. Troutt, Transportation Aide, Transportation Services; and Denise B. Williams, Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, MCIC Project CHOICE Classroom at St. Agnes.

Resignations Accepted

Resignations were accepted from: Erin Boillat, Health and Safety Facilitator, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services; and Vanita J. Wilson, School and Community Liaison, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

2005 Tuuri Day Focuses on Issues of 2015

What will be the challenges facing children and youth ten years ahead? What should we be doing now to prepare? Mott Children's Health Center will focus on these questions for its 33rd Annual Dr. Arthur L. Tuuri Conference, *Protecting the Health and Well-Being of Children/Youth in 2015: How Can We Prepare?* The conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Sarvis Center in Flint. The two keynote speakers will be Dr. Marvin McKinney, Program Director, Youth Development and Education, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Dr. Peter Gorski, M.D., M.P.A., Director of Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies, who is also the Professor of Public Health, Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Also invited to present is Dr. Carol Wilson-Spigner, D.S.W., University of Pennsylvania, whose expertise is foster care, adoption and welfare issues. Registration forms and brochures can be accessed at <http://mottchc.org/events2.asp>. The cost is \$50 (includes breakfast, lunch and materials) and \$25 for undergraduate students. For more information, call Ann Stewart at (810) 767-5750, ext. 5214.



Reading Recovery®

Reading Recovery News

The Genesee Intermediate School District Reading Recovery site served 449 students in the 2004-2005 school year and continues to be the largest site in Michigan. Since 1996, 95 teachers have served 4,187 first grade students.

Reading Recovery has eight new teachers in training this year. The following schools and districts are participating in the year-long university graduate class:

- Bangor West Elementary (Bangor Township)
- Randels Elementary (Carman-Ainsworth)
- Seymour Elementary (Flushing)
- Springview Elementary (Flushing)
- Stewart Community Elementary (Flint)
- Patterson Elementary (Holly)
- International Academy of Flint
- Chippewassee Elementary (Midland)

The university training class is held every Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Reading Recovery Center located in the Special Education Services Center – North at 5075 Pilgrim Road, Flint. You are invited to visit the Reading Recovery Center to observe a lesson.

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Forty-five trained Reading Recovery teachers from 13 districts and 28 buildings in the county continue to receive ongoing professional development services from our Genesee Intermediate School District site. If you have any questions, please contact Reading Recovery Coordinators Joanne LeBlanc (810) 591-4897 or Beryl Smith (810) 591-4487.



School Supply Drive

As you are aware, evacuees from devastated Mississippi and Louisiana have been relocating into communities served by GISD. These families qualify for homeless services under the *No*

Child Left Behind legislation. The law, of course, was not just written as a support mechanism for the families facing recent tragedies, but also to support those experiencing homelessness due to any other unforeseen circumstance. Genesee County has a large population of children that are homeless, including children living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, trailers, abandoned buildings or are doubled-up with relatives.

GISD's Health, Safety and Nutrition Services department serves as the homeless liaison for a tri-county region. GISD receives a small grant that provides funds for staff to educate schools and community service organizations of the rights of homeless children. Dollars are also used to create a collaborative support with local shelters in identifying and servicing homeless children. During the 2004-2005 school year, we distributed approximately 85 backpacks filled with needed school supplies. As homeless children face many challenges, this is one thing that can bring smiles to their faces.

As we face an increased need this school year, support from our peers is needed. GISD's Health, Safety and Nutrition Services is holding a School Supply Drive to replenish depleted stock and ensure that every child experiencing homelessness this school year will benefit from needed school supplies. Items needed:

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| Backpacks | Calculators |
| Single Subject Notebooks | Ink Pens |
| Filler Paper | Pencils |
| Pocket Folders | Glue Sticks |
| Pencil Boxes or Pouches | Elmer's Glue |
| Pencil Top and Pink Erasers | Markers |
| Rulers | Colored Pencils |

The School Supply Drive will be held throughout the month of October. Any supplies you can donate are truly appreciated. Supplies can be mailed or delivered to:

Health, Safety and Nutrition Services
Attention Catrina Wiskur—School Supply Drive

VSA arts of Michigan Exhibit

Genesee Intermediate School District's Davis Education Center has once again hosted the VSA arts of Michigan's Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit! This year's theme was "Cool Views 2005." The exhibit included 50 two-dimensional pieces, along with several clay vessels that had been created by VSA artists, along with artist-in-residence Sam Huff, at both Marion Crouse Instructional Center and at VSAMI-Genesee County's Festival at Kettering University in May.

Several GISD students' pieces were included in the exhibit, which was juried by Jack Olds, formerly with the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs and James Jennings, former director of Art Education for the Detroit Public Schools. Students who visited to see their artwork were impressed by the beauty and accessibility of the building, friendliness of GISD staff and the positive feedback they received.



Volunteers setting up the VSA arts of Michigan gallery pause to show off one of the many pieces on display.

Crim Runner

Jim Vanderpool, sub-courier and sub-custodian, completed the Crim 10-mile race in 2 hours 10 minutes. Congratulations, Jim!

40th Wedding Anniversary

Beryl and George Smith recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary (9/4/1965-2005) in New Zealand with a party for family and friends. Beryl is the Reading Recovery Coordinator in Education and Learning. Congratulations Beryl and George!

Flu Shots for GISD Staff

GISD will again provide flu shot vaccines at no cost to its employees. Staff may attend on any date and at any site that fits into their schedule. Please make arrangements with your immediate supervisor to ensure that your work area is covered prior to participating on district time. Flu Shot Schedule:

- **Tuesday, October 25, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., at Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center.**
- **Wednesday, October 26, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., at Erwin L. Davis Education Center, Room 101.**
- **Friday, October 28, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., at Erwin L. Davis Education Center, Room 102B.**
- **Friday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at Special Education Services - South.**
- **Tuesday, November 1, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center.**

Employees' Daughter Competes in CANUSA

Christine Burt, age 13, daughter of David and Diane Burt, was selected for the United States CANUSA softball team in the 14 and under bracket. David is GISD's maintenance coordinator, and Diane is an accountant in Business Services. The family traveled to Hamilton, Ontario the weekend of August 5. Chris played third base and shortstop. In addition to making some great plays during the games, she was able to bring back with her many exciting memories. The USA girls softball teams ended up winning five games to one against Canada. Dad and Mom are definitely proud parents and expressed that they had the opportunity to meet parents and athletes from Canada who were just as proud. GO USA!!

Family Addition

Andrea LaMay, paraprofessional at EKLC's Project CHOICE classroom at Durant-Tuuri-Mott, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Saturday, September 17, 2005. Logan Keith weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. This is the third child for Andrea and husband Gary. Congratulations, Andrea and Gary, on the new addition to your family!

Proud Grandparents

Regina Taylor (Transportation Services Dispatcher/Router) and her husband Terry are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Gavin Michael Taylor, born Friday, August 26. He arrived early, to everyone's surprise, weighing 6 lbs. and was 19½ inches long. Grandma states the new family is doing very well after a short stay in the hospital for mom and son. Congratulations to the Taylor family!



Countryside Crafters Fair

**November 5, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
at EKLC**

The Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center is located on the corner of Van Slyke and Maple Roads. The crafters fair will feature handcrafted items for sale, a bake sale and a café for lunch. Shuttle bus service will be available from Carman-Ainsworth High School. No baby strollers please.

October Birthdays

1	Phyllis Clark	EKLC/CHOICE
1	Vicki Waltrip	SESC
3	Diana Drake	EKLC
4	Debra Lanctot	Transportation
4	Patricia Sanford	EKLC
5	Lisa Hocutt	EKLC/CHOICE
5	Sharon Welch	Transportation
5	Gary West	Transportation
6	Antonio Johnson	Transportation
6	Priscilla Smith	SESC
6	Eric Wood	Mott Middle College
7	Kristine Kelly	EKLC
7	June Rice	Transportation
7	Roger Schlosser	Transportation
8	Maxine Pratt	Davis Ed. Center
8	Debra Wedding	EKLC
9	Placido Dias	MCIC
11	Pamela Corey	MCIC
11	Theresa Kelly	SESC
11	Lee Rossmassler	Mott Middle College
12	Delia Garza	Transportation
13	Elaine Andres	Transportation
15	Marlene Cooper	Transportation
15	Laurie Potter	EKLC

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16	George McCarthy	Transportation
18	Carl Lewis	Davis Ed. Center
18	Shannon Warren	Transportation
19	Karolyn Habbershaw	Transportation
19	Marilyn Henson	Health
21	Darryl Leeper	EKLC
22	Michele Marcy	EKLC
22	Mark Newton	MCIC
22	Angelin Skinner	Transportation
23	Janet Donnelly	EKLC
23	Deloris Eddins	MCIC
24	Beth Harvey	MCIC
26	Jacqueline Morgan	ECPS
27	Pamala Legutko	ECPS
28	Belinda Linn	Davis Ed. Center
28	Roy Sovis	Davis Ed. Center
29	Holly Christensen	Davis Ed. Center
30	Sharon Campbell	EKLC
30	Janis Jennings	EKLC
31	Paul Holdren	Mott Middle College
31	Bradley Irwin	Davis Ed. Center

November Birthdays

1	Barbara Prevett	Davis Ed. Center
1	Judy Torok	Transportation
2	Tina Hardy	Davis Ed. Center
2	Mary Staley	MCIC
3	Barbara Fetrow	EKLC/CHOICE
5	Laura Caballero	Reading Recovery
5	Barbara Wilson	MCIC

GISD Jobs

GISD's Human Resources and Operations department is accepting applications for numerous positions. Online applications are available at www.geneseeisd.org. For more information, call Cindy Workman at (810) 591-4404 or visit GISD's Human Resources and Operations department at 2413 West Maple Avenue in Flint.

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