

# Gaines Elementary School NEWSLETTER

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GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

In addition to teaching our **No Putdowns Program** we also have a **Good Citizenship and Courtesy** theme for each month. During November it was **Being Thoughtful and Showing Appreciation**. On the morning announcements I talked about this theme throughout the month. I reminded the students to be thankful and grateful for all that they have; to thank parents and grandparents for what they do for us; to treat older people with respect and kindness; saying "Thank You"; writing Thank You notes to those who give us gifts; and being a generous person who doesn't brag, whine or think about himself or herself all the time.

For December our theme is "**Showing Love, Respect and Loyalty**". I will talk to your children about showing love toward parents and other family members; about knowing that parents and grandparents make sacrifices for their children/grandchildren; offering to help younger children and parents; making things easier for older people and disabled people; helping people who are in need; and being loyal and supportive of friends and family.

One of the things that I repeatedly tell students is that it is their obligation to go up to their older relatives and greet them in a warm and friendly way. I tell your children not to wait for the older person to come to them. I tell them that it shows respect and older people are very impressed with a child who will take the first step with a simple "hello". The Holiday Season brings lots of opportunities to practice this friendly and respectful skill.

Sincerely,  
Michael Gibbons, Principal

Thurs., Nov. 19

## **BURGER KING for PTO**



Here's how it works. The **THIRD THURSDAY** of EVERY MONTH there will be a can on the counter at the Burger King restaurant on Miller Road in Swartz Creek. When you make a purchase, just tell the cashier you want your purchase to go toward Gaines Elementary School. The receipt will go into the can and the PTO (our school) will receive a percentage of the sales.



Fri., Nov. 20

MRS. MELVILLE'S SECOND GRADE CLASS SPONSORS THE **BAKE SALE**.

**FIELD TRIP** TO IMPRESSIONS 5 MUSEUM for Mrs. Sherman and Ms. Loney's classes.

Wed., Nov. 25

**BAKE SALE** SPONSORED MRS. WYKES' FIFTH GRADE CLASS

Thurs., Nov. 26

**THANKSGIVING DAY: NO SCHOOL**



Fri., Nov. 27

**THANKSGIVING RECOVERY DAY: NO SCHOOL**

Tues., Dec. 1

**PTO MEETING:** 4:00 PM at the school.

**TOYS FOR TOTS** COLLECTION BEGINS

Thurs., Dec. 3

**MARKET DAY PICK-UP:** 4:45 PM in the cafeteria.

Fri., Dec. 4

**BAKE SALE** SPONSORED BY MRS. SHERMAN'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Tues., Dec. 8

**SANTA'S CHRISTMAS STORE and  
CRAFT BAZAAR**



9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Visitors may shop after 4:00 PM.

Our students will be able to shop for friends and family members during the school day (every class is scheduled to visit the

Christmas Store

at an assigned time during the day).

PLUS, this year parents and other

adults will be able to shop after school and until 7:00 PM in the evening.

Parents are needed to help students with their shopping during the day and as gift wrappers. Call Barb Parker at 810-591-1075 or Michelle Denton at 810-444-5259

Wed., Dec. 9

**FOOD DRIVE** BEGINS

Thurs., Dec. 10

GAINES COMMUNITY BAND **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at 2:30 PM.



Fri., Dec. 11

**OLD NEWSBOYS COLLECTION:** GAINES ELVES

**BAKE SALE** SPONSORED BY MRS. ATHERTON'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

**END OF THE FIFTH WEEK** OF THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD

PTO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: 7:00 PM.

Our first movie of the school year is PG-rated: "UP".

Mon., Dec. 14 **TOYS FOR TOTS** COLLECTION ENDS

Wed., Dec. 16 **FOOD DRIVE ENDS**

**PROGRESS REPORTS** GO HOME

Fri., Dec. 18 **BAKE SALE** SPONSORED BY MRS. STACKPOLE'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

Tues., Dec. 22 **HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG**: join us for Holiday Songs at 2:30 PM.

Wed., Dec. 23 **FIRST DAY OF WINTER BREAK**

## **THANK YOU**

to parents who provided morning snacks that were served before students took the MEAP tests in October

Shellee Hoadley  
Stephanie Fick  
Jean Barber  
Noell Hickey  
Lisa Huntley  
Char Brunger  
Holly Kopesky  
Jenny Torok

Kellie Feudale  
Cyndee Marsh  
Wes Seeba  
Leslie Chapman  
Lynn Burt-Ryerson  
Cindy Faulkner  
Tim Butterfield  
Vicki Defoe

Flo Proulx  
Matt Bauserman  
Kim Colmer  
Cheryl Crandell  
Tammy Eby  
Michelle Denton  
Monica Hawcroft  
Michelle Cross

## **THANK YOU**

to the parents who popped corn for our recent Popcorn Wednesday.

Shellee Hoadley

Michelle Denton

Kim Colmer

## **THANK YOU**

to the parents who worked at our Book Fairs in September and November.

Erin Carnes  
Sarah Christensen  
Michelle Denton  
Kelli Feudale  
Shellee Hoadley  
Brandi Larobardiere

Renate Soto  
Tiffanie Vandendries  
Robin Wensaut  
Lee Ann Bleau  
Kim Colmer  
Tina Ritchie

Nicola Loomis  
HS/MS Students:  
Jacob Soto  
Alex Etheridge  
Amanda Cavanaugh

## **THANK YOU**

to

**Stephanie Fick**  
for helping us during our Student Picture Day.

Parents: if we inadvertently excluded your name from a list, please give us a call. MG