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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Friday! Membership day was Wednesday. We had a phenomenal attendance rate of 97%. Another great job Genesee STEM Academy students, parents and staff! Also special thanks to one of our awesome Genesee STEM Academy grandparents, Mr. L.B. McCune who was instrumental in creating a partnership with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) organization at Kettering University. This group graciously donated 300 beautiful book bags to each of our students. Another shining example that teamwork truly makes the dream work.

Progress reports were sent home on Monday. If you did not receive a copy, please contact your child's teacher.

Great news! Phase 2 of the school is complete. We now have usage of another wing of the building which includes the foyer, multi-purpose room, teacher's lounge, server room and additional restrooms. This new space will allow for more classroom space and collaboration.

On October 31, 2016 we will host our annual Fall Festival. During this event, students can wear their school uniform or dress up in clothing that reflects the career that they are interested in. For example, last year many students dressed up as scientists, doctors, and health care professionals. Please be advised that students are **not allowed to bring any toy weapons to school at any time, even if they dress up as a police officer**. In addition, students are not allowed to dress up as monsters, superheroes, etc. Again our theme is careers. Please keep this in mind as you do your shopping. Also during this event, we invite parents and community members to speak to our student body about their chosen career. If you would like to participate or refer another person, please contact the school.

Speaking of careers, today Ms. Crowder's first graders became Apple Scientists. The class made various predictions about apples, including whether they floated in water. After reading an article, they discovered whether their predictions were correct. All of the students were engaged as they learned about this healthy, vitamin filled fruit. Fabulous job!

Lastly, thank you for adapting yesterday when we had to cancel school due to plumbing issues that we were experiencing inside of the restrooms located on the lower level of the school. The problem has been fixed and though we do not anticipate future plumbing issues it is important that we have current phone numbers on file. The phone numbers will be inputted into a phone notification system that will be used during emergencies. Currently, school closings are posted on the ABC12 news station, geneseestem.com, and Facebook. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Coulter

Genesee STEM Academy Mission

The mission of Genesee STEM Academy is to provide a safe, nurturing environment for students to develop a passion for lifelong learning, a strong academic foundation, and exposure to the key fields of science and technology, engineering, and math.