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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Friday! It's been an exciting week as students returned from their "Brain Break"! One of our school focuses for this week has been revisiting our Genesee STEM Code (GSTEMA) and demonstrating what it means to follow the code. Students have been making connections to the school, home, and community code of expectations. If you don't know the GSTEMA Code ask your student to explain; it will reinforce their learning and understanding. **G-Give Respect; S-Stay Safe; T-Think Collaboratively; E-Encourage Excellence; M-Make Responsible Choices; A-Adapt**

Next week the Technology class will celebrate the National Coding week with their own coding exploration. Some of our students began their coding experience last year with our Coding After School program. Coding is implemented into the curriculum grades K-7 at varying levels of difficulty. The students were thrilled to meet "Ollie" a robot Ms. Vermilya shared with students to demonstrate one way coding is utilized and set the stage for their coding experience next week!

Based on my observations it's necessary for me to remind parents electronic devices, including cell phones are not allowed at school. We understand parents give their child a cell phone as a safety measure to contact them when leaving from the bus. Unfortunately, some students aren't using their phones for this purpose. If students have their cell phone out during the school day, including the bus it will be confiscated and may lead to disciplinary actions. If you have questions regarding our policy please contact the office.

We are actively preparing for our "Holiday around the World" Winter Festival! **The date has been changed to December 17th to include our Pre-School students.** Our program will be held during the school day to maximize student participation and learning experience. Parents are invited to come and enjoy the day! More information on "Holiday around the World" will be sent home next week. Mark your calendars and plan to experience their fun educational journey.

The Parent Ambassador meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15th at 8:30am-9:30am with a continental breakfast. You are cordially invited to attend and help us with strategies to improve our school.

Employment opportunity is available at GSTEMA. If you have a Safe Serve certification and would like to work in our food service program please contact the office.

Our After School Programs will begin when we return from winter break.

Sincerely,

H. Rita Cheek

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.