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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy first Friday of the 2017-2018 school year! We're off to a great start and are ecstatic that you selected Genesee STEM Academy, the first STEM certified school in Genesee County to educate your child. Monday was an extraordinary day for everyone young and old as we all observed history with the total eclipse! Our 4th-9th graders enjoyed a week long excursion filled with team building, STEM fieldtrips and hands-on learning. Our GSTEMA scientists learning about natural disasters in a 4D state of the art theater at the Detroit Science Museum. On Thursday, the students visited Cranbrook as they explored Native American and Egyptian history. Three Cranbrook staff members stated that our 7th-9th graders were the most well behaved students that had visited the campus in 10 years. Superior job! Special shout-out to all staff and especially Mr. Harris who helped to expose our students to these phenomenal opportunities. I invite you to visit our website at www.geneseestem.com to look at some of the students engaged in learning! The Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have been having fun building relationships and learning grade level expectations.

Shout out to the huge amount of parents who attended the mandatory Parent Orientations held on August 15, 16, and 17. We had an awesome turnout. Because many families wanted to attend but could not, we have added an additional Parent Orientation on Monday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting for parents who did not attend a previous session.

Parents, please adhere to the following policies in order for us to continually improve our school. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:30 a.m. In addition, breakfast will not be served after 9:00 a.m. and students are not allowed to bring pop (soda) to school. Also, students will not be allowed to have bus or parent pickup information changed over the phone. Students must bring a signed note stating any bus or parent pickup changes. Lastly, please do no park along the walkway. Instead park in the parking spaces for drop off and pick up. This will reduce congestion and improve safety.

Important Dates:

- **Brain break/No School-Friday, September 1, 2107**
- **Labor Day/No School-Monday, September 4, 2017**
- **Classes Resume-Tuesday, September 5, 2017**
- **Progress Reports Sent Home-Monday, September 18, 2107**

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.

Welcome Back Parents!!



This is an exciting time for both new and returning students, and I am so happy to have an opportunity to work with you, and the students. You are your child's first teacher and therefore it is so important that we work closely together to make sure they are ready to become successful in everything they do. My role will be to collaborate with Genesee STEM parents to improve and support the wellbeing of all students.



Parents please mark your calendars to attend our Parent Ambassador meetings. They will be the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise stated. It's only once a month, and I will try to communicate ahead of time some of the things that will be on the agenda.

The first Parent Ambassador Meeting will be on Tuesday,

September 19, 2017 from 4:00-5:00pm. The YMCA and Boys and Girls Club will have information available to sign your students up for afterschool. MTA will also be there to discuss bus concerns and answer questions.

Mr. Harris and I would like to meet with all 9th grade parents on September 19, 2017 right after the Parent meeting from 5:00-5:30 pm.

Parent Ambassador Meeting Schedule for 2017

- **September 19, 2017**
- **October 17, 2017**
- **November 14, 2017**
- **December 12, 2017**
- **January 16, 2018**
- **February 20, 2017**
- **March 20, 2018**
- **April 18, 2018**
- **May 16, 2018**
- **June 13, 2018**

Please read your Friday letter every week for any date changes due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Purches-Waller
Parent Involvement Coordinator**