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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Friday! GSTEMA students continue to demonstrate their versatile skill set and talents. This week was the world premiere of the "No Bullying" video created by some of our 4th and 5th grade musical geniuses who participated in the Bangtown after school class. The video expresses our school's position against bullying and promoting the school code which includes staying safe and encouraging excellence. The after school programs concluded yesterday and Ms. Gassel's art students marked the end with a nice chalk mural on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance. Great job to all of our after school staff and students!

**Citizenship awards were sent home today.** Please check to see if your child earned this very important award that shows that they are following the schoolwide rules.

**NWEA MAP make up testing will begin next week!** It is important for every GSTEMA student to do his/her best on this very important test. Silver and gold Presidential Awards will be given to each scholar who meets or exceeds their NWEA MAP goal. Parents, please encourage excellence on this very important test. Let's go GSTEMA scholars!

**Did you complete your yellow re-enrollment application for next school year?** Please do so as soon as possible. Also, parents we need your help to recruit students to the only STEM certified school in Genesee County. Seats are filling fast!

**Parents, remember that students should continue to come in full uniform every day.** That includes a solid-colored collared top and black, navy, gray or khaki bottoms. Blue jeans and t-shirts are not permitted. Students are expected to wear closed toe shoes.

#### **Important Dates To Remember**

Kindergarten Graduation-June 15 @ 11 a.m. (admission with ticket only)

6th grade Recognition-June 19 @ 11 a.m.

8th grade Graduation-June 19 6 p.m.

Students Last Day-June 20

Physical Fitness Day-June 20

End of 6th Marking Period & 3rd Trimester-June 20

Report Cards mailed home-June 26

Have a great weekend!

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.



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

There has been a case of hand, foot, and mouth disease identified in our school. The information below has been provided by the Genesee County Health Department.

**What is hand, foot, and mouth disease?**

- Common viral disease of the skin and mucous membranes caused by enteroviruses. Small, blister-like sores appear in the mouth, backs of hands, and palms, tops of feet and soles.

**What are symptoms that could occur?**

- Fever
- Reduced appetite
- Sore throat
- Painful sores develop, but not itchy

**How is it spread?**

- Person to person by direct contact with nose or throat discharges or stool of infected person
- Most contagious during the first week of the illness
- The usual period from infection to onset of symptoms is 3 – 7 days
- It is not transmitted to or from pets or other animals
- Mainly occurs in children between 6 months and 4 years of age
- Virus can stay in the body after the symptoms are gone, which means the disease can still be spread

**How is it diagnosed and treated?**

- Primary care provider evaluation
- Treatment is aimed at relief of symptoms

**How can it be prevented?**

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing utensils with infected people
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as toys and doorknobs

**Should the sick individual be isolated?**

- The spread of infection is extremely difficult to prevent and the condition is harmless. Although most individuals are contagious from 2 days before to 2 days after the rash, avoidance of other children is unnecessary unless a fever is present or there are sores in the mouth.

**When can the individual return to the general population?**

- Temperature is below 100°F for at least 24 hours without medication
- No sores are present in the mouth

**Should facilities do special cleaning?**

- Special cleaning is not necessary. Routine cleaning with EPA approved products is recommended on commonly touched surfaces.

**If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?**

- Call the Genesee County Health Department at 810-257-1017