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Happy Friday! The Disney Lion King students are going to see the Disney musical Anastasia this Saturday! Thank you Mrs. Breed and Mrs. Mosley for volunteering to chaperone and allow our students to be exposed to this wonderful opportunity. You are appreciated!

How many blue ribbons have you earned on Study Island? So far the leading classes are Mrs. Smith, Ms. McDole, Ms. Gilley and Mrs. Cason. A brand new round of this contest has started! All GSTEMA students are encouraged to enter and strive for academic excellence. Students will be rewarded a \$5.00 Robotbuck for every Blue Ribbon earned on Study Island. The top winner for each class will earn \$20.00 in Robotbucks. The top class will earn a free gym or technology time. The top ten families/teams/individuals will earn a free dance in the gym.



Grades K and 1

1. Log into Education City.
2. Earn an 80% or more on each assignment.

Grades 2-6

1. Log into Study Island.
2. Earn as many blue ribbons as possible.

Grades 7-10

1. Log into Study Island.
2. Earn as many blue ribbons as possible.

Perfect practice leads to perfect results. Parents, please be reminded that Study Island is a free online tool that we offer to students to help them become top scholars. Study Island prepares students for success in math, science, social studies and reading. It also prepares them to do well on the M-STEP test and the NWEA MAP test.

All K-10th grade students will take the winter NWEA MAP test in two weeks. This is our time to shine! All students are expected to demonstrate growth and reach their target score. Please contact the school to speak with your child's teacher about their current score and goal. Parents, please encourage your child to demonstrate excellence.

Important Dates

January 21 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
January 23 and January 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.
February 5 – NWEA Testing Begins
February 13 – Spring Count Day
February 18 – President's Day (No School)

Have a rejuvenating 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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Michigan prepares for early issuance of February food assistance

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) plans to issue Food Assistance Program benefits early for February.

For food assistance clients, Michigan will begin issuing February benefits on Saturday, Jan. 19. Clients who don't receive their benefits on that date should receive the funds the following week. That means the 1.2 million Michigan residents who receive food assistance will have benefits to feed their families in February even if the partial federal government shutdown continues.

The early food assistance benefits are not additional benefits and there will be no food assistance payments in February. **MDHHS strongly encourages families to budget the funds they receive in January so they can meet their food needs through the entire month of February.**

"MDHHS is pleased that the department is able to work with its federal partners to make sure Michigan families have food on the table in February," said Terrence Beurer, MDHHS deputy director of Field Operations Administration.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has directed states to issue February food assistance benefits early. In Michigan, food assistance benefits are usually issued to clients according to a numeric schedule over a 21-day period throughout the month. USDA officials identified this one-time early benefit distribution of food assistance as a chance to provide the benefits during the shutdown.

At this point, MDHHS believes that Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits will be available for states to issue in February without interruption. In Michigan more than 200,000 mothers, pregnant women and children from birth to age 5 receive nutritional food through WIC. MDHHS will provide more information as details are known.

January food assistance and WIC benefits are being distributed according to the normal schedule. Learn more [on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website](#).

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