



General Herkimer Elementary

Alicia D'Ambrosio, Principal

Main Office 792-2160 Bus Garage 792-2212

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BUS BEHAVIOR

The main office requires proof of residency before changing an address and/or bus. Also remember, the new bus can take up to 3-5 days to take effect. Also, please remind your children of the expected bus behavior. The Bus "**Code of Conduct**" is available for you in the main lobby.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL OR ON BUSES

Please remind your child(ren) to leave all their electronic devices home, such as phones, iPods, tablets, etc. Any student carrying a device will be disciplined accordingly. Electronic devices will be confiscated until a parent picks it up at school. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen devices

NURSE'S NOTE

Please be AWARE & ALERT in order to prevent further illnesses. By taking these steps you are not only being considerate of classmates, but of school personnel as well.

When your child is kept home or sent home with a fever, he/she is NOT to return to school until they have been **FEVER FREE for 24 hrs. WITHOUT MEDICATION**. The same applies to VOMITING.

OTHER SYMPTOMS:

- Loose/Constant Cough
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Sore Throat/Body Aches

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

Please note that missing more than **10** days of school is considered to be chronic absenteeism. Be sure that your child is on time for school and attends school for the whole day.

Check out our list of **OVER 25 Fun, Free Activities** on page 3.



FEBRUARY 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Tomato Pie 
4	5	6 Ice Cream Sale 2/8/19	7 	8 2 nd /3 rd Grade Valentine's Dance 5:30-6:30
11	12	13	14 	15 Tomato Pie 
18	19	20	21	22
MID-WINTER RECESS				
25	26	27 PBIS Assemblies 10:00/2:00 Caring 2 nd Grade Performance	28	

March Upcoming Dates

March 1 st	Spring Picture Day & Tomato Pie Sale
March 4 th	Book Fair Begins
March 8 th	Dress Like your favorite Storybook Character
March 8 th	Ice Cream Sale & Book Fair Ends
March 11 th	Smilestones Graduation Portraits for Kindergarten and Sixth Grade
March 15 th	Wear Green Day & Tomato Pie Sale
March 15 th	½ Day Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 20 th	ENL Parent Meeting
March 28 th	PBIS Assemblies (Kindergarten)
March 28 th	4 th Annual Penny Auction
March 30 th	NO SCHOOL

SOCIAL WORKER SCENE

*****Free things to do with your child over Winter Break*****

It's difficult to keep kids busy these days, especially when the weather doesn't cooperate. Here are some ideas of activities to engage in that cost very little to nothing to occupy your children and to make great memories.

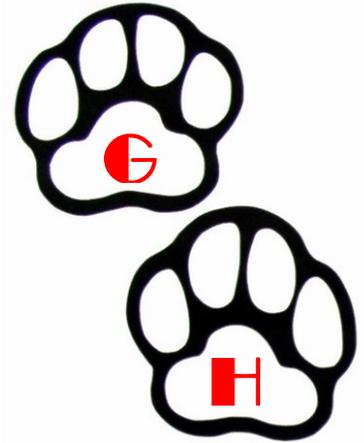
OVER 25 Fun, Free Activities:

- Go to your local fire station for a tour. Call ahead to be courteous.
- Pitch a tent in the living room. Camp out with sleeping bags and pillows.
- Take turns reading books aloud.
- Make a bird feeder out of pine cones and peanut butter for the back yard, and wait for visitors to arrive and enjoy it!
- Frequent the library for fun seasonal media.
- Color pictures to mail to nursing homes and hospital patients.
- Attend a free kids' woodworking or crafting workshop at your local hardware or craft store.
- Volunteer your time at a food bank together.
- Host a toy swap with friends and get tons of free new-to-you toys!
- Use blankets and sheets to build a fort in the living room.
- Trace one another's silhouettes using the back side of old Christmas wrapping paper.
- Make customized hot chocolate. Let your child add pumpkin spice, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger to personalize his or her favorite hot drink recipe (don't forget marshmallows).
- Turn on your favorite tunes and have a dance-off.
- String up a sheet and paint or draw faces on hands. Then, write a script and act out a puppet show.
- Start seeds indoors. Try lettuce for salads and lavender for relaxation.
- Unearth last year's Halloween costumes and act out your own spontaneous drama using the characters.
- Have a board game marathon.
- Give each other manicures.
- Exercise together.
- Get online and video chat a distant relative or friend. If they're not online, use your web cam to record a message and send it to them.
- Redecorate. Rearrange furniture and artwork until you and the kids are satisfied. Then, do it again!
- Learn to draw together for free, using [online video tutorials](#).
- Play free games online. No internet access? Hit the local library to get your game on.
- Create your own fairy tale. Start with the classic "Once Upon a Time..." opener, and take turns combining classic story elements to make your own. Record what you come up with!
- Shovel driveways for the neighbors together.
- Visit the local humane society to give (and receive)

Vision

Become lifelong learners
Ensure personal best character at home and in school
Approach learning opportunities with positive attitudes
Remain respectful and responsible citizens

Partner with all stakeholders to encourage success
Ambitiously pursue academic growth
Work towards proficiency in all academic areas
Strive to be safe and peaceful contributors to society



Every month we will be focusing on one aspect of General Herkimer's Vision Statement.

This month the focus will be:

Strive to be safe and peaceful contributors to society

What are some examples?

When you see someone in trouble, lost, confused, or upset provide some help. Show a child how to achieve calmness through deep breathing. Show a child how to be kind to animals, to be vulnerable to people, the homeless, those with physical or cognitive disabilities, older people, and anyone else that appears different to the child. Speak out against prejudice and discrimination when you see it. When you feel angry, count to ten before saying anything. Then, ask yourself what response will be best for the greater good. Choose a career that yields only good things for our families, our communities, and our planet. Celebrate successes in the quest for peace and nonviolence.

~Carrie Steckl, Ph. D.

- **Life Skills Focus: Caring**
to feel and show concern for others.
Taken from Susan Kovalik LIFESKILLS



Parent Survey

Dear Parents (Guardians),

February 2018

Collaboration between home and school is essential to your child's academic, social, and emotional success in school each year. I hope you will join me to continue the strong working partnership between school and home. Below is a list of various activities for you to complete at home with your child to show your support and commitment. Please check **at least 2** of the boxes below that you feel you can successfully complete with your child throughout the school year:

- Clean out and prepare backpack daily
- Read for 15 minutes daily
- Parallel read
- Practice spelling words daily
- Practice math facts daily
- Practice High frequency words daily
- Practice time telling (elapsed time)
- Discuss what has been learned in school daily
- Sign up for class Dojo
- Check the school website for information/updates regularly
- Make word problems and solve together
- Play a board game/card game
- Take a NATURE walk and talk/write about it
- Play "SCHOOL" and let your child be your teacher

Thank you in advance for your assistance in completing this survey. I'm really looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year! Please return this survey to school by February 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Alicia D'Ambrosio

Principal

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

