

## **Superintendent Report 2/2/24**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. We had wild weather in January, resulting in six Emergency (snow) Days. In fact, according to KWQC, this was the 2nd snowiest January in recorded history, 2nd only to my first January in 2019. Thursday, February 8th marks our 101st day of student attendance.
2. Staff had a great day of learning during the January 26 inservice. As a way to support social and emotional learning growth across the district and to support Board Goal #5 (“The Board of Education shall provide Social and Emotional Learning and mental health support for students and staff.”), [Lani Lawson](#) came back to the district and presented techniques and strategies to help our students be more successful in the classroom.
3. I want to congratulate Nate O’Dell for being awarded the Blackhawk Region Illinois Principal Association Middle School Principal of the Year! His information and credentials have been forwarded to the state IPA office for entry into the state-level competition. This is well deserved and reflective of the hard work and dedication he has put into being principal at Geneseo Middle School.
4. I also want to congratulate Brooke Emmerson for being awarded the Blackhawk Region Illinois Principal Association Assistant Principal of the Year! Her information and credentials have also been forwarded to the state IPA office for entry into the state-level competition. Brooke has made a positive impact in her short time at GHS and will continue to grow as an administrator.
5. Our Early Childhood Education Expansion Committee thought it would be helpful to have a resource that provides an overview of preschool and daycare options in Geneseo. Attached to this report is the document that Adam Fluck created from information provided by committee members.
6. I will be attending the [National Conference on Education](#) in San Diego (February 15-17). I look forward to learning from some of the nation’s best educators and presenters and connecting with colleagues from the national superintendent certification program.
7. GHS will again welcome local businesses and organizations for a [job fair and career expo on Friday, Feb. 16](#) at the Geneseo Foundation Activity Center. Travis Mackey is organizing the event and says over 50 employers are planning to attend.
8. Also on the employment front, members of our staff will be attending a pair of college job fairs next month, the UNI Spring 2024 Teacher Fair on March 1, and Western Illinois University’s Education Career Fair on March 8.
9. Congratulations to Larry Johnsen Jr., who on March 23 will be inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame. Attached is the ad that will run in the IHSFCA’s Hall of Fame book.
10. In case you missed the postcard from IASB, the next two Blackhawk Division meetings are:
  - a. Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 at Stark County CUSD 100
  - b. Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30. It is a virtual meeting.
11. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:

- a. Special Presentation
  - i. GHS Social Worker Melanie Rice and teachers Sheila Puls and Megan VerStraete will present on transition opportunities for our special education students at GHS and beyond.
- b. 2023-24 School Calendar Amendment
  - i. I am recommending we move the make-up day for our 6th emergency day to Monday, April 1, which is currently the last day of our Easter break. If we don't have any additional emergency days, our last day of student attendance will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024 as reflected on the school calendar approved in February, 2022. An updated calendar is attached under Board Work.

# GENESEO PRESCHOOLS

## AN OVERVIEW OF PRE-K OPTIONS IN GENESEO, IL



### WHY DOES GENESEO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #228...

#### SUPPORT PRESCHOOL:

One in six Illinois children enter kindergarten without the skills to be successful.

Today's kindergarten classes are about much more than finger-painting and music time. Students learn mathematics and are taught how to read. Kindergarteners who don't already know letters and numbers will start their school year behind the students who do.

Preschool is the best way to ensure your child is ready for kindergarten.

### HOW WILL PRESCHOOL...

#### BENEFIT YOUR CHILD:

- Research-based literacy and math activities
- Experiences designed to teach self-regulation and reflective thinking
- Activities that promote make-believe and problem-solving skills
- Learning upper and lower case letters, shapes, patterns and colors
- Health and wellness activities

### GENESEO PROGRAMS:

#### LADDERS TO LEARNING

Overview: Half-day preschool program that serves 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds not eligible for kindergarten.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

AM Session: 8:15-11:10; PM Session: 12:15-3:10

Qualifications: Admission is based upon the scores from screening results in the following areas: Vision and hearing, speech and language, cognitive, gross motor and fine motor skills, and a parent interview questionnaire.

#### BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Overview: As a part of the Geneseo Park District, teachers help children grow, learn and get ready for kindergarten through a 3-class program.

Days/Hours: For 2023-24, Twinklebrights (2-3 years old) are 11:15 am-noon on Tuesdays OR Thursdays; Starbrights (3-4 years) are 8:30-11 am OR 12:30-3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Kinderbrights (4-5 years) are 8:30-11 am OR 12:30-3 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Qualifications: Fees are based on member or non-member status with discounted pricing available for household and youth memberships.





# COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE; CONTACT PROVIDERS TO LEARN MORE**



## **PARTIAL DAY PRESCHOOL OPTIONS\***

### **Little Green Apple (First Methodist Church)**

3-year olds - Tuesday/Thursday

4- & 5-year olds - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

[PeopleNeedJesus.org](http://PeopleNeedJesus.org) | 309.944.6199

### **Concordia Lutheran**

3-year olds - Tuesday/Thursday AM

4- & 5-year olds - Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM

Pre-K (5-year olds only) - Monday-Friday PM

[GeneseoLutheranChurch.com](http://GeneseoLutheranChurch.com) | 309.944.3993

### **First Lutheran Church**

3-year olds - Tuesday/Thursday

4 & 5 year olds - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

[FirstGeneseo.org](http://FirstGeneseo.org) | 309.944.3196

### **GUMDROPS Playgroup (Grace United Methodist)**

6-week fall and spring sessions for

ages 2-5; caregiver must be present

Wednesdays 9:15-10:30 am

[GeneseoGrace.com](http://GeneseoGrace.com) | 309.944.4208

*\*Details are subject to change. Please contact the providers to confirm the above information.*

## **FULL DAY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS**

### **GENESEO DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH**

Programs: Full day care infant and toddler care, two year-old full day care, and full day preschool

541 E. North St., Geneseo, IL 61254

[GrowthIncGeneseo.net](http://GrowthIncGeneseo.net) | 309.944.5024

### **GENESEO CHILD CARE**

Overview: Daycare center that serves Geneseo and its surrounding community with two locations

20965 E. 900th St., Geneseo, IL 61254

209 W. Exchange St., Geneseo, IL 61254

[GeneseoChildCare.com](http://GeneseoChildCare.com) | 309.323.9502

Child care can be costly, and the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program can help you pay for it. The program makes it possible for families and guardians who qualify to receive financial help. It pays for child care costs so you can work, attend training, or school. Learn more: [IllinoisCaresForKids.org](http://IllinoisCaresForKids.org)





ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION  
**HALL OF FAME**



*Congratulations!*

**LARRY JOHNSEN JR.**

**HEAD COACH  
GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL  
2004-2023**

**145-67  
.684 WINNING  
PERCENTAGE**

**CLASS 4A STATE  
RUNNER-UP  
2009 & 2013**