



THE COURIER

THE GENEVA
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 21, 2006

New Home for Pre-K and Kindergarten

"The new building will enable us to spread our wings and expand an already quality program," said Mrs. Carol Reaves, Geneva's Early Childhood Director. "Six years ago Kindergarten had its own building and we discovered it afforded us many advantages. I anticipate that this new building will offer us many of the same opportunities and more. For example, we will have more parking for parents. This will allow parents (and grandparents) to participate more frequently in their children's education and programs. The Pre-K and the Kindergarten will have the building to themselves. I can envision that the creativity of our program will expand to fill the 8,000 square feet of space that we will have to enjoy."

The new facility that Carol refers to is the former Covenant Presbyterian Church facility on Howell Branch Road east of SR 436. This building, recently used by Destiny Church following its sale by Covenant, has been acquired for use by The Geneva School. It is located about two miles east of SR 436 on the south side of the road, and is accessed by turning onto Grand Avenue.

Because the common areas of the church were refurbished and upgraded a few years ago, almost no renovation will need to be done to a large part of the building. The kitchen is commercially designed and outfitted with facilities that exceed the kitchen in our current building. The main restrooms and the auxiliary handicapped restrooms are likewise in excellent condition and will need no improvement. The entrance foyer and receptionist area are well suited to our needs and will prove to

be a very welcoming environment. A number of offices are also newly created and will give our on-site staff privacy and a networked office capability.

Currently there are four large classrooms and an open sanctuary space of about 3,600 square feet. The four classrooms will be slightly reconfigured and totally refurbished, and the large open space currently used for worship will be subdivided into large classrooms as well. New floors, ceilings, and walls will be built, all with a view of recreating the same look and inviting environment that we have come to enjoy in our current facility.

The exterior space includes parking for 50 or more cars, a circular drop-off and pick-up, and a fenced playground area behind the building (with new equipment to be installed).

An architect has already been secured and is beginning to consult with us regarding our plans for the conversion of the interior space. It is expected that the work will begin in March and be completed early in the summer, allowing for a smooth transition of the Pre-K and Kindergarten into their new home.

Carol Reaves also commented that this new space will enhance the extended day for the Pre-K students (the schedule for next year permits the Pre-K students to be in class from 8:30-1:30 each day) and will allow the program to grow so as to have two classes of Pre-K during this same time period.

Jan 2: Faculty/staff workday	January 2007	Jan 22: Open Enrollment begins
Jan 3: Back to school for all students except Pre-K	Jan 8 - 12: Express Re-enrollment (returning families only)	Jan 25: College Financial Aid Information Meeting ~ 7:00pm
Parent/Teacher Conferences for Pre-K	Jan 11: Substitute Teacher Orientation and Training ~ 9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Jan 26: NO SCHOOL
Jan 4: Back to school for Pre-K	Jan 16: Prospective Parent Open House ~ 7:00pm	Feb 7: Prospective Parent Open House ~ 7:00pm
Jan 5: Reports cards sent home (grades 3 - 12)		Feb 9: Valentine's Dance (Grades 7 - 12)

The Geneva School 13th Annual Auction Gala

Saturday, February 24, 6:00

The Orlando Expo Center

500 West Livingston Street ~ Orlando, FL 32801



An Evening with the Bard

AUCTION ITEMS

We are still in need of items for the auction. Do you own a vacation property or timeshare and could you donate a week's stay? Do you have a service you could donate or know someone who can? Would you ask owners of businesses you frequent to donate their products or services? Do you have an idea for an item that you could share with us? Please be creative and partner with us as we work towards having a great variety of items to auction off on February 24. If you can help in this regard, please contact Sarah Cloke.

CONSIDER SPONSORING THE AUCTION

There are many sponsorship options ranging from \$1,500 to \$50,000. Please see the sponsorship brochure included with this issue of *The Courier* and consider if you or your business could help to sponsor the auction. If you would like to be a sponsor or would like more information, please contact our Development Director and Auction Chair, Larry Loftis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The auction is a massive undertaking, requiring the time and talents of many Geneva friends. If you are able to assist with any part of the auction (e.g. making phone calls, soliciting donations or sponsors, helping with set-up, picking up donated items, etc.), please contact the school and ask for Pattie Fulmer.

INVITATIONS

Invitations will be mailed in early January. We hope to see as many parents, grandparents, and friends of Geneva at the auction as possible. Please make plans to be there. If you are sponsoring a table, be thinking now of friends and family you will invite to sit with you. Each table hosts eight guests.

Since its founding in 1993, The Geneva School has been committed to offering scholarships to families who need financial assistance in paying tuition. Because of this commitment there is always a budgetary gap that has to be raised through fund-raising. This school year that scholarship gap is over a half million dollars. This is a significant amount of money, but it represents a generous response to the needs of our families. The Lord has always provided for Geneva, and we pray that He will continue to do so.

The Annual Spring Auction Gala is one of Geneva's biggest fund-raising events of the year. Please consider how you can be involved to help make this year's auction an evening to remember.

CONTACTS

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Grammar School News



Above: The Pre-K pilgrims prepare for their Happy Harvest program (Joy Farley, Lily Hendrix, Elizabeth Troutman, and Kate Knight).

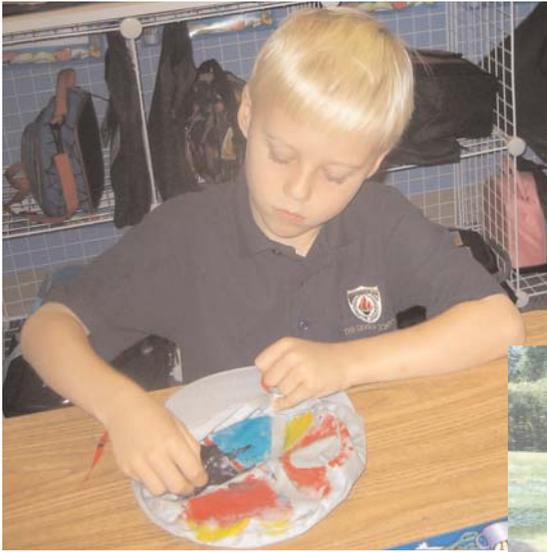
Right: Maggie Bucko and Lauren McDaniel visit one of the craft tables at the Pre-K and Kindergarten Fall Festival.



Left: Farmer Marcus Miceli milks Old Bessie down on the Kindergarten farm.

Right: Abby Burkett, Molly Martin, and Isaac Shiflett sing songs of praise at the Kindergarten Thanksgiving presentation.





Left: Greerson McMullen prepares his cap for the “Caps for Sale” Parade.

Below: Thomas Sonnie is having his war paint put on by Jimmy Sawgrass at Fort Christmas.



Right: Celia Miller, Erin Denney, and Allison Dooling solve a clue by measuring with inches during The Amazing Math Race, a field trip which was held in October for second-grade students.



Left: Cassidy Goble looks on as Patricia Abely holds a baby duck during the second-grade visit to Green Meadows Farm. A visit to the farm brings to life the book by Patricia MachLachlan read in class, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*



*Lessons and
Carols
December 4, 2006*

Rhetoric and Faculty Choir



First United Methodist Church of Winter Park hosts our Service of Lessons and Carols

*And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us, and we
have seen his glory, glory as of
the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*



Fifth-Grade Choir

The Geneva School

2025 State Road 436

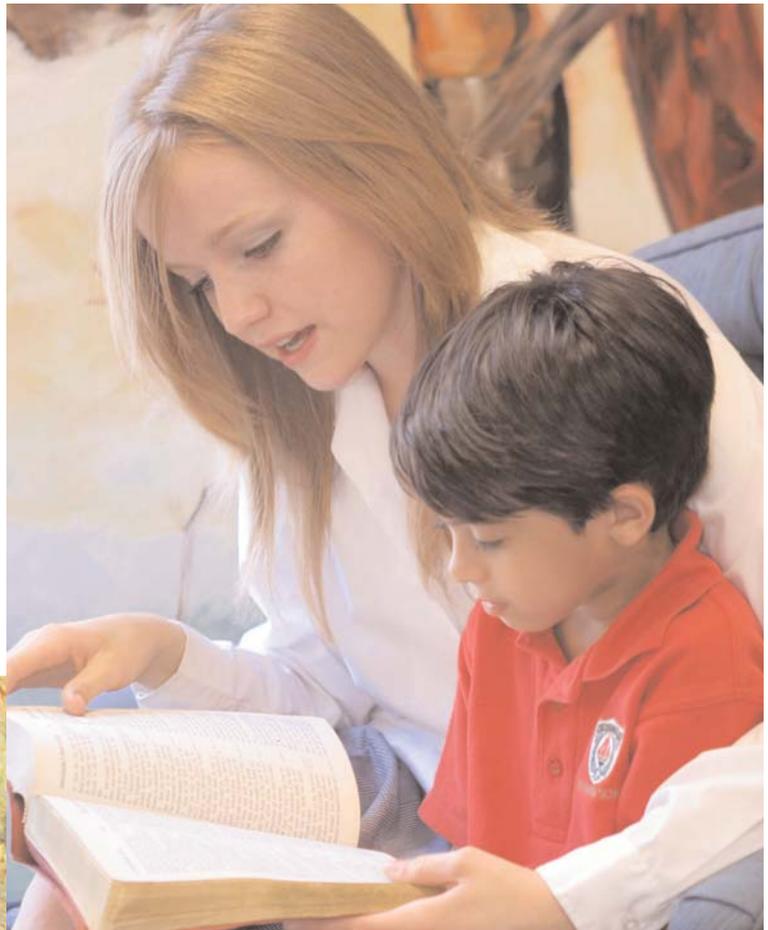
Winter Park, FL 32792

www.genevaschool.org

Community Open Houses for Prospective Parents

*Tuesday, January 16 &
Wednesday, February 7
7:00 p.m.*

*Optional tours
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.*



Kindly RSVP to Deb Scholz
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dbscholz@genevaschool.org

Please note that childcare will not be available.