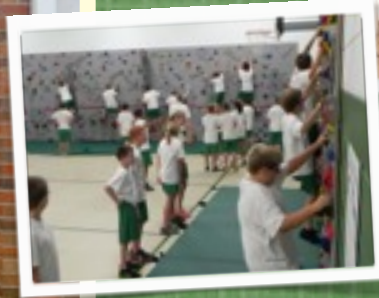


Geneseo Middle School

FEBRUARY 2012



Our Wonderful PTA

Our community shares several wonderful traditions. Our athletic, musical, and artistic successes are something to be proud of. The various events and facilities around the community, are warm, inviting and engaging. Several groups engage and support citizens through a variety of ways.

One group that stays actively involved, ready to support is our PTA. The PTA is concerned with helping students, teachers, parents, and everyone else interested in the growth of our youth. Their intent and motivation is simple and consistent...help the education

and development of our children.

If you have not joined PTA in the past, I urge you to consider doing so now. It only costs \$5 and that money supports local efforts as well as efforts at the state level to continue providing the necessary resources to our children. By joining PTA, you are under no obligation to attend meetings or volunteer your time, although both are highly suggested and welcomed.

In the past, the PTA has looked at different presentations and

events that would be of interest to parents. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to

PTA is still accepting memberships. Please contact Mr. DeBaene or Mrs. DePauw at GMS for ways to join this excellent organization.

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GMS: On the Same Page

Geneseo Middle School's Community Book Club

2012 Program Details

Book:

One-Handed Catch by M.J. Auch

What's the book about?

It's July 4, 1946, and Norm is eleven years old. A tragic accident leads to the amputation of his left hand, and his life is forever changed. How will Norm, his family, his teachers, and his friends all react to this change? What will happen to his dreams of playing baseball? Read the book to find out!

How can I get a copy of the book?

Students will be presenting book talks at many area organizations. If your organization would like to schedule a book talk, please contact Brian Hofer (bhofer@dist228.org). Free copies will also be placed around Geneseo or can be picked up from the GMS office during regular school hours beginning January 9, 2012. We ask that when you have finished reading your copy, you pass it on to another potential reader.

How can I get involved?

- Read the book.
- Comment on the book at the Discussion link on our blog
<http://gcsdblogs.org/onthesamepage/>
- Attend our culminating presentation by the Wounded Warriors

What are the Wounded Warriors?

The students were motivated by how Norm faces adversity in this book. As a culminating project, we have invited some special guest speakers who have faced similar adversity. Many soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan have returned as amputees. Some of these wounded veterans play on the Wounded Warriors softball team
<http://www.woundedwarrioramputeessoftballteam.org/>. Two of these athletes will be visiting our students on March 27 to share their experiences with our students. The public is welcome to attend this event.

What all is going on for the culminating day on March 27th, 2012?

Two Wounded Warriors, Kyle Earl and Greg Reynolds, will give three presentations during the school day at Geneseo Middle School (8:43 a.m., 10:18 a.m., and 1:38 p.m.). At 5:00 p.m., there will be fundraiser meal for the Wounded Warriors. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Geneseo Middle School office for \$5.00. Kids under 5 eat free. At 6:30 p.m. there will be one more Wounded Warrior presentation.

For more information about *GMS: On the Same Page*, please contact program coordinator Brian Hofer at bhofer@dist228.org or (309) 945-0599 or visit their blog at <http://gcsdblogs.org/onthesamepage/>.

Geneseo MS On the Same Page 2012

3rd Annual Community-Wide Reading Project



Wounded Warriors Fundraising Dinner

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

at Geneseo Middle School cafeteria

Tickets \$5.00

(Ages 5 and under eat free)

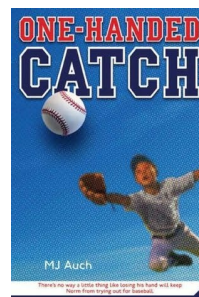
Dinner tickets for sale at GMS beginning February 1.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Presentation 6:30 p.m. at GMS gym

This presentation is free to the public and will include:

- Two Wounded Warriors Amputee softball players sharing their experiences and demonstrating their softball skills
- Geneseo native and veteran Tyler Hoogerwerf
- GMS student-created projects centered on this year's book: *One-Handed Catch* by M.J. Auch



For more information about the dinner, presentation, or reading program, go to

<http://gcsdblogs.org/onthesamepage>,
email bhofer@dist228.org, or call 945-0599