



Geneva Area City Schools



Cork Elementary

October Edition 2026-2027

Contact Us: **440-466-4831 ext 5001 and 5004** Listen to the options to report an absence.

Find out information at: Cork PTO Facebook page, Classroom DOJO * certain teachers use this, PTO meetings, The Cork Chronicle, GACS website, robocalls/texts, check your students book bag nightly and their planner if in grades 3-5.

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Import Dates/Events

Calendar of Events 2026-2027

Date	Event
OCTOBER	
2nd	Geneva High School students will be here to greet our students as they walk in. You might see some past Corkers outside ready to greet our students as they get dropped off in front or on the side by the buses. It is so nice to have the high schoolers back to visit!
2nd	Friday Ice Cream returns to the cafeteria.
9th	No School
13th	Bookmobile grades 3-5
14th	PTO Meeting - Cork Library 3:30 pm
21st	PTO Trunk or Treat - Cork Parking lot from 6:00-7:00 PM Come try our delicious popcorn from our new Popcorn machine! A special thank you to Ellcey Clark's family, Tyrone and Robin Dory, for their generous donation of the popcorn machine.
23rd	End of the 1st 9 weeks
23rd	Flags for First Grade classroom program
30th	Fall/Halloween Party Day
30th	Report Cards go home

NOVEMBER	
4th-6th	PTO sponsored Book Fair
5th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 PM-8:00 PM
6th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:15 AM The remainder of the day is dedicated to professional

NEWS and EVENTS

Final Forms: PLEASE go into Final Forms to make sure you have signed all forms and are receiving texts and emails. Most communication will come from Final Forms texts or emails. If you want to be informed, you need to update information.

Fall/ Halloween Party and Parade: The first party of the year!!October 30th. Students will wear their costumes to school. Please make sure it is an easy to manage costume. There will be individual classroom parties with parent volunteers to help with activities and treats. There is also a parade in which students walk around so they can see each other's costumes. Depending on the weather, we parade around the building then out to the playground on the blacktop.

Party Information:

Time: The party will begin at 1:45pm. Volunteers can arrive at 1:30pm. ** Each teacher might have a different time according to their schedule and/or specials. Check with your child's teacher.

Costumes: May be worn all day as long as they are school appropriate with no weapons or blood. Please avoid masks as it is hard for students to see when they are walking around the classroom and at recess. Shoes must be worn.

Volunteers: In order to volunteer, your child's teacher should have contacted you to plan for your assistance. Volunteers will need to make arrangements for younger children as they are not allowed to attend- district procedures. Be prepared to present your driver's license at the office to check in.

Parade: Begins at 2:40 pm. The party ends at 2:45pm. If volunteers are picking up their child, please have a note to us before the 28th.

The "Flags for First Graders" program is a community outreach civics presentation where local veterans or volunteers visit 1st-grade classrooms to teach children about the history, symbolism, and proper respect protocols of the U.S. flag.

Program Overview

- **Duration:** Typically a fast-moving, 20-minute interactive presentation.
- **Core Topics:** Counting stars (50) and stripes (13), identifying historical versions of Old Glory, explaining what the colors mean, and teaching basic flag etiquette

School Pictures: School pictures were on Monday, September 28th. Make- up/Re-Take picture day will be Nov. 5th

FCA: Fellowship for Christian Athletes, FCA, is a club that is offered to Elementary through High School students across Ashtabula County. FCA is launching a club at Cork Elementary beginning Tuesday, October

6th. It is offered to all 3rd-5th grade students and they meet during the student's lunch time every week. Permission slips are being sent home. This club meets by parent permission only.

REMINDERS:

The K-5 Student Handbook is available online. **Pay particular attention to dress code guidelines and the conduct code.** The principal or classroom teacher has reviewed the handbook, along with student procedures if someone is bullying them, with the students the first few weeks of school. Please let us know if you require a paper copy.

Drills: By law public schools are required to perform monthly safety drills: Fire, Tornado and Lock Down. A Lock Down **does not** mean there is an active shooter. There are many different scenarios that require the use of a Lock Down.

Medications are distributed by prescription only and require the signature of a parent and physician on a Geneva Schools Medication Form. **Medications may not be transported by bus. Parents or guardians will need to check in their medicine with the nurse or office staff.**

Party Dates:

Oct. 30th Halloween party and parade

Dec. 18st. Winter party

Feb. 11th. Valentines Day party

**** Parties begin at 1:45pm** Classroom teachers will make arrangements for Parent volunteers if needed. Volunteers will need to check in at the office when they arrive.

Progress Reports: Update to our student progress reporting process. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, we will no longer be issuing interim reports at the midpoint of each quarter. Report cards will still be sent home at the end of each quarter.

We understand the importance of staying informed about your child's academic progress. To support this, we encourage all families to regularly use ProgressBook, where you can view up-to-date information on grades, assignments, and overall performance at any time.

In addition, our teachers remain available and committed to open communication. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to them directly at any point throughout the year.

Report Cards sent home and posted on Parent Access:

October 30, 2026

January 22, 2026

March 26, 2026

June 10, 2026

Laws and Regulations:

Multi- Tiered System of Support: Every year, we use a Universal Diagnostic Screener- NWEA MAP to identify or predict students who may be at academic risk. The diagnostic is given 3 times per year to check

progress. Beginning of the year, mid year, and end of the year. This allows us to monitor progress and growth along with meeting the individual needs of our students.

RIMP-Districts and schools must annually assess the reading skills of each student in grades K-3. If students are found to be reading below grade level a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP) must be created and interventions must be implemented. Parents are a critical part of this process. Your child's teacher will be notifying you if your child has been placed on a RIMP.

Attendance: We understand that absences can happen for many reasons, including illness, family emergencies, or other challenges. Our goal is to work together to address any barriers you might face in regard to school attendance. You will receive notifications from the principal when your child is reaching absence hours

"Per **Ohio House Bill 96**, which altered state laws regarding student attendance, a principal's alignment with these standards focuses heavily on **Chronic Absenteeism** (tracking all missed instructional time, excused or unexcused, at the 5% and 10% thresholds) rather than just tracking unexcused truancy. "

Soaring Eagle: What all Cork Students Strive to be

SOAR acronym

S- Stand Up for Everyone Everyday.

O- Organization - be ready for each day.

A- Always do your best.

R- Respect adults, classmates and yourself.

Bored, too much time on your hands??? 😊Join the Cork PTO!

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