



Patriot Press

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Attendance-Key to Success

We're on the web:

<http://www.gcsc.k12.in.us>

September Calendar

Labor Day- No School	Sept 3
PTO Meeting 2:30 p.m.	Sept 11
V.I.P. Day (Very Important Person) 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Sept 14
Book Fair Begins	Sept 24
Picture Day	Sept 25

Harris Elementary is responsible for teaching your child. But we can't do our job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Children can make up an assignment, but they can never get back what is most important: the discussions, directions, questions, explanations by the teacher, and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your

child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background-one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

Harris Elementary has issued an attendance challenge. Each day, every class that has perfect attendance displays a pennant outside of their classroom to denote that "we're all here." The students and staff are excited to see the number of classes that are reaching that goal. Individual students who have perfect attendance for the entire year will receive a medal. Harris has set a 97% attendance rate for the entire year.

Safety During Arrival and Dismissal

Mission Statement

Harris Elementary School will provide high level learning for all students, in a positive and safe environment that provides opportunities for all learners.

Please remember that ALL car traffic should be at the north (back) side of the building. Follow the flow of traffic or park your car in a parking space and walk up to drop off or greet your child. Please do not park in the business parking lots across from Harris. We appreciate your patience and kindness as we work to make sure each child is delivered safely to their vehicle each day.

ONLY BUSES are allowed to drop off and pick up students in the front of the building each day.

Students walking to and from school should use the side-walks and cross streets carefully and safely.



Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 7:30 a.m. All other students may enter at 7:40 a.m. The safety of our children is our highest priority! Thank you so much for helping us with this endeavor.

7:30 am-Breakfast

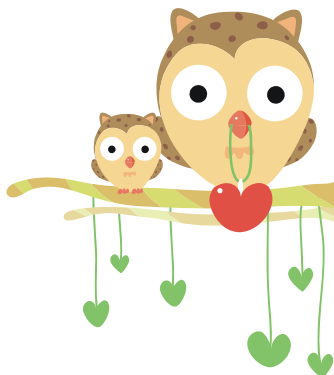
7:40 am-Students

enter and report to their classroom

7:50 am-Tardy Bell

Character Quality: Respect

The definition for respect is "Caring for others, myself and property."



The 5 "I Will" statements are:

- I will use manners and kind words
- I will treat others the way that I want to be treated
- I will listen with polite attention when others speak
- I will take care of property
- I will follow rules and obey laws.

A Successful Partnership Starts Early in the Year

Students, parents, and teachers working together in the learning process are one of the keys to having a successful school year. Some things that parents can do during the first weeks of school are: Get to know your child's teachers, and the earlier the better. Even if you attended the Meet Your Teacher night, write a note, send an email or make an appointment to talk with the teachers early in the year. Plan to attend par-

ent-teacher conferences, but don't wait until conference time if you have questions or concerns. It helps teachers to know everything they can about your child. Share important information that can make it easier for teachers to understand your child. Harris Elementary has a school social worker, Mrs. Nichter, who can offer suggestions, coping strategies or help to families or children in need. Find out what is expected. Ask about home-

work and other special assignments. Help your child make or purchase flash cards and practice math facts. Read classroom newsletters and the Patriot Press which is sent home monthly. Make sure your child comes to school on time each day. Attendance is important. Learning builds day by day. Even the best teachers can't do the job if your child is absent.

Welcome New Staff!

Harris Elementary warmly welcomes:

Mrs. Erin Harmon-Kdg. teacher

Mr. Marc Redick-Kdg. teacher

Mrs. Kathleen Nicholson-2nd gr. Teacher

Mrs. Leah Bewley-Title I Teacher

Miss Megan Long-Title I Teacher

Mrs. Ashley Jones-Art Teacher

Mrs. Laura Frederick-Interpreter

Mrs. Jennifer DeArmond-Instructional Assistant

Mr. Josh Bassett-Instructional Assistant

Newsletter Email

Harris Elementary continues to work on "going green." One way to help the environment is to conserve copy paper. Many of you gave us your email addresses at registration. Beginning October 1st, we will be emailing the Patriot Press Newsletter to your email address. We will continue to send home a paper copy to those of you who request one.

2012-2013 Boys Basketball Information

Registration: Register by sending in through your son's school office, through the mail, or online.

The registration form can be downloaded or register online from the GCYBB website at

www.gcybb.com. Registration for boys basketball begins in September and closes the second week of October. After registration is closed, a waiting list will be started.

Time Commitment: The Little Cougar recretational league runs from the beginning of November to the week before Christmas Break. Typically, the teams will practice **one** time per week and play **two** games on Saturdays. Weekday practices are scheduled to begin and end somewhere between 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The younger the age division, the earlier the practice time. Typically, all K-2nd grade teams will practice from 6pm to 7pm. 3rd and 4th grade from 7pm to 8pm, and 5th and 6th grade from 8pm to 9pm. Saturday games begin and end somewhere between 9:00am to 5:00pm. Practices and games will take place in Greenfield-Central school district gyms only.

Author of the Month

Kami Swift
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Congratulations to these authors!



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