

# Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

October 1, 2012

## Riley Parade for grades 2 and 3

We're on the web:  
<http://www.gcsc.k12.in.us>

### October Calendar

Riley Parade of Flowers Gr. 2 & 3	Oct. 5
FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL	Oct. 8-19
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7:30 pm	Oct. 23
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7:30 pm	Oct. 30

Harris students in grades 2 and 3 will participate with all Greenfield-Central school students and staff in the annual PARADE OF FLOWERS. The date of the parade is Friday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m. All students participating in the parade are asked to bring live flowers.

You will need to arrive early and be positioned on Main Street east of State Street.

The order of schools is Eden, J.B. Stephens, Harris, Weston, St. Michael's and the Home School Cooperative.



Once your child's school has been to the James Whitcomb Riley Statue, it would be considerate of you to move to another location so others may watch their child's school. Students will return to Harris Elementary and will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time.

### 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.

## Character 1st Students for September

Congratulations to the following students:

Lyla Henderson  
 Andrew Love  
 Caleb Curry  
 Zosia Fedor  
 Jessica Merritt

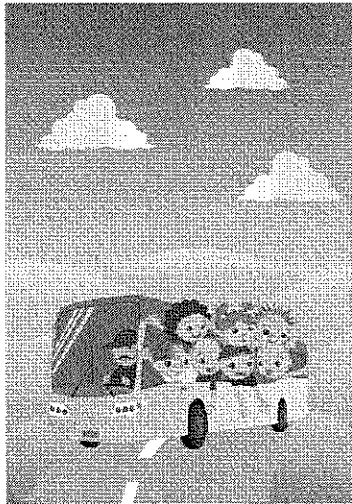
Austin Rubio  
 Aaron Lee  
 Nathan Stepler  
 Alyssa Cass  
 Noland Flick

Josiah Findley  
 Sarah Easley  
 Gabrielle Jordan  
 Emily Dill  
 Dewayne Perron  
 Cameron Thompson

## Character 1st Students for August

Congratulations to the following students:

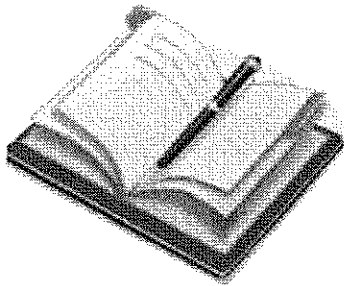
Jesse Hawkins  
Leila Faitele  
Emma Bainter  
Lilly Smith  
Thomas Ryba  
Jorja Houston



Jayden Daffron  
Mariah McIntire  
Kammi Anderson  
Lindsey McCord  
Tegan Helsley  
Nathan Stepler

## Author's of the Month for September

Congratulations to these Authors:



Taylor Poole	Jayden Daffron	Hayley Anderson
Cole Hunt	Elizabeth Blagburn	Katie Curry
Izabella Monsma	Mallory Schneckner	Robert Murray
Ava Powell	Margaret McPherson	Sarah Easley
Logan Zellers	Kammi Anderson	

## Christmas Assistance

Greenfield-Central families who are in need of Christmas assistance will once again be helped this year through the United Christmas Service (UCS), a division of the United Way. Applications will be available on the Harris website on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and will be accepted at the school beginning on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and continuing through November 17<sup>th</sup>. Those families needing a hard copy form may pick one up in the Parent Resource Center, the school office or from Mrs. Nichter, the school social worker. Once the application is filled out

with all requested information, it should be returned to Mrs. Nichter, no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>. This application will require information on each member of the household, such as name, gender, birth date, ethnicity, social security number, school attending, clothing sizes, and reason for need. Families may be assisted through Direct Assistance (a restricted voucher system which can only be spent on food, clothing, and/or toys), by the Donor Program (which matches the families with the greatest need to a donor

group), or by a community service group which will provide assistance according to their program guidelines. United Christmas Service will assist as many families as possible; however no one is guaranteed assistance.

If you belong to a group, church, or business that would like to sponsor a family, information is available at [www.uwci.org/ucs](http://www.uwci.org/ucs) or by calling 317-920-2538 (after October 22). For further information, please contact Mrs. Nichter at 467-6731.

## Safety During Arrival and Dismissal

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 sidewalks 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**

**2:10 pm-Dismissal**

## Character Trait- TRUTHFULNESS

During the month of October, we will be learning about the character quality of Truthfulness. This is one of the most valued character qualities. Character First! Defines truthfulness as "Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts."

The five "I Will" statements are:

- I will tell the truth.
- I will encourage others to tell the truth.
- I will not cheat or steal.
- I will admit it when I am wrong.
- I will not exaggerate to make things seem different than what they are.

When thinking about elementary aged (and younger) students, the "I Will" statements sometimes become difficult. Children of this age might not be able to report details accurately, may misunderstand information, may fear punishment, ridicule, or disapproval, or may simply want to avoid getting into trouble. Whatever the reason, it is important that children learn the value of telling the truth at a young age. To help children learn the benefits of truthfulness, it is important for honesty to be praised.



## Mathematics Pentathlon Club Returns!

Mathematics Pentathlon is a program of problem-solving games for students that strengthens basic math concepts and skills. Pentathlon games are for ALL students of varying abilities and learning styles.

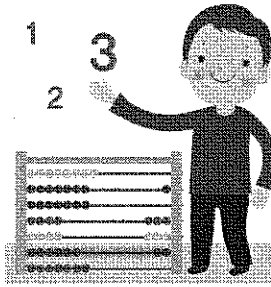
Mathematics Pentathlon Club will be back in action at Harris Elementary beginning Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from dismissal to 3:00. If you want to be part of the Math Pentathlon Club at Harris please complete a registration form available from your classroom teacher or Mrs. Cooney, Math Coach. All students, new or returning to the club, must complete a permission slip. Only those students who have a signed permission slip will be allowed to remain after school for this club.

At dismissal registered students will head to the library, where they will be taught the games and assigned to a group to play that day. Students will be picked up at school at 3:00 PM on these days in the front of the building. There is no charge for this program.

At Harris Elementary we will be having a Math Pentathlon Club after school on the following days:

Wednesdays 2:10 to 3:00 PM
October 24
November 7, 14 and 28
December 5 and 12

The Mathematic Pentathlon Institute will hold tournaments in the spring in Indianapolis for students who might want to compete. Participation in these competitions is not required to join the Math Pentathlon Club at Harris.



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## Preschool Screening

**What:** Free developmental screenings for children ages 3-5

**Why:** If you suspect delays in speech, readiness, motor skills, or other areas of development

**Who:** Contact Janice Cassell, preschool intake coordinator or Michelle Muckerheide, school psychologist at 462-9219 to schedule a free screening

**\*\*Early intervention matters!\*\*** If your child is eligible for early intervention, services are offered at no cost.

*For more information about developmental milestones and educational activities for preschoolers, please visit the preschool section of the HMSES website at: <http://www.hmses.org/Preschool.html>*