



# Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

February 1, 2013

## Full Day Kindergarten

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

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation (G-CCSC) will offer two parent information meetings. At this meeting, you will learn about our kindergarten program and learn how to register your child. The meetings are Feb. 26th at Weston Elementary and Feb. 28th at Eden Elementary. Both meetings will be from 6:30-7:15 p.m. You may attend at either location and receive the same information.

### February Calendar

PTO Meeting  
2:30 Feb. 12

State law requires that children entering Kindergarten in the fall must be five years old by August 1, 2012.

Title I Parent Meeting  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Feb. 16

In addition, we will also offer Kindergarten Round Up. All future kindergarten students may attend with their parent or guardian to visit our schools and see the classrooms. Please plan to bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate and any completed immunization records. The dates are April 9th at JB Stephens and Weston Elementary and April 11th at Harris and Eden Elementary. These will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If unable to attend Round-Up at your home school, you may attend another location.

ISTEP+ Testing  
Grade 3 Mar. 4-8

IREAD Testing  
Grade 3 Mar. 12-13

Snow Make Up Day-  
School is in session Mar. 18

## Character Quality: Obedience

Clean your room! Do your homework! Remember to practice! Eat your vegetables! These are all examples of directions or instructions that a person who is in charge may give to another person. When someone shows OBEDIENCE, which is the character trait for February, they will quickly and cheerfully carry out directions of the people in charge of them. That means that they will do what their parents, teachers, coaches, crossing guards, babysitters, and even older brothers and sister tell them. It is important to recognize the need to follow directions for reasons of safety and happiness.

Obedience, as with other character qualities, is something that is learned over time and the more it is practiced, the easier it becomes. When the five "I Will" statements are followed, obedience will follow.

- "I Will Obey my Authorities Immediately"-
- "I Will have a Cheerful Attitude"
- "I Will Complete All that I am Expected To Do"
- "I Will Not Complain"
- "I Will go the Extra Mile"



## Valentines Day Parent's Night Out

The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America chapter at the high school is sponsoring a **"Valentines Day Parent's Night Out"** fundraiser for to help pay for state conference. Parents may sign up for their children to be entertained with cooking workshops, crafts, and games for 3 hours at the high school on either Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. or Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m. The cost is \$20.00 for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child. Children of all ages up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade accepted. Care will be supervised by the FCCLA advisors and given by the high school students.

The event will take place in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Drop off & pick up will be at door #8. Registration can be done by e-mailing Mrs. Overman at [moverman@gcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:moverman@gcsc.k12.in.us), printing the registration form attached to this e-mail, or by printing it online from the school corporation website. Fees can be paid that evening onsite with checks made out to FCCLA or cash. See attachments for more information.



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### How To Help Your Child Have Success With the ISTEP+

**Do not plan activities that will take your child away from school on testing days. Reschedule doctor's and/or dentist's appointments.**

Make sure that your child arrives to school on time.

Early to bed. A good night's sleep is very important the night before a big test. Most children need at least 10 hours of sleep to perform their best.

Prepare a good breakfast. Test morning is not the time for a high-sugar snack---or no breakfast at all. A nutritious and filling breakfast is a must. Studies have shown that students who have a healthy breakfast do much better on tests.

Review good test-taking strategies with your child including:

- Read and listen to the directions carefully and make sure that they ask questions if they do not understand the directions.

- Avoid spending too much time on one question---if they get stuck on a question, move on and finish the test and come back to the unanswered questions

- Work at their own pace and ignore students around them who seem to be working faster or who may finish the test early

- Go back and really check their work.

Let you child know that all standardized tests are designed where some questions are very easy and some questions are very difficult. Students are not expected to know all of the answers. Remind them to always do their best.

Help your child manage any stress they may feel about the test. This includes thinking positively about the test, taking deep breaths before the test starts, and visualizing positive results.

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## Character First Students for January

Kami Swift

Ava Thomas

Simon McGill

Jackson Jones

Gracie Castner

Trot Scholl

Teresa Short

Ava Hudziak

Sawyer Dalton

Lillian Scott

Ruth Hensley

Tuesday Olson

Macey Mekos

Katie Curry



### Math Pentathlon Springs Into Action

Mathematics Pentathlon is a program of problem-solving games for students that strengthens math concepts and skills. Pentathlon games are for ALL students of varying abilities and learning styles. At Harris Elementary we will be having a Math Pentathlon Club after school on the following days:

**Wednesdays 2:10 to 3:00 PM**

March 6 and 13

April 3, 10, 17, 24

At dismissal students will head to the LGI Room 12, where they will be taught the games and assigned to a group to play that day. Students must be picked up at school at 3:00 PM on these days. There is no charge for this program.

If you want to be part of the Math Pentathlon fun at Harris please complete a registration form available from your classroom teacher or Mrs. Cooney, Math Coach. Only those students who have a signed permission slip will be allowed to remain after dismissal for this club. Returning students will also need a signed permission slip.