



# Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

April 1, 2013

## 3rd Grade Spring ISTEP+ April 29-May 3

We're on the web:

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

Greenfield-Central School Corporation will complete the second session of the ISTEP+ from April 30-May 4. This testing period has been set by the state of Indiana for all students in grade 3. Our students will be testing in the mornings.

The second session is the multiple choice part of the spring ISTEP+. Students will take this session on the computer. We hope to receive results of this testing in late May and will share with you then, how you can access those scores.

PLEASE do not schedule appointments for your child during this week. It is important students are in attendance so that they may do their best on the test. Thank you.



### April Calendar

School Resumes	Apr 1
PTO Meeting 2:30 pm	Apr 9
Gr. 3 ISTEP+ Testing	Apr 29-May 3



### 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 First Students for March

Joey Smith	Mika Turner	Hayden Durick
Ava Powell	Peighton Jordan	Landon Brooks
Owen Zumbolo	Zion Hensley	Jeremy Joslin
Ariana Baldwin	Alexis Ochoa	Jada Conn
Jasmin Carr	Ellei Coleman	Ivan Schaeckel
		Lizzie Easley



## School Attendance

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.

Please help us reach our Harris 2012-2013 attendance goal of 97% by making sure your child is in school every day during the months of April and May.

## Character Quality: Compassion

*"You've Got a Friend in Me"* is the theme song written for the movie Toy Story (it also appears in Toy Story 2 & 3). The lyrics talk about the compassion one person might have for another. In part, the words to the song say: *"You've got a friend in me.....You've got troubles, well I've got 'em too.....There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you.....We stick together and we see it through.....You've got a friend in me"*

We all have troubles at some time....it may be that we've forgotten our lunch at home, or that a friend is being mean to us, or that we miss a grandparent. These are times when we might need to talk to someone or to have help in solving the problem. This is where a person who shows the character quality of Compassion can be helpful. That person will know what to do because they will be following the 5 "I Will" statements:

Stop to help.

Comfort others without regard to race, gender, faith, age or nationality.

Listen when others want to talk.

Give of my resources to help those in need.

Look for lasting solutions.

## Kindergarten Roundup

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation is hosting their annual Kindergarten Round-Ups in April at each of the four elementary school buildings. State law requires that each child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2013 must be five years old by August 1, 2013. For Kindergarten Round-Up, please bring the child's official birth certificate for age verification, and current immunization record. You may bring your child with you to Kindergarten Round-Up. Parents are urged to register at the school their child will be attending in the fall. However, parents can receive the same information or register at any of the four locations. If you are unsure where your child will attend school, please call Cindy Long at 326-3125.

### Tuesday, April 9

J.B. Stephens Elementary

1331 N. Blue Road

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Weston Elementary

140 Polk Ave.

5:00-7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 11

Harris Elementary

200 West Park Ave.

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Eden Elementary

8185 North State Road 9

5:00-7:00 p.m.