



# Patriot Press

August 30, 2013

## Attendance-Key to Success

We're on the web:

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

### September Calendar

Labor Day- No School	Sept 2
PTO Meeting 2:30 p.m.	Sept 10
V.I.P. Day (Very Important Person) 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Sept 13
Book Fair Begins	Sept 23
Picture Day	Sept 24

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**

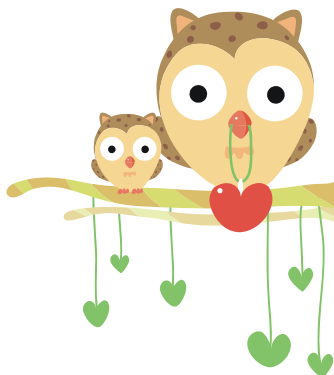
**7:40 am-Students**

**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.

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## Honor G-C Staff or Teachers through "Star Power"

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation has many individuals who are passionate and committed to the education of our children. These "STARS" are the heart of every successful school. Greenfield-Central School Foundation's new STAR Power program is the perfect way to thank your child's teacher, principal, coach, librarian, social worker, guidance counselor, Instructional or Health Assistant, office support, bus driver,

custodian or cafeteria worker. STAR Power provides parents and community members an opportunity to honor Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation's extraordinary teachers and staff for the difference they make (or made) in your child's school experience. At the same time, with a minimum gift of \$10.00 or more to the STAR Power Fund, you help support education in a special way. Each honoree will receive a personalized card

listing the donor's name and any special sentiment you wish to include. All proceeds benefit the GCSF Educational Enrichment (E2) Grants and other programs which provide teacher, classroom and student resources.

Parents or community members can go to [www.gcschoolfoundation.org](http://www.gcschoolfoundation.org) under the "Say Thanks" tab for the submission forms.

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## Welcome New Staff!

Harris Elementary warmly welcomes:

**Mr. Michael Turpin**-3rd grade teacher

**Stacey Davis**-I.A.

**Amy Trent**-I.A.

**Melissa Amburgey**-I.A.

**Jaymie Frederick**-I.A.

**Amy Cruse**-I.A.

**Jessica Koch**-I.A.

**Alexis Nelson**-I.A.

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## 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.

## Mathematics Pentathlon Club at Harris!

The very popular Mathematics Pentathlon Club at Harris is back. 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 in action at Harris Elementary beginning Wednesday, September 4<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 room 12, where they will be taught the games and assigned to a group to play that day. Students need to be picked up at school at 3:00 PM on these days in the front of the building on Park Avenue. There is no charge for this program.

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

<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>2:10 to 3:00 PM</b>
September 4, 11, 18, 25
October 2
All sessions will be finished before fall break!

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## Author of the Month

Maggie Ellis  
Ava Ratliff  
Chloe Gardner  
DreeLynn Spencer  
Andrew Vinard  
Alicia Livengood  
Leileanna Faitele  
Kendall Schnecker  
Katie Muegge  
Xavier Robinson  
Peighton Jordan  
Tristan Gonzalez  
Emma Leininger  
Hunter Stine  
Cameron Thompson

Congratulations to these authors!



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## Marsh Fresh Ideas For Education

If you shop at Marsh, please sign up for Harris School. Our school number is 28576. Participation is free! Every time you shop for groceries, Marsh will tally points for every item purchased. We will collect the points and will be able to receive FREE educational equipment. The more people that sign up for Harris, the bigger share of equipment we will earn. Here's to a successful new season of helping Harris achieve its goals! Thank you for your support.

## Free Developmental Screenings for Children Ages 3-5

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

**Why:** If you suspect delays in speech, readiness, motor skills, or other areas of development in your preschool, early intervention is the best strategy to remediate these delays before kindergarten.

**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 pre-school section of the HMSES website under the "services tab" at: <http://www.hmses.org/Preschool.html>*

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## 2-1-1 Connect2Help

2-1-1 is an information and referral line that connects people to vital social services, such as food, clothing, shelter, counseling, legal aid, etc. When a person calls 2-1-1, specially-trained information and referral personnel assess what services are needed and provide the appropriate resource and related information. The service is free and confidential and calls are answered 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Asking for help early---before eviction occurs or utilities are disconnected—means that more options are available and assistance may be able to be provided before greater debt is incurred. Simply dial 2-1-1 on your phone or visit

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**Welcome Back! It is going to be a great year!**

