



Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

February 17, 2014

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. 25th at Weston Elementary and Feb. 27th 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

State law requires that children entering Kindergarten in the fall must be five years old by August 1, 2014.

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 15th at JB Stephens and Weston Elementary and April 17th 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.

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"





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 your 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.

Make sure your child knows it's important to take the test seriously, follow the rules, and do his or her best!

Keep things in focus. Standardized tests are just one of the ways that schools evaluate children's abilities. Don't believe, or let your child believe, that poor test results mark him or her as a failure.

Character First Students for January

Ethan Druley

Natalie Jones

Skylar Blagg

Breanna Mays

Joshua Estridge

Zavier Wandell

Tyler Colestock

Ashton Jenkins

Xavier Wade

Jaoquin Hamlin

Cole Hunt

Logan Bennett

Simon McGill

Alex Smith

Kylie Huffman

James Nulliner



Author of the Month for December

Brooklyn Jones

Ava Flowers

Heaven Gonzalez

Daisha Kirkman

Hannah Wilkins

Jessica Merritt

Andrew Zellers

Chloe Edmondson

Delaney Purvis

Nicholas Hunt

Lillee Spears

Shelby Wheeler

Dylan Nance

Austin Tserlentakis

Cameron Newman

Author of the Month for January

Savannah Hasley

Emma Vinnell

Isis Doughty

Ava Thomas

Mia Hodson

Dominick Baker

Will DeJarnett

Sophia Breedlove

Joey Worley

Camden Yost

Cole Howard

Brice Thompson

Addison May

Jireh Leyte

Mallory Schneck