



Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

February 28, 2014

Spring ISTEP+ Begins March 10th



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

March Calendar

Gr. 3 ISTEP+ Testing	Mar. 10-11
Gr. 3 IREAD Testing	Mar. 12-13
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Mar. 9
PTO Meeting 2:30 pm	Mar. 11
End of 3rd 9 weeks	Mar. 14
Spring Break begins	Mar. 21

Greenfield-Central School Corporation will complete its spring ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress) achievement testing in two sessions. The Applied Skills assessment will be given to students **March 10 and 11**. This testing period has been set by the state of Indiana for all students in grades 3. Our students will be testing in the mornings. Grade 3 will also take the IREAD test on **March 12 and 13**. This testing will take place in the mornings, as well.

calendars and make sure your child goes to bed early, arrives to school on time and is in attendance every day (unless they are sick). A nutritious breakfast each morning will also help your child to do his best.

The multiple choice part of the spring ISTEP+ tests will be given between **April 28-May 9, 2014**. We hope to receive results of this testing in late May and we will share with you then, how you can access those scores.

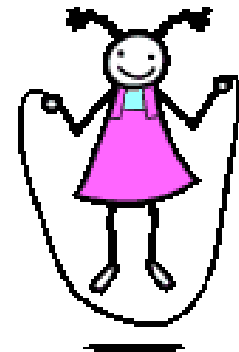
Please see page 4 of this newsletter for additional ISTEP+ information.

Please do not schedule dental or doctor appointments during this week and reschedule any visits that are already scheduled. Mark your

Jump for Heart Very Successful at Harris

Harris Elementary students recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart in Mr. Pete Fortune's physical education classes. February is American Heart Month and our Harris students were shining stars in this event. The students and staff were challenged to raise money to donate to the American Heart Association.

Congratulations students for raising money for such a worthwhile cause! And, thank you Mr. Fortune for your hard work!

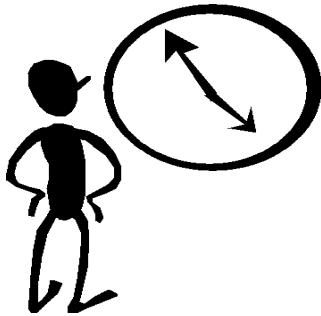


Mission Statement

Harris Elementary School will provide high level learning for all students, in a positive and safe environment that provides opportunities for all learners.

Set Your Clock Ahead One Hour

“Fall Back—Spring Ahead”



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March the 8th, before you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March the 9th at 2:00 a.m. and the best way to remember is to set all of your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

YMCA: School Is Out, But We Are In

2014 SPRING BREAK CAMP @ WESTON ELEMENTARY

Don't miss out on our exciting Spring Break Camp

☑ 3/21*-3/28

☑ 6:30am-6:00pm

☑ Activities include arts and crafts, cooking projects, science experiments, and a field trip!

☑ Please pack a lunch and two snacks.

☑ \$36 daily/\$134 weekly Rates based on household income are available!

FOR RATES OR TO REGISTER

Call us at (317) 577-2070 or visit our website at



Character Quality: Dependability

We will be learning about the character trait of Dependability in March. Dependability means “doing what I promised.”

The five statements that describe dependability are:

- I will keep my word.
- I will be careful what I promise.
- I will correct my mistakes.
- I will pull my share of the load.
- I will not have a bad attitude.



To reinforce dependability, some things to praise children for include: turning in homework on time, following through on something they said they would do, doing things without being asked, admitting to mistakes, doing their chores, cleaning up their own messes, and remaining clam when a mistake is made.

School Social Worker Week

March 3-7th has been designated in the State of Indiana as School Social Work Week. It is a time where contributions made by social workers to the educational process are recognized. School Social Workers work with children, families, school staff, and the community to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed. Services include working

with students on personal and academic issues, consulting with parents on a variety of topics, training for parents, school staff, and the community, classroom lessons, and sharing their knowledge of community resources to help students and families. Harris Elementary would like to thank Mrs. Nichter for her dedicated service to the students, families, and staff of Greenfield-Central Schools.



Character First Students for February

Cami Hunt
Maddie Webb
Declan McPherson
Madison Grant
Bryce Brown
Alisha Livengood
Daisha Kirkman
Zavier Early



Jasmine Reynolds
Eden Smith
Zoey Williams
Peighton Jordan
Alyssa Cass
Jaylen Currie
Margaret McPherson

How To Help Your Child Have Success With the ISTEP+ and IREAD

- Do not plan activities that will take your child away from school on testing days. Reschedule appointments with the doctor and/or dentist and avoid scheduling family functions or vacations during the testing “windows” of time.
- 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.
- Avoid a stressful start to their morning. Family disagreements can cause a child to be pre-occupied instead of focused.
- Encourage your child to wear comfortable clothing and layers that can be added if they are cold or removed if they are too warm. A shirt that is itchy or pants that are too tight can be distracting.

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. 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!
- Have your child read everyday.
- Your child should practice writing (in a journal, stories, letters to relatives).
- Practice math facts with your child so that they achieve automaticity.

**March 10-11, 2014 ISTEP +
March 12-13, 2014 IREAD3**

**April 28-May 9, ISTEP Multiple
Choice**

