**February 26, 2016 Harris Patriot Press**

* Congratulations to our February Character First Students:

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| Connor Landis |
| Callie Caldwell |
| Izabella Lyons |
| Izabella Alexander |
| Taylor Robbins |
| Marly King |
| Kaiya Andrews |
| Ava Clevenger |
| Chloe Gardner |
| Austyn Russell |
| Cole Mullins |
| Layla Henderson |
| Kendall Schnecker |
| Kyley Greer |
| Jocey Marvin |

* Congratulations to our February Authors of the Month:

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| Jayla Pleak |
| Cullen Anderson |
| Sophia Henderson |
| Lillimae Vasquez |
| Connor Clements |
| Elizabeth Dotson |
| Nolan Greulich |
| DreeLynn Spencer |
| Aili Bates |
| Veronica Reier |
| Wyatt Hampton-Lawer |
| Maycee Stanger |
| Josie White |
| Lillee Spears |

* Upcoming Dates

 **Tuesday, March 1-Monday, March 7 ISTEP+ Test for all third graders**

 Wednesday, March 9 PTO Meeting 2:30 pm

 **Monday, March 14-Wed., March 16 IREAD Test for all third graders**

Monday, March 21 Spring Break Begins (If there are no snow day

makeups.)

Monday, April 4 School Resumes

Tuesday, April 5 Spring Pictures

* **ISTEP+ and IREAD Helpful Hints for Third Grade Parents**
* Don’t schedule any appointments on testing days.
* Make sure your child goes to bed to ensure that he/she will receive at least 8 hours of sleep each night.
* Remove televisions, video games or other distractions from his/her bedroom to ensure they have uninterrupted sleep.
* Make sure your student eats a healthy breakfast before school. We will provide snacks at school during testing.
* Encourage your student to take his/her time on the test. They are given plenty of time to complete the test.
* Be positive about the test! Don’t put undue pressure on your student’s performance.
* The Harris staff has worked very hard to prepare our third graders. We are confident that they will do very well!