



# Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

January 9, 2012

## Harris Yearbooks for Sale

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

### January Calendar

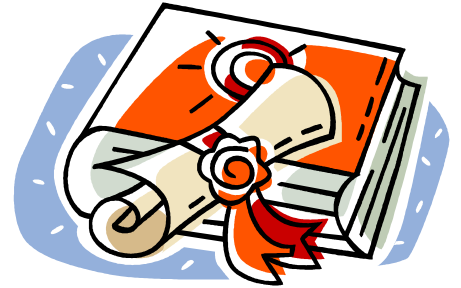
PTO Meeting 2:30	Jan. 10
Report Cards will be available online	Jan. 13
No School-Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 16

We are currently taking orders for the Harris yearbook. The cost is \$13.00. Please make checks payable to:

Harris Elementary School

Orders are due by January 27th. There are additional order forms in the office.

Order your full-color yearbook today! It will provide lasting memories of your child's 2011-2012 school year.



## Thank You PTO

### Mission Statement

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



The entire Harris Elementary Staff would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our wonderful PTO. The PTO provided our staff with a Christmas luncheon on December 16th. We truly appreciate their thoughtfulness.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11th at 2:30 in the Harris library. We invite you to come and see what our PTO has to offer.

## Author of the Month for November

Jasmine McNally	Will Gwaltney
Simon McGill	Tegan Helsley
Jessica Ross	Gavin Atwood
Drew Miller	William Johns
Eli Shaw	Ethan Michael
Cora Bishop	Teresa Short
Adryana Warner	Sarah Baker



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## Mathematics Pentathlon Club Returns!

Mathematics Pentathlon club will be back in action at Harris Elementary beginning Wednesday, January 18th 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 the LGI Room 12, where they will be taught the games and assigned to a group to play that day. Students will be picked up at school at 3:00 PM on these days in the front of the building. There is no charge for this program.

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

<b>Wednesdays 2:10 to 3:00 PM</b>
January 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March 7

The Mathematic Pentathlon Institute will hold tournaments on April 21 and 28, 2012 in Indianapolis for students who might want to compete. Participation in these competitions is not required to join the Math Pentathlon Club at Harris and entrance fees for these tournaments are expensive.

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## Character Quality: Availability

Good character is something to celebrate in our children. It makes us proud when children do the right things for the right reasons. It is important that good character be role modeled, taught, and praised. During the month of January, we will be focusing on the trait of "Availability", which means "Being ready to help."

Some examples of availability that children can be praised for include: running errands, cleaning up after a meal or play time, helping others as asked by a teacher or parent, having a good attitude when asked to do something, responding



quickly when asked to help, encouraging others to serve with them, and asking permission before making a commitment.

As you go through the month, use the concepts in these five "I Will" statements to praise availability:

I will:

- Put others ahead of myself
- Check with the right person before I make commitments
- Be ready when I am called
- Be glad for the chance to serve
- Find a way to help, not a way to hide

## School Attendance

"Empty seats don't learn," is a slogan that was often used by school corporation attendance officers. Attending school is very important and learning builds day by day. A child, who misses a day of school, also misses a day of learning. School attendance should be a top priority for you and your children. Harris continues to

celebrate classes that have perfect attendance and has a 97% attendance goal for the entire school.

If your child has a fever or is sick, it is important that you call the school office by 8:30 a.m. to notify them of your child's absence. Arrangements can also be made for your child's homework. With the

Harris voice mail system a message can be left after hours by simply calling the school phone number.

It is also important to have your child arrive to school on time. It can be disruptive to the class routine and embarrassing to your child, if the child is tardy.

## Character First Students for December

Ruth Hensley  
Jessica Ross  
Mason Ford  
Michaela Crosby  
Kylie Huffman  
Tanner Tryon  
Josie Cecil  
Caleb Nelson



Brandon Daniels  
Korrey Glenn  
Christopher Scott  
Hannah Cass  
Aidan Zumbolo  
Grayson Bishop  
Terrance Vest