



Patriot Press

Harris Elementary School

February 3, 2012

Full Day Kindergarten

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Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation (G-CCSC) will begin to accept applications for the Full Day Kindergarten program starting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 a.m. The application must be completed and the deposit received at the Greenfield-Central Corporation Administration office at 110 West North Street in Greenfield. Applications will be taken on a first come-first served basis.

February Calendar

PTO Meeting
2:30 Feb. 7

State law requires that children entering Kindergarten in the fall must be five years old by August 1, 2012.

President's Day-No
School (Snow make up
day) Feb. 20

G-C plans to offer at least one full-day kindergarten class at each of the four elementary schools. However, the School Board has authorized up to six sections throughout the Corporation. The full-day model offers two-way bus transportation (within bus zones), licensed Kindergarten teachers, and a sliding fee scale based on the Federal Free and Reduced Price Income Guidelines.

Title I POP Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 23

Parents with questions about the cost, fee schedule or other application requirements may call the G-CCSC office at (317) 462-4434, weekdays, 7:30 a.m.

ISTEP+ Testing
Grade 3 Mar. 5-9

Character Quality: Deference

IREAD 3 Testing
Grade 3 Mar. 19-21

One of the things that parents do is teach their children how to get along with others. This is an important skill for both children and adults to have in order to be successful. Getting along with others helps us to have good times and be happy. While we may not think about it often, one of the components to good social skills is **deference**. When this character trait is shown, it assures that our relationships with others will be based in respect.

A saying that is not heard very much anymore is to "Put yourself in another's shoes". This phrase means to consider how another person would feel about something. When we consider the five "I Will" statements for deference, we can see how important this saying is.

- I will notice those around me.
- I will respect their feelings.
- I will not use offensive language.
- I will not play loud music in public.
- I will be careful how I dress.

Good character depends on the things that a person says and does.



Author of the Month December

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Preschool Program at J.B. Stephens Elementary

The preschool program at J.B. Stephens Elementary will be screening for the 2011 -2012 Typical Peer Program on Friday, February 24, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This program invites pre-kindergarten aged children (4 year olds) whose birth date is between Aug. 2, 2007-Aug. 1, 2008. Typical peers possess age appropriate skills and serve as good speech and social models for our special needs children. The children will be required to pass a speech screener. Applicants are chosen based on the speech screener performance and teacher observation. You will be notified on or before February 25 as to whether your child was selected or not. Should more applicants qualify than space allows, a drawing will be held to fill positions. Classes meet Monday through Thursday AM session 7:20-10:20 and PM session 11:00-2:00. The monthly tuition is comparable to community preschools. For questions contact Julie Rogers (ext. 116), Trish Winn (ext. 114) or Allison Frakes (ext. 113) at 462-4491.

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.

Character First Students for January

Andrew Martin	Coner Whittecar
Jackson Jones	Landon Brooks
Lydia Parsons	Alyssa Cass
Armand Myers	Ethan Privett
Alexis Owens	Ellei Coleman
Charli Stegall	Gary Stephens
Alex Coning	Jenna Jester
Michael George	Abigail Caudill



President's Day

President's Day is Monday, February 20th and there will be no school. However, in the event that the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation has a weather-related school cancellation between now and the 20th, that day will be used as a Make-Up Date.

FIRST SEMESTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Marie Ross	Grayson Bishop	Ashlie Delph	Tyler Dingman
Michaela Hamilton	Jenna Jester	Lance McKee	Shane Stough
Kylie Huffman	Tuesday Olson	Grant Shepherd	Alivia Baker
Cora Bishop	Ashton Gillam	Alexis Ochoa	Kammi Anderson
Aidan Davis	Josiah Findley	Luke McKee	Adryana Warner
Autumn Baker	William Gwaltney	Kaylee Hix	Tyler White
Darren Baker	Rochelle Fuller	Kyle Petersen	Logan Zellers
Ainsley Lindsay	Thomas Ryba	Tyler Walden	Xavier Robinson
Sarah Baker	Piper Couch	Will DeJarnett	Mallory Schneckner
Avery Wagner	Derek Archibald	Haley Berling	Alexandra Coning
Jackson Findley	Madison Brooks	Elizabeth Coleman	Jacob Price
Jason Scrivner	Dewey Woolsey	Maegan Clark	Meadow Duncan
Miles McGill	Gavin Atwood	Brayton Cobb	Mahren Lindsay
Izaiah Martinez	Faith Stephens	Jonathan Cass	Haylie Pate
Brenna Bailey			