

J.B.S. Press



November, 2011

a **“Short”** report
by Mrs. Short, Principal

Family Literacy Night was a success! We hope you enjoyed all the activities our staff had planned for you.

Have you checked your child’s report card on PowerSchool? If you need help with accessing the report card, please stop by the office during parent teacher conferences. If I am not there, leave me a note and I will get back with you.

Speaking of conferences, here are the times our Related Arts, Title and Resource staff will be here:

P.E.	Mr. Wood	November 2 and 9	2:40-4:15
Music	Mrs. Coers	November 9	5:00-6:30
Title Staff			
	<i>Mrs. Ahonen, Mrs. Bladen, Mrs. Loller</i>	November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10	2:40-5:00
Resource	Mrs. Hiday	November 1,2,3,4	2:40-4:00

Please call the school to set up a time to talk, or just stop by! If you wish to speak with another staff member, please contact the school to set up a time.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the 2012-13 school calendar. Please note it will be our corporation’s first year with a “balanced” calendar.

P.T.O. News
by The Officers



To get a \$5.00 coupon toward free Scholastic books, enter 2 codes from any Kellogg’s products on this website: WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/KELLOGGS

Since the beginning of this school year, our box top collection has yielded \$1,026.60. THANKS for all of you who are collecting. Check out the new Box Top collection sheet on our website...Gobble, gobble! Winning classes for first quarter include:

Preschool	Mrs. Frakes
Kindergarten	Mrs. Sexton
First Grade	Mrs. Matthias
Second Grade	Mrs. Parker
Third Grade	Mrs. Leininger
Teacher Winner	Mrs. Pagac

Winning classes will receive an extra recess with Mrs. Short! The winning teacher won a pizza coupon and refillable cup from Chicago's.

We are sponsoring a Food Drive from November 7-18 here at school. Please bring or send in any non-perishable items, so they can be placed on the collection tables in the front hallway. Thanks for your help.

News for Families with Preschoolers by Preschool Staff

What: Free developmental screenings for children ages 3-5

Why: If you suspect delays in speech, readiness, motor skills, or other areas of development

Who: Contact Terri Branson, preschool coordinator or Michelle Muckerheide, school psychologist at 462-9219 to schedule a free screening

****Early intervention matters!** If your child is eligible for early intervention, services are offered at no cost.

Social Work News by Mrs. Harpold, School Social Worker



Everyone is invited to attend the 6th Annual "Feast of Plenty" Community Outreach Dinner, which will be served on November 24th, 11a.m. through 3 p.m., at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St. in Greenfield. This free traditional Thanksgiving dinner is being sponsored by area churches partnering with the community and businesses. For those individuals who are unable to get to the meal site, transportation to the meal or home delivered meals are available. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, meal preparation, meal service, and clean up. To make arrangements for transportation to the meal, home meal delivery, or to volunteer, please call 317-335-7590.



CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

Applications for Christmas Assistance may be found on the J.B. Stephens' website or be requested in hard copy form from me. Deadline to turn applications in to me is Monday, November 14th.

TOYS FOR TOTS



A "Toys for Tots" box has been placed at the J.B. Stephens Elementary office with the hopes of receiving donations of new toys for children ages birth through 12 years. All toys collected in Hancock County will be distributed to children in need in Hancock County, according to a priority system that has been established. The ultimate success of this program depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys. Donations will be accepted through December 9th. For further information, please contact me at 462-4491, ext. 206.

Attendance News!



by Mrs. Hammons and Mrs. Short

Here are the results of the September attendance contest for the school:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>
Miss Batton	95.77
Mrs. Carson AM	96.58
Mrs. Carson PM	97.15
Mrs. Crafton	96.85
Mrs. Hammons	96.06
Mrs. Jacquemin	93.74
Mrs. Johnson – Grade 1	96.91
Mrs. Johnson – K	92.59
Mrs. Kuntz	97.42
Mrs. Leininger	97.19
Mrs. Martinez	97.00
Mrs. Matthias	96.61
Mrs. Parker	97.32
Mrs. Rizzotte	98.55
Mrs. Roberson	97.78
Mrs. Sexton AM	94.33
Mrs. Sexton PM	98.05
Mrs. Smith	98.34
Mrs. Steeno	96.75
Ms. Stout – Grade 3	100.
Ms. Stout – Grade 2	98.41
Mrs. Trapp	92.97
Mr. Vogel	95.55

Ms. Stout's class won a Dairy Queen cake for their attendance prize! Be sure to check out our attendance graph in the art/music hallway. Please do your part to have your child(ren) ready for school on time every day!! Thanks.

Dear Jay B,

Dear Jay B.,

I wish the school would have more communication about events. I never know what's going on.

J.B.S. Parent

Dear J.B.S. Parent:

Well, I believe all the teachers produce weekly newsletters. If you aren't seeing one, it must mean you need to give the teacher your e-mail address or make sure they

know you need a paper copy. Also, it never hurts to check your child's backpack, folders and even desk. Many times kids hide papers for some reason.

Also, a good place to check is the J.B.S. website. If you don't have a computer at home, maybe you could check at work or at the public library. Oh, and all the teachers have e-mail addresses and phone extensions. Hope this helps!

Jay B

Dear Jay B.,

I wish I could come back to school after work when my child forgets his homework, but they close so early.

Forgetful Child

Dear J.B.S. Parent:

Actually, someone is at J.B.S. until 11:00 p.m. each night. There is a doorbell on the left side of the entryway. Just push it, wait awhile, and one of the evening custodians will let you in.

Jay B

NOTE: Dear Jay B is a column which will appear monthly in the JBS Press. Questions may be sent in anonymously or with names attached. Questions will be answered in the next JBS Press. Dear Jay B notes are available in the school office.

Character First!



by Mrs. Harpold, School Social Worker

So far this year, we have learned about the character traits of dependability and thoroughness. During the month of November, we will be learning about **Determination**.

There are two parts of determination: *setting* goals and *reaching* goals. Determination is not giving up. Determination is a choice, the choice to press on despite the obstacles that may appear. A determined person will press on despite problems, distractions and/or discouragement.

An accomplished mountain climber was once asked how he climbed such difficult mountain ranges and he responded, "By putting one foot ahead of the other." When a person has the character quality of determination, he will put one foot in front of the other to keep going no matter how tired, frustrated or discouraged he may be. Determination makes it possible to climb even the highest mountain.

There are five "I will" statements that help us to understand the character quality of Determination. I will:

- Set goals.
- Make sure my goals are right.
- Ignore distractions.
- Not be discouraged by others.
- Face problems head-on.

Doing the best you can....always striving to do better....setting goals...making sure that your goals are right....avoiding distractions....facing problems head-on...not allowing yourself to become discouraged and never giving up...that is the character quality of DETERMINATION.

Café News

by Mrs. Hudson, Manager

Grandparents'/Special Friends' Week was fantastic! We served over 300 extra meals that week. We enjoyed getting to see so many wonderful friends of our students. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Mark Your Calendars



November 1-11	Parent/Teacher Conferences	School in Session
November 7-18	Food Drive	
November 11	Veterans' Day Program	8:00 a.m.
November 12	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
November 14	Christmas Assistance Applications DUE to Mrs. Harpold	
November 15	Title I Parent Night – Café	6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 15	P.T.O. Meeting	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	Kim Kile, Speaker	
November 18	Fundraiser Pick up	5:00-7:00 p.m.
November 22	Spirit Wear Orders DUE	
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL	
November 28	Mr. Vogel's Parent Meeting	6:30-7:15 p.m.
March 5-14	ISTEP+ Applied Skills Testing – Grade 3	
March 19-21	IREAD3 Testing – Grade 3	
April 30-May 9	ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Testing – Grade 3	

Reading Tips

by Mrs. Dudley, Reading Coach



One way to give your children reading practice – and improve their behavior – is to write short notes to them and leave them around the house. You might mention your child's good behavior - "Thanks for helping with the dishes!" or write reminders - "Please hang me up. Signed, Your towel." Sometimes you can write about not-so-good behavior. "I was disappointed when you yelled at me. Can we talk about it?" Be sure to leave notes for treats, too. "Let's go fly your kite this afternoon." Look for unique places to put the notes, such as on their pillows, in front of the dog's water bowl, or pinned to the shower curtain. Your children will enjoy discovering the notes and reading them aloud. Maybe they will surprise you with a note!