

J.B.S. Press



January, 2012

a "Short" report
by Mrs. Short, Principal

Your child's second quarter grades are scheduled to be available on PowerSchool after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13th. Having trouble finding them? Call the office at 462-4491. Don't have access to a computer? Call or stop by – we have lots of computers for you to use! If it's after 3:30, call to make arrangements for a computer to be available.

Be sure to return the survey at the end of the newsletter to have your opinion count.

2012-13 KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS



To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2012. Two meetings are being held to let parents understand full day and half day opportunities and learn how to register their child(ren). The meetings are from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. The information is the same at both locations and applies to all Greenfield-Central schools. Please pass along this information to anyone you know with children eligible for kindergarten this August. Thank you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
January 24	Weston	140 Polk Street	462-1492
January 26	Eden	8185 North State Road 9	326-3117

You may attend at either location and receive the same information.

P.T.O. News
by The Officers



At our December meeting, we had a lot of fun making the cookie bags for our teachers and fixing up a tray for the rest of the staff.

Did you know we offer child care for all ages at our meetings? The high school child development classes provide sitters for us.

Keep sending in box tops and Campbell's labels. These collections help our school. We recently received a check from Box Tops for \$3,683.50.

Please "friend" us on Facebook!

The cost of the BrainPOP subscription for home use was prohibitive, so it is for school use only. Sorry for any confusion.

We want to roll in the New Year with a Bowling event! On Wednesday, January 25, families will be able to play 2 games and rent shoes for \$5.50. Look for a reservation form soon.

Attendance News!



by Mrs. Hammons and Mrs. Short

Here are the results of the December attendance contest for all classes.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>
Miss Batton	97.66
Mrs. Carson AM	94.64
Mrs. Carson PM	95.38
Mrs. Crafton	94.68
Mrs. Hammons	97
Mrs. Jacquemin	93.19
Mrs. Johnson – Grade 1	87.5
Mrs. Johnson – K	89.69
Mrs. Kuntz	96.88
Mrs. Leininger	98.10
Mrs. Martinez	94.5
Mrs. Matthias	96.06
Mrs. Parker	94.49
Mrs. Rizzotte	93.8
Mrs. Wickham	94.43
Mrs. Sexton AM	91.48
Mrs. Sexton PM	96.18
Mrs. Smith	96.88
Mrs. Steeno	97.83
Ms. Stout – Grade 2	91.07
Ms. Stout – Grade 3	100.
Mrs. Trapp	91.19
Mr. Vogel	96.31

Ms. Stout's and **Mrs. Leininger's** third graders won a Dairy Queen cake for their attendance prize! Be sure to check out our attendance graph in the art/music hallway. Has your child's classes percentage gone down? How has your child contributed to that percentage? Please do your part to have your child(ren) ready for school and on time every day if their health allows!!

~THIRD GRADE PARENTS~ PARENT MEETING TO DISCUSS I-READ AND ISTEP+~
~THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012~7:00-8:00 P.M.~ or
~MONDAY, JANUARY 23~ 11:00-11:45 A.M.~

Dear Jay B,

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What is this I hear about the third graders failing third grade if they don't pass some new test?

Mr. Test Anxiety

Dear Mr. Test Anxiety:

I think you are talking about a new state rule for this year's third graders. To be promoted to fourth grade, they need to pass a test called IRead 3. All third grade parents received a letter about it and were talked to about it at conferences. Also, there is a meeting on January 19th for all third grade parents to learn more about how to make sure their child can pass the test.

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, thoroughness, determination, and thriftiness. During the month of January, we will be learning about availability. Availability means, "Being ready to help."

The animal that best displays the quality of availability is the giraffe. Standing almost 20 feet tall, a giraffe can see over a mile away. Its lofty height and keen eyesight give it a special ability to see needs. More importantly, giraffes don't just see needs, but they are also available to *meet* them.

Giraffes live in herds, which offer more protection than living alone. However, a herd requires every member to look out not only for its own interests, but also for the interests and well-being of others in the herd. Whenever help is needed, giraffes stop what they are doing to make themselves available.

When eating, a giraffe will reach to the very top of the acacia tree, (its primary source of food), taking care to only bite off small clumps of leaves. After taking a bite, they pick their head up and look around. Then they take another bite, and look around again. They are making themselves available to the herd to watch for danger. They do very much the same thing when drinking at a lake. One member of the herd is always looking up so that the herd remains aware of possible predators. With all the giraffes taking turns doing this, they guarantee their safety.

Older giraffes often make themselves available to the herd by “babysitting” for the younger giraffes while the other adults leave to search for food and water. No one seems to mind; it’s simply part of being available. They are helping the herd survive.

People are able to learn from the examples of nature. There are many ways we are able to help one another and be glad for the chance to help. How many ways can you “stick your neck out” to help others?

The five “I will” statements about the character quality of AVAILABILITY are: 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.

Mark Your Calendars



January 13	Report Cards Available ONLINE on PowerSchool	1:00 p.m.
January 14	Market Day Pick-up	10:30-11:30 a.m.
January 17	P.T.O. Meeting	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	Child Care Provided	
January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Day/ No School unless Snow Make-up Day	
January 19	Third Grade Parent Meeting* – Café	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
January 20	Math T-Races Grade 3 – 8:50; Grade 1 – 9:40; Grade 2 – 12:40	
January 23	Semester Awards' Program	
	Grade 3 – Grades/Perfect Attendance	9:00 a.m.
	Grades FDK-2 - Perfect Attendance	1:00 p.m.
January 23	Third Grade Parent Meeting* –Conference Room	11:00-11:45 a.m.
January 30	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	

*same info at both meetings

Return survey to your child’s teacher or the school office. Thank you!

-----Parent/Teacher Conference Survey-----

2011-12 School Year

The time of year, early November, was a good time for conferences. Yes No

I was able to find a meeting time that was convenient. Yes No

The information provided was helpful. Yes No

Here is what I liked: _____

Here is what could have been better: _____

Comments: _____

(Use back if needed.)