

J.B.S. Press



April, 2013

a "Short" report by Mrs. Short, Principal

The month of April has been designated as Literacy Month at J.B. Stephens. Goals have been set for students to read 1000 books this month and for staff to read 100 books. Every time a book is read, a paper link will be completed. These links will be made into chains and hung in the front hallway. Other events for Literacy Month were designated on the monthly calendar that was sent home before Spring Break. Classrooms will participate in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and DEAW (Drop Everything and Write) events, and the whole school will have a DEAR from 7:45-8:15 a.m. April 30. Ask your child about two speakers who are coming this month and about the Book Reviews being read weekly.

Nursing Notes



by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

Indiana University School of Dentistry's mobile dental sealant program is coming April 19 to provide dental examinations, personal oral hygiene instruction, sealants and fluoride varnish treatments to any student who does not have regular dental care. Look for information and an enrollment form to come home this week.

Character First!



by Mrs. Harpold, School Social Worker

The Greenfield-Central School Corporation uses the Character First! program to share ideas about good character with students and families. During this school year, the traits of respect, responsibility, truthfulness, punctuality, generosity, self-control, obedience, dependability, compassion and orderliness will be discussed, role-modeled, and expected at school.

We will be learning about the character trait of Compassion in April. Compassion reminds us of the theme song in the "Toy Story" movies.

You've Got a Friend in Me



The lyrics of “*You’ve Got a Friend in Me*” talk about the compassion one person might have for another. In part, the words to the song say: “*You've got a friend in me.....You've got troubles, well I've got 'em too.....There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you.....We stick together and we see it through.....You've got a friend in me.*”

We all have troubles at some time....it may be that we’ve forgotten our lunch at home, or that a friend is being mean to us, or that we miss a grandparent. These are times when we might need to talk to someone or to have help in solving the problem. This is where a person who shows the character quality of compassion can be helpful. That person will know what to do because they will be following the 5 “I Will” statements which appear below.

I will:

- Stop to help
- Listen when others want to talk
- Give of my resources to help those in need
- Look for lasting solutions
- Comfort others without regard to race, gender, faith, age or nationality

Compassion is our character trait for April and one that we all have the chance to show several times every day. In whose life will you make a difference today?

P.T.O. News



by The Officers

At our next meeting, we will be voting on our fundraiser company for next school year. If you have an opinion, come!! If you would like to be part of that decision, please come! Remember, we have child care, and the meetings are only an hour long. We need you! Our meeting is Tuesday, April 16, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. ALL J.B.S. parents/guardians are members of P.T.O. Please come support your children.

Attendance News



by Mrs. Hammons and Mrs. Short

Each month, there are three ways for students to receive incentives for their good attendance. Students who do not miss a day of school all month receive a donut hole/fruit snack; individual classes win prizes for their first, second and third place finish for the month, and all students get to see a pie thrown in Mrs. Short’s face if the entire school shows a 97% attendance rate for the month.

From the February figures, Mrs. Smith's class won bronze (special seating at lunch); Miss Batton's class silver (popcorn), and Mrs. Crafton's class won the gold (extra recess).

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>	
Mrs. Ahonen	97.25	SILVER (Popcorn Party)
Miss Batton	94.82	
Mrs. Bladen	90.71	
Mrs. Carson	86.12	
Mrs. Crafton	97.04	
Mrs. Hammons	93.73	
Mrs. Jacquemin	93.93	
Mrs. Johnson	91.66	
Mrs. Kuntz	97.32	GOLD (Recess)
Mrs. Leininger	92.92	
Mrs. Martinez	92.07	
Mrs. Matthias	91.69	
Mrs. Olin	83.97	
Mrs. Parker	92	
Mrs. Rizzotte	93.71	
Mrs. Sexton	90.91	
Mrs. Smith	97.15	BRONZE (Special Seating at Lunch)
Mrs. Steeno	93.93	
Ms. Stout	95.98	
Mrs. Trapp	86.81	
Mr. Vogel	88.46	
School wide	93	(GOAL 97%)

Mark Your Calendars



April 5	Report Cards Available ONLINE	1:00 p.m.
April 8-12	Book Fair BOGO	
April 9	2013-14 Kindergarten Round UP	5:00-7:00 p.m.
April 12	School Carnival	6:00-8:30 p.m.
April 16	P.T.O. Meeting/Vote on Fundraiser Child Care Provided	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 17	Pilot Party	2:00-3:00 p.m.
April 20	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
April 22-26	Young Authors' Week/Grandparents' Visits	
April 24	Administrative Professional's Day/Celebrate Mrs. Kellams	
April 29-May 8	ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Testing/Grade 3	
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week	
May 8	School Nurse Appreciation Day/Celebrate Mrs. Atkinson	