

J.B.S. Press



August, 2013

a “Short” report
by Mrs. Short, Principal

The school year has gotten off to a smooth start, although some changes were made to our second and third grade classes the first few days of school. Due to lop-sided class sizes, one second grade teacher was moved to third grade to open another section. Class sizes in both those grades are now 24 and 25. Thanks to the parents, students and teachers involved in those switches, disruptions to the learning environment were minimized.

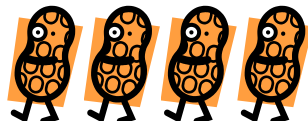
Parent nights were attended by sixty-five parents this week. During these meetings, parents heard an explanation of our grading system, saw various classroom texts and student materials, had a demonstration of the features of our JBS website, jbs.gcsc.k12.in.us, and learned about this year’s “purple ticket” system. These parents won \$25 Walmart gift cards: Amy Andrus, Jessica Barniville, Kenny and Nicole Gooch, John Skene, John Suddeth, Samantha Miller, Karen Crane, and Teresa Eads. Thanks to all who attended. I will attempt to include some of that same information in this and subsequent *JBS Press* newsletters.

All K-3 classroom teachers produce weekly classroom newsletters. Be sure teachers have your e-mail address or preferred way of receiving this important piece of information. If you are not seeing the newsletter, contact your child’s teacher.

If you have left a message for a teacher and haven’t received a response within 24-48 hours, call the front office. Our phone system has experienced some problems over the summer, and some of your e-mail messages may be caught in spam. It is the intention of all of us to return messages within 24-48 hours, usually much sooner. Please send notes to the teacher for any daily changes in your child’s transportation.

Much information is on our website: jbs.gcsc.k12.in.us. Under the Resources tab, you will find a link to our math program, Everyday Math. The handbook is also under the Resources tab. A link to a sample school note appears there, as well. The monthly breakfast and lunch menus may be found under the Menu tab. Check the home page frequently for important dates.

Please help us keep our children with severe peanut allergies safe here at school. We are asking that children in grades 1 and 2 who bring peanuts as part of their lunch from home wash their hands after eating. These students will stop by the sinks on their way to lunch recess. This precaution will minimize the risk of contact with peanut butter on the recess equipment.



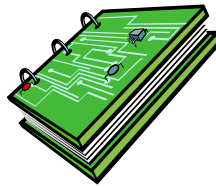
Conscious Discipline Program



Our school uses the concepts of *Conscious Discipline*, which is a program created by Dr. Becky Bailey. It is based on brain research and centers around keeping children safe. It supports the value of being a school family. It teaches seven main discipline skills: composure, encouragement, assertiveness, choices, positive intent, empathy and consequences. *Conscious Discipline* emphasizes structures to reduce stress, i.e., “Friends and Family” boards, classroom jobs, School Family meetings, “Wish you Well” boards, choices and safe places.

At our first family meeting, children will learn that our staff’s job is to keep them all safe. They will also learn that **their** job is to help the adults keep it that way!

Focus on the JBS Family Handbook



Except for kindergarten families, there were no paper handbooks distributed this school year. The handbook is located online at our website: jbs.gcsc.k12.in.us. If you need a paper copy, contact the front office at 462-4491. Below are excerpts from the handbook, specifically the mission and belief statements, as well as our school pledge and beliefs.

MISSION STATEMENTS

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation

Learning for all; all for learning.

Tier 1: Greenfield-Central Elementary Schools

To welcome young learners and their families into an intentionally inviting environment where they can continue to expand their world through exploration and engagement in reading, writing, math and social development.

J.B.S. Family Pledge

Good, Better, Best

We Never Let it Rest

Until our Good is our Better

And our Better is our Best.

J.B.S.

Just Believe to Succeed

J.B.STEPHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BELIEFS

(based on principles of *Conscious Discipline*)

The motivation to behave comes from being in relationship with everyone in the school. Our school is a community.

The brain operates optimally when it feels safe. Our school promotes safety for all the school family in all situations/locations. The job of the J.B.S. staff is to keep students safe. The students' job is to help keep it that way.

Conflicts between the school family are opportunities to problem solve and teach social skills.

Respect is shown for all, thus building self-esteem in all.

Students contribute in meaningful ways to the school family, thus building self-worth.

With guidance, children can own and solve their problems.

Our school family members make mistakes. Our school family uses mistakes to show compassion and offer guidance. Mistakes are opportunities to learn.

The school family helps each other be successful.

We are kind to one another. We are helpful, not hurtful.

Nursing Notes



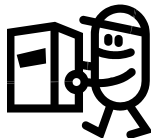
by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

Thanks to everyone for turning in their child's immunization records; we have almost 80% at this time.

Please remember: Prescription and OTC medications to be given at school must have the proper form filled out and signed by the prescribing physician and parent. These forms are located on the corporation's website under the Parents and Students tab/Health Services.

No more donations of clothes are needed at this time. Thanks for your generosity!

Collections at School



Box Tops

Marsh Points (Code #28577)

Target Points

Tyson Labels

Pop-tabs

Campbell's labels

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 each 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 all elementary schools.

The August quality is respect. Below is the definition of respect we use and the “I will” statements which show students how they may demonstrate that quality.

Respect means caring for others, for property and for myself. The “I will” statements are:
I will.....

- Use manners and kind words.
- Treat others the way that I want to be treated.
- Listen with polite attention when others speak.
- Take care of all things.
- Follow the rules and obey laws.

P.T.O. News



by The Officers

We offer a variety of ways to support our school. One way is by raising funds to support various school materials and activities. Market Day is one way we make money. You should have received a Market Day flyer already. Families love those food items, and we are happy to provide that service to our school. Profit from Market Day was nearly \$2,000 last year.

Another way to raise funds is by having school wide fundraisers. This year we are sponsoring a fall and spring fundraiser. The fall school wide fundraiser of the year begins this week. Your child should bring home information about it. Thank you for allowing your family to participate. As a family, you need to decide which fundraisers your family can support. If you would rather make a monetary donation to P.T.O., that would be most welcome.

Our meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of the month. This is YOUR club; please come! Remember, we have child care, and the meetings are only an hour long. We need you! Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday, August 27, 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. 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.

P.E. Pointers



by Mr. Wood, Physical Educator

We are off to a wonderful start in Physical Education class! We have covered some basic, fundamental movements thus far. I have also spoken with every student about our class rules. There is one rule we are definitely going to need parental/guardian support on: **Students must wear tennis shoes and socks to Physical Education class.** This rule is in place for the safety of our students. Students will not be allowed to participate in physical education activities if they are wearing sandals, flip-flops, Crocs, heels, or boots.

Your children will attend Physical Education class twice per week. Please check the list below to see what days your child has P.E. class.

Kindergarten-

Ahonen- Tuesday, Friday
Bewley- Monday, Friday
Olin- Thursday, Friday
Sexton- Tuesday, Friday
Trapp - Tuesday, Thursday
Johnson- Tuesday, Thursday

1st Grade

Bladen- Tuesday, Thursday
Kuntz- Tuesday, Friday
Matthias- Monday, Thursday
Rizzotte- Monday, Thursday
Vogel- Monday, Thursday
Johnson- Monday, Thursday

2nd Grade

Hammons/Gable- Thursday, Friday
Martinez- Monday, Friday
Parker- Tuesday, Friday
Steen- Monday, Thursday
Stout- Monday, Thursday

3rd Grade

Batton- Tuesday, Thursday
Clark- Tuesday, Friday
Jacquemin- Monday, Friday
Leininger- Monday, Tuesday
Smith- Monday, Thursday
Stout- Monday, Tuesday

Café Comments



by Mrs. Hodson, Café Manager

We have had lots of comments about some yummy foods that are being served. Students are learning about being quiet in the cafeteria line. Any reminders from you are appreciated. The rules include only talking to the servers (not their peers) in the serving line. Students are to be quiet at their tables until the entire grade level has been served. Students who need more time to eat are to eat without talking, when the others are excused from the table.

Restrictions on the amount of student charges will be changing after Labor Day. After Labor Day, students will receive a turkey and cheese sandwich and milk on their second charge. PLEASE keep your students' account in the black. If you need assistance, please ask for a form.

LUNCH TIMES

Kindergarten 10:25-10:55
First Grade 10:45-11:15

Second Grade 11:25-11:55
Third Grade 11:45-12:15

Mark Your Calendars



August 17	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
August 22	Coupon Book/Trash Bag Fundraiser Orders/Money DUE	
August 23	P.T.O. Movie Night/Free Admission/Snacks for Sale	6:00-8:00 p.m.
August 27	P.T.O. Meeting	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Child Care Provided	
September 3	Third Grade Quest* Parent Meeting	6:30-8:00 p.m.
September 12	Family Math Night	6:00-7:30 p.m.
September 18	Fall Picture Day	
September 28	P.T.O. Fall Festival	2:00-4:00 p.m.
October 4	Riley Parade/Grades 2 and 3	1:00 p.m.
October 7-11	Fall Intercession/Make-Up Days Possible	
October 14-18	Fall Intercession/No Make-Up Days	
October 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:45-6:15 p.m.
November 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:45-6:15 p.m.
November 11	Veterans' Day Tribute/Veterans Welcome	9:30-10:00 a.m.
November 14	Family Literacy Night	6:00-7:30 p.m.

*High Ability Program for Identified Students