

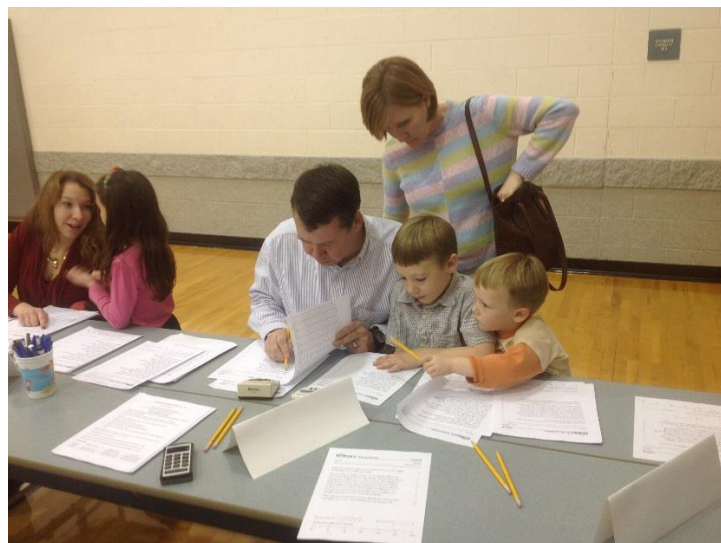
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December, 2013

a "Short" report
by Mrs. Short, Principal

We had good attendance at our recent Literacy Night.
Here are some families enjoying literacy activities together!!



Family Literacy Night~November 14, 2013



Michael Runions and his mom relax on the “Duck Dynasty” reading corner he won at Literacy Night.



Ali Ramirez won the other reading corner. She and her mom were very thankful and excited to take it home!

That evening, the Hancock Public Library gave out information about a free library service called TUTOR.COM. Students with a library card may access Tutor.com by clicking "Online Resources" at www.hcplibrary.org. Wherever your child has Internet access, they can connect to a one-on-one tutor to receive help in all subjects at all grade levels.

During Red Ribbon Week in October, these students were selected to be given a Drug Awareness water bottle: Katie Rigney, Mayrin Rodriguez, Trenton Beaver, Alexandria Kahn, Dylan Porter, Ruby Loftus, Bella Turner, Sly Blevens, Eliza Jensen, Sophia Moss, Megan Jones, Jaxon Waterman and Houdini Holmes. If you see one of them, ask them why they were selected.

If you would like for your child to get a personalized letter from *Santa Claus*, Greenfield Central's Best Buddies Chapter is taking orders for mailing personalized letters from Santa to your children. Letters will be mailed to the children on December 17, so they will receive the letter from Santa before Christmas.

Please fill out the required information below for each child. Please drop off the order form and the money, (cash or checks), in a sealed envelope labeled "Best Buddies Christmas Letters" to the main office at Greenfield-Central High School. Checks may be made payable to "Greenfield Central", and place "Best Buddies Letters" in the memo line.

Costs: One letter will be \$3.00 or two for \$5.00.

The requests for the letters and the money are due by Friday, December 6.

Questions/concerns please contact Kathleen Burke or Janeen Gill at 462-9211.

ORDER FORM: Please PRINT NEATLY.

Child 1's Name: _____

Child 2's Name: _____

Child 3's Name: _____

Child 4's Name: _____

Address: _____

Additional Address, if needed: _____

Total Money Enclosed: _____

Contact Name and Phone (for questions): _____

Math Minute



by Mrs. Cooney, Title I Math Coach

The second *Standard for Mathematical Practice* is, “Reason abstractly and quantitatively.” What does that mean for young mathematicians? First, students are called to abstract a situation and then represent it symbolically. Students do that when they represent a story problem as a number model or equation. This can be challenging for young minds who are still functioning concretely, so they need many opportunities to see the connections between the symbolic world of math and the contextual word in which we live. Just as in reading, the connections to the real world are what make the symbols on the page have meaning.

The other side of this coin is to contextualize a set of symbols and give them meaning. Not on many occasions are students given an equation and asked to write a story for it. This task gives students the opportunity to see how the abstract can be connected to the concrete, an important part of the understanding of how math exists in the world. Being able to write a situation that **makes sense** given the quantities and the **relationships** of those quantities from the number sentence, really tests durable understanding of number sense.

Try having your student make up a story to an equation you show them. Then, let them tell you a story and have you write the equation to solve it.

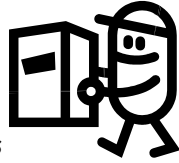
READING TIP



by Mrs. Dudley, Literacy Coach

Student Resources for Reading Street

1. Student logs in to their account on www.pearsonsuccessnet.com on a desktop computer – school or home (not iPad at this time)
2. Click on **To Do**
3. Click on the **Explore Tab**
4. Click on **Search**
5. Click on **Media Type**
6. Look through the **Activities** and **Games**.
7. Students can also access e-text and videos through this link.



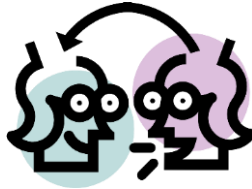
Collections at School

Box Tops
Marsh Points (Code #28577)
Paper, Catalogs, Magazines in the Abitibi container in the north parking lot

Target Points
Tyson Labels

Pop-tabs
Campbell's labels

Conscious Discipline Tip



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.

The seven principles of *Conscious Discipline* include:

- Composure
- Encouragement
- Assertiveness
- Choices
- Positive Intent
- Empathy
- Consequences

ASSERTIVENESS: Assertiveness is a communication skill. To effectively learn assertiveness, we must become aware of our passive and aggressive communication tendencies. If we adults, both parents and educators, are passive in setting limits for our children, hoping to make them happy and not cause a scene, we will be training our students to be passive in their responses to other situations.

If we adults react aggressively when we are in certain situations, we are training our children to react aggressively to situations in which they find themselves.

Both passive and aggressive responses are ones we do not want to model for our children. Instead, we want them to learn to be assertive. Our students are encouraged to set limits respectfully. They are taught to say and mean "NO." Children must learn that their words and actions teach others how to treat them. We are teaching them that speaking assertively is more powerful than attacking verbally or physically or by reacting passively. Ask your child about our talk at the December School Family Meeting to see what they remember about these three types of reactions: passive, aggressive and assertive.

If you wish to know more about teaching your children to be assertive, contact Mrs. Short or Mrs. Harpold. If you are a Facebook user, I encourage you to "like" *Conscious Discipline*.

P.T.O. News

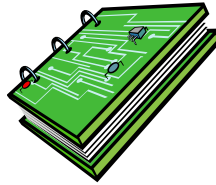


by The Officers

We are excited to offer Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe this month. This will allow your child(ren) to shop for gifts for their family at a reasonable cost. Prices range from \$.25 - \$10.00. See the calendar for dates/times and the place for this year's Santa Shop.

Please come to our next meeting, which is Tuesday, December 17. This evening, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies so we can prepare the annual staff cookie treats. Let's help to make the holidays sweet for our wonderful JBS staff!

Focus on the JBS Family Handbook



Except for kindergarten families, there were no paper handbooks distributed this school year. Below are excerpts from the handbook.

STUDENT INFORMATION (K-3)

Student information is kept online for teacher use and emergencies. It is important that you keep this information up to date. If there is a change in address, phone numbers, place of work, emergency contact, doctor, etc. please go online to update alert now information or call the school office to update any other information IMMEDIATELY.

HEALTH POLICIES

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

In order to comply with Indiana law IC 20-33-8-13 and IC 34-30-14, and to protect all parties involved, Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation has adopted the following medication policies. **NOTE: ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AND PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL BY A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR DESIGNATED ADULT.**

Prescription Medicines

A parent/guardian must bring these medications to school in the original container. Students may not carry medication to school. The container must be labeled by the pharmacy with the student's name, physician's name, name of medication, dosage, route (i.e., by mouth), conditions for storage, prescription date and expiration date. Form 5330 F1 must also accompany this medication, which is to be signed by the prescribing authority and the parent/guardian.

If it is necessary for a student to keep emergency prescription medication with him/her (insulin, inhaler or EpiPen), the appropriate care plan, signed by a physician, must be filed each school year with the clinic.

Over the Counter Medications

All over the counter medications stored in the clinic require a physician to complete Form 5330 F1b. The parent/guardian must also sign this form and bring the medication to the clinic. Only medication brought to the clinic in a new, sealed, unopened container will be accepted. Over the counter medicines will not be administered if they do not comply with the guidelines.

Medications must be kept in the clinic for dispensing. Students may not carry medication on their person or in their desk. Students are permitted to carry and self-administer throat lozenges without physician documentation. It is the parent's responsibility to provide instruction to the student on the appropriate usage of throat lozenges.

Medical Coverage for Students

Although we make every effort to keep our playgrounds and buildings safe, occasionally students are injured. The school corporation's insurance policy does not provide medical or accident insurance for students. You may wish to check with your health and accident insurance carrier to assure that your policy includes coverage for injuries to your child that may occur at school.

Accident or Illness at School

If your child is injured or becomes ill while at school, every effort will be made to make the child comfortable and, if necessary, contact a parent or guardian of the child. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, we will attempt to contact the emergency numbers that you have listed. If this is not possible or if, in the opinion of school officials, immediate action is required, emergency ambulance services will be called. The cost of such emergency ambulance services will be the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

When a student comes to the clinic during the day with a complaint of illness, their temperature will be checked by clinic personnel. If the student has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, is vomiting, has diarrhea, or other apparent illness, the parent/guardian will be notified. Otherwise, the student will return to class.

Fever

Students who have a temperature above 99.9 degrees will be sent home from school. Students with a fever should be kept at home until such time as the fever has subsided without the use of medication.

Head Lice

If you are contacted by the school's health assistant that your child has lice and nits (eggs), you will need to have your child cleared to attend school. Even if your child has no lice, but nits are visible, your child might not be allowed to attend until cleared. This is most likely to happen if there are several nits close to the scalp.

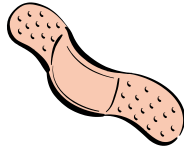
To be cleared, you will need to bring your child to the school health clinic and if the health assistant or school nurse determines your child to be free of lice and nits, he/she will be readmitted to school. If your child still has evidence of lice and nits, he/she will be sent back home with you at that time.

Please do not hesitate to ask us or your physician for guidance in treating the problem. The county health nurse can also assist you, and we will be glad to help you arrange an appointment to meet with her.

Vision and Hearing

Each year, students in kindergarten and grade 1 are given a hearing screening. The students in kindergarten and grade 3 are given a vision screening. In the event that the screenings indicate a potential area of concern, parents will be notified.

Nursing Notes



by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

Thank you for keeping your phone numbers updated, in case we need to contact you about your child's illness. We are currently in need of 3 oz. small cups for our clinic.

Music Notes



by Miss Teaters, Music Educator

We had a wonderful turn out at the Veteran's Day Program this year. I would like to thank all the Veterans that came to our program. Your service to our country is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Since the Veteran's Day Program, students have continued to learn about great American songs, including the National Anthem.

Third grade is starting to learn different folk songs from around the world, including Newfoundland, Ireland, and the USA. Second grade is learning about the great composer Ludwig Van Beethoven and his famous symphonies. First graders are learning about quarter notes, quarter rests, and eighth notes. Kindergarten is learning about their Note Syllables, (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La Ti, Do).

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.

It is very appropriate that, during the month of December, we will be focused on the character quality of GENEROSITY. People often give of their time, resources, and talents to other people and causes during the holiday season. The definition of generosity is “Being willing to share what I have.” A person who is demonstrating generosity is concerned about the needs of others and gives freely.

The five “I will” statements help to clarify what the character quality of generosity is all about.

I will:

- *Share what I have with others.*
- *Recycle.*
- *Not expect anything in return for my generosity.*
- *Give of my time and talents.*
- *Praise the good I see in others.*

A generous person is willing to share what he or she has in order to benefit those in need. Generosity applies to much more than money. Time, energy, and talents are also valuable resources that should be given and invested in others. Sharing is an essential part of being generous.

During this holiday season, and always, remember to be generous to others and to worthy causes. Share what you have with the less fortunate. We can show our generosity by putting money in the “kettle” of the Salvation Army bell-ringers, contributing to the Food Pantry, the Red Cross or a Coats-for-Kids program. Give away new or gently used toys, sing carols for shut-ins, make a plate of cookies for a neighbor or make or buy gifts for your loved ones. We should all give generously, without expecting to receive anything in return. One thing we will receive are the warm feelings of joy and satisfaction when we are generous to others.

One way that students and our staff can show generosity during this month is to donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots program. In the front office is a Toys for Tots collection box. All toys collected are given to children in Hancock County. Show your child an example of generosity by taking them shopping, buying a new toy, and delivering it to the Toys for Tots box, all the while sharing with your child why helping others, especially at Christmas time, is very important.

Attendance News



by Mrs. Short, principal

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 Mrs. Short, (and other staff members), wear pajamas for a day if the entire school shows a 97% attendance rate for the month.

NOVEMBER REPORT

Teacher	Monthly Attendance Percentage	
Mrs. Ahonen	97.2	
Miss Batton	97.7	SILVER
Mrs. Bewley	95.1	
Miss Bladen	96.1	
Mrs. Clark	96.9	
Mrs. Hammons	95.8	
Mrs. Jacquemin	97.3	BRONZE
Mrs. Johnson	93.2	
Mrs. Kuntz	96.5	
Mrs. Leininger	96.4	
Mrs. Martinez	96.7	
Mrs. Matthias	96.7	
Mrs. Olin	94.3	
Mrs. Parker	96.1	
Mrs. Rizzotte	95.4	
Mrs. Sexton	96.2	
Mrs. Smith	98.3	GOLD*
Mrs. Steeno	97.2	
Ms. Stout	96.2	
Mrs. Trapp	95.8	
Mr. Vogel	94.7	

GOLD =	Extra Recess	
SILVER=	Popcorn	
BRONZE=	Special Seating at Lunch	TOTAL 96%

*Second month first place = attendance bracelets

Physical Education Update



by Mr. Wood, P.E. Teacher

Wow, it is hard to believe we are almost to the midway point of our school year here at J.B. Stephens! Physical Education class is running smoothly as we near the halfway mark. The students are involved in a number of physical activities and giving it their all during each class!

We are slowly integrating manipulatives into many of our games for kindergarten and first grade. In second and third grade we are working on more advanced skills with various manipulatives.

Teamwork is another fundamental I am really stressing with the students this semester. The games we are starting to play require every person on the team to be involved for the team to be successful. As always, sportsmanship is a top priority.

Please help reinforce good sportsmanship at home; shaking hands, saying good game behaviors, no bragging, etc. Try it out: when playing board games over winter break, when playing cards, when your kids are playing together, at travel basketball, etc. Thank you for your support!

P.S. A new game has quickly become a favorite among the students here at J.B., "Seal Island"; make sure you ask your child about it!

Café Comments



by Mrs. Hudson, Café Manager

If your child has been receiving only a sandwich and milk, it is because there is no money in their account. We are trying very hard not to embarrass any child, but hope you are able to get their account "in the black" as soon as possible. Remember, you may check your child's balance on the My Payments Plus website: <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/default.aspx>. You can link to the website from the school corporation's website, as well. It doesn't cost anything to look at your child's account.

LUNCH TIMES (Please SHARE these times with anyone in your family who visits for lunch.)

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



December 7	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
December 9	Techmobile	
December 9-13	Third Grade SRI Testing Week	
December 13	P.T.O. Movie* Night/Free Admission/Snacks for Sale	6:00-8:00 p.m.
December 17	P.T.O. Meeting/Child Care Provided/Bring Cookies	7:00-8:00 p.m.
December 5-6	P.T.O. Santa Secret Shop/Library	5:00-7:00 p.m.
December 7	P.T.O. Santa Secret Shop/Library	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
December 20	End of Second Quarter	
December 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break	
January 6	School Resumes/School Family Meeting/Wear JBS Clothing	
January 10	Report Cards Online	1:00 p.m.
January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/NO SCHOOL/Possible Make-up Day	
January 24	Semester Awards	8:00 a.m.

*Santa Paws

