

# J.B.S. Press



**MAY, 2014**

## **a “Short” report**

by Mrs. Short, Principal

After a great deal of deliberation, I have decided to retire at the end of the 13-14 school year. Over my forty years in education, I have always been proud to work with children. I hope it has been evident in all I do how much I love my job and my work. Watching children grow socially, physically and academically has been a joy. Working with families and teachers to enable that growth has been rewarding. Thank you for supporting my efforts at J.B.S.; it has been a great partnership.

On April 29, Mr. Matt Davis was named the school's new principal. Several teachers and parents participated in the interview process and had input into his selection. Mr. Davis wrote the following article to be included in this month's Press.

## **Meet the New Principal!**

by Mr. Matt Davis

Hello J.B. Stephens,

I am very excited to be joining the JBS Family! You might want to learn a little about your new principal:

- I grew up in Fortville and graduated from Mt. Vernon.
- Dr. Olin's, (Greenfield-Central's new superintendent), grandfather was my principal from Kindergarten - 2nd grade. :)
- I have an AWESOME family! My wife is Sharilyn and my three sons are Max 12, Sam 12, and Quinn 9.
- I have been a teacher for 10 years and taught every grade K-4.
- I did my student teaching at Eden Elementary.
- My first teaching job was at Edgewood Elementary in Anderson and Mrs. Short was my Principal :)
- I have been an elementary school administrator for 12 years.
  - Assistant Principal at Lantern Road and Cumberland Road Elementary Schools (K-4) in Fishers
  - Principal at Arlington Elementary School (K-6) in Rush County
  - Principal at Hornet Park Elementary School (PK-1) in Beech Grove
  - Assistant Principal at Pendleton Elementary Primary School (K-4) in Pendleton

My goal is to work with students, staff, families and the community to continue the J.B. Stephens' tradition of giving our children a successful start to their education. Elementary Education is my passion and I look forward to working with you!

I will be in the school a couple of days in May to meet and work with the students and staff. I will also be at the May 27th PTO meeting and look forward to meeting you!

Educationally Yours,  
Mr. Matt Davis

In addition to the P.T.O. meeting, Mr. Davis plans to join us for the morning sessions of Field Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be a "Meet and Greet" in July.

### **Music Notes**



by Miss Teaters, Music Educator

It has been a wonderful year here at J.B. Stephens! During our last family meeting, the third grade students surprised the school with a Flash Mob. Students were dancing to the song, *Best Day of My Life*, by American Authors. Third grade classes started practicing this dance for a couple of months before surprising the school. We all had a lot of fun!

Second Grade students have been working on music stations to practice their music skills. Some stations included: Musical Bowling, Instrument Bingo, and other fun music games. Ask your child their favorite. Kindergarten and first grade have been working on reviewing notes, playing drums, and learning new songs including, *Little Red Caboose*, *The Green Grass Grows*, and *Do Re Mi*.

### **J.B.S. Library News**



by Mrs. Jaeck, Library Assistant

I'm starting to do my "end of the year" inventory, and I have sent out reminders to all the students who have overdue books. If you are unsure if your child has a book missing from our library, please contact me. Books that are not returned will need to be paid for.

The library doesn't have the funds to replace the overdue books, unless the fines are paid. Please help the library out by searching for those overdue books or paying for them before the school year ends!

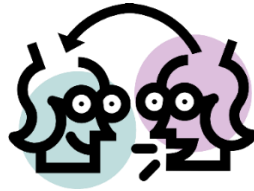
## P.T.O. News



by The Officers

We are so excited to have our new principal, Mr. Davis, attending the May 27<sup>th</sup> P.T.O. meeting. We hope for a large turnout to welcome him to J.B. Stephens. Our meeting is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the school's library. There is child care available.

## 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:

1. Composure
2. Encouragement
3. Assertiveness
4. Choices
5. Positive Intent
6. Empathy
7. Consequences

Each month this school year, we have discussed one of these principles at our school family meetings. If you wish to know more about the principles, contact Mrs. Short or Mrs. Harpold. If you are a Facebook user, I encourage you to "like" *Conscious Discipline*.

Want to borrow a copy of the *Conscious Discipline* book? Please ask!!!

## Title I Update

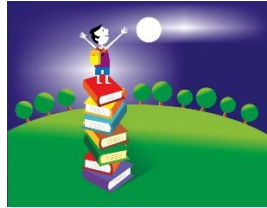


by Ms. Loller and Mrs. Wickham, Title I Teachers

We have had a great year in Title I! We have seen a lot of growth in fluency and comprehension and an increase in writing skills. As a reward for a great year of hard work, we would like to offer our 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Run to Read**. We will be partnering up with Mr. Wood, our P.E. coach, in this event. We will have a time for parent questions/feedback and a time for you and your student to participate in station activities on our school's playground. One station includes reading with cool sunglasses and popsicle eating.

**Run to Read** will be on **Thursday, May 22** from **2:30-3:30 p.m.** and another identical meeting from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Pick which one works best for you. We will also be offering summer reading and math packets to help keep your student at their best. We will be sending home RSVP information home this week. Hope to see you there!

**READING REPORT**



by Mrs. Dudley, Literacy Coach

We did it! We made our goal of 4,000 books read during April!! The actual amount was 4,651. We celebrated with an all-school Read-In and a Reading Mix-Up day. Due to an illness, author David Slonim’s visit was postponed until Friday, May 9. Look for an order form this week where you may order one of his books and have it autographed.

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

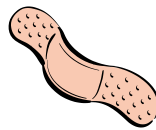
**MARCH REPORT**

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>	
Mrs. Ahonen	98.7	
Miss Batton	91.3	
Mrs. Bewley	97.3	
Miss Bladen	96.8	
Mrs. Clark	99.08	<b>SILVER</b>
Mrs. Hammons	97.	
Mrs. Jacquemin	98.95	<b>BRONZE</b>
Mrs. Johnson	95.6	
Mrs. Kuntz	97.9	
Mrs. Leininger	96.6	
Mrs. Martinez	96.9	
Mrs. Matthias	97.1	
Mrs. Olin	95.9	

Mrs. Parker	99.14	<b>GOLD</b>
Mrs. Rizzotte	97.3	
Mrs. Sexton	97.3	
Mrs. Smith	96.7	
Mrs. Steeno	97.7	
Ms. Stout	87.9	
Mrs. Trapp	95.2	
Mr. Vogel	90.7	

GOLD =	Extra Recess		
SILVER=	Popcorn		
BRONZE=	Special Seating at Lunch	TOTAL	96% (Goal is 97%)

### **Nursing Notes**



by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

The clinic can still use boy's shorts and pants. Also, be sure to have your child's medicine picked up by 2:30 p.m. on the last day of school or it will be disposed of properly. If you know you will need medical forms for next school year, let me know and I can send them home with your child. Thank you for making this a good year in the health clinic.

### **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.

We will be learning about the character trait of orderliness in May. I wanted to share with you ways to praise your child for showing orderliness. Praise children for being orderly when you see them:

- \*\*Maintaining a tidy area
- \*\*Returning items to their proper place
- \*\*Improving their penmanship
- \*\*Keeping a neat appearance
- \*\*Turning in homework assignments
- \*\*Using things for their intended purposes

- \*\*Cleaning up their own messes
- \*\*Cleaning up other people's messes
  - \*\*Picking up litter and trash
- \*\*Returning lost items to their rightful owner or to the "Lost and Found"
  - \*\*Wiping their feet at the door
  - \*\*Using good manners
  - \*\*Picking up their toys
- \*\*Putting clothes in the hamper
  - \*\*Putting their bike away

Use words such as, "I appreciate your orderliness when you cleaned your room," or "You showed the trait of orderliness when you put your bike away. Thank you for putting it where it belongs."

### **Café News**



by Mrs. Hudson, Manager

I can't believe it's already May. It's been a wonderful year offering breakfast and lunch to all of J.B's students. I wanted to thank you for keeping your child's lunch account paid up. If your child owes, please be sure to take care of it before the end of the year. We need to close out our books. We accept cash or checks or you can make a payment on my paymentplus.com. Thank you, and have a great summer!!

### **Field Day 2013**



by Mr. Wood, Physical Educator

We are in need of volunteers to help with the annual J.B. Stephens' Field Day which will be held on Friday May 23, 2014! This is a fun filled time full of games and activities for our first-third grade students, as they celebrate the end of the year! Please look for a form to come home with your child so that you can sign up to help. If you don't see the form, please call the school or e-mail me at [bwood@gcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:bwood@gcsc.k12.in.us).

## Mark Your Calendars



May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week	
May 7	School Nurse Appreciation Day	
May 9	Author David Slonim Visits	
May 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Visit Maxwell Intermediate School	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Night at Maxwell Intermediate School	6:30-7:30 p.m.
May 13	Hancock Public Library Personnel Visit Students	
May 14	Retirement Open House for Mrs. Short	3:00-6:00 p.m.
May 17	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
May 20	Second Grade Trip to Children’s Museum	
May 21	Math T-Races	
May 22	Field Day – Preschool and Kindergarten	
May 22	Title I Run to Read	2:30-3:30 and 6:30-7:30 p.m.
May 23	Field Day – First, Second and Third Grades	
May 27	First Grade Trip to Indianapolis Zoo	
May 27	P.T.O. Meeting/Meet Mr. Davis	7:00-8:00 p.m.
May 28	Good Conduct Mini-Breakfast	
May 29	Second Semester Awards’ Program	8:00-10:00 a.m.
	Preschool Graduation	1:00 p.m.
	Last Student Day/Pick up Any Medications from Clinic	
June 2	Report Cards Available ONLINE	1:00 p.m.
June 2-20	I-Read Summer School/Harris	8:00-11:00 a.m.
June 7	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
July 23/24	Registration	12:00-7:00 p.m.

### Collections at School/Collect This Summer/Return in August



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| *General Mills Box Tops     | *Tyson Labels                        |
| *Target Points              | *Campbell’s Labels                   |
| *Pop-tabs                   | *Paper in the Arbitibi Recycling Bin |
| *Marsh Points (Code #28577) |                                      |

## Summer Reading Club Kick-off: "Fizz, Boom, Read"

by Hancock Public Library



- Both locations, Sat., May 31, 10 AM-12 PM
- No event registration is necessary. Drop in.
- Kids can "Fizz, Boom Read" when the summer reading club kicks off with community heroes. Since firefighters like to read, fire trucks will park in front of both libraries. After a tour of the truck and a treat, come inside to sign up for summer reading club. Then check out your first stack of books.

In late May, watch for our summer event book in the *Daily Reporter*, at the library, or at a school near you. Students will come home with a flyer on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer, 2014**



by Mrs. Short and Mrs. Harpold

### **Possible Student/Family Activities:**

- Write a list of things you want to do this summer.
- List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Now put them in A-B-C order.
- Start a journal with a friend or your family. Take turns writing in it all summer.
- Write down on your calendar the time the sun sets and rises.
- See how many smaller words you can find in *watermelon*.
- Read or tell a story to a younger sibling or friend. Ask an older relative to tell you a story about his/her favorite summer activities.
- Make your own joke and riddle book. Ask friends and family for their favorites.
- Pretend you are going to visit another city or state. Find out what you could do there.
- Write a list of professional baseball teams and their cities.



- Look for constellations on a clear summer night; find out their names.
- Sit under a tree and write down words to describe what you see and hear.
- Invent a recipe for a cool summer drink.
- Go to a library, museum or zoo.
- Go on a scavenger hunt.
- List words that describe summer.

**Free and Low Cost Activities:**

Hancock County Public Library Summer Reading Program  
*"Fizz, Boom, Read!"*

Registration begins May 31 @ 10:00am  
 May 31-August 1  
 Programs & Story Times available  
 For information (317) 462-5141 ext. 238  
[www.hcplibrary.org](http://www.hcplibrary.org)

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Legacy 9 Cinemas  
 Free Family Film Festival  
 Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (doors open at 9:00am)  
 Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.—Sensory friendly showings (lights up and sound turned down  
 for individuals with special needs)  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 462-6831  
[www.legacycinema.com](http://www.legacycinema.com)

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Riley Pool – Greenfield  
 Free Swim  
 Tuesdays and Sundays from 5:00-7:00pm  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> –August 1  
 Children age 10 and under MUST be accompanied by someone age 16 or older  
 477-4348  
[www.greenfieldin.org](http://www.greenfieldin.org)

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Concerts on the Plaza  
 Hancock County Courthouse South Lawn and City of Greenfield Plaza  
 Friday evenings, 7:00pm  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 (During July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, the program will be held on Thursday evening, July 3rd)  
 Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating  
 No rain site or rain dates  
[www.gbcbank.com](http://www.gbcbank.com)

The Children's Museum  
Free admission  
First Thursday of each month from 4:00-8:00pm  
Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult  
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Indianapolis Museum of Art  
Free general admission  
[www.imamuseum.org](http://www.imamuseum.org)

The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres  
**Free general admission**  
[www.imamuseum.org/visit/100acres](http://www.imamuseum.org/visit/100acres)

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NCAA Hall of Champions, Indiana Historical Society, Terre Haute Children's Museum, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, and WonderLab Museum of Science, Health, and Technology in Bloomington have joined forces to make fun family learning available to more Indiana families.

Families that participate in any of the state assistance programs listed below can visit these locations for just \$1 per family member per visit.

Food Stamps

Hoosier Healthwise

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Some special events and exhibits may not be included.

To join, visit any of the venues listed and complete the Access Pass application. The application may also be downloaded at: [www.childrensmuseum.org/access-pass](http://www.childrensmuseum.org/access-pass) Applicants must show an Indiana State issued photo ID card and a Hoosier Healthwise or Hoosier Works Enrollment Recertification Letter.

### **Food Support Resources**



Summer 2014

### **Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen**

202 E. Main St. Greenfield, IN 317-462-9900

Serving Hours: Monday-Friday 11:00am-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Open to all at no cost, free will offerings accepted

### **Summer Meals for Kids**

United Way of Central Indiana, Hancock Regional Hospital, Greenfield Rotary, and Greenfield Parks & Recreation are partnering with Gleaners Food Bank to provide a free summer lunch program for children in need, age 18 and under. "Grab and Go Meals for the Weekend" will be available to those attending on Fridays.

Dates: June 2- July 30, 2014 (closed July 4)

Time: 12:00noon to 1:00 pm., Monday through Friday

Location: Patricia Elmore Center in Riley Park, 280 N. Apple St., Greenfield

### **Hancock County Food Pantry**

741½ S. State St. Greenfield, IN 317-468-0273

Hours: Monday	1:00-2:30 p.m.; 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00-10:30 am; 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00-8:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Families with children are encouraged to inquire about the summer program

\*\*\* May be accessed once per month, proof of county residency required

### **Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry**

**Fortville:** Erlewein Funeral Home parking lot at 124 East Staat St. Fortville

May 31<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m.-12 noon

June 28<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-12 noon

July 26<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-12 noon

**Greenfield:** Riley Park, 801 E Main Street, Greenfield

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 noon-2 p.m., in conjunction with the Summer Lunch Kick Off

### **Love INC of Greater Hancock County**

317-468-6300

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Following an intake, Love INC may be able to refer families to churches with a food and/or hygiene ministry.

### **Connect2Help 2-1-1**

2-1-1 is an information and referral line that connects people to vital social services, such as food, clothing, shelter, counseling, etc. When a person calls 2-1-1, specially-trained information and referral personnel assess what services are needed and provide the appropriate resource and related information. Simply dial 2-1-1 on your phone or visit [www.connect2help.org](http://www.connect2help.org)

### **Plug into Nature Day Camp**

The Nameless Creek Youth Camp offers a camp from July 8-12, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., for students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year. Designed for children who may not otherwise be able to have a day camp experience, the camp will provide a variety of activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, basic culinary skills, a water carnival and horseback riding. A registration fee of \$10 is required, and there are limited spots available. Parents are responsible for all transportation. For further information, contact Mrs. Harpold at 462-4491, ext. 206.