

J.B.S. Press



May, 2013

a "Short" report
by Mrs. Short, Principal

Thank you to all families for your help in making this year successful. Everything you did was appreciated:

- helping with homework
- reading newsletters
- chaperoning a field trip
- getting your child enough sleep
- assisting with Field Day, Disability Week, Registration
- attending a P.T.O. meeting
- participating in the fund raisers
- coming to conferences
- sending in Box Tops, Campbell's labels, Tyson labels, Pop Tabs
- calling in absences

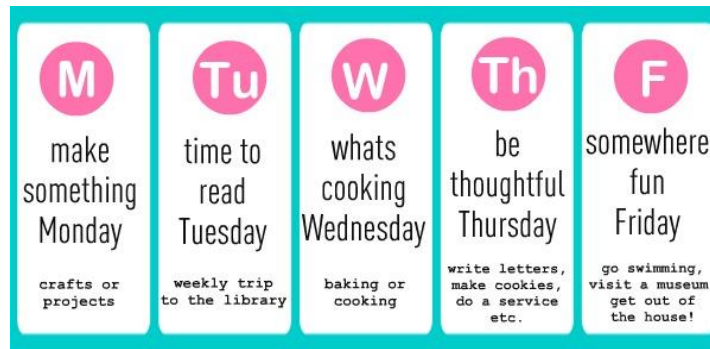
We do feel like a family here at J.B.S. and hope you know your families are included in that feeling, as well.

Our students surpassed their goal for Literacy Month!! They read 3,417 books! Thanks to the many volunteers who have linked our chain throughout the front hallway. It looks great and represents many hours of reading. Students worked hard on their Young Author's books and proudly read them to others during Grandparents' Week. Perhaps your family can select a summer reading goal.

As in past years, we are offering Summer Skills booklets for any family wishing to purchase. An order form will be sent home with your children. The form will also be on our website. These booklets have been praised by parents and teachers who have used them in the past. Order the booklet for the grade your child just completed. Books have gone up in cost to \$20 this year, but do provide a valuable tool for keeping your child's skills up over the summer.

Please plan to stop by to show appreciation to three retiring JBS teachers at an Open House on May 16 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Retiring teachers include Mrs. Peggy Carson, Mrs. Lynn Coers, and Mrs. Becky Hiday. They are leaving big shoes to fill.

Here is a website that you might want to visit to find ways to organize your children's time this summer: <http://www.somewhatsimple.com/summer-schedule-for-kids/>
Here is a sample of one of their ideas for a weekly schedule.



Be sure to make note of calendar items for the start of the next school year.

Café News



by Mrs. Hudson, Manager

Remember we serve breakfast daily from 7:20-7:40 a.m. Why eat breakfast? It gives you energy for your day of learning. Breakfast is the “fuel” for school! The cost is \$1.50. Anyone who is approved for free lunch is approved for free breakfast. Students on a reduced lunch plan need to pay \$.30 for their breakfast. The price for adults is \$1.75. We offer string cheese, juice, yogurt, muffins, omelets and sausage with other various items. **Students are not allowed to charge breakfast.**

Please be sure your child’s account is in the black. Call me at 462-4186 with any questions or concerns.

Reading Fluency



by Mrs. Dudley, Literacy Coach

Reading fluency is defined as the ease or ‘naturalness’ of reading, including how a reader:

- groups or phrases words as revealed through intonation, stress, and pauses
- adheres to the writer’s syntax (order of words)
- expresses oneself in feeling, anticipation, and characterization during oral reading

There is a tight correlation between reading fluency and reading comprehension. Two ways to build fluency include:

- repeated and monitored oral reading, where students read passages aloud several times and receive guidance and feedback from the instructor.
- independent silent reading, where students are encouraged to read extensively on their own.

Resources to assist you with **FLUENCY** and other reading skills include:

- Flashcard Machine: <http://www.flashcardmachine.com/>
- Classroom Timer: <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/programs/timer/>
- Fluency Charting-Words Per Minute: <http://literacymalden.wikispaces.com/file/view/Fluency%20Charting.pdf>
- Fluency Charting for Early Readers-Words Per Minute: <http://literacymalden.wikispaces.com/file/view/Fluency%20Charting%20Beginning%20Readers.pdf>
- Phoneme Segmentation: <http://teams.lacoe.edu/reading/assessments/segment.html>
- Phoneme Blending: <http://teams.lacoe.edu/documentation/classrooms/patti/k-1/teacher/assessment/tools/blendingqt.html>
- FCRR Fluency Student Center Activities for Small Group Instruction: <http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/SCAindex.shtm>

Please contact me at mdudley@gcsc.k12 for any questions or if you'd like more ways to help your child with reading this summer.

Collections at School/Collect This Summer/Return in August



Box Tops

Marsh Points

Target Points

Tyson Labels

Pop-tabs

Campbell's labels

Nursing Notes



by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

The clinic is in major need of girls' clothing, any size. As you are getting out your child's spring clothes or putting away the winter ones, please send in any that no longer fit your child(ren). Thanks!

Character First!



by Mrs. Harpold, School Social Worker

We have studied nine character traits this school year: respect, responsibility, truthfulness, punctuality, generosity, self-control, obedience, dependability, and compassion. During our daily announcements, classroom activities, and other discussions/writing activities, we have learned about what these traits mean and how important they are to our lives. In addition, we have learned that the search for good character is never finished. It is something that we try hard at every day of our lives.

This month, our new trait is "Orderliness" which means "Being neat with myself and my things."

Orderliness makes all of our lives a little easier. When things are "out of order", we may feel frustrated. And that is usually not a comfortable feeling! As we grow older, we try to develop habits that help us to manage our time and keep track of our things. When we think about the kinds of things that we need to focus on to be orderly, it helps to look at the five "I Will" statements for orderliness. They are:

I WILL: Pick up after myself
 Keep my work and play areas clean and neat
 Put things back where they belong
 Use things only for their intended purposes
 Return lost things to their rightful owners

When we are able to do all of these things, some good things will happen in our lives.

The busier our lives are, the more we will appreciate orderliness. When we're rushing to get out the door in the morning, it helps to know that we can find the things we need. If backpacks are always in the same spot, that's great. If we need to know where we've put the car keys, it helps to know that they're always in the same spot. Nothing is more frustrating than not being able to find what we need, when we need it. Orderliness helps us to know where things are.

When we are able to organize our time and energy, we can accomplish all the things that we need to do, and we can better achieve success. There is a right sequence to almost everything and life often requires us to have a routine. We all know that homework is more successfully completed if we do it before we go to a friend's house, rather than after. We need to allow enough time to do it correctly. The same is true for our bedrooms. If we take care of our things and put them away when we are finished with them, it will save us time later in the day because we've already picked up after ourselves. We will then be able to do fun stuff instead of having to spend time cleaning our rooms. Orderliness makes us more efficient.

Orderliness is a value that parents and teachers must make a commitment to model. Why? Because life is hard enough as it is without adding the extra worry, stress, and confusion that can result from the lack of order. Orderliness may not make life simple, but it can definitely make it a lot easier.

P.T.O. News



by The Officers

May 21st is Election Day for P.T.O. officers. As a thank you for all we do, the J.B.S. staff always provides cookies and punch for us during this meeting, as well. Remember, we have child care, and the meetings are only an hour long. We need you! Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. ALL J.B.S. parents/guardians are members of P.T.O. Please come support your children.

FLASH: The May Movie Night has been cancelled! Movie nights will resume next fall.

Field Day 2013



by Mr. Wood, P.E. Teachers

We are in need of volunteers to help with the annual J.B. Stephens' Field Day which will be held on Friday May 24, 2013! This is a fun filled time full of games and activities for our 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.

SESSION 1 8:45 A.M.—10:15A.M.

All of 1st Grade + 2nd— Mrs. Hammons and Mrs. Martinez

SESSION 2 12:15 P. M.—1:45 P.M

All of 3rd Grade + 2nd— Mrs. Steeno, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Smith, & Ms. Stout

On behalf of the American Heart Association, I thank you for supporting this year's American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. The top 5 earning classrooms were Mrs. Hammons (\$829), Mrs. Matthias (\$885), Mrs. Kuntz (\$822), Mrs. Jacquemin (\$262) and Mrs. Crafton (\$247). The top ten earning students were: Savannah Frady, Lucas Yazell, Shailynn Steeno, Yelina Mojica, Blayne Hedges, Maddy Hughey, Kaden Humphrey, Hunter Vaughan, Devan Franklin and Corbinn Ailes.



First Grade \$988 Second Grade \$1130 Third Grade \$972

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.

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>
Mrs. Ahonen	97.99
Miss Batton	97.88
Mrs. Bladen	97.35
Mrs. Carson	96.44
Mrs. Crafton	98.51 GOLD (Recess)
Mrs. Hammons	96.89
Mrs. Jacquemin	97.73
Mrs. Johnson	97.68
Mrs. Kuntz	98.42 SILVER (Popcorn Party)
Mrs. Leininger	96.82
Mrs. Martinez	95.15
Mrs. Matthias	91.69
Mrs. Olin	94.97
Mrs. Parker	97.94
Mrs. Rizzotte	97.70
Mrs. Sexton	92.67
Mrs. Smith	98.32 BRONZE (Special Seating at Lunch)
Mrs. Steeno	96.33
Ms. Stout	98.07
Mrs. Trapp	95.42
Mr. Vogel	96.75
School wide	97 (GOAL 97%)



Mark Your Calendars



May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week	
May 8	School Nurse Appreciation Day/Celebrate Mrs. Atkinson	
May 10	First Grade to ZOO	
May 13	Third Grade to MIS	
	Third Grade Parent Meeting MIS	6:30 p.m.
May 16	Open House for Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Coers and Mrs.Hiday	
	3:00-4:30 p.m. Front Hallway	
	Third Grade Parent Meeting GIS	7:00 p.m.
May 18	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
May 21	P.T.O. Meeting/Vote on Officers	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	Refreshments/Child Care Provided	
May 22	ReadUP Celebration	7:45-8:45 a.m.
	T-Races	
	Grade 1	9:45 a.m.
	Grade 2	
	Grade 3	9:15 a.m.
May 23	Preschool/Kindergarten FIELD DAY	
May 24	Grades 1, 2, 3 FIELD DAY	
May 28	Breakfast of Champions (Good Conduct)	
May 29	Grades K-3 Awards	8:00 a.m.
	Preschool Graduation	1:00 p.m.
May 31	Report Cards Available ONLINE	1:00 p.m.
June 3-21	TITLE Summer School/IREAD 3 Summer School WESTON	
June 8	Market Day Pick-UP	10:30-11:30 a.m.
July 24/25	Registration	12:00-7:00 p.m.
July 30	Meet Your Child's Teacher	2:00-4:00 p.m.
	P.T.O. FREE Back to School Picnic	3:00-5:00 p.m.
July 31	First Day of School	7:40 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the summer months with your children!

Read

Write

Go to the Library



Take Walks

Bike Ride

Play

Visit Friends

Go to Riley Park

Help a Neighbor