

J.B.S. Press



September, 2013

a "Short" report

by Mrs. Short, Principal

September was a great month for us. Our family Math Night received great comments from those who attended. These students were estimation winners: Kerrigan Sleeth, Mackenzie Ryhal, Michael Runions, Kaydee Pope, Peyton Cook, and Alice Crane. We hope for an even bigger turnout at our Family Literacy Night in November. Is it on your calendar?

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up; have you selected a time? Contact your child's teacher if you haven't. Although conferences are only 15 minutes, they are a great way to exchange information. Keep an open mind at the conference. Remember that both you and the teacher want to help your child succeed. Your goal is to work for cooperation between you and the teacher. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, listen to what s/he has to say.

TIPS Before the conference:

- Ask your child what s/he thinks the teacher will say.
- Ask your child what s/he would like you to talk about with the teacher.
- Let your child know that after the conference, you will share what the teacher said.

TIPS During the conference:

- Ask to see work samples.
- Ask the teacher to explain anything you don't understand.
- Ask for the best way to contact the teacher? E-mail? Phone?
- Share your child's outside interests, any health needs, and anything happening at home that may affect school work—moving, divorce, the birth of a child.

TIPS After the conference:

- Follow up. Stay in touch. If you think of a question you didn't ask, contact the teacher.
- Talk with your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said and talk about suggestions for improvement.

Please honor the teacher's time schedule. Arrive and leave on time!!

I am also available both evenings to meet with parents.



Enjoy your Children During Fall Break!





Math Minute

by Mrs. Jane Cooney, Title I Math Coach

“Problem Solving is Not a Problem” is a saying I have used many times. The first Standard for Mathematical Practice is *make sense of problems and persevere in solving them*. In his book **Comprehending Math**, Arthur Hyde talks about the similarities between reading and doing math. The same cognitive principles that guide reading such as making connections, using context clues and prior knowledge, and predicting the outcome are all important steps in problem solving. Helping students to see that story problems are stories with characters, a setting and a plot, (problem), assists them in visualizing a story problem in the same way we hope they visualize while reading.

If students have truly made sense of the problem, they will be able to make a prediction, choose the correct mathematical strategy to solve the problem, and most importantly, check to see if their answer makes sense. The four steps commonly taught in problem solving are UPSC - understand, plan, solve, and check.

Library News



Thanks to everyone for participating in this fall's Book Fair. More books were purchased than ever before, and everyone who came to family night liked meeting Clifford!

Mrs. Majors' last day at J.B.S. was September 25. She accepted a job in another school corporation. She will have the responsibility of two libraries. We wish her well in her new position. We are pleased to announce Mrs. Jaeck as our new library assistant. Mrs. Jaeck has children at J.B.S and has an early childhood teaching degree.

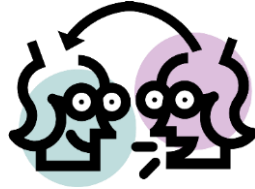


Just for Fun

Q: What did the teddy bear say when he was offered dessert?

A: No, thanks. I'm stuffed.

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

COMPOSURE: As an adult, composure means acting in a manner similar to how you want your children, (or students), to act. The skill of composure revolves around the idea that no one can make you angry without your permission. It teaches methods to stay calm and manage anger. A child can't learn how to be composed, if their adult models are not composed when dealing with them.

If you wish to know more about techniques to be composed when disciplining your children, contact Mrs. Short or Mrs. Harpold.

P.T.O. News



by The Officers

We officers, Kim, Stephanie, Cynthia and Mindy, would like to thank you for working with us at the Fall Festival last Saturday. You made our 300 guests very happy on a beautiful fall day. Thanks to:

Jane Hatcher

Emily Tevebaugh

Cathy Wade

Penny Polk

Julie Rogers

Trish Winn

Stacy Grinstead

Michael Anderson

Todd Moore

Audrey Atkinson

Laura Clark

Jill Van Wienen

Betty Edwards

Amanda Franklin

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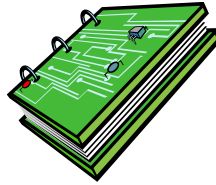
Kim Langston

Marna Guenin

Sarah Tompkins

Hope to see you at our next P.T.O. meeting, Tuesday, October 22 from 7-8 p.m.

Focus on the JB\$ Family Handbook



Except for kindergarten families, there were no paper handbooks distributed this school year. The handbook is located online at our website: jbs.gsc.k12.in.us. If you need a paper copy, contact the front office at 462-4491. Below are excerpts from the handbook, specifically a listing of the grading periods, information about P.T.O., and information about school delays.

GRADING PERIOD DATES

Grades K-3 (Preschool is Semester Only)

Beginning Date

1st nine weeks July 31, 2013

2nd nine weeks October 21, 2013

3rd nine weeks January 7, 2014

4th nine weeks March 31, 2014

Ending Date

October 4, 2013

December 20, 2013

March 14, 2014

May 28, 2014

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (P.T.O.)

The J. B. Stephens P.T.O. serves to provide a richer learning environment for all our children. The P.T.O. helps to promote the welfare of children in the home, school, and community. Various committees of the P.T.O. perform many valuable services for the students, parents and staff. We welcome each parent to participate in P.T.O. meetings and activities to help bolster your child's education. Except for December and March, meetings will be held in the school library at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in August. Child care for school-age children is provided.

Officers for the 2012-2013 school year:

President	Kim Mumford	317-938-0718	Kamumford76@yahoo.com
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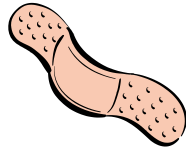
NOTIFICATION OF CLOSINGS, DELAYS, EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSALS, CANCELLATIONS AND MAJOR SCHOOL SAFETY ALERTS

An instant alert system is the primary notification of school closings, delays, emergency early dismissals, cancellations and major school safety alerts. During the registration process, parents will provide the necessary information to determine how instant alert messages will be sent to them. Message formats include, but are not limited to, email, phone, text messaging, pager and PDA devices. It will be the responsibility of the parent to provide updated information for the instant alert system. An annual charge per student for this service will be included in the fees portion of textbook rental & fees.

You may also listen to: WRTV-TV (6), WISH-TV (8), WTHR-TV (13) or radio stations: WRGF (89.7) Greenfield-Central School Corporation radio station, WIBC, WFMS. You may also call the school Voice Mail System for cancellations and delay of school announcements. Every effort will be made by school officials to make such decisions before 6:30 A.M., so that the word can be spread to all involved parties. Please do not call the superintendent's office.

In the case of a 2 hour delay, AM preschool classes will be cancelled. PM classes will run on their regular schedule.

Nursing Notes



by Mrs. Atkinson, Health Assistant

The clinic is in need of socks, both girls & boys, and 3 oz. cups for dispensing medication. Thanks!

Be sure you read below about the adult flu clinic.

The Hancock County Health Department will be offering a free Flu Clinic for anyone 19 years of age and older. The flu vaccine prevents or lessens the severity of influenza, (fever, chills, body aches, and cough). Flu immunizations will be given at the following clinic site:

Hancock County Health Department, Hancock County Courthouse Annex

111 American Legion Place, Rm 150

Every Friday Starting September 20, except Oct. 4 & Nov 29

Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Vaccine is free and there will be no charge for the visit

Vaccines are available while vaccine lasts

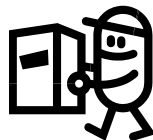
No appointment is necessary, must be 19 or older

NOTE: Those aged 65+ who want the "high dose" should call for an appt. and have insurance or private pay (\$30).

Please call 317-477-1128 for more information about the flu or child/adult immunization programs.

** If you have an allergy to eggs, you cannot receive this vaccine.

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 October quality is truthfulness, which is one of the most valued character qualities. The definition that students will learn for truthfulness is “Telling the Truth.” The five “I Will” statements are:

I will tell the truth.

I will encourage others to tell the truth.

I will not cheat or steal.

I will admit it when I am wrong.

I will not exaggerate to make things seem different than what they are.

When thinking about elementary aged, (and younger), students, the “I Will” statements sometimes become difficult. Children of this age might not always be able to report details accurately, may misunderstand information, may fear punishment, ridicule, or disapproval, or may simply want to avoid getting into trouble. Whatever the reason, it is important that children learn the value of telling the truth at a young age. To help children learn the benefits of truthfulness, it is important for honesty to be praised (for example, “I am so glad that you were honest with me about breaking the dish.”) Also important is the presence of good role models...adults who can be heard and seen being honest.

When a person consistently demonstrates truthfulness, they earn the respect and trust of others. A good reputation is the reward of being truthful and dependable. Sometimes people tell a “white lie,” bend the rules, fail to report something that is wrong, tell a partial truth, lie to protect someone else, make excuses, or exaggerate. These are all forms of deception and not being truthful. The character of an individual is revealed by his or her behavior. A person who always tells the truth, even when it is difficult, demonstrates courage and integrity.

Along with parents and the community, the staff of J.B.S. will continue to hold its students to a high standard of good character. The end result will be what every community values...productive, hardworking, proud citizens with high moral standards.

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.

SEPTEMBER REPORT

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance Percentage</u>	
Mrs. Ahonen	98.23	
Miss Batton	97.39	
Mrs. Bewley	97.4	
Miss Bladen	97.07	
Mrs. Clark	98.68	
Mrs. Hammons/Miss Gable	97.39	
Mrs. Jacquemin	98.75	
Mrs. Johnson	97.8	
Mrs. Kuntz	96.74	
Mrs. Leininger	97.5	
Mrs. Martinez	99.	SILVER
Mrs. Matthias	96.43	
Mrs. Olin	97.60	
Mrs. Parker	99.17	GOLD
Mrs. Rizzotte	97.72	
Mrs. Sexton	98.9	BRONZE
Mrs. Smith	98.85	
Mrs. Steeno	97.6	
Ms. Stout	98.39	
Mrs. Trapp	96.83	
Mr. Vogel	95.57	

GOLD = Extra Recess

SILVER = Popcorn

BRONZE= Special Seating at Lunch TOTAL 97%= Pajamas for Mrs. Short and ?

P.E. Pointers



by Mr. Wood, Physical Educator

Wow! The first quarter of the school year is in the books already. It has been an excellent start to the school year in Physical Education class at J.B.S. I am proud to report that each class is doing a magnificent job of coming into P.E. and giving it their all for the sixty minutes they are with me a week! Every day I see our students working hard and improving their physical fitness!

During the first quarter, we worked on numerous skills to improve overall physical fitness in our students. Basic locomotor skills were covered and applied in a variety of game and activity settings. These skills include: hopping, galloping, running, sliding, skipping, leaping, jogging, and jumping. We have also worked on balance, a non-locomotor skill.

Manipulatives were also used on many occasions to work on certain skills or to play a certain game. Many of the manipulatives used in Quarter One were some type of ball. These balls were often used to work on kicking and throwing in games such as Matball or Ball Tag, just to name a few. In Quarter Two, more manipulatives will be introduced to our students. These include: hockey sticks, paddles, bats, lacrosse sticks, (Grade 3), and much more!

Safety is always my top concern in Physical Education class. Class rules have been covered and reinforced since day one of the school year. One of these rules in place for safety includes wearing tennis shoes. Please make sure your child is wearing tennis shoes on their P.E. days or they will not be allowed to participate, which really makes them upset! Please help in this effort! I am looking forward to a marvelous second quarter in Physical Education Class at J.B.!

Café Comments



by Mrs. Hudson, Café Manager

If your child has a charge, s/he has been receiving a sandwich and milk. We are trying very hard not to embarrass any child, if their account is in the red. Remember, you may check your child's balance on the MealPayPlus website. It doesn't cost anything to look at your child's account.

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



October 4	Riley Parade/Grades 2 and 3	1:00 p.m.
October 7-11	Fall Intercession/Make-Up Days Possible	
October 12	Market Day Pick-up – Café	10:30-11:30 a.m.
October 14-18	Fall Intercession/No Make-Up Days	
October 21-25	Red Ribbon Week/Drug Awareness	
October 22	P.T.O. Meeting	7:00–8:00 p.m.
	Child Care Provided	
October 24	Title I Family Meeting*	^6:30-7:40 p.m.
October 28	Title I Family Meeting*	8:45 – 9:25 a.m.
October 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:45-6:15 p.m.
November 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	2:45-6:15 p.m.
November 8	P.T.O. Movie Night/Free Admission/Snacks for Sale	6:00-8:00 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.
November 27-29	NO SCHOOL	

*Same information at both

^Tentative Time

Challenge from Mrs. Short/READ Over Break

Watching too much on a screen can be a waste of time
From cartoons to games, from movies to shows on Prime Time.

Instead – pick up a newspaper or a comic book
Choose an interesting magazine or a wonderful book.

Don't spend endless hours in front of a screen or the box
Find out about Alice, Encyclopedia Brown or the fox who wore socks.

When you are on break for two weeks, remember what I said,
Let you be the one who comes back October 21st and says "I READ!"

Did you know?

On September 26, 2013 at 10:00A.M., JBS students took **Just A Minute to JAM** across the Globe. We did exercises with 1,357,338 other school aged students from all over the world. We helped break the previous **JAM** world record of 1,302,187 **JAM**mers!

JAM World Record is a FUN campaign to rally EVERYONE to pause and take **Just A Minute** for a fitness break. This campaign is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of making activity a daily habit, ensuring our kids learn healthy habits at a young age and our schools have access to quality physical education programs.

Ask your child to **JAM!**

Fall Break Programs at the Hancock Public Library

Celebrate "Star Wars Reads Day"

Grades K-5, Wed., Oct. 9, 4-5 PM

Youth Program Rm. Register

During our party, make Princess Leia hair or Yoda ears. Then build your own lightsaber for a battle with the dark side. Afterward, visit the cantina for treats.



Minnetriska Theatre: Aesop's Fables

All Ages, Fri., Oct. 18, 10-11 AM

GBC Community Rm. Register

All Ages, Fri., Oct. 18, 2-3 PM

GBC Community Rm. Register



The Minnetrista Theatre Preserves presents Aesop's Fables. See five treasured stories brought to life with quirky puppet characters, bright costumes and singing and dancing. Enjoy "The Lion & the Mouse," "The Country Mouse & the City Mouse," "The Fox & the Crane," "The Ant & the Grasshopper," and "The Tortoise & the Hare."