

Weston Wrap-Up

May, 2013



Congratulations to Mrs. Davis for being selected Weston's Teacher of the Year nominee.

Character Leaders for Compassion are:



Kindergarten: Jailyn Stockton, Taylor Napier, Noah Hilligoss, Justin Lukas, Maddie Holbrook, Katelyn Horton, Abbey Woodruff, Lydia Christopher, Isabel Winkler, Alex Haste, Daisha Kirkman, Gavin Wagoner, Alyssa Deckard, Avery Roberts, Derek Rode;



1st grade: Addison Bennett, Kaylie McFarland, Autumn Wood, Emily Oleksy, Makenzie Reed, Mya Grigsby, Lauren Pfeiffer, Liam Flanagan, Breanna Allen, Emily Crockett, Rylan Gray, Ava Ruster, Keyona Shearer, Garrett Sirosky, Linnea Huryn, Austin Kincer, Lucy Wilson, Brody Jenner;



2nd grade: Alex Jahrsdoerfer, Erin Kelly, Grayce Lowder, Ronak Patel, Brenen Stanley, Abby Zorne, Reese Hearn, Cole Maroska, Peyton Speer, Kaitlyn Riffert, Nick Watson, Makena Baker, Annalese Schrank, Ashton Mattingly, Ruston Kinion, Dakota Langston, Liam Sutton, Montana Lake, Olivia Casteel, Owen Anderson

Awards Day is May 29th at 8:00 AM



3rd grade: Whitney Wolf, Morgan Hornaday, Kayana Cooke, Jonah Hord, Cooper Wagoner, Olivia McDaniel, Keeley Whitaker, Abby Hurst, Macy Davis

BURT'S BULLETIN

Congratulations to Miss Severt's class for having the highest attendance rate in the school in April at 98.27586% attendance. The classes of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Davis also had attendance percentages above 98%.

ISTEP+ was completed last week. We did experience the spinning globes and some of the other issues that you read about occurring statewide. The issue was with CTB McGraw Hill and not local configuration. I would like to compliment the students and staff on how they handled the interruptions. Greenfield-Central's technology staff was great with their help as well. Mrs. Vail, who is our corporation point person with all the testing, did a great job monitoring the situation in all of the buildings that were testing and redirecting resources as needed.

If any of your child's contact information (address, phone numbers, individuals allowed to pick up, medical history, etc.) has changed, please let us know. Also, please let the office know if you have changed your email. I will be using the email addresses in the mailing list

used during the school year to send information out during the summer. I will try to glean out email addresses of parents with only third grade students so they do not receive emails that do not pertain to them. Accurate information helps us to contact you without delay.

We have several end of the year activities planned. If you are interested in volunteering, Mr. Fortune has put out a request for help with Field Day. Third grade students will be visiting GIS and having their end of year celebration on May 28th and parents are invited. Kindergarten will have their special ceremony on May 28th and parents are invited. We have our Talent Show on May 24th and Awards Day on May 29th. Students are trying out for the Talent Show this week. The Awards program recognizes Music, Art, Perfect and Good Attendance and a few other special awards. Both of these programs are geared primarily for the students and seating them is the first priority.

Please check the Weston website and the Greenfield-Central website for information on summer camps. We have some information at school.

Dear Weston Parents,

The Field Day for Weston is still in the planning stages, but we do have a date set. Weston's Field Day will be on Tuesday, May 21. It will last all day with half of the school participating in the morning, and the other half in the afternoon.

We do need volunteers, and your help would be appreciated. If you are available and would like to assist with Field Day, please let me know by email at pfortune@gcsc.k12.in.us. Please include your name, availability, and

contact information.

As a safety precaution, Greenfield Central School Corporation requires a yearly background check for all volunteers at no cost to the volunteer. If you have not had one done for the 2012-2013 school year, the necessary forms may be obtained from the school office, or you may download them by clicking on the Forms tab on my blog. Please submit your forms in a timely manner, so Central Office will not be overloaded at the last minute.

Thank you,
Peter Fortune



On April 18, nineteen students from Weston Elementary led by Mrs. Cherry competed in Noetic Learning Math Contest. Noetic Learning Math Contest is an elementary math problem solving contest held twice a year. 19,831 young students representing 990 teams across the country participated in this fall contest.

Josiah Tillett scored the highest on the team and was in the top 10% of participating students in the country earning him a place on the National Honor Roll. The following fifteen students (which is two more than last year) scored well enough to

earn a place on the National Honorable Mention: Morgan Hornaday, Gabe Clifton, Gavin Robertson, Conner Smith, Lucas Thurston, Marcus Vise, Morgan Flanagan, Maddie Graber, Sam Hall, Jacob Presser, Charli Stegall, Levi Thurston, Brenna Bonek, Logan Evans, Taylor Smith.

The purpose of participating in the contest is to stimulate our students' interest in math and to inspire them to excel in math. The contest results show that our students can rise to the occasion and can meet the challenge. It also demonstrates our students' great math skills and talents. More detailed information about the Noetic Learning Math Contest can be found at: <http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest>

It is COOL to be good at math!

A big THANK YOU goes to 3rd graders Taylor Smith, Destinee Roberts, Riley Phelps, Dakota Herald, Sam Lowder, and Joey Rowland for all their work in sorting and counting General Mills Box Tops. Their efforts helped the school earn several hundred dollars from the General Mills Company. Please continue collecting box tops during the summer.

Ways to Praise

For

Orderliness

(May's Character Education trait)

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**
- **Showing initiative**
- **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**

WESTON GRANDPARENTS WEEK

Weston Elementary extends a special invitation for Grandparents to eat lunch with their grandchild during the week of May 6-10. We do not have a specific day identified during the week for grandparents or grade levels because limiting attendance to one day would prohibit some grandparents from attending because of their schedules. Also, grandparents are not limited to this week to have lunch with their grandchildren. You are welcome to have lunch throughout the year.

To maintain the continuity of the educational program we request that classroom visitations not occur before or after lunch during this week.

- **Parking-Since this is a special week, we request all parking be at the NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING.**

Spaces are available in front for those with special needs.

- We will have a person to greet and register visitors **at door 7 from 10:20-12:00.**
- Please enter using door 7. Each entrance to the building has a number on it.
- We will be set up to take a picture of grandparents with grandchild(ren) BEFORE eating lunch and the pictures will be available before they leave. There is no cost.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarteners enjoyed learning about the life stages of a butterfly recently while we raised them in our classrooms. Ask your child about the four stages (egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly) and which one they enjoyed the most. We will continue our life stages study in May as we learn about reptiles and amphibians in science. We will also learn about space and the zoo in science. We will finish our reading series with a theme to go along with science called "What Will It Be?" In math, we will focus on time, money, and as always, reviewing numbers 0-100. We have learned so much this year and will continue spending the rest of this year in preparation for next year!

MEDICATION CHANGES FOR 2013-2014

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation is committed to practicing safe medication administration in the school setting. Changes were implemented this school year to enhance the safety of prescription medication administration in the clinics. This change has already proven effective as it enhanced the partnership between families, physicians, and school staff.

After careful consideration regarding current protocols for **over-the-counter** medications, it was

determined that changes were necessary to improve on **over the counter** medications administered by school staff. New protocols are outlined below.

Grades Kindergarten-Six

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, Form 5330 F1b must be completed for **over-the-counter** medications. This form must be completed by both parent and a licensed health care provider. This is intended to help monitor for potential toxicities associated with younger smaller developing bodies. **Over-the-counter** medication must be brought to school by a parent or an adult 18 or over who is listed as an emergency contact in PowerSchool. **Over-the-counter** medication may not be brought to school by K-6 students.

New medication forms will be able to be printed from the school website or a copy can be obtained from the health clinic. Thank you for partnering with us to facilitate safe medication practices in the school.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Parents certainly have an interest in their child's education and sharing in the classroom assignment is welcomed. Parents who wish to have a particular assignment must write a letter to the office of the principal requesting at least two choices and stating the reason for their special request. Although requests will be considered, it may not be possible to fulfill them and properly balance classrooms.

HOST FAMILIES



Sister Cities of Greenfield is pleased to be welcoming students from our sister city in Kakuda, Japan, from August 16-25, 2013.

Host families are currently being sought to house both students and chaperones. For more information, please visit the Sister Cities website at www.sistercitiesofgreenfield.org and click on *applications*, then *host families*.

The Sister Cities organization sent out a recent request for individuals and organizations to purchase a tree for the Penny Trail. Weston Elementary staff had a week of "jeans days" in order to raise money. We are proud to announce that our efforts resulted in 3 trees being purchased. One of the trees was purchased in honor of Mr. Burt and all he has contributed to our school and community. The remaining trees are dedicated on behalf of the Weston staff.

DATES OF INTEREST

- May 2 – Second Grade Field Trip
- May 6 – 10 Grandparents Week
- May 7 – PTO Meeting @ 7:00PM
- May 13 – third grade to Indiana State Museum
- May 14 – Third grade to visit GIS
- May 14 – HCPL Summer reading program introduction
- May 14 – PTO Mozzi's night
- May 17 – First grade to Indianapolis Zoo
- May 21 – Field Day
- May 23 – ReadUp Celebration Breakfast in the cafeteria 8-9
- May 24 – Talent Show
- May 27 – Memorial Day No School
- May 28 – Third Grade Breakfast
- May 28 – Kdg. ceremony
- May 29 – Awards Program

- ❖ **July 24** – Registration 12- 7 pm
- ❖ **July 25** – Registration 12-7 pm
- ❖ **July 31** – First day of 2013-2014 School Year

POTENTIAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

Jameson Camp is currently enrolling campers for its 2013 summer programs. Camp Jameson serves children ages between 7-17 who would benefit from the camp experience, but is especially equipped to work with children with social and emotional challenges such as ADHD, Autism, low self-esteem, etc. Seven weeklong sessions are planned between the dates of June 2 and August 4. Jameson Camp's fees are on a sliding scale based on the family's monthly household income and offer payment plans and a fundraising opportunity to further help families. For more information, please visit their website at www.jamesoncamp.org

Summer Safety Tips

1. ***MAKE SURE** children know their full name, address, telephone numbers and how to use the telephone.
2. ***BE SURE** children know what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you by phone. Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult they may call if they're scared or there's an emergency.
3. ***REVIEW** the rules with your children about whose homes they may visit and discuss the boundaries of where they may and may not go in the neighborhood.
4. ***MAKE SURE** children know to stay away from pools, creeks, or any body of water without adult supervision.
5. ***CAUTION** children to keep the door locked and not to open it or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone.
6. ***DON'T** drop your children off at malls, movies, video arcades or parks as these are not safe places for children to be alone. Make sure a responsible adult is supervising younger children any time they are outside or away from home.
7. ***TEACH** your children in whose vehicle they may ride. Children should be cautioned to never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
8. ***BE SURE** your children know their curfew and that they check in with you if they are going to be late. If children are playing outside after dark, make sure they wear reflective clothing and stay close to home.
9. ***CHOOSE** babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbors. Many states now have registries for public access to check criminal history or sex-offender status. Observe the babysitter's interaction with your children, and ask your children how they feel about the babysitter.
10. ***CHECK** out camp and other summer programs before enrolling your children. See if a background screening check is completed on the

individuals working with the children.
Make sure there will be adult supervision of your children at all times, and make sure you are made aware of all activities and field trips offered by the camp or program.

Information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Summer "Freebies" 2013

Hancock County Public Library Reading Program

"Dig Into Reading"

Registration begins June 1 @ 9:00am

Programs & Story Times available

For information (317) 462-5141

www.hcplibrary.org

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Legacy 9 Cinemas

Free Family Film Festival

June 5th through July 24th

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (Doors

Open at 9:00 a.m.)

462-6831

www.legacycinema.com

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Riley Pool - Greenfield

May 30th - August 11th

Free Swim

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-

7:00pm

Children age 10 and under MUST be

accompanied by

someone age 16 or older

477-4340

www.greenfieldin.org

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Concerts on the Plaza

Hancock County Courthouse South

Lawn and City of Greenfield Plaza

Friday evenings

June 7th - July 26th

7:00pm

Bring lawn chairs or blankets for

seating

No rain site or rain dates

www.gbcbank.com

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The Children's Museum

Free admission

First Thursday of each month from

4:00-8:00pm

(Due to the July 4th holiday, this will

change to the second Thursday in July

(11th)

Youth under the age of 18 must be

accompanied by an adult

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Food Support

Summer 2013

❖ **Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen**

202 E. Main St.

Greenfield, IN

317-462-9900

Serving Hours: Monday-Friday,

11:00am-1:00pm for lunch and

5:00pm-7:00pm for dinner

Open to all at no cost, free will

offerings accepted

❖ **Summer Meals for Kids**

United Way and Hancock Regional Hospital are partnering with Gleaners Food Bank to provide a summer lunch program for children in need

Dates: June 3- July 26, 2013
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.,
Monday through Friday
Location: Patricia Elmore Center in Riley Park in Greenfield

❖ **Hancock County Food Pantry**

741½ S. State St.
Greenfield, IN
317-468-0273
Hours: Monday-----1:00-2:30pm,
5:30-7:00pm
Tuesday-----9:00-
10:30am, 6:00-7:00pm* (*evening
hours effective May 14th)
Wednesday—7:00-
8:00pm
Thursday-----7:00-8:00pm

***Families with children are encouraged to inquire about the summer program
*** May be accessed once per month, proof of county residency required

❖ **Love INC of Greater Hancock County**

317-468-6300
Hours: Monday through Friday,
9:30am-12:30pm

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