



TIGER TALK NOVEMBER 22, 2013

GOBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Elementary Events Calendar

No School
Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 27
Thursday, November 28
Friday, November 29

Tuesday, December 3
Parents' Club Meeting 7:00

Friday, December 6
Student of the Month
Assembly
2:00 PM
Fundraiser prizes delivered

Tuesday, December 10
Parents' Club Santa Shop

Wednesday, December 11
Parents' Club Santa Shop

Thursday, December 12
DK- 2nd Grade Music Program
7:00 PM in M.S. Gymnasium

Monday, December 23 –
Friday, January 3
Christmas Break



Giving Tree

Once again we will have a giving tree and food drive at Gobles Elementary. If you are able, we would appreciate donations of new games, toys, clothing, and non-perishable food items for the Gobles area. These items will go to needy families for Christmas. Please send items to the elementary office beginning Monday, November 25th and ending Wednesday, December 18th.



To Report an Absence
Call the Attendance

Line at
628-6043

Transportation
628-5614

Elementary School
Hours
8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Check us out on the
internet at
www.gobles.org

Entering the Building on School Days.

For the safety and security of
students, the following door schedule
will be used:

Exterior Door at Main Office

Open 7:30 – 12:00
Locked 12:00 – 1:00
Open 1:00 – 4:00

Student Services Office (Center of Building)

Open 7:30 – 8:05
Locked 8:05 – 12:00
Open 12:00 – 1:00
Locked 1:00 – 2:55
Locked 3:25

**When entering the building, please
use these doors and check into the
nearest office.**

Gobles' Elementary Christmas Program will be held Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium. It will feature Developmental Kindergarten through 2nd grade students, and they are inviting parents, grandparents, family, friends, and the community to share in the joy and Holiday cheer that can only be experienced when children are gathered wearing their finest and singing Christmas noels. Bells will be ringing, feet will be dancing, and there will be an excitement in the air that this community always embraces during this special event. Please mark your calendars for this date! See you

then!



Reminder

If your child will be leaving early from school, please send a note with them in the morning. If your child will be going home a different way than the usual method, you must send a note to school. All students must have a transportation form complete with all drop-off locations. Changes over the phone interrupt teaching and can cause confusion and mistakes as to where a child is expected to go after school. We understand that, at times, emergencies occur that result in changes and we will do our best to accommodate. However, a morning note is very helpful!

October Students of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Daniel Danes, Connor O'Rourke, Elyssay Tarkkanen, Lauren Pernie, Luke Boes and Noah Hankinson.

Has your child come home from school talking about Success or Achieve time?

Success and Achieve are part of a new initiative at Gobles Elementary called the 8-Step Instructional Process. In the next three *Tiger Talk* newsletters, we will provide readers with information about the 8-Step Instructional Process and how the staff at Gobles Elementary has implemented changes to increase achievement for all students.

What is the 8-Step Instructional Process?

The 8-Step Process is a continuous improvement teaching and learning cycle that was formalized by Pat Davenport, an educational consultant from Texas. Pat Davenport has worked with over 400 school districts in teaching the 8-Step Process over the past 15 years. In 2001, Pat Davenport worked with staff members at Warren Township Schools, in Indianapolis, to develop this instructional strategy and begin implementation of the 8-Step Process to raise student achievement. Since this time, students at Warren Schools have demonstrated continuous increases in their assessment results. Prior to the 8-Step Process, Hawthorne Elementary Schools' assessment scores were consistently below state averages and near 20% achievement rate. This past year, they reached 91% achievement rate in Math and English. In the 11 years since implementing the 8-Step Instructional Process, they have made significant changes to almost every aspect of the school's culture.

In December of 2012, seven elementary staff visited two schools in Warren Township and returned with valuable information and a commitment to increasing student achievement at Gobles by incorporating the 8-Step Process. In the next *Tiger Talk* you will learn about our visit to Warren and the work accomplished since then.