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Weekly Bulletin February 12, 2016

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Education adopted their 2016-2017 education budget, representing a 1.63% increase over last year's budget. The recommended increase supports maintaining the quality curricular and extra-curricular programs we currently offer and meeting our goals within our strategic plan. **The Board of Education will be presenting the budget to the Board of Finance on February 22nd (snow date February 23rd) at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center.** We hope that you can attend to become informed of how the budget supports meeting the needs of the children of the Bethel Public Schools.

Please mark your calendars--Johnson School is hosting our 1st annual Read-a-thon for 2 weeks from Friday February 19 to Friday March 4th. The goal of our Read-a-thon is for every student to be a Reading ROCK STAR by setting a challenging reading goal while raising money for our school! In the past this event had been hosted by the BEF, [but this year it's Johnson's very own event, run by our teachers and PTO. Our school is the sole beneficiary of any pledges donated. Please see details in the attached flyer.](#)

Sincerely,
Alison A. Salerno
Principal

February Calendar

24 Parents' University

March Calendar

**10 Orchestra Concert 7:00pm
Johnson School**

16 Art Walk 5:00-7:00 pm

25 Good Friday No School

29 Conferences Dismissal 12:56 pm

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The Bethel Public Schools are committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. The Bethel Public Schools do not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut State and/or Federal nondiscrimination laws and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Bethel Public Schools do not unlawfully discriminate in employment and licensing against qualified persons with a prior criminal conviction. Inquiries regarding the Bethel Public Schools nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

Dr. Kristen Brooks (Title IX District Coordinator)
Assistant Superintendent of the Bethel Public Schools
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Parent University

Responsibility

Caring

Trustworthiness

Respect

Citizenship

Fairness

Set the DVR – this is a night out you don't want to miss!

February 24th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

(Snow date February 25th)

Bethel Middle School

Parent University is back – and better than ever – with dynamic new topics and some old favorites:

- How are the Bethel Public Schools preparing our students with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) experiences?
- What is growth mindset and how can we encourage productive struggle at school and at home?
- Is your child transitioning to a new school in the fall? Make it a smooth one – find out what to expect so you and your child can be prepared for success.
- Do you have questions about school security, internet safety, or the education budget?

Get answers to all these questions, and so many more at the 2016 Parent University.

A full list of workshops and registration information is available at

http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/quick_links/parent_university

FREE childcare is available from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the Bethel Middle School Gymnasium. Children must be ages 4 and up and toilet trained.

Please register by Friday, February 19, 2016 – hurry, workshops fill up fast!

****BONUS** Just for attending, you could win a Chromebook!**

Parent University is sponsored by the Bethel Family-School Partnership Committee and the Bethel Central PTO.

SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSING

The automated voice call only goes out to parents if students have already arrived at school and we need to have an unexpected early dismissal. **ALL after school programs and after school clubs would be canceled in this case. Please have a plan in place with your child for unexpected early dismissal.** If school is going to be delayed or closed due to bad weather, it will be announced on local TV channels, radio stations and posted on the district's web-site. If there is a school delay, please do not drop your child off before 9:40 as there is no supervision.

All buses will run on a 2 hour delay schedule. If you have a problem with a bus, please call the bus company at 203-748-8091.

Mrs. McCue is looking for parent volunteers who are interested in preparing art works for this year's upcoming art show, which will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Johnson School from 5-7 p.m.

Work can be taken home and done at your leisure. It is mainly matting, stapling, labeling, and inventory.

If you are interested in helping to make this year's art show a spectacular success, please e-mail or send in a message with your child.

Johnson School main number: 794-8700

Absence line: 794-8704



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

presents

COME ONE, COME ALL
TO THE 10TH ANNUAL
BARNUM BALL

A Fundraiser to Support Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in our Schools

Saturday, March 19, 2016

6:30pm until Midnight

All inclusive 6:30-8:30pm ♦ Beverages additional after 8:30pm

Ethan Allen Hotel, Danbury

\$75 per person

more event details at www.BethelEdFoundation.org and on our Facebook page

Reserve your ticket online or by returning the bottom section

**Dinner ♦ Dancing
Silent & Live Auctions**

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Special \$105 overnight room rate
just mention the Barnum Ball
when making your reservation

Order online or return this portion with your check (payable to Bethel Education Foundation) by Tuesday, March 1st

- ☐ Yes! I can't wait to attend the Barnum Ball. Enclosed is my check for # _____ tickets x \$75 = \$ _____
☐ Sorry, I can't make it! Here's a donation to support grants in our schools \$ _____

Name _____
please list each name under this reservation

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

An e-mail confirmation will be sent once payment is received

Please seat me with _____

DINNER SELECTION:

_____ Chicken # _____ Steak # _____ Vegetarian

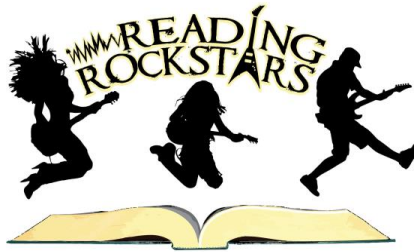
CHECK THE SCHOOL(S) YOUR CHILD(REN) ATTEND:

- ☐ Village Pre-school ☐ Circle of Friends
☐ Berry ☐ Rockwell ☐ Johnson
☐ St. Mary ☐ Middle ☐ High
☐ No kids currently in school

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Mail to: P.O Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801 or return to your child's school Questions? Email BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com



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Fun Prizes and Awards in each school:

- ★ There are fun prizes for participation and for getting pledges like 1 youth ticket to a Danbury Titans Hockey Game (March 12th or 13th), raffle tickets for an iPad Mini or Kindle, Rock Star Swag, Johnson Jaguar Mascot stuffed animal, extra recess, gift cards to the school store, or a Rock Star party for your class.

Important Dates during the Read-a-thon:

- ★ **Friday 2/19 Kick-off Event:** Dress Like a Rock Star
- ★ **Wednesday 2/24 World Reads Day:** Wear Johnson Pride Colors.
1st Pledge Turn-in Day
- ★ **Wednesday 3/2 Take a Shelfie Day:** Get caught reading and post your selfie to the Johnson Parent Facebook page.
2nd Pledge Turn-in Day
- ★ **Friday 3/4 Dress Like your Favorite Book Character**
3rd and Final Pledge Turn-in Day
- ★ **Friday 3/18 Reading Rock Stars Wrap Party:** Raffles, Prizes, Guest Rock Stars, and celebration during Johnson Pride Assembly.

All pledges must be returned by **Friday, March 4th** to be eligible for prizes! Checks should be made out to Johnson PTO and we can accept cash too.

A Parents' Letter and Pledge Sheet will be sent home in folders on Thursday February 11th. For additional information visit the Johnson School Website, the Johnson Parent Facebook Page or contact Amy Gusitsch at agusitsch@gmail.com.

PTO EVENT



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Clip, Bag, and Bring in Box Tops!



**Every student who brings in
20 or more Box Tops by
February 19 will receive a
snowman craft kit.**

**Please make sure that box tops are in a bag or envelope
with your name & your teacher's name on it.**