



## Weekly Bulletin December 4, 2015

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, December 4, 2015, we celebrated our Johnson Pride recipients for the month of December. It is always so wonderful to come together in community and praise children for emulating the four pillars of Johnson Pride- Respect, Responsibility, Ready, and Proud. Please join me in congratulating all those who received recognition for their good works.

In keeping with our PBIS mission to grow Johnson Pride, I ask that you have conversations with your children at home about the importance of being respectful and responsible. Children need to hear a consistent message at home and school. Through our partnership we are helping students to hear the same message. It is especially important to remind students of our behavioral expectations before leaving for school and getting on the bus. As you know, the bus ride to school can be a challenging time for some students and a last minute reminder can be very helpful.

In closing, please remember that children learn not only from what we say and they hear, but what they see as well. When they see a teacher, parent or me doing a kind act, it in turn sets a good example for students-one that they will hopefully embrace. In the same way, if they see less than kind words or actions from drivers as they drop school children off in front of the school, this too will be internalized and learned. Let's work

together to show our children how to be Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Proud.

During this holiday season, let's take the time to show our children what really matters- Being Kind to one another.

Sincerely,

Alison A. Salerno  
 Principal

### December Calendar

- 11 Professional Development  
12:56 dismissal**
- 23 Early Dismissal 12:56**
- 24-January 1 Holiday Recess**

## Emergency Closing of School Due to Inclement Weather

Snowflakes will soon be flying! So with this in mind it is very important to have a plan in place for your child should the superintendent close school early due to inclement weather. Children become very anxious if they don't know where they should go on the day of an unexpected closing of school. Thanks for your help.

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

## Morning Drop off Procedures

If you are driving your child to school please use the outside lane. For the safety of each child, please drive your child to the cross walk at the end of the building. Since there is a long line up of cars dropping off in the morning, please make sure your child is prepared to leave the car as soon as you stop at the crosswalk. A teacher is on duty until 8:10 to assure it is safe for your child to cross the street.

## Attendance Reminders

Please remember that all daily absences/tardies **must** be reported to the attendance line even if you have notified your homeroom teacher.

An absence is only considered **excused** (for the first 9) if a **follow-up note from the parent** is sent to the homeroom teacher when the student returns to school.

The District's Family School Partnership Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. The mission of the Family School Partnership Committee is to create family participation initiatives and program/s for the Bethel K-12 schools that unifies organizations within the district towards the common goal of growing student achievement. The committee meets approximately 5 times per year from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please contact Dr. Kristen Brooks at [brooksk@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:brooksk@bethel.k12.ct.us) or at [203-794-8613](tel:203-794-8613) if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

# PTO FUNDRAISING



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## Jenny's Penguin Patch® Kids' Holiday Shoppe

Dear Parent,

Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe® is coming to our school! Next week your child will be able to participate in an educational, fun, and exciting experience.

Parent volunteers will assist children while shopping to allow them to enjoy the spirit of giving. We offer over 100 different gifts that can be purchased for as little as \$.25 and up to \$10.00 each. The gift items offered are "kid-selected and mom approved." This is sure to be one of the most exciting events that your child will participate in this year!

Please ensure that the Gift List Budget Envelope is completed and returned (with cash or check) to the school on the dates listed below. Don't let your child miss this opportunity to grow and experience the spirit of giving!

All checks should be made payable to: **Johnson PTO**

*Checks made payable to Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe® cannot be accepted.*

**Shop Dates: Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**at**

**LUNCHTIME in the CAFETERIA!**

**Thank you!!**

**Johnson PTO**



# Future Wildcats Drop-In



## What is it?

An event sponsored by Bethel High School senior athletes and coaches with the goal to encourage elementary age students to live an active life style and foster the desire to become future Wildcat athletes. The event will feature structured athletic activities that are fun, engaging, and rewarding for students of all athletic abilities.

## Participants

Elementary school students currently in grades 1-5.

## When/Where?

December 30<sup>th</sup> in the Bethel High School gymnasium. Choose one of the following two session 1) 9AM-10:45AM or 2) 11:00AM-12:45PM

## Payment

All participants must contribute a minimum of one nonperishable food item that will be donated to a local food bank.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I agree to allow my child to participate in the Future Wildcat Drop-In and affirm that my child's participation is completely voluntary. I understand that there are risks inherent in the activities my child will engage in which may result in an injury. I also understand that, despite safety precautions, Bethel Public Schools can't guarantee that my child will not be injured. My child and I are willing to assume these risks. To minimize the risk, I have instructed my child to obey all the rules, regulations, and instructions provided by the adult supervisors.

Parent Signature

Date

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## Registration Information

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Serious Medical Conditions

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## Parent Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration on Google Forms

Use the link below to register

[https://docs.google.com/a/bethel.k12.ct.us/forms/d/1FRMu4F-NGMwQpgsO9wR4O0dQsl3yJhNVNZxwPP8x6O0/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/a/bethel.k12.ct.us/forms/d/1FRMu4F-NGMwQpgsO9wR4O0dQsl3yJhNVNZxwPP8x6O0/viewform?usp=send_form)



Just a reminder that next week all Johnson School students will participate in **The Hour of Code**, a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries in celebration of National Computer Science Education Week. Customized Johnson School shirts previously ordered by students can be worn throughout the week to celebrate The Hour of Code. As a district we will also offer shirts that say "I did The Hour of Code, Bethel, CT." This [order form](#) is live now through December 11, 2015. If ordering please indicate school, student name and homeroom.

# PTO EVENT



**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL**  
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**In the spirit of holiday giving, Johnson School will be participating in a Toys For Tots drive. We hope that this project will help build school community as we work together to help those in need.**

**Here are the details...**

**The primary mission of the Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots Program, is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children. Johnson School will be helping our local Reserve Unit to collect toys for children within our area.**

**We have assembled a holiday display case for the students to help decorate. Children will receive a personalized paper snowflake for donating a toy which will then be added to our winter scene.**

**The display case and collection box are located in the front foyer. There will be a parent volunteer to assist the children during collection times.**

**Toys will be collected from Monday, December 7th until Thursday, December 17th, between 7:40-8:10am.**



**Thank you for your participation!**