



Weekly Bulletin December 18, 2015

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tis the season for science, engineering and inventing at Johnson School! Our students have been studying the invention and engineering process and learning how engineers look at the world. They have been practicing the types of brainstorming strategies that engineers use and coming up with some incredible ideas. After our winter break, the students will be invited to extend their learning outside the classroom by participating in the 2016 Local Invention Convention here in Bethel. Keep an eye out for the information coming home and it will be posted on the Facebook page too! The Invention Convention is a fantastic opportunity for kids to explore the principles of STEM and demonstrate their creativity! I hope to see some returning inventors and new faces too!

The trout tank in our science lab has been a busy place. We have a growing group of trout bloggers who are learning about the trout and their ecosystems and sharing their knowledge with the world via a video blog. Trout have been in Bethel classrooms since 2006 and this is their second year in Johnson School. Our fourth grade teachers will be incorporating the tank into their units on ecosystems and the water cycle this spring as well! You can check out the latest blogs on the **Bethel Science and Engineering** page on Facebook. Not a member, sign up today – Ms. Nielsen, our science coach is always updating it with great

opportunities for kids to get out and get into science!

In closing, Johnson School is committed to providing authentic opportunities for students to experience science and engineering. You can partner with us by asking your child what he/she learned in science today.

Sincerely,

Alison A. Salerno
 Principal

December Calendar

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 or at [203-794-8613](tel:203-794-8613) if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



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 30th 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

Registration Information

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Allergies _____

Serious Medical Conditions

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

