



Weekly Bulletin November 13, 2015

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the first week of December, students will receive their trimester 1 report cards. As you know, Johnson School uses Standards-Based Grading. This week I would like to share some information which will help you when reviewing your child(ren)'s report card(s).

1. What is Standards-Based Grading?

Standards-Based Grading clearly identifies what students need to know and be able to do. SBG focuses on measuring a student's mastery of the necessary skills and concepts. The goal of Standards-Based Grading is to clearly communicate to students and parents what is expected, the current level of proficiency, and how a student can achieve mastery. SBG removes behaviors from grading to provide a more accurate picture of the student's progress.

2. How are standards assessed? How does the number scale work?

Standards are assessed on a scale (1 to 4). The scale is as follows:

4- Student performance is consistently above current course level expectations as evidenced by independent application of concepts and skills.

3- Student performance is consistently at course level expectations and may on occasion be above course level as evidenced by independent application of concepts and skills.

2- Student performance is beginning to and occasionally does meet course level expectations or student requires support to meet course level expectations.

1- Student performance is consistently below course level expectations.

3. How are effort and conduct assessed?

Student's effort and behaviors are recorded separately from the student's academic progress. Issues and concerns of students not completing work are behavior issues, not an indication of their academic progress. However, students' learning behaviors affect their ability to achieve. At the end of each trimester students will receive a performance level for learning behaviors in each class.

Performance levels:

- O- Outstanding
- C- Consistent
- I- Inconsistent
- M- Minimal

Have a wonderful week!
 Alison Salerno
 Principal

News from Ms. Torpey

This year Johnson School students will once again participate in The Hour of Code. This is a global movement to celebrate Computer Science Education Week. Students will participate during their computer class time the week of December 7th. You can learn more at hourofcode.com.

This year we are offering the opportunity for students to purchase customized Johnson School t-shirts to wear to show their love of code. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt you can visit my website: <http://torpeytech.weebly.com/coding.html> to view the shirts and order. All orders are due by Nov. 18 and will be delivered to school in time for the event. If you have any questions please contact me at torpeyj@bethel.k12.ct.us.

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.

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

November Calendar

- 17 **Veterans Day Assembly at Bethel Middle School (8:30 veterans, 9:00 Assembly)**
- 25 **Early Dismissal 12:56 p.m.**
- 26 **Thanksgiving No School**
- 27 **Thanksgiving Recess No School**

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.

Johnson School PTO News



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4th Grade Family Pizza & Movie Night
11/6 @ 6pm
- ◆ 5th Grade Family Pizza & Movie Night
11/13 @ 6pm
- ◆ Veteran's Day Assembly
11/17 (Date Change)
- ◆ Fall Spirit Wear
November
- ◆ Holiday Shoppe
December

Next PTO Meeting

- ◆ Nov 16th @ 9:15
(Date Change due to Veterans Day Assembly)

Future PTO Meetings

- ◆ Dec 21st @ 9:15
- ◆ Jan 19th @ 9:15
- ◆ Feb 23rd @ 9:15
- ◆ March 22nd @ 9:15
- ◆ April 26th @ 9:15
- ◆ May 17th @ 9:15
- ◆ June TBD



R.M.T. Johnson School PTO

Upcoming Events

Family Pizza & Movie Nights:

We are currently asking for movie suggestions on the Johnson Parent Network group on Facebook. Voting for the movie will take place the week before the event during school hours. We will then announce the winning movie selection. RSVP dates are a week prior. Please remember to RSVP in order to have enough pizza and popcorn!

Veteran's Day Assembly:

This is a wonderful school event and the PTO is happy to supply breakfast for our Veterans.

Fall Spirit Wear:

Calling all Johnson Families! Don't miss this opportunity to get your Johnson Spirit Wear. A color flyer is attached and a paper copy will be sent home this week.

Raffle Tickets: Remember that for every school or PTO event that your child attends he/she will receive a raffle ticket for a free Kindle at the end of the school year!

Flyers: All of our flyers are now posted to our Facebook Page and the School PTO website.

Past Events

Kidstuff Fundraiser: Thank you to all who participated in our Kidstuff Fundraiser! We raised \$2,200 for our school! Coupon books can still be ordered.

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you to the chairs of our Fall Book Fair; Sue Lohle, Tracy Chimbo & Kristin Riolo and the all the volunteers that helped out that week. The book fair was a huge success, raising \$2,100!

Reading Campout: The rain did not deter us! The Reading Campout was also a success. Thank you to the school for this wonderful event.

JohnsonFest: It was a chilly evening and fun was had by all who dared to come out! Be on the lookout for our next parent social event, most likely in January. "Let's connect and get to know one another!"

Pumpkin Decorating: Thank you to Bobbi Jo Beers & Caroline Baia for chairing! 86 children joined in the fun. Pumpkins were decorated with paint, glitter, funny faces and feathers. Donuts, cider & goldfish were enjoyed by everyone.