



Weekly Bulletin March 27, 2015

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

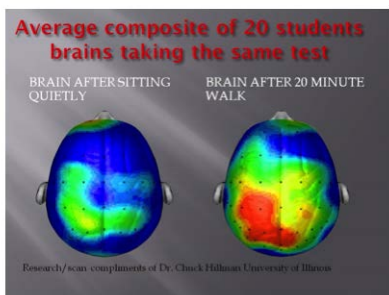
The next step in the budget process is the Town Meeting. The purpose of the town meeting is to approve a budget and set the date for the referendum (or vote) of the budget. By town charter, at that meeting Bethel residents, who are registered voters, can only reduce the amount recommended by the Board of Finance, not increase it. Residents who are registered voters can vote to support or reject any motions made at the meeting. Once a budget is approved, the date for the referendum will set. The Town Meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel High School. We will be providing babysitting for parents.

I am thrilled to announce, the Bethel Education Foundation approved the Johnson School grant for kinesthetic learning tables and they have been delivered.



Kinesthetic Learning Tables (see photo) are a viable alternative to traditional desks. The tables provide the opportunity for students to engage in active movement while working.

Research supports, through the incorporation of movement and exercise, human brain activity increases.



The benefits of exercise and physical fitness on mental health and cognitive performance are well documented (see photo illustration the impact of movement on brain activity). Movement is good for physical well being, helpful in reducing stress, and increases positive

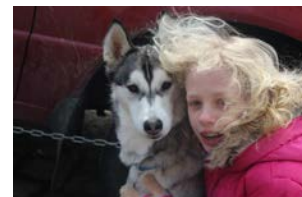
feelings. By incorporating the kinesthetic learning tables in the classroom, students will be provided with movement activities thereby decreasing stress and promoting learning and positive attitudes. Further, providing students with access to movement at a table will improve students' mood. This is caused as movement triggers the release of a number of neurotransmitters and hormones, including dopamine, serotonin, adrenaline, and endorphins, which cause students to feel happy. The result will be a positive outlook, increase in student motivation, engagement, and attention.

Very truly yours,
 Mrs. Alison Salerno
 Principal

A Special Thank You to Mrs. McCue and our Students for a Spectacular 2015 Art Walk



Johnson School Iditarod Club



Responsibility

Respect

Ready

Proud

PTO NEWS

We will be accepting nominations for the upcoming school year at our April 21st meeting, and we will vote and confirm positions at our May meeting. Open positions are Co-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. You can contact me at berlage2@sbcglobal.net with questions or to nominate yourself.

Spring is here!!! Almost. Yankee Candle is our spring fundraiser, and you should have received a packet that came home last week. There are extra copies in the office. Orders are due the Friday before Spring Break.

Regards, Terri and the PTO Board

Upcoming PTO Events

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: March 27- April 10

PTO Meeting: April 21 at 9:15

No TV/Screen Week: May 4-8

Mothers' Day Plant Sale: May 7-8

5th Grade Breakfast and Moving Up Ceremony: June

School Store open Fridays before school

Contact Christine Cohen to help out with any PTO event: cacohen10@gmail.com

Pennies for Patients

Johnson School will again be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" Program during the weeks of **March 30 – April 10, 2015**. Last year your generous donations raised \$1500.00 for this worthy cause!! Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under 20. Students in our own Bethel Education System have been affected by this cancer. Please donate your pennies and spare change to this worthy cause. Collection boxes will be in each classroom. Last year, over 285 local schools in Connecticut participated in this fundraiser. Let's teach our children about the value of community service, the importance of helping others and how they can make a difference in the lives of others by helping to find a cancer cure. It is amazing what a penny can do!

April Calendar

3	Good Friday No School
7, 8, 9	Conference Days Dismissal 12:56
13-17	Spring Recess No School
21	PTO Meeting 9:15 a.m.
22	Spring Pictures Math Family Fun Night
29	Jump Rope for Heart Grade 5 3:00 to 4:30
30	Jump Rope for Heart Grade 4 3:00 to 4:30



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