



## Weekly Bulletin January 22, 2016

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It seems winter has finally arrived and we may actually get some snow this weekend! We, at Johnson School take students outside for recess (weather permitting), daily. Given the cold temperatures, please be sure to remind your son/daughter to wear a coat, gloves, and hat.

As the second half of the school year begins, I would like to offer some suggestions to ensure your child's academic success.

1. Monitor your child's school work. One way to do this is to have them check in with you after school and share how their day went. A good opening question to help them communicate about this is to ask, "What did you learn in school today?" If you get a vague answer, follow-up by asking them about specific subjects such as: math, reading, or science. Another important way to monitor their work is to have them share any corrected school papers they brought home and discuss them together. You can further monitor by checking on their homework.

2. Make sure your children get to school. The more students are in school, the higher their achievement. Children cannot learn if they are not in school. In addition, poor attendance causes students to get behind in their learning and catching up can be very difficult. In fact, poor attendance is often the first step to students being unsuccessful at school.

3. Reward their efforts. Students are always trying and want to make you proud. Therefore, the best way to motivate further effort is to notice it, to praise it, and to reward it.

4. Talk up the idea of going to college. I know our students are only in elementary school, but this should start at a very young age. As a staff we are always talking about where we went to school and how we benefitted from college. Having students set higher education as a target early in their lives will help them set ambitious goals for their academic progress as they proceed through school.

5. Finally, be involved! How important is parent involvement in their children's education? Study after study shows that it may be the top factor leading to student success. At Johnson School, we offer many opportunities to be involved in your student's education. Please join us whenever you can.

Next Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, (6:30-8), Johnson School will host "An Evening of Mindfulness." This event will provide practical ways to manage stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. I hope to see you all at this event.

Sincerely,  
 Alison A. Salerno  
 Principal

### February Calendar

- 12 Professional Development**
- 12:56 Dismissal**
- 15 Presidents' Day No School**
- 16 Winter Recess No School**
- 24 Parents' University**

## 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.

## 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.

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# **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**

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- 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

DINNER SELECTION:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Village Pre-school  Circle of Friends

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Berry  Rockwell  Johnson

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

St. Mary  Middle  High

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

No kids currently in school

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