



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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September 9, 2016



September 9th

Fall Fling
3:00-4:30pm

September 12th

Open House
6:00-8:00pm

September 20th

PTO Meeting 9:15 am

September
26-30th

Book Fair

September 28th

Reading
Jamboree
6:00-8:00 pm

September 30th

Pride Assembly
2:00 pm (4th)
2:20 pm (5th)

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week was an amazing week at Johnson School! Classrooms were bustling with energy and enthusiasm as learners engaged in rigorous tasks. We have launched our new STEM based science curriculum. This week, students have explored the concepts of gravity and wave technologies by engaging in the engineering process. Ask your child about their experiences creating parachutes and telephones! In addition, please make sure to return your child's signed safety contract if you have not done so already.

On Tuesday, we kicked off our Positive Behavior and Supports (PBIS) program with the celebration of spirit week. PBIS is integral to Johnson School as it provides the structures and supports to define, teach, and reinforce appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment. Over the course of the week, all students visited stations - cafeteria, hallway, recess, etc. where they were explicitly taught behavioral expectations. A special thank you to Mr. Melo, our Guidance Counselor, as well as Mrs. Trzcinski and our PBIS team for planning this event for our students!

Please note:

In the Superintendent's letter last week, Dr Carver sent out the Bethel Public Schools recently updated transportation regulation (354R). Consequently, I would like to remind parents that we will no longer be able to accommodate daily bus changes. We are happy to accommodate students with alternative bus assignments for long term (school year) or short term (a few months). However, we are no longer able to make daily changes as this poses a safety concern and a significant burden to staff. As you know, the safety of our students is a top priority. Thank you for your support and understanding of this new procedure.

Open House is Monday September 12th from 6:00-8:00pm. Please see attached flyer for details. Also, a friendly reminder, Open House is for adults only .

Have a wonderful weekend.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Reminder:

If you have not done so already, please make sure you update your information in our Parent Portal. There will be assistance at our open house if you are still experiencing difficulty. Please make sure you bring your child's ID and password with you. If you need that information please call the school ASAP.



Attendance Policy Update

We know that regular attendance at school on a daily basis is critical for optimal academic performance. Over the past year, the District Safe School Climate Team, which serves as our District Attendance Review Team, reviewed our attendance regulations and made revisions.

Attendance Regulation 5113

These revised attendance regulations aligns with current Connecticut State Statute and guidelines for best practice. For your convenience, I have attached the new regulation and highlighted all of the changes. I would like to provide an overview of a few of those changes:

In the past, we only accepted a written note from a parent or guardian to excuse absences 1 through 9. In addition to a note, the new regulation accepts for email (from parent email account you have put in the Parent Portal) and/or a phone call to excuse the absence. At the beginning of the school year, schools will identify who you should email to excuse absence 1 to 9. A reminder, per state statute, absences 10 and higher require a note from a medical professional. Additionally, students (Bethel High School only) will lose credit after ten (10) absences in a particular class. In order to restore credit, students will have to appeal to the Attendance Review Committee.

For active military members deployed and home on leave, the policy provides flexibility in the number of excused absences.

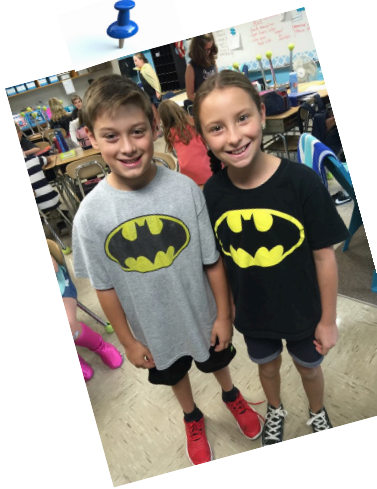
The regulation has provisions for students who travel for more than 15 consecutive school days during the school year.

The new state regulation provides regulations concerning "chronic absenteeism" or students who are absent (excused or unexcused) more than 10% of total days in school.

Please read the regulation carefully. Principals will be reviewing the changes at open house. If you should have any questions, please contact your child's school.

We Cant Hide our Johnson Pride!!!!

Thank you to all who helped kick off pride week! What a great way to start off the school year and show our Johnson Pride!!!





You are cordially invited to attend the 4th
and 5th grade Johnson School Open House

Monday September 12, 2016

6:00-8:00 pm

Schedule:

Grade 4

<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>6:00-6:50 pm</i>	<i>Teacher presentation (see attached for location)</i>
<i>7:00-7:40 pm</i>	<i>Principal Presentation in the cafeteria</i>
<i>7:40-8:00 pm</i>	<i>Visit special area/pupil services personnel (see attached)</i>

Grade 5

<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>6:00-6:40 pm</i>	<i>Principal Presentation in the cafeteria</i>
<i>6:40-7:00 pm</i>	<i>Visit special area/pupil services personnel (see attached)</i>
<i>7:00-7:50 pm</i>	<i>Teacher presentation (see attached for location)</i>

Open House Schedule

6:00-8:00 PM - You are welcome to visit the Bethel Education Foundation or PTO tables to find out more information about who we are/what we do.

Parent portal help will be available if you are having difficulty setting up an account. **Please make sure you have your child's ID and password with you!!!!** If you need that information please call asap.

You are invited to meet with Special Area Personnel in their classrooms:

- Music – Ms. Carpentier – Music Room (1st Floor)
- Art – Mrs. McCue – Art Room (1st Floor)
- Physical Education – Mrs. Jaques – Gymnasium (1st Floor)
- Technology – Mrs. Torpey – Computer Lab (2nd Floor)
- Pupil Services (Guidance) – Mr. Melo – Guidance office (1st floor)

Grade 4 teacher presentations please meet in the following location:

Teacher	Room
Quader, Gerety, Malone	4
Donohue	6
DiSalvo	3
Kilmartin	10
Reid, Trzcinski, Schrader	Media Center
Galante	7
Wicklund	8

Grade 5 teacher presentations please meet in the following location:

Teacher	Room
Kersting	21
Liquori	24
Claridge	25
Rawlins	18
Basher	29
Moscowitz	17
Harding	12
Esposito	13
Andreasen	11



Activity Period

Johnson School provides all students with an Activity Period which meets twice a week for 40 minutes. Students are invited to select an area of personal interest. During Activity, students may choose to be in *Orchestra, Band, Chorus, Physical Education, Johnson School TV Studio, Technology, or Art.*

Please note, **Band, Orchestra and Chorus** are year long commitments. If selecting one of the other Activity options (Art, Physical Education, Johnson School TV Studio, or Tech Class) students will have the option to *change their Activity at the end of each marking period.*

Grade 4 students have Activity period on Mondays and Wednesdays and Grade 5 students meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year. Activity period occurs between 2:00 – 2:40 and will officially begin on September 21, 2016.

Please discuss the options with your child as he/she will be signing up during Technology Class this month.

Chorus/Musical Revue: Ms. Carpentier offers an opportunity for all fourth and fifth grade students to experience an introduction to musical theater. Students interested in singing, instrumental accompaniment, narration, drama, stage technology, or perhaps dancing will perform in a culminating performance and barbecue in early June. During the course of the year, students strive towards competency in proper vocal technique, such as diction, tone, breathing, and pitch. A wide variety of choral music will assist in each child's development of good intonation, phrasing, and musical independence while working as a team towards a unified goal.

Art: Mrs. McCue offers an opportunity for students to further develop and strengthen their art skills and learn more about the diverse art styles of other cultures. Students who participate in Art Activity will create a wide assortment of projects, some individual and others within a collaborative group as they develop their understanding of art in a global context.

JSTV: directed by Mrs. Torpey. Students will work on developing their interviewing and presentation skills. They will create interview questions, report findings, engage in meaningful dialogue, and compose about issues relevant to the Johnson Family. Students will work collaboratively in their

Google Accounts and at times may need to complete work outside of activity time. Students will learn to operate technological pieces of equipment relevant to a television studio.

Technology: Mrs. Weinberg will work on developing digital presentation skills. They will learn how to use different parts of the Google Apps for Education software to create projects in a digital format. Students will create finished products using these technologies while enhancing their skills.

Fitness Testing Preparation and Yoga: Throughout the duration of activity Mrs. Jaques will work with students to help improve fitness scores; mile, push ups, sit ups, and flexibility. Students will also participate in yoga which will facilitate mindfulness and relaxation, while improving flexibility. To further their learning, students will use learned skills to create a yoga or fitness routine.

Student's Name: _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

I have reviewed and discussed the Activity opportunities with my child.

Parent/ Guardian's Signature _____

PTO FUNDRAISING

Fall Spirit Wear 2016



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Charcoal Short Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Royal Blue Short Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Charcoal Long Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Royal Blue Long Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Charcoal Pullover Hooded
50/50 Sweatshirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Royal Blue Pullover Hooded
50/50 Sweatshirt with
Johnson Jaguars design
printed in Gold on front.



Royal Blue Short Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Be Kind design on front
printed in Yellow Gold.



Royal Blue Long Sleeve
100% Cotton T-Shirt with
Be Kind design on front
printed in Yellow Gold.



Royal Blue Pullover Hooded
50/50 Sweatshirt with
Be Kind design on front
printed in Yellow Gold.



Girls Light Pink 4.3 oz
Ring Spun Cotton
short sleeve T-shirt with
Peace Love Jaguars design
on front printed in Royal Blue.



Safety Pink Pullover Hooded
50/50 Sweatshirt with
Peace Love Jaguars design
on front printed in Royal Blue.

DESCRIPTION	ADULT					2XL T-Shirts add \$2.50 / 2XL Hoods add \$4.50			COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL			
JOHNSON JAGUARS Charcoal S/S T-Shirt									\$10.00		
JOHNSON JAGUARS Royal Blue S/S T-Shirt									\$10.00		
JOHNSON JAGUARS Charcoal L/S T-Shirt									\$15.00		
JOHNSON JAGUARS Royal Blue L/S T-Shirt									\$15.00		
Charcoal Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt									\$22.00		
Royal Blue Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt									\$22.00		
Royal Blue - Be Kind Short Sleeve T-Shirt									\$10.00		
Royal Blue - Be Kind Long Sleeve T-Shirt									\$15.00		
Royal Blue - Be Kind Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt									\$22.00		
PEACE LOVE JAGUARS Girls Light Pink T-shirt									\$11.00		
Safety Pink Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt									\$22.00		
Total											

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT : RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com

“PRIDE & SPIRIT” WEAR ORDER FORM

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Wednesday, October 5th.**

Color examples of the design will be available on the PTO link of the Johnson School website.

If you are interested in purchasing a product for your student, yourself or both, simply fill out the order form and return it to the school with the correct amount of your purchase. If you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to

JOHNSON P.T.O.

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Wednesday, October 5th.**

Orders sent without payment cannot be processed.

Thank you for your cooperation

IMPORTANT: We suggest ordering a size larger if concerned about how sizes run. Please be sure to order proper size, as they cannot be exchanged!

Thank You

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL ITEMS ORDERED _____

AMOUNT REMITTED _____

- 1. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE ORDER FORM CORRECTLY? (SIZE, STYLE, COLOR)**
- 2. HAVE YOU RETURNED THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF YOUR PURCHASE?**
- 3. IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT OUT TO JOHNSON P.T.O.**

ALL ABOVE INFO NEEDED TO PROCESS

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Selling Dates: 9/2/16 through 9/16/16

Forms & Payment Due: 9/16/16 (no later)

****Please make checks payable to Johnson School PTO****

For online orders please visit:

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com

Put our group # **990063226** in the 'start shopping' box

Create an online account to sell to family and friends anywhere in the country! There's even an app to get the word out. Please see the information packet that was sent home with you child for full details.

Please do not collect sales tax on orders

40% of each sale goes to our school!

PTO VOLUNTEERS



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Volunteer/Chairperson Opportunities 2016-2017

PTO EVENT/FUNDRAISER	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
Reading Jamboree	9/28		
Scholastic Book Fair	9/26-9/30	Rebecca Chamberlain & Christine Cohen	
Fall Fundraiser – Yankee Candle**	September	Kathy Horvath & Amber Kane	
Fall Spirit Wear**	September	Jeannine Bruey	
Pumpkin Decorating	10/20		
Veteran’s Day Breakfast	11/9 (tentative)		
4 th & 5 th Grade Movie Night**	11/4	Lisa Geist	
Toys for Tots Giving Tree	11/28- 12/9	Tamara Wachnuik	
Holiday Shoppe – open during lunch	12/6-12/8		
Author Visit	February	Kara DiBartolo	
Reading Rock Stars**	2/27-3/10		
Spring Spirit Wear**	March	Jeannine Bruey	
STEM Night**	3/15		
Spring Fundraiser – TBD**	April		
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week	5/1-5/5		
Screen-Free Week	5/1-5/5		
Mother’s Day Plant Sale	5/10-5/12	Tamara Wachnuik	
Scholastic Book Fair	5/23 & 5/24	PTO Board	

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CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY EVENTS	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
Health Fair	October TBD	X	
Mindfulness Workshops	TBD	X	
5 th Grade Picnic	June		
5 th Grade Moving Up Breakfast	June		

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	CHECK
Floating Volunteer - to be contacted when extra help is needed	
Baking Committee ** - baking for events throughout the year	

Name: _____

Child's Name & Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*** Events/opportunities that can be coordinated outside of school hours.*

Events and event dates are subject to change.

Please contact Christine Cohen at cacohen10@gmail.com with volunteer questions.

Thank you for supporting Johnson School!