



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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September 23, 2016



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)

October 3rd
Rosh Hashanah
(school closed)

October 4th
Flu Clinic for
Bethel Families
(BVNA clinic)

October 5th
Picture Day

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

This year, the Johnson School faculty is focused on increasing effective communication between parents, community members, and staff. There are several ways in which we are working diligently to achieve this goal. The Jaguar Journal (this newsletter) will serve as our primary mode of communication, housing all flyers and event information. Additionally, I invite you to attend our monthly PTO meetings. Next month's meeting will be on October 18th. We are actually having 2 meetings that day - at 9:15 am and again at 7:00 pm. Dr Carver will join us to discuss the Johnson/Rockwell renovation project. Please be sure to mark your calendars!

A secondary mode of communication is the Johnson School Parent Network Page on Facebook. If you have not joined this page, I encourage you to do so! Finally, please consider following me on Twitter @SalernoBethel, where I tweet about school events.

Just a few reminders:

If you are dropping a student off late to school, (not bus students) a parent or guardian MUST park, accompany that student into the office, and sign him/her in late. (Green form). That student will be given a late pass to go to class. Please consider using our bus transportation!! It truly is the best way to get your child to and from school safely and on time. Note: If a bus is late for any reason, your child will not be marked tardy.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please update your Parent Portal information. A video tutorial is available on our website if you are having difficulty logging in.

Have a great weekend.

Alison Salerno
Principal

our school store
is now open!
THURSDAYS
(new day!)
Before 8:15 am!



Find us on
facebook

Johnson Parent Network



PTO NEWS

Fundraiser Updates:

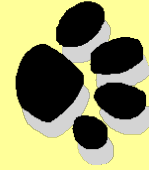
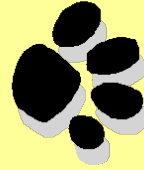
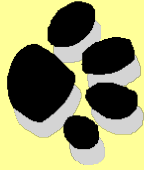
- Yankee Candle orders were already handed in, but the online orders will go through Dec!
- Boxtops: Send them in! Our classes will be competing to see who can bring in the most!
- Spirit Wear is due 10/5! Wear your school items or colors on Fridays to show your PRIDE!

Upcoming PTO Events

- The book fair is HERE! 9/26-9/30. Open during the school hours and 6:00-8:00 pm on 9/28
- Pumpkin decorating on 10/20 from 3:00-4:00 pm. More info to come! Stay tuned!
- Our next PTO meeting will be on 10/18 at both 9:15 am (Teachers Room) and 7:00 pm. (Media Center)

Contact us!

rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com



JOHNSON READING JAMBOREE

Please join us at the school for our
Reading Jamboree!

*This will be fun for the whole family! Come and enjoy
activities in the classrooms, guest readers and more.*

The book fair will be **open**, so make sure to stop
by the media center!

**Parents, this is not a drop off event.
Please enjoy the activities with the kids!**

When: Wednesday, September 28th @ 6-8 PM.

Where: Johnson School (Activities will be
throughout the school in the classrooms)

The event is **FREE of charge.**

Yes, we will be attending the Reading Campout _____

of students (head count to plan for activities) _____

Student's name _____

Welcome to the R.M.T. Johnson School Library! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to serve your child as his/her library media specialist! I look forward to helping him/her become a critical thinker, enthusiastic reader, skillful researcher, and ethical user of information!

We are on a 5 day rotating schedule at Johnson School. Students may visit during their media class time for book exchange. They also could visit in the morning prior to morning announcements. I will be collaborating with your child's classroom teachers on whole class projects as well as research and informational literacy skills. Throughout the year, I'll teach them how to find and use resources, use the research process, appreciate literature, and more.

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library materials and return them for more. Also, please enjoy the library books WITH your children!

We could use parent volunteers to help out in the library during class time to assist with book checkout and reshelving of books! Please contact me if you are interested in helping out at weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us !! Look below for the times needed

8:40-9:20 Liquori, Claridge, Kersting Triad

9:25-10:05 Moscowitz, Basher, Rawlins Triad

10:10-10:50 Esposito, Harding, Andreasen Triad

10:55-11:35 Galante, Donohue, Wicklund Triad

11:40-12:20 Schrader, Reid, Trzcinski Triad

1:00-1:40 Kimartin, DiSalvo, Quader, Gerety, Malone

For more information, please call me at 203-794-8700 or visit our school library webpage, which can be located by using the QR code below or by visiting

http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/schools/r_m_t_johnson_school/j_e_s_media_center

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Weinberg



FALL BOOK FAIR SIGN-UP 2016

Time	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30
8:40-9:20	Kersting	Claridge	Liquori		
9:25-10:05			Rawlins	Basher	Moscowitz
10:10-10:50	Harding	Andreasen			Esposito
10:55-11:35			Galante	Donohue	Wicklund
11:40-12:20	Schrader	Reid		Trzcinski	
12:25-12:55					
1:00-1:40	Malone	Kilmartin	DiSalvo	Quader	Gerety
2:00-2:40					



Odyssey of the Mind

2016-2017

What is Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM)?

OOTM “is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.”¹

Who can participate?

All Johnson students are eligible to help form teams! Each team is made up of 5-7 Johnson students. A team cannot compete if it has more or less! Parents and coaches are NOT allowed to give ideas, so the team members must make the commitment to create, design, build, and execute the plans. Parents and coaches can help guide with safe practices and handling big equipment, but this is primarily student driven.

What is the time commitment?

Odyssey teams work together to come up with meeting times outside of school hours as well as project timelines/goals in order to get their projects complete. This can mean meeting every so often, or up to a few times per week, especially as the competition day comes closer. Team members should also be willing to work on their projects individually at home, as a lot of time goes into building the props, costumes and pieces to bring the entire project together. All team members must commit to being at the State Competition on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

There is an optional Team Building Workshop “Odyssey Day” on December 3rd as well. Each team can decide if they would like to attend this workshop.

What is the main goal of OOTM?

The teams will choose from a list of 5 projects and compete in a state competition on March 18, 2017. This is the major portion of the project. The second part is a Spontaneous Problem that the students will not know anything about until the day of the competition. This is a fun time for the teams to work together to figure out a brand new problem, being scored on their teamwork, creativity, and completion.

What else does a team need?

Each team must have a Coach (two preferably), a Volunteer, and a Judge. Coaches will lead the meetings and help keep the teams focused without giving them help to solve their problems. Coaches also coordinate the meeting scheduling and complete all paperwork necessary for team registration. There are 2 optional (but encouraged) Coach Training dates, November 5th or January 7th. In addition, a Volunteer and a Judge needs to give their time on the day of the state competition. Without these, teams are fined for non-compliance with rules. Volunteers are expected to serve for a few hours either the night before or the day of the competition. You can choose your time and location typically to try to work around your teams' competition times. Judges will need to attend a Judge Training on Saturday March 4th. They will commit to judge a block of time for a certain project or area. Scheduling can be a bit trickier so sometimes a judge is not able to see some or all of their teams' competitions.

How much does OOTM cost?

The program cost is about \$60 per student. In addition, there will be expenses for props, costumes, etc. however it is expected that the majority of these items are recycled. Each problem has a maximum dollar amount that can be spent towards solving the problem.

How do I sign my student up?

Depending on interest and the number of volunteers, there will be a lottery to form teams. If there are enough students to form a team, the student of a Coach, Volunteer or Judge will have a guaranteed spot on the team. Fill out the attached interest form (do not include payment at this time) and we will create teams based on the interest. Forms must be received by Friday, October 7, 2016.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, you can contact Jill Kurtz at jmkurtz@gmail.com or visit the main program website at <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/> ¹



Odyssey of the Mind

2016-2017

Student: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to be a: _____ Coach (Training 11/5/16 or 1/7/17)

_____ Judge (Training 3/4/17)

_____ Volunteer

FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th

My student will commit to being an active participant of an OOTM team and compete at the State Championships on Saturday, March 18, 2017. No need to send payment at this time. You will be contacted if there is enough interest to form a team. This form is not a guarantee that your student will be placed on a team.

(Parent Signature)

GRAND OPENING!

Our PBIS Reward Store is opening on

OCTOBER 7th!



**Respect, Responsible,
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Show your Johnson Pride
and earn those stamps for rewards including

- Prizes
- Raffles
- And more!



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

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	Ashley Tarzia	
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	Amber Kane	
Author Visit	February	Kara DiBartolo	
Reading Rock Stars**	2/27-3/10		
Spring Spirit Wear**	March	Jeannine Bruey	
STEM Night**	TBD		
Spring Fundraiser – TBD**	April		
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week	5/1-5/5		
Screen-Free Week	5/1-5/5	Pnina Flynn	
Mother’s Day Plant Sale	5/10-5/12	Tamara Wachnuik	
Scholastic Book Fair	5/23 & 5/24	PTO Board	

PTO VOLUNTEERS



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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!

Clean out your closet and help us raise funds!

Items collected help
fund:

BHS MARCHING WILDCATS



Your unwanted
items can help
**fund our
organization!**

Bring your items to our **Donation Drive** event:







SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH

**Bethel High School
Upper Parking Lot
9:00 am – 11:00 Am**

For questions, please contact:

Kristin Sprock
(203) 619 3552
kristinsprock@att.net

We are collecting:

-  Clothing
-  Shoes
-  Accessories
-  Books
-  Linens
-  Household
Items*

** Small items only.
No furniture.*

donation **drive**
savers

Preschool Screening

Are you concerned that your child may be experiencing difficulties or delays with talking, play skills, problem solving skills or making their needs known?

If so, you and your child (3-5 years old) are encouraged to participate in a Circle of Friends screening. While meeting the staff to discuss your concerns or ask questions regarding your child's development, your child will take part in informal play activities that include songs and motor activities.

The preschool team includes the Supervisor of Special Education, Preschool Special Education Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and School Social Worker.

Screening dates for the 2016-2017 school year are

Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45

October 19, 2016

November 30, 2016

January 18, 2017

February 22, 2017

March 29, 2017

April 26, 2017

May 31, 2017

If school is closed because of inclement weather, the pre-school screen will be cancelled.

Pre-registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcomed.

For more information, please contact Kate Coffey at [203-794-8679](tel:203-794-8679).