



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

October 7, 2016



October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Columbus Day  
(school closed)

October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Professional  
Learning Day  
(school closed)

October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Yom Kippur  
(school closed)

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
PTO Meeting  
9:15 am AND 7:15 pm

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pumpkin  
Decorating  
3:00-4:00 pm

October 26-27<sup>th</sup>  
Parent/Teacher  
conferences  
\*\*REMINDER  
DISMISSAL WILL BE  
12:20 pm\*\*

Don't Forget to  
show your  
Johnson PRIDE by  
wearing spirit  
wear or school  
colors every  
Friday!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

## STEM UPDATE!

We have been busy, busy, busy honing our skills with making observations and representing data in graphical displays!! In fourth grade, the students have been learning to look for evidence of energy transformations in their environments. They have studied circuits and watching their "light bulbs" go off has been "enlightening" for all of us. You can support your fourth grader at home by encouraging them to look for places where energy is transformed into heat, light, and sound in their homes. You can take it even further and help them take apart old or broken appliances. Kids love to see how the insides of every day items work.

In fifth grade, students have finished their studies of gravity and are beginning to explore the patterns of orbits and revolutions of the Earth, Moon, and Sun. They will be looking at the changes in the night sky by studying constellations as well as looking for patterns in the daily changes in length and direction of shadows. You can support your young astronomer at home by encouraging them to "look up!" Greek and Roman mythology is closely tied to the constellations and a huge hit with upper elementary students! Help your student look for the patterns that the astronomers studied long ago!

Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

## IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

The Bethel Public Schools District uses PowerSchool, an Internet-based student management information system. The information system includes a section known as the Parent Portal which will give parents the ability to access important information about their child(ren) over the Internet in a secure manner. All parents received a letter containing directions and information regarding your Parent Access ID and Parent Access Password. If you already have a Parent Portal account you can add your student to your existing account.

**TO DATE, MANY of you have not yet created your account!**

We are requesting that you update the demographic information and click on the policies and permissions [ASAP](#). This information is critical to providing us the most accurate information and phone numbers if there was an emergency.

**If you have any questions please call Rachel Caram at 203-794-8700.**

A video tutorial is available on our website (click the link)  
[www.bethelk12.ct.us](http://www.bethelk12.ct.us)

# PTO NEWS

## Fundraiser Updates:

- Yankee Candle on-line orders will go through Dec
- Box tops: Keep sending them in! Our classes will be competing to see who can bring in the most
- School store is open on Thursdays! (Before school!)

## Upcoming Events:

- Pumpkin decorating on October 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00 pm. Details to come!
- Our next PTO meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am AND 7:15 pm

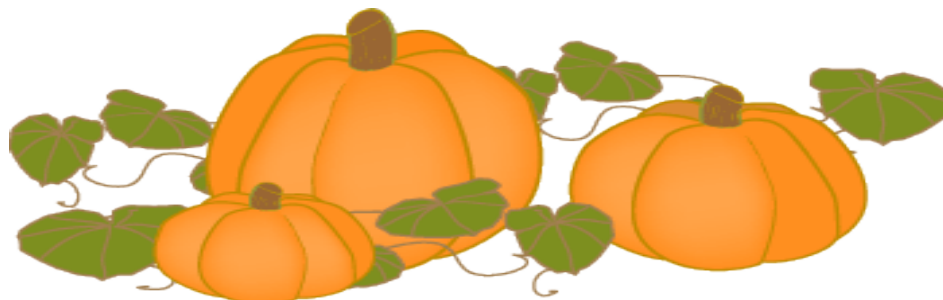
## CONTACT US!

[rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)

# PTO EVENT



**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL**  
**RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD**



## *Pumpkin Decorating!*

*Thursday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> after school*  
*Pick up 4:00 p.m. (cafeteria door)*

*\$7 per student*

*RSVP required by Thursday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Contact Ashley Jarzia with any questions*  
[\*rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com\*](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)

=====

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin decorating Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, pick up 4p.m.

~~\$7~~ per student, RSVP required by Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

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

# PTO EVENT



R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL  
RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD



## *Clip Those Boxtops!*



*Our classes are competing to see who can collect the most box tops this year!*

*Let's see how many we can collect and send in by October 17<sup>th</sup>!*

Please contact us if you have any questions!

[rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)

# Boys and Girls Basketball League

**REGISTRATION FOR IN-TOWN BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, ONLINE OR AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AND WILL END ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Bethel Parks and Recreation Department is taking basketball registration for boys and girls in grades 2-8. The program is designed to introduce the game of basketball in a fun and positive environment. The season will begin on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run through the end of February 2017. Schedule is subject to change based on registrations.

Practice days/times for grades 2 – 8 are subject to coaches and gym availability. The coaches' only meeting will take place on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for team selection and players will be contacted before November 28<sup>th</sup> regarding team placement. **Coaches are still needed please contact the office.**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COACH OR TEAMMATE REQUESTS HONORED AS IT IS TOO DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 PARTICIPANTS.

## **BOYS LEAGUE**

**Senior League:** A league for boys in grades 7 & 8. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, or 12:00. Full court games will take place at Bethel High School.

**Junior League:** A league for boys in grades 5 & 6. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 8-11 depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 depending on number of teams at Berry School.

## **GIRLS LEAGUE**

**Senior League:** A league for girls in grades 6 - 8. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Center.

**Junior League:** A league for girls in grades 4 & 5. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** A league for girls in grades 2 & 3. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. depending on number of teams at Berry School.

## **HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** This is a Bethel Parks & Recreation basketball league for high school boys and girls. Open gym will begin in December, and games in January. Times will be announced in late November. Open gym and all games are at the Bethel Municipal Center. All Games are played on Sundays. **First open gym will be Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm in the Municipal Center. We will also have weeknight open gyms on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30-10:00, dates for weeknights will be given out on December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**BASKETBALL FEE: \$ 75.00 Individual    \$120.00 Family Fee**



***LAST DATE TO REGISTER IS Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>***  
**AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST AND**  
**A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.**

**BETHEL RESIDENTS ONLY**



All parents interested in coaching or helping out with any sports **MUST** be certified by the NYSCA. You may renew, add a sport or take the initial clinic online. You will need your membership number if you're currently certified. You can find out how to get certified by going to our website: [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)



## 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).