



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

November 11, 2016



November 15th
PTO Meeting
9:15 am

November 16th
Picture Retake
Day

November 23rd
Early Dismissal
12:56 PM
Thanksgiving Recess

November 24th-25th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess

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



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

On Wednesday, Johnson School gathered together to honor our servicemen and women to remember the sacrifices they have made, and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, and country. As a school community, we thanked our veterans publicly, sharing poems and offering words of gratitude. Following the tribute, our guests were invited to a breakfast sponsored by our PTO. A special thank you to Mr. Rawlins and Amanda Kadar for organizing this event.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Liquori facilitated a *Go Math!* Online Resource Workshop for parents. She shared resources to provide support for students with homework, as well as opportunities for enrichment and remediation. For those unable to attend, she will be giving the presentation again at Parent University. This workshop was truly filled with valuable information for parents. A special thank you to Mrs. Liquori for her hard work and dedication to our students.

Finally, report cards for the first trimester will be available through the Parent Portal on December 9th. Please be advised, we will not be printing out hard copies of report cards any longer. To view your child's report card, you must create a Parent Portal account (if you have not done so already) and update your child's school forms. If you have not yet created a Parent Portal account, I implore you to do so today. It is critical that we have this updated information in our system.

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 x 101.**

A video tutorial is available on our website (click the link)
www.bethelk12ct.us

5th Grade Wellness Fair





Honoring our Veterans



Fun Friday Student Agreement



 At Johnson School, we are a kind community of lifelong learners. We pledge to show **respect**, model **responsibility**, be **ready** and **proud**. This is who we are even when no one is watching.

 I can participate in Fun Friday because I have earned **10 Johnson Pride stamps** and I have completed all of my homework and classwork.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

**** I have been given opportunities to complete any missed homework assignments and/or classwork. If I still have incomplete work by Fun Friday, I cannot participate in the activities ****



Respectful, Responsible, Ready, & Proud

Our Primary Purpose is to Improve Student Achievement

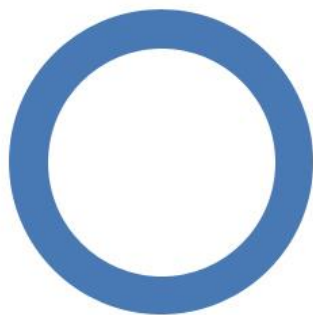




This year Johnson School Students will continue the tradition of participating in the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement taking place each year during Computer Science Education Week. The 2016 Computer Science Education Week will be December 5-11. Students will interact with Hour of Code experiences during their scheduled computer class time. This event highlights the importance of learning computer science which helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt to showcase your love of code, you can visit my website: <http://torpeytech.weebly.com/coding.html> Please feel free to contact me, torpeyj@bethel.k12.ct.us, with any questions or suggestions to enhance our celebration of coding.





WorldDiabetesDay

Monday, November 14th, 2016

Please join the Bethel Schools in wearing **BLUE** on **MONDAY, November 14th** to celebrate World Diabetes Day, which has been spreading awareness since 1991.

Did you know?

- *Nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes.
- *Approximately 80 people per day are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).
- *Celebrities affected by diabetes: Halle Berry, Jay Cutler, Nick Jonas, Ray Allen, Bret Michaels and more.

Helpful Hints for a Healthy Lifestyle:

- *Start your day with a healthy breakfast!
- *Get exercise DAILY!
- *Eat healthy and watch your sugar intake!
- *Be aware of how your friends are acting: sluggish, tired, etc. and always stick with a buddy!
- *Regular wellness visits to your doctor are a must!

***Feel free to tweet the information and include
#WDD!***



R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL

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PTO CORNER

Wear your Johnson swag or school colors on Fridays to show your pride!

Fundraiser updates:

- On-line orders for Yankee Candle will be available through December. Don't miss the opportunity to earn some money for our school!
- Spirit wear will be ready for pick up soon!
- Boxtops: Send them in! We had a great competition going. Congratulations to Mrs. Schrader's class with the most for this collection period! Their prize will be revealed shortly!
- School Store will be open on Thursdays before school.

Upcoming PTO Events:

- The next PTO meeting will be 11/15 @ 9:15 am
- *****PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*****
 1. We need volunteers to help restock books on shelves and check in/check out library books in the media center Monday – Friday. If you can help, please contact Christine Cohen at cacohen10@gmail.com to arrange a time slot.
 2. There are still a number of families that are not signed up with Parent Portal. We need volunteers to call these families and help them set it up. These times are flexible. Contact the main office if you are able to help.

As always, thank you for all of your support!

Contact us: rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

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).

Superintendent's Newsletter

Circle of Friends Preschool program, an integrated early childhood program for three and four year olds, has some slots available for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. This integrated early childhood program provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum that focuses on the appreciation of individual differences, building self-esteem and fostering independence. Additionally, the staff works to develop the skills necessary for successful participation within the Kindergarten program. Slots are available in the am for 4 year olds (8:15-10:55) and in the pm for 3 year olds (12:05-2:45). Please call Bernie Bryant at 203-794-8677 for an application and/or more information.