



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

December 2, 2016



December 6th – 8th
Penguin Patch
Holiday Shop

December 9th
Early Dismissal
12:56 PM
Professional
Learning

December 5th – 16th
Toys for Tots

December 20th
PTO Meeting 9:15 am
Teacher's Lounge

December 26th –
January 2, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

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

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

On Wednesday, we celebrated our Johnson Pride Students of the Month at an assembly. We are very proud of all of our students as they continue to emulate the attributes of Johnson Pride – Respect, Responsibility, and Pride, in all they do and say. I appreciate your support in reinforcing these tasks at home. Research tells us when there is a strong home/school connection with parents and school personnel delivering a consistent message, students benefit socially, emotionally, and academically.

I would like to take this opportunity to address a few questions.

Q. Will I be able to access my child's report card if I did not update my forms on the Parent Portal?

A. No. In an effort to "go green" this year, no paper report cards will be distributed. It is imperative that you update all information on the Parent Portal to be able to access your child's report card. Report cards will be available on December 9, 2016.

Q. How do I access my child's report card on the Parent Portal?

A. To access your child's report card, please follow the steps below:

- Log into the Parent Portal
- If you have more than one child, click on your child's name at the top left corner
- Click "Grades and Attendance" on the left hand column
- Click the "Standard Grades" tab on top. Current classes will appear.
- Click "Expand All" located at the top right.
- The trimester comment from the classroom teacher will appear at the bottom, under "BPS.COMMENTS.001 Trimester 1 - Comment". You must click on the comment icon box to see the comment
- If there is a specialist comment, you should see a comment icon box that you can click on next to the standard. *Please note: Not all students will have specialist comments.*

Q. Why can't we share lockdown procedures on Facebook?

A. Student safety is a priority at all of our schools. As a practice, we do not share our safety protocols on social media to ensure confidentiality. This is **critical** as we do not ever want this information to go out publicly which can pose a potential safety risk. If you have any questions, please contact the school directly.

Q. Can students bring Pokemon cards to school?

A. Students may bring them to school for before school, recess, or after school use. However, if it becomes an issue, or if it interferes with instruction in the classroom, the teacher may request that your child leaves the cards at home.

Johnson School is working diligently to ensure that parents have a clear understanding of how students are assessed. In keeping with this goal, I requested any parents who would like to join the Standards Based Grading focus group to email me at salerno@bethel.k12.ct.us.

In closing, we are still looking for volunteers to help in our Media Center. If anyone is interested in helping Mrs. Weinberg, please contact her at weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Very Truly Yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Important Message!

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately now that the cold winter months are upon us! As the weather turns cooler, we will continue to go outdoors for recess! If your child needs a winter coat, please call Kate Coffey 203-794-8679



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

If your child is going to be absent or tardy, you **MUST** call the attendance line (even if you email the homeroom teacher - you still must call the school. You can call anytime, and even call in advance if you know your child will be absent or late)

203-794-8700 - Press 1



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PTO CORNER

Johnson Pride Fridays! Wear your spirit wear or school colors every Friday!

Fundraiser updates:

- **HOLIDAY SHOP IS COMING!** December 6th through the 8th. See the flyer for all the details!
- Time is almost up for Yankee Candle on-line ordering. Available through December.
- Spirit wear will be ready for pick up soon!
- Keep sending in those Boxtops! They really add up!
- School Store is open Thursday mornings before school.

Upcoming PTO Events:

- The next PTO meeting will be 12/13 @ 9:15 am
- Toys For Tots! 12/5 through 12/16. Bring in new unwrapped toys.
Want to help out? **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist collection in the morning
7:40-8:10
Contact Christine Cohen if you can help out: cacohen10@gmail.com

As always, thank you for all of your support!

Contact us: rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

PTO FUNDRAISING



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Jenny's Penguin Patch® Kids' Holiday Shoppe

Tuesday, December 6th – Thursday, December 8th

In the cafeteria during lunchtime

Dear Parent,

Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe® is coming to Johnson School!

Tuesday, December 6th through Thursday, December 8th parent volunteers will assist children while shopping to allow them to enjoy the spirit of giving. We offer over 100 different gifts that can be purchased for as little as \$.25 and up to \$12.00 each. The gift items offered are "kid-selected and mom approved."

Please ensure that the Gift List Budget Envelope is completed and returned (with cash or check) to the school on the dates above. If you are sending in a check, please indicate your child's spending limit in the "memo" section. All checks should be made payable to: Johnson PTO (Checks made payable to Jenny's Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe® cannot be accepted.)

If you have any questions, please email us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

The Johnson PTO

PTO EVENT



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Johnson School Holiday Toy Drive

In the spirit of holiday giving, Johnson School will be participating in a Toys For Tots drive. We hope that this project will help build school community as we work together to help those in need.

Here are the details...

The primary mission of the Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots Program, is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children. Johnson School will be helping our local Reserve Unit to collect toys for children within our area.

We have assembled a holiday display case for the students to help decorate. Children will receive a paper snowflake for donating a toy. We will write their name on the snowflake and add it to our display case.

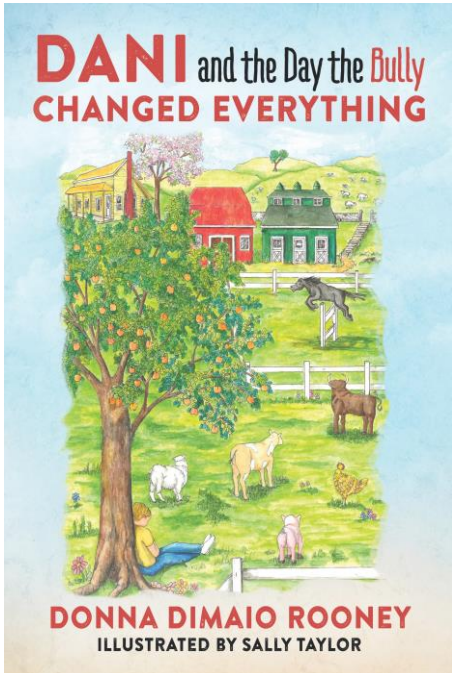
The display case and collection box are located in the front foyer. There will be parent volunteers present to assist the children during collection times.

Toys will be collected from Monday, December 5th until Friday, December 16th, between 7:40-8:10am.

Thank you for your participation!
If you have any questions, please contact us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

**Bethel Author and Johnson School Parent
Donna DiMaio Rooney will kick off the 4th grade writing unit
(animals are characters too), plus discuss kindness, bullying and read
from her NEW children's chapter book,
*DANI and the Day the Bully Change Everything.***

**To order a personalized autographed copy, please see
order form below.*



About the book

When Dani witnesses a bullying of a popular boy on the school playground, her world is knocked upside down. Through a dream, Dani's beloved farm animals are presented with a similar problem where they find themselves bystanders to a vicious attack. They wrestle with how they can end the bullying and take back their farm, without becoming the next victim. There are many layers in this unpredictable story that recognize, teach and celebrate what makes each of us unique. The main characters and surprise ending will stay in the heart and mind of the reader long after the story is told.

DANI is endorsed by:

- * Karen Lawrence, mother of actress Jennifer Lawrence
- * Dr. Daniel Kelleher, M.D., Child Psy. and Asst. Prof. at Rutgers Univ.

If you would like to order *DANI and the Day the Bully Changed Everything*, please fill out the form below and submit it to the school, along with a check made payable to Donna Rooney by Friday, Dec. 9, 2016. A special discount of \$10 per book is being given to Johnson school students.

I would like to order _____ paperback (s)

Please autograph book to: _____
(Print name)

Name of Student: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



Johnson School Musical!

Johnson School is excited to announce that we will be putting on a school-wide musical production of Alice in Wonderland Jr. this Spring! **Performance dates** will be Friday, May 12th at 7pm and Saturday, May 13th at 2pm and 7pm. Rehearsals will start the first week in February, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. More rehearsal days will take place closer to the performance dates. A full rehearsal schedule will be sent home closer to the start of February.

The cost to participate in the musical is \$50 and everyone will get a part. Everyone's talents will be used onstage or backstage. We also rely on parents/guardians to support the production. We are looking for parents to help make costumes, props, set pieces, as well as help wrangle kids during rehearsals and the shows, and organize the cast party. There will be a **Mandatory Parent Meeting** for all parents/guardians on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30pm in the Johnson School Cafeteria to meet with our Director, Anthony DePoto, Production Manager Paul Rodgers, Music Director Erin Volpintesta and Principal Salerno.

We are really looking forward to putting on a great show this Spring and we can't wait to get started! Sign up information will go out in January, followed by more information to the participating students closer to the start of rehearsals. If you have any questions, please email Paul Rodgers at Paul@SparkArtsBethel.com.

****This is not a sign up form. Please do not send in information or money to Johnson School at this time.***



Johnson School Dismissal Note
203-794-8700

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____
(Please print)

Teacher's Name: _____

From: _____
(Parent Signature)

- Will be picked up at parent pick up by _____
- Will be staying after school for _____
- Will be picked up early by _____
at _____ am/pm (identification required)
- Other _____

Have a great day!



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