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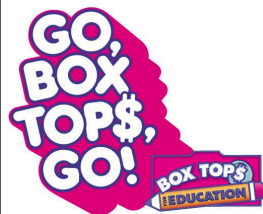


December 5th - 16th
Toys For Tots

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



Keep clipping Those box tops! Every little bit helps!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

As the holiday season grows closer, I wanted to share some information regarding the selection of video games. Today, most items children ask for are video games. As children spend more time interacting with screens, parents must be sure that the games they choose for their kids are safe and fun. Video games should certainly not be your child's primary form of entertainment, but if you do allow for occasional gaming time, please keep the following points in mind. Here are the top five ways to choose family friendly games.

1. **Read reviews**

One of the best ways to find a suitable game for your child is to read reviews from other parents. Just search for the titles you are interested in online and you will often find a wide range of reviews from parents just like you. One great source for video game reviews for parents is [Common Sense Media](#).

2. **Check the rating**

Be sure to check that the games you choose are rated to suit the age of your child. Games from stores are age rated using the [ESRB rating classification system](#) ranging from "EC" (Early Childhood) all the way to "AO" (Adults Only), so please be sure to choose accordingly. One of the most common mistakes parents make is to allow "M" (Mature) rated games for children and young teens. Not only do these games have inappropriate content (intense violence, sexual content, strong language) for this age range, games in the M-rated category may also be highly addictive for some children (for example, Call of Duty, and Halo Series).

3. **Play the Games With Your Child**

A good way of understanding the impact of a video game on your child is to play with them. Learn how the game works, if it is educational, and if it is child-friendly. If you allow your child to play video games, you must monitor and actively observe what they play.

4. **Supervise and Control Game time**

Giving your child boundaries around playing video games gives them an appropriate way to enjoy the game. They look forward to their game time, and as a bonus, this helps you monitor their gaming intake. Gaming should never come before responsibilities around the home, schoolwork, family time, or formal extracurricular activities. Never allow a computer or gaming system in a child's room.

5. **Pick a Variety of Games**

Pick a variety of games so that your child can enjoy both educational games, and games that are purely for fun. This gives them a chance to indulge their gaming passion while learning

Question and Answer:

Q. Will I receive a printed copy of my child's report card?

A. In an effort to go green, we will not be printing report cards.

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
- Click on your child's name in the upper left hand 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 - 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 next to the standard. Not all students will have specialist comments.

Q. What number should I call after 3:30 pm if I need to reach the Park and Rec After School Program?

A. 203-501-0648

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

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



To Parents and Guardians
of Johnson School Strings
students,



Please check your child's orchestra folder for important string program information, such as their Progress Sheet, concert music, and other notices. Ask them what their assignment is from the Essential Elements book, and monitor their practicing so they are prepared for each weekly lesson. Your encouragement and support can make a big difference!

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

Dear Families,

December 7, 2016

We are excited to start to explore our social studies curriculum. Over the next few weeks, we will be studying the regions of the United States. As part of this unit, we will be examining the influence culture has on the establishment of communities. The areas we will be focusing on are food, dance, music, holidays, art, festivals, language, and religion.

Starting on Monday, December 12th, we would like to invite parents and grandparents to come into our class to share their family traditions and culture. For example, one can read a story, show a short video, create a craft, or share a tradition. Please email me if you are interested in coming into our class to share your culture.

Mrs. Schrader's Homeroom Social Studies: 8:30-9:30

Mrs. Trzcinski's Homeroom Social Studies 9:50-10:50

Mr. Reid's Homeroom Social Studies 10:55-11:35 & 1:30-1:50

Mrs. Donohue's Homeroom Social Studies: 8:30-9:30

Mrs. Galante's Homeroom Social Studies 9:45-10:45

Mrs. Wicklund's Homeroom Social Studies 12:00-12:30 & 1:15-1:45

Mr. DiSalvo's Homeroom Social Studies: 12:00-12:30

Mrs. Kilmartin's Homeroom Social Studies: 12:30-1:00

Mrs. Gerety's Homeroom Social Studies: 8:30-9:30 M/W/F 12:00-1:00 T/TH

Mrs. Quader's Homeroom Social Studies: 9:45-10:45 M/W/F 8:30-9:30 T/TH

Mr. Malone's Homeroom Social Studies: 12:00-1:00 M/W/F 9:45-10:45 T/TH

Lastly, you are cordially invited to our class multicultural celebration on Tuesday, December 20th, at 1:00. During the festivities students will share a traditional/cultural food with their classmates. If you would like to bring something to share with the triad/dyad, please check your class Facebook page or email your child's social studies teacher.

Please plan a sample of food for 72 students, however only a small sample for each is needed. In addition to main entrees, appetizers, and desserts, we will need paper goods and bottled water.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email your child's Social Studies teacher or send in a note. As always, thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

4th Grade Social Studies Teachers

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