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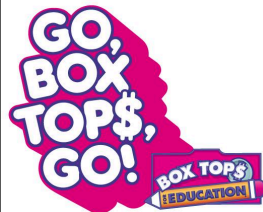
Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

December 23, 2016



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,

Over the past two weeks the fourth grade has been working diligently to prepare for their upcoming social studies unit wherein they will learn how culture influences the establishment of communities – food, dance, holidays, art, festivals, language and religion. In preparation for this unit, parents and grandparents were invited to come to school and share stories, treats, and their cultural heritage. It was amazing to see the collaboration between our families, students, and the Johnson staff as we together learned about each other's cultures and traditions.

A few important upcoming dates/events for the New Year:

On January 3rd, Donna DiMaio Rooney, author of *Danny and the Day the Bully Changed Everything*, will be visiting our fourth grade students to share her experiences as an author and writer. Through her presentation she will discuss her inspiration, research, and the process of writing her new book. Further, this talk will serve to launch the next Literacy unit of study entitled, *Characters who Gallop, Bark, and Squeak*. *Danny and the Day the Bully Changed Everything* is written from the perspective of the bystanders but it also delves in the emotions of the bully and victim. Rooney believes that her book celebrates who you are while at the same time being kind and empathetic to others. It's a message that will live in children's hearts. The book will be available for sale for \$10 until Friday January 6, 2017. Students will have the opportunity to receive autographed copies of the text.

On January 9th, Shakesperience Productions will present their rendition of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* for Johnson School. The production will be in the Bethel Middle School auditorium beginning at 1:30 pm. Parents are invited to attend.

"*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* is a magical and imaginative journey into the world of Narnia, packed with exciting action and wonderful dialog, entertaining as it educates. The performance of this C.S. Lewis classic encourages reading, imagination, critical thinking, and character development. Interactive preshow and talkback sessions with the audience will emphasize the importance of honesty, integrity, and treating others as you, yourself would like to be treated." ~ Shakesperience Productions.

The Johnson School faculty and staff would like to wish you a peaceful holiday season. Enjoy the time with your families.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

SAVE THE DATE

What: Fifth Grade Field Trip
When: Wednesday, May 31st, 2017
Depart: 7:30 am **Return:** 5:30 pm
Where: Old Sturbridge Village
1 Old Sturbridge Village Road
Sturbridge, MA 01566

What is Old Sturbridge Village?

Old Sturbridge Village is the largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast. It depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s. Students will be invited to visit more than 40 original buildings, including homes, meetinghouses, a district school, country store, bank, working farm, three water-powered mills, and trade shops - all situated on more than 200 scenic acres. They will meet heritage breed farm animals and interact with authentically costumed staff.

Cost: \$40.00 per student.

This cost includes a Coach bus and OSV fees. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact your child's homeroom teacher ASAP. There are a limited number of spaces available. Chaperones will also have to pay the \$40.00. We will not be collecting money for the trip at this time. A formal permission slip will go home later in the year, when it is time to collect money and give out additional information about the trip, departure and pick-up.

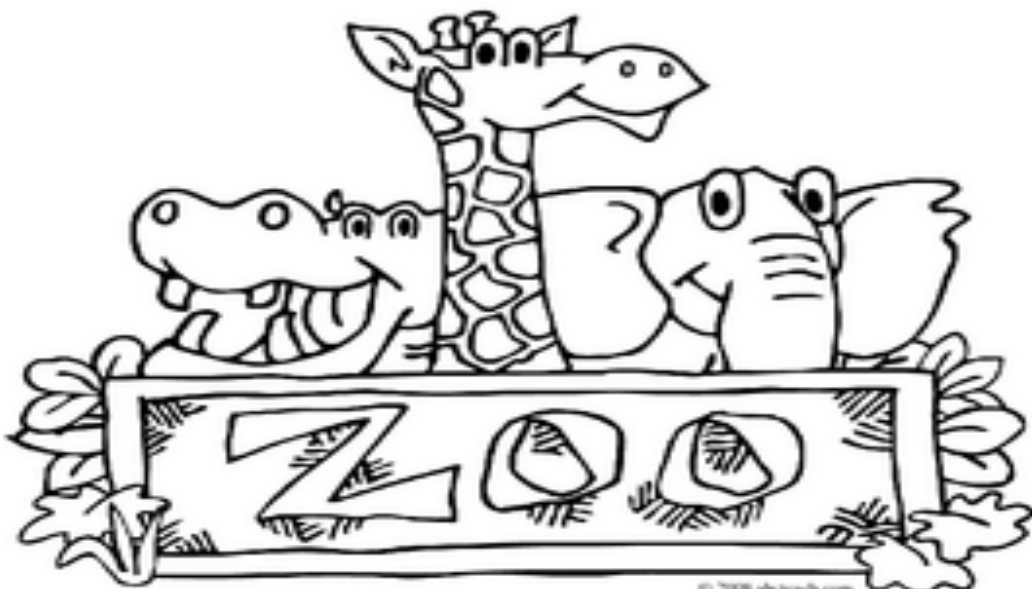
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The Fourth Grade Spring Field Trip to
the Bronx Zoo is

Thursday, May 18, 2017.

The cost is \$45.00 per student or
chaperone.

Further information will be sent
home in March 2017.



OPEN HOUSE
For
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
School Year 2017-2018

Circle of Friends Preschool program, an integrated early childhood program for three and four year olds, has openings for the 2017-2018 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. The OPEN HOUSE will take place on January 11, 2017, in the Berry School Media Center from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Snow date January 18th) Program information, brochures and applications will be available. This will also provide an opportunity to meet the program staff.