



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

February 10, 2017



February 15 & 16,
2017

Jump Rope For Heart
(see attached Flyer)

February 17, 2017

Professional
Development Day
Early Dismissal
12:56 PM

February 20-21st
2017

NO SCHOOL
President's Day
Recess

February 23, 2017

Parent University
6:30-8:30 pm
See attached Flyer

February 22 -
March 10, 2017

Reading Rockstars!
(see attachment
From PTO)

February 28, 2017

PTO Meeting
9:15 am

**Find us on
Facebook!
Johnson Parent
Network**

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



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Johnson School, we seek to work collaboratively with families to ensure students grow not only academically but also socially and emotionally as well. We are focused on the whole child and wellness is at the center of all we do. We have worked to include opportunities for movement in the classroom through the incorporation of kinesthetic desks. Further, Mr. Moscovitz and Ms. Claridge recently received a grant from the Bethel Education Foundation to purchase "wobble stools." Wobble stools are a great way to expend extra energy and improve focus. Many of our teachers have incorporated flexible seating options and our students are enjoying the opportunity to wiggle and wobble and expending excess energy.

February is American Heart Health Month, a great time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of **heart** health. On February 15 (Grade 5) and 16 (Grade 4) from 3-4pm, we will host Jump Rope for Heart. Parents are invited and encouraged to help make this event a memorable experience for our students. Please contact Mrs. Jaques if you are able to help out at jaquess@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Jump Rope for Heart supports the American Heart Association. This activity not only raises funds for the association but most importantly it raises awareness about heart health. Here are some resources from the American Heart Association which will support the journey to a healthy lifestyle.

Be A Healthy Family!

One of the easiest ways to avoid having problems with heart disease in the future is by taking steps to improve your family's health today. With childhood obesity being a serious threat to our children's future, it is important for parents to act now to ensure our children live long, healthy lives. [Learn some easy tips](#) on how you can help develop a healthier home.

Take Charge Of Your Health

Every parent wants to be able to see their children grow up and have children of their own. Unfortunately our nation is suffering from heart disease and type 2 diabetes at younger and younger ages. The good news is that heart disease is largely preventable by making healthy choices and adopting good habits. Did you know by examining as little as seven simple elements of your lifestyle, you could add quality years to your life? [Find out just how easy it can be](#) to improve your health and wellness.

Get Your Jump On!

Getting bored with just jumping over a rope? [Check out these neat tricks and stunts](#) you can learn with a jump rope.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Important Reminder!

As the weather continues to get colder, it is so important that your child is dressed appropriately!

We try to allow for outdoor recess as much as possible (weather permitting). If your child is in need of a winter coat, please call Kate Coffey at 203-794-8679



When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather or have an unscheduled early dismissal due to forecasted inclement weather, the announcement will be made over the following radio, TV stations, and websites:

WLAD AM Danbury 800 on the dial
WINE AM Brookfield 940 on the dial
WICC AM Bridgeport 600 on the dial
WEBE FM Bridgeport 108 on the dial
WEZN FM Bridgeport 100 on the dial

TV channel 3, channel 8, channel 6
Bethel Public Schools website -
<http://www.bethelk12.ct.us>
CT Weather website - www.ctweather.com



IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

THIS WEDNESDAY, GOVERNOR MALLOY IN HIS PROPOSED BUDGET PROPOSED A SIGNIFICANT CUT TO ECS OR THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT. FOR BETHEL, THE IMPACT IS DEVASTATING \$3,878,245. THIS REPRESENTS CLOSE TO 9% OF OUR BUDGET. IN LAST WEEK'S SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER, THE SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD MAINTAIN ALL OF OUR OUTSTANDING CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS. IF THE LEGISLATURE APPROVES THIS CUT, IT WOULD MEAN MAJOR CUTS TO PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT TO THE TOWN BY CLICKING ON THE LINK: [HTTP://CTMIRROR.ORG/2017/02/08/SEE-HOW-YOUR-TOWN-FARES-IN-THE-GOVERNORS-PROPOSED-BUDGET/](http://ctmirror.org/2017/02/08/see-how-your-town-fares-in-the-governors-proposed-budget/) . PLEASE CONTACT OUR LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE GOVERNOR AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR FEELINGS ON THE CUTS:

- Governor Dannel Malloy - [Email Contact for Dannel Malloy](#)
- Senator Toni Boucher - Toni.Boucher@cga.ct.gov - [800-842-1421](tel:800-842-1421)
- Senator Mike McLachlan - Michael.McLachlan@cga.ct.gov - [203-743-3147](tel:203-743-3147)
- Representative Stephen Harding - Stephen.Harding@cga.ct.gov - [860-240-8700](tel:860-240-8700)
- Representative Will Duff - William.Duff@cga.ct.gov - [860-241-0100](tel:860-241-0100)



PTO CORNER

Fundraiser updates:

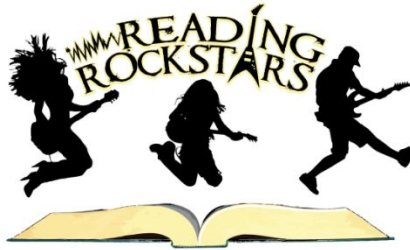
- **READING ROCKSTARS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!** 2/27 through 3/17
 - 2/24 Dress up like your favorite Rock Star!
 - 3/2 Dr. Seuss Birthday, dress up!
 - 3/3 Author visit!
 - 3/10 Dress up like your favorite book character
- **BOXTOP COLLECTION DATE COMING UP**, so get 'em ready! The next collection will be the end of February. Which class will get the most?
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!.
- **COMING SOON:**
 - Spring Fundraiser
 - Spirit Wear

Upcoming PTO Events:

- **PTO meetings:**
 - 2/28 @ 9:15 am
 - 3/21 @ 9:15 am
 - 4/18 @ 9:15 am
 - 5/16 @ 9:15 am

Want to get involved? Contact us to learn more, or come to one of our meetings. All are welcome, even our littlest family members.

Contact us: rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com



Johnson School is hosting our 2nd annual Read-a-thon for 2 weeks from Friday February 24 to Friday March 10. The goal of our Read-a-thon is for every student to be a Reading ROCK STAR by setting a challenging reading goal while raising money for our school!

Fun Prizes and Awards:

- There are fun prizes for participation and for getting pledges including youth tickets to a Danbury Titans Hockey Game (April 1), raffle tickets for awesome prizes, Rock Star Swag, Johnson Jaguar Mascot stuffed animals, gift certificates to the school store, or a Rock Star party for your class.

Important Dates during the Read-a-thon:

- **Friday 2/24 Kick-off Event:** Dress like a Rock Star
- **Monday 2/27 Secret Code Contest:** entries due by 3/2 to win prizes
- **Hoopla Week starts:** students need to bring their library card on their Media day (make sure your library card is up to date; if you need help with this, contact the Bethel Public Library at 203-794-8756)
- **Thursday 3/2 Dr. Seuss Day:** Dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character
- **Friday 3/3 Author Visit**
1st Pledge Turn-in Day
- **Wednesday 3/8 The Big Reading Switch**
- **Friday 3/10: Dress Like your favorite book character**
Final Pledge Turn-in Day
- **Friday 3/17: Raffles, Prizes, Guest Rock Stars, and celebration**

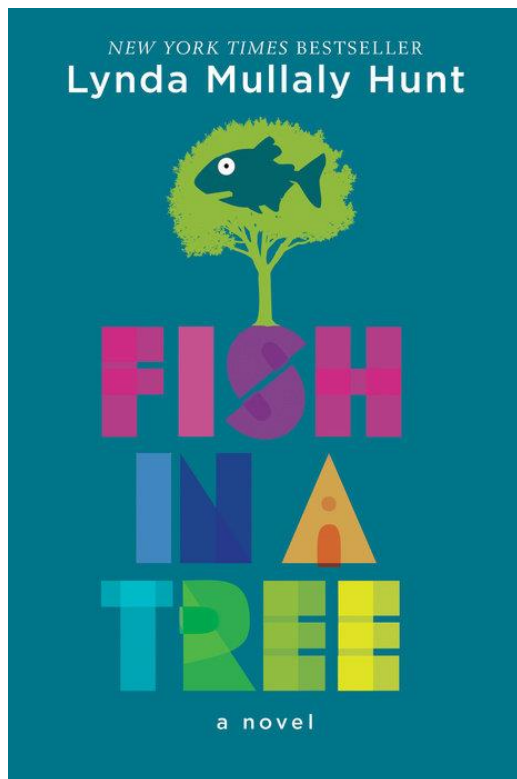
All pledges must be returned by **Friday, March 10th** to be eligible for prizes! Cash or checks made out to Johnson PTO.

A Parents' Letter with more details and Pledge Sheet will be sent home in folders on Friday February 17th. For additional information visit the Johnson School Website PTO Page, the Johnson Parent Facebook Page or contact the PTO at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com.

Reading Rockstars presents award-winning author, teacher, speaker, juggler

LYNDA MULLALY HUNT

As part of our upcoming Reading Rockstars program, Connecticut's very own Lynda Mullaly Hunt will visit Johnson school. Ms. Hunt will share stories of loyalty, love, hardships, and resilience to illustrate how she used her own experiences to write her two books. Don't miss your chance to have your own signed copy of one or both of these wonderful titles.



“Fans of R.J. Palacio’s *Wonder* will appreciate this feel-good story of friendship and unconventional smarts.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there’s a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don’t always think alike.

Excerpt

Mrs. Hall sighs. “C’mon, now. I’m only asking for one page describing yourself.”

I can’t think of anything worse than having to describe myself. I’d rather write something more positive. Like throwing up at your own birthday party.

“It’s important,” she says. “It’s so your new teacher can get to know you.”

I know that, and it’s exactly why I don’t want to do it. Teachers are like machines that take quarters for bouncy balls. You know what you’re going to get. Yet, you don’t know, too.

I fold my arms and close my eyes. Hoping that when I open them she’ll be gone. But she’s still there.

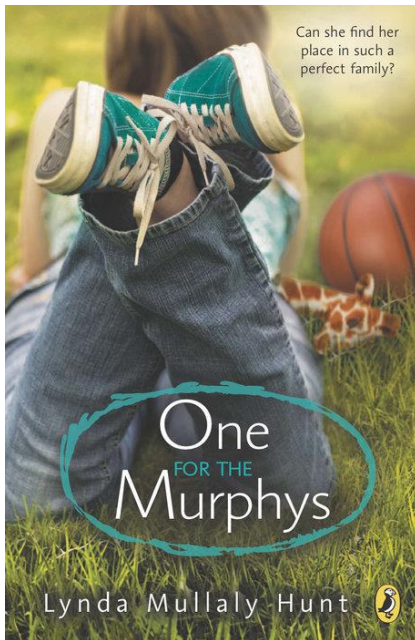
“And,” she says. “All that doodling of yours, Ally. If you weren’t drawing all the time, your work might be done. Please put that away.”

Embarrassed, I slide my drawings underneath my blank writing assignment. I’ve been drawing pictures of myself being shot out of a cannon. It would be easier than school. Less painful.

“C’mon,” she says moving my lined paper toward me. “Just do your best.”

Seven schools in seven years and they’re all the same. Whenever I do my best, they tell me I don’t try hard enough. Too messy. Careless spelling. Annoyed that the same word is spelled different ways on the same page. And the headaches. I always get headaches from looking at the brightness of dark letters on white pages for too long...

Winner of the Tassy Walden Award for New Voice in Children's Literature



A moving debut novel about a foster child learning to open her heart to a family's love.

Carley uses humor and street smarts to keep her emotional walls high and thick. But the day she becomes a foster child, and moves in with the Murphys, she's blindsided. This loving, bustling family shows Carley the stable family life she never thought existed, and she feels like an alien in their cookie-cutter-perfect household. Despite her resistance, the Murphys eventually show her what it feels like to belong—until her mother wants her back and Carley has to decide where and how to live. She's not really a Murphy, but the gifts they've given her have opened up a new future.

Excerpt

My mother had a different way of doing things.

Officially, this is my fourth day in captivity. I have started keeping tally on the back of that dumb hero sign.

One good thing, though, Mrs. Murphy has cleared some time to take me clothes shopping. In an actual store.

This is a far cry from my mother and I making late-night visits to Salvation Army drop boxes to “shop.” I remember how she'd hand me a flashlight, hoist me into the bins, and then make requests for sizes and specific colors like I was sitting in there with a doting saleslady and a catalog.

It was cool, though, how we'd go to McDonalds afterward and my mother would hold up her ice cream as if to toast me. “Carley, what would I do without you?” she'd ask.

Back when I was little, I used to wonder why there weren't lines of people at those bins. I figured my mother must be the most clever mother anywhere.

Orders are due by Friday February 17. Please note, in order to get the book in time for the author visit, we can not accept orders after this date.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Contact Phone # _____

Teacher: _____ Personalized to: _____

Title	Price	Quantity	Total
Fish in a Tree (hardcover) *softcover not available	\$15		
One for the Murphys (hardcover)	\$15		
One for the Murphys (paperback)	\$8.25		
Grand Total:			

Please send cash or checks payable to “Byrd’s Books”

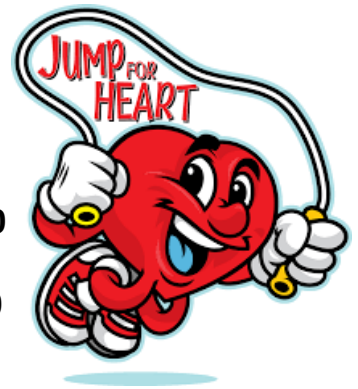
Go **Wild** for Heart Health~ Johnson School

Jump on board with the American Heart Association!

Jump Rope For Heart is coming to our school!

Wednesday, February 15th - Fifth Grade from 3:00-4:00

Thursday, February 16th - Fourth Grade from 3:00-4:00



Your support saves lives!

Click on: [Johnson School Jump Rope For Heart Page](#)

Any parents who are willing to help out on

Thursday, February 16th please email

jaquess@bethel.k12.ct.us

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING AT THIS EVENT!



SHAPE America and the American Heart Association collaborate on the Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart programs.

02/23/17

6:30-8:30PM*

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“Very informative!” “Great opportunity...” “...very engaging.”

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MUST BE AT LEAST 4 YRS OLD AND TOILET TRAINED

*Snow date, March 2, 2017.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

ALL INCLUSIVE 6:30-8:30PM

BEVERAGES ADDITIONAL AFTER 8:30PM

ETHAN ALLEN HOTEL

\$105 OVERNIGHT RATE
MENTION THE BARNUM BALL WHEN
MAKING YOUR ROOM RESERVATION

DINNER & DANCING
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

\$80 PER PERSON
\$750 TABLE OF 10

PURCHASE YOUR BALL TICKETS ONLINE AT
WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG

Order your
tickets
by **Feb. 20**
to be entered
into a drawing
for overnight
accommodations
for the Ball

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TO THE BARNUM BALL
ONLINE OR SEND THIS PORTION TO SCHOOL
WITH YOUR CHECK BY TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

Order your tickets by Feb. 20 to be entered into a drawing
for overnight accommodations at Ethan Allen for the Ball
* generously donated by Ethan Allen Hotel

Yes! I'm looking forward to the Barnum Ball on March 18th
Enclosed is my check for:

- ☐ # ____ tickets x \$80 = \$ ____
- ☐ Table of 10 = \$750 (you can include separate checks,
but payment must be paid in full)
Please list all names on the back of this form

Sorry, I can't make it!

Here's a donation to support school grants \$ ____

Name _____
please list each name for this reservation
if purchasing a full table, please include all names on the back of this form

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____
An email confirmation will be sent once payment is received

Please seat me with _____

DINNER SELECTION:

- # ____ Herb Crusted Tilapia
- # ____ Bistro Steak with Port Wine Demi Glaze
- # ____ Roasted Vegetarian Napoleon

Mail to: PO Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801

Checks payable to Bethel Education Foundation

Questions? Email: BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com

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It's Softball Season!!



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invites you to register for the
2017 Spring season!

Registration is open from January 20 - March 1

Fees:

\$75 per player
\$100 max per family
Register by MARCH 1
to avoid \$20 late fee
and/or waiting list

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