



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

February 24, 2017



February 22 –
March 10, 2017
Reading Rockstars!
(see attachment
from PTO for
schedule of
events!)

February 28, 2017
PTO Meeting
9:45 am

March 3, 2017
Author Visit
Lynda Mullay Hunt

March 7, 2017
Spring Strings
Concert
1:45 pm and 7:00 pm
Bethel Middle School

**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, Guardians, and Caregivers,

This afternoon Johnson School kicked off Reading Rockstars with an assembly at Bethel Middle School. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy in the room. Please be sure to checkout the video on the Johnson Parent Network. You will be surprised to see how many "rockstars" we have at Johnson School. It is important to remember that Reading Rockstars is not only a means to raise funds for our playground but it is also a way to encourage a passion for reading.

So why is reading fundamentally important to academic success?

Reading Develops Important Language Skills

Whether it is books, magazines, or E-books, reading can help cement a child's language skills. Exposure to language helps a child to further develop their vocabulary in a way that every day conversation cannot. Even at early ages when a child does not understand everything they read, they are able to come to conclusions about new words from the context of material.

Reading Is Especially Necessary With Today's Technology

Some once thought that the advent of computers would make reading less important, the exact opposite is true; it has made reading even more important. Gathering information on the web or even communicating via email and social media all require reading and writing. Even texting requires reading and writing skills!

Reading Opens Up The World

Very few of us are world travelers and even those who are can only see so many places in one's lifetime. Being able to read opens the world up to a child. They can learn about different cultures, histories, and societies. It shows life in a different way, both real and imagined. It can inform about the past, present, and future. In short, reading can take a child to then stars and back without ever leaving their home.

Reading Can Enhance Social Skills

This may sound like a contradiction since much of a person's reading is done in solitary. Consider this; early in life a child's reading consists of being read to or going to "story time". This makes books and reading something to be shared. It builds a relationship with reading. As time goes on and a person does more individual reading it can become a conversation piece much like a popular television show. A person who has just read a great book wants desperately to share the story with someone else. How many times have you read a book and couldn't wait to lend it to someone else? In addition, being someone who is "well read" is still a positive attribute in society as it often implies increased intelligence, being better cultured, and having a more interesting background for debates and conversations.

Reading is Fun!

Like a good movie, a book can be loads of fun. You can get whisked off to a world of wizards or trek through the galaxy on a spacecraft. Regardless of your child's interests, reading can be a great past time.

Please encourage your son/daughter to READ, READ, READ!

Very Truly Yours,

Alison Salerno
Principal

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Board of Selectmen has established a *Special Town Meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center* for the purpose of discussion and vote on the Board of Finance's approved recommendation from the Board of Selectmen to Fund an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for Funding Stage 2/Pre-Referendum Costs for the *Rockwell and Johnson School Renovation Project* as recommended by the Board of Education.

Important Safety Reminder!

When visiting Johnson School please make sure you are parking in a designated parking space. Please DO NOT park in the "loop" in front of the building, or in a handicapped space, even if your visit will be quick. The loop in front of the building is a designated fire/emergency lane and blocking this for any amount of time can pose a safety issue for our staff and students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



A message from the Health Office:

* Grade 5 ONLY *
Notification of Postural
Screening (see attachment
below)

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

**** GRADE 5 ONLY ****

Notification of Parent/Guardian Prior to Postural Screening

During the months of **March/April 2017** a postural screening program to detect possible curvatures of the spine will be conducted for all students in Grade 5. The screening will be conducted at the school by a school nurse during PE class. The purpose of this program is to recognize the signs of spinal curvature at its earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined.

The screening process consists of a visual examination of your child's back. The procedure for the examination is a simple one that requires less than one minute. The trained nurse inspects your child's spine as he/she stands and then bends forward. If a spinal problem is suspected, your child will be rechecked at a second screening. If further evaluation is needed, follow up will be with your Health Care Provider.

A detailed schedule of the screening date for each homeroom will be sent home soon.

If you have any questions concerning the postural screening, or do not wish your child to participate in the postural screening program, please contact the Health Office.

Sincerely,

Frances Jerolimo RN

RMT Johnson School Nurse

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jerolimof@bethel.k12.ct.us

Johnson School attends the Celebration of the Arts

On Monday, February 6, Johnson School had the pleasure of participating in the 18th Annual Celebration of the Arts, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT.

Our school honorees are fifth graders **Piper Ferrin** and **Avery England**. Both students were recognized for their outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in the performing and/or visual arts.

Both Piper and Avery are extraordinary students with exceptional skills in art and/or music. They are admirable individuals who are fair, honest, kind, compassionate, and helpful. They often exceed the expectations of their teachers and they are terrific role models for their peers.

Ms. McCue, Ms. Carpentier, the students' families and their classroom teachers attended this wonderful event to celebrate the efforts and achievements of these two fine individuals. Congratulations to you both!



HOOPLa week

Please remind students to bring in their library card and pin number or password for their Bethel Public Library account on their Media day for the Week of 2/27-3/3 . If they have a pin but don't remember it, they should contact the library prior to Media day to have their pin reset. If they never set up an account, they will do so during Media.

Thank you!





R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL
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PTO CORNER

Updates on Fundraisers:

- **READING ROCKSTARS IS COMING!** 2/27 through 3/17
 - 3/2 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Dress up like a Seuss character!
 - 3/3 Author visit with Lynda Mullaly Hunt!
 - 3/10 Dress up like your favorite book character.
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!
- **COMING SOON:** Be on the lookout for the fliers with all the info!
 - 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



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PRESENTS A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

11TH ANNUAL

BARNUM BALL

A ROARING GOOD TIME



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

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



**HEY
STUDENTS!**

CAN YOU COOK?



Calling all “**FUTURE CHEFS**” for our
6TH ANNUAL CULINARY COMPETITION

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAVORITE
COMFORT FOOD RECIPE!**

Six lucky Bethel elementary school students (grades K-5) will be chosen as finalists to complete in our *live cook off* on **Thurs., March 16** at Bethel High School.

As an added bonus, the winner of this event will be entered into a national competition for some great prizes!

FIRST PRIZE IS A \$100 VISA GIFT CARD AND A BACKPACK FILLED WITH FUN STUFF—INCLUDING A FITBIT ZIP!

**PICK UP YOUR
ENTRY FORM TODAY!**

They’re available
in the cafeteria!

Please turn them in to
the cafeteria by Friday,
March 3RD.

*QUESTIONS?? Contact Amanda Riley, Food
Service Director at rileya@bethel.k12.ct.us*



Bethel Public School District
Recipe Entry Form

~Healthy COMFORT FOOD Recipe~

Open to All Elementary School Students!

My Name:	
My School:	
My Grade:	
My Teacher's Name:	

Return to your teacher or the office by **Friday, March 3, 2017.**

Teachers: please send to the main office if received.

My recipe is called: _____

List all ingredients and exact amounts of the ingredients here:

List the "method" or exactly how to make this dish. If you need more room, attach (and staple) another piece of paper to this form.



Tips to be a Finalist in this Year's Culinary Competition

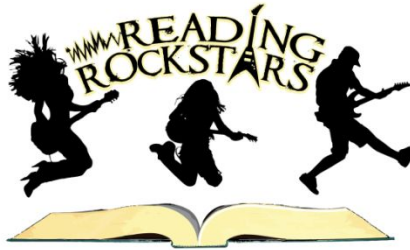
Have your eye on the prize? Here are some tips that may help!

1. **Be original** - You don't have to be like everyone else. Consider putting a new twist on your favorite comfort food recipe.
2. **Be creative** - A student once submitted a recipe for "dill cookies!" Sounds terrible, but they were actually great! Don't TRY to be too weird, but we love to see recipes that are different!
3. **Don't do recipes that are too easy or too complicated.**
4. This *doesn't* have to be your own, original recipe. You can get them off the Internet or anywhere, but try to alter it slightly to make it your own!
5. SORRY, only **ONE** person can make each recipe at the competition.
6. We are looking for **healthy comfort food** recipes, so try to avoid recipes with a lot of sugar or fat in them.
7. At the main competition, judges will consider the following 6 criteria:
 - Taste
 - Originality
 - Ease of Preparation
 - Healthy Attributes
 - Kid Appeal
 - Plate Presentation

The use of one or more of the following ingredients will earn **bonus points** at the judging:

Whole Grain Pasta, Whole Grain Bread, Brown Rice, Low-Fat Cheese, Eggs, Lean Ground Beef, Turkey, Potatoes & Mushrooms.

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!!!!



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 Important Dates

Date	Events
Fri. 2/24	Kick-off assembly at BMS & read-a-thon begins- Dress like a Rockstar Day
Mon. 2/27	<u>Secret Code Contest (ends Thurs. 3/2)</u>
Thurs. 3/2	Dr. Seuss Day- dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character
Fri. 3/3	Author visit & 1st pledge turn-in day
Mon. 3/6	Leading class announced (receive banner)
Wed. 3/8	The Big Reading Switch
Fri. 3/10	Dress like your favorite book character Final pledge turn-in day
Fri. 3/17	Reading Rockstars wrap party: raffles, prizes, guest rockstars, and celebration at BMS



It's Softball Season!!



Bethel Softball Association
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
** NO REFUNDS **



Registration
fees include
uniform shirt,
visor, socks
& FUN!

Coaches! Volunteers!
Team/League Sponsors!
We need you!
Email if you are interested



We offer recreational teams for ages PreK 4 - 16.
Spring Season runs April - June.
All skill levels are welcome!!

Sign up today using our **NEW ONLINE** Registration System at
www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball
(or just Google Bethel CT Softball!)

Questions? BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com

