



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

March 3, 2017



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

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

March 15, 2017  
Winter Fling  
3:00–4:30 pm  
(see attached)

March 21, 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, Guardians, and Caregivers,

It's common knowledge that young children whose parents read to them have a tremendous advantage in school. But did you know that you can also help your children learn mathematics by doing and supporting math at home?

Today, mathematics is more critical to school success than ever before. The standards for mathematics delve deeply into conceptual understanding and the application of skills in authentic situations. In fact, they reflect the mathematics that will be required for entrance into college and transition to a career. Modern occupations now require a firm foundation in mathematics—and that's true for almost any type of job your children will consider in the future.

How you encourage and promote your children's math learning can be pivotal to their attitude toward mathematics and their achievement in this subject area. Even if you haven't studied mathematics in depth yourself, you can assist your children. Something as simple as expecting your children to be capable in math can make a difference in their mathematics learning.

Every child and adult needs to know and understand mathematics. It's part of our everyday life. We all "do math." We count money, measure things, sort from biggest to smallest, know how many miles it is into town and how long it takes to get there. At work, we may use spreadsheets, a calculator or computer, a cash register, or a precision measuring tool. The list goes on and on. Children are taught mathematics in school, but research shows that families are an essential part of this learning process. In other words, by doing math with your children and supporting math learning at home, you can make a great difference. There are many ways to make math part of your family's life. As you establish your own traditions for supporting your children's math learning, consider the following checklist of key ideas.

**Always talk about math in positive ways.** Regardless of your own mathematics background, let your children know that learning math is very important. Communicating a positive, can-do attitude about math is the single most important way for you to ensure that your children are successful in mathematics. Always be positive when you talk about math—never tell your children that math is too hard or that you hated it when you were in school. Let them know how critical math is by pointing out how people use math in everyday life. Encourage them to always do their very best in this subject area.

**Know what your children are studying in math.** Be aware of the math your children are learning each year and know the standards they're required to meet. Ask them what they're studying in math class, regularly check in with them about math homework, and help them with school projects when it's appropriate. If your children experience difficulties in their math learning, consider utilizing the Go Math online resource, Think Central to view math tutorials to overcome these trouble spots. Don't hesitate to talk with your child's teacher if you need more information or assistance

**Have high expectations for your children.** Research shows that when you believe your children can learn challenging concepts, they will rise to the occasion—so expect a lot from them! Be confident that your children can learn mathematics and then actively support them as they do so. Seek out math-focused programs and activities for them. As they get older, encourage them to take as many advanced mathematics courses in high school as possible.

**Encourage your children to use technology in math.** Help your children use calculators, computers, and the Internet to do math at home. Prodigy is a wonderful, fun and engaging website to use as a resource. (<https://prodigygame.com/>) Mathematics and technology are great partners.

**Make math an everyday part of your family.** Find math at home. Spend time with your children on simple board games, puzzles, and activities that involve math. Involve your children in activities like shopping, cooking, and home fix-it projects to show them that math is practical and useful. Encourage your children to solve problems that involve math. Engage your children in conversations about what they're thinking about when they solve math problems. Find opportunities to explore math together.

**Notice mathematics in the world.** You can help your children see the usefulness of mathematics by pointing it out wherever you see it—not just in your home, but everywhere. Tell your children about the math you do in your job and why it's important. When you're outside your home, look hard for ways to point out math: What shape does that tree look like? How many more miles before we get there? How does mathematics figure in sports, music, car building, or the design of a Ferris wheel? If you start looking for math in the world, you'll find more and more of it—and so will your children!

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.

## Attendance Policy Reminder!

Please be reminded that per Board of Education Policy (5113), a student's absence one (1) through nine (9) will be excused when documentation (within ten (10) school days of the absence) of the reason for the absence is submitted to school. Please be reminded that you must also call the school before 9:00 am at 203-794-8700 option 1 when your child is absent or tardy. If your child is out ill for his/her tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) absence (in one school year) and for all absences thereafter the absence will only be excused when verified in writing by a licensed medical professional, regardless of the length of the absence. Again, you are required to contact the school by phone, in addition to supplying the doctor's note.

An Attendance Alert Letter will be mailed home when a student has reached 5 absences. This letter is intended to make you aware of the number of days your child has been absent. Although you might have been provided written documentation of the absences, often parents do not realize that these days are accumulating.

## Attention all Bethel Families:

Please join the Bethel Public Schools in preparing Bethel's students for tomorrow's careers! *On Tuesday April 18, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm* come to Bethel High School for our FIRST EVER district STEM expo! See what the district is doing to help all students develop core skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!

(SEE ATTACHED FLYER!)



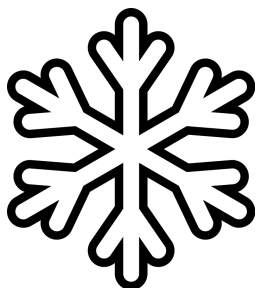


# Johnson Pride Winter Fling

The Johnson School Staff will be hosting a Winter Fling on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30.

Students are invited to attend fun and supervised multicultural events organized by our fabulous staff!

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE OFFERED...

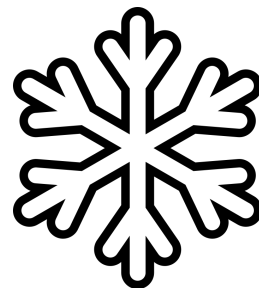


\*DANCE \*FOUR SQUARE

\*KICKBALL \*MANICURES

\*BASKETBALL \*KARAOKE

\* ACTIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



The fee for the event is \$10 per student.

All funds raised will be used to support our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions Support Program (PBIS). This includes the monthly Johnson Pride breakfast and student incentives.

Please make checks out to the JES Activity Fund.

I GIVE MY CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE  
"JOHNSON SCHOOL WINTER FLING" ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>.  
I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK OR CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.

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PARENT SIGNATURE

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TEACHER/HOMEROOM



Ava R.



Spencer K.



Madalyn M.

Ralph M.T. Johnson School is pleased to invite you to the  
**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Walk**

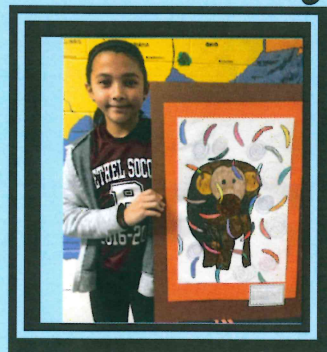
Thursday, March 16, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

At Johnson School

There will be a wide assortment of  
artworks by all the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Come out and enjoy the festivities!



Jordan O.



Grace P.

March 2017

Dear Parent(s),

I am writing you to ask your assistance with this year's art show. Each year we display hundreds of student artwork throughout the halls of Johnson School. This job requires the support and help of many parent volunteers.

The date for hanging the artwork is **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** during School Hours from **8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** If you are available to help hang work for this year's show please contact me.

The art show will be Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Johnson School.

It's always a proud occasion for the children to see their artwork on the walls. Please help to make this a memorable success.

Sincerely,

*Tamarah McCue*

Art Educator

R.M.T. Johnson School

Bethel, Connecticut

[McCueT@Bethel.K12.ct.us](mailto:McCueT@Bethel.K12.ct.us)

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## **Art Walk Parent Volunteer Sign Up**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ am available to help hang up artwork on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ time.



**WANTED!**

**BUILDERS  
SCIENTISTS  
TINKERS  
MAKERS  
THINKERS  
ENGINEERS**



**APRIL**

**18th**

# **K-5 STUDENTS**

We are looking for students who love exploring science, math, engineering or technology to participate in the Bethel Public Schools 2017 STEM EXPO!

We have a variety of projects for students in grades K-5 to explore!

FIND OUT MORE AT

<https://sites.google.com/bethel.k12.ct.us/k5stem/home>

\*\*You can find this link on our Bethel Public Schools website – under FOR STUDENTS

Questions? Please Contact Kit Nielsen – Science Coach K-8 [nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us)

**\*\* 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

phone- 203-794-8704

fax- 203-794-8716

[jerolimof@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:jerolimof@bethel.k12.ct.us)



# R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL

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## PTO CORNER

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**DID YOU KNOW...** You can still get your Central PTO directories and memberships? For only \$15 you will receive membership in the Bethel PTO. That funds scholarships and other events! PLUS, you get the directory for all the schools! Contact us, membership is always available, but the directories may not be. Don't wait!

**HAVE YOU HEARD...** Bethel's budget is in the works. Our schools need us!

- 3/7: Town meeting
- 3/20: Public hearing
- 4/3: Town meeting

### Updates on Fundraisers:

- **READING ROCKSTARS!** Going on through 3/17
  - 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**, so be on the lookout for the fliers with all the info!
  - Spring Fundraiser. Get ready for coupon books!
  - Spirit Wear: Order your Johnson swag from 3/6-3/10.
- **COMING IN MAY:** Screen free week, Mother's Day plant sale, Book Fair

### Upcoming PTO Events:

- Winter Fling is happening on 3/15! Details are coming soon!
- STEM Night 4/18 at the High School.
- **COMING IN MAY:** Screen free week, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance
- PTO meetings:
  - 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](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)



# “PRIDE & SPIRIT” WEAR ORDER FORM

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, March 24, 2017.**

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*Color examples of the design will be available on the PTO link of the Johnson School website.*

If you are interested in purchasing a product for your student, yourself or both, simply fill out the order form and return it to the school with the correct amount of your purchase. If you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to

**JOHNSON P.T.O.**

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, March 24, 2017.**

Orders sent without payment cannot be processed.

Thank you for your cooperation

**IMPORTANT: We suggest ordering a size larger if concerned about how sizes run. Please be sure to order proper size, as they cannot be exchanged!**

**Thank You**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ITEMS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE ORDER FORM CORRECTLY? (SIZE, STYLE, COLOR)
2. HAVE YOU RETURNED THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF YOUR PURCHASE?
3. IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT OUT TO JOHNSON P.T.O.

**ALL ABOVE INFO NEEDED TO PROCESS**

# PTO FUNDRAISING *Spring Spirit Wear 2017*



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Gold on front. AVAILABLE IN ROYAL BLUE.



Long Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Gold on front. AVAILABLE IN ROYAL BLUE.



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Tie-Dye T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Gold on front. AVAILABLE IN ROYAL BLUE.



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Royal on front. AVAILABLE IN GOLD.



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Tie-Dye T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Royal on front. AVAILABLE IN GOLD.



Short Sleeve 50/50 Cotton/Poly T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Royal on front. AVAILABLE IN NEON PINK.



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Tie-Dye T-Shirt with Johnson Jaguars design printed in Royal on front. AVAILABLE IN PINK.



Short Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt with Johnson Oval design on front printed in Gold. AVAILABLE IN ROYAL BLUE.



Long Sleeve 100% Cotton T-Shirt with Johnson Oval design printed in Gold on front. AVAILABLE IN ROYAL BLUE.

DESCRIPTION	ADULT					Size 2XL add \$2.50 to Cost					
	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Royal Blue S/S T-Shirt: Jaguars									\$10.00		
Royal Blue L/S T-Shirt: Jaguars									\$15.00		
Royal Blue S/S Tie-Dye: Jaguars									\$15.00		
Gold S/S T-Shirt: Jaguars									\$10.00		
Gold S/S Tie-Dye: Jaguars									\$15.00		
Neon Pink S/S T-Shirt: Jaguars									\$10.00		
Pink S/S Tie-Dye: Jaguars									\$15.00		
Royal Blue S/S T-Shirt: Oval									\$10.00		
Royal Blue L/S T-Shirt: Oval									\$15.00		
<b>Total</b>											

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT : [JohnsonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:JohnsonPTO@gmail.com)



# BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

11<sup>TH</sup> 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**



## FINAL DAYS TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

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

Yes! I'm looking forward to the Barnum Ball on March 18<sup>th</sup>  
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

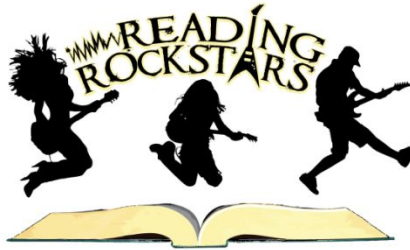
Mail to: PO Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801

Checks payable to Bethel Education Foundation

Questions? Email: [BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS





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](mailto: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