



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

March 10, 2017



March 15, 2017

Winter Fling
3:00-4:30 pm
(see attached)

March 16, 2017

Art Show
5:00-7:00 pm

March 18, 2017

Barnum Ball

March 21, 2017

PTO Meeting
9:15 am

March 22-23, 2017

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
12:20 Dismissal

**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,

Over the past few weeks, I have had several conversations with parents and students pertaining to social media usage. Students are inundated with social media, gaming, texting, and more. Now more than ever, parents are faced with making decisions about what age is appropriate for their child to have a Facebook or Snap Chat account, should a child be allowed to go on Youtube, where and when should a "tween" be allowed to use the Internet? The answer to all of these questions is veiled in the question of purpose, age appropriateness and supervision.

I am a firm believer that no fourth or fifth grade student should be on social media sites or apps such as Facebook, Snapchat, Yik Yak, Kik, Vine, and/or Oovo. These sites are not only inappropriate for tween usage but they have clear age restrictions. (See below.)

Snapchat: "You affirm that you are at least 18 years old (or the age of majority where you live) and are competent and authorized to agree to and abide by these Terms."

Facebook: "Facebook requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). Creating an account with false info is a violation of our terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13."

Ovoo: "Like many other sites, apps and games (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram) OVoo's Ts&Cs specify that it is for over 13 only."

Additional information: The minimum age to open an account on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, and Kik, is **13. For Vine and Yik Yak it's 17. YouTube requires account holders to be 18.

As Bethel Police Detective Sergeant Bryce asked parents and community members at our recent Parent University, "Would you allow your child(ren) to go to New York City unsupervised?" Why then, would you allow your child(ren) to go on the Internet and social media unsupervised? I must concur with Detective Sergeant Bryce and express my sincere concern for our children. Children do not belong on these sites/apps nor should they be allowed to surf the Internet unsupervised. Further, many video games such as Minecraft have options to chat with other players. This is not a safe option for our children as they do not know with whom they are chatting. In effect, they could be talking to an adult posing as a child. We must be wary of strangers online. Child predators often go to these gaming and social media sites to meet up with unsuspecting children. We must be vigilant about supervising and protecting our children.

If you have any questions about Internet Safety please feel free to reach out to our technology teacher, Ms. Torpey at torpeyj@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!

<https://youtu.be/F5q1YY57uZ4>

Veem os proximos eventos na nossa escola

<https://youtu.be/Up72d6dEYXo>

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 (10th) 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!)



RMT Johnson School
500 Whittlesey Drive
Bethel, CT 06801

March 9, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Scoliosis screening of all 5th Grade students will take place during gym classes by a school nurse according to the schedule below. **Boys and girls will be screened separately and with privacy.** The exam requires visualization of the back, shoulders and spine. Therefore, it would be helpful for girls to wear either a bathing suit top or a tank/cami top under their clothing. Hair must be pulled up off the neck and shoulders. Even a ponytail must be pinned up.

Below is a schedule of class screenings:

Monday, March 13 th – Day 4	9:25am - Moscovitz 10:10am - Esposito
Tuesday, March 14 th – Day 5	8:40am - Kersting 10:10am - Harding
Wednesday, March 15 th – Day 1	8:40am - Claridge 10:10am - Andreasen
Thursday, March 16 th – Day 2	8:40am - Liquori 9:25am - Rawlins
Friday, March 17 th – Day 3	9:25am - Basher

******If there is a Snow Day on Friday, March 10th, then the schedule will be as follows:**

Monday, March 13th – Day 3
Tuesday, March 14th – Day 4
Wednesday March 15th – Day 5
Thursday, March 16th – Day 1
Friday, March 17th – Day 2

Thank you very much, in advance, for your cooperation in helping to make this screening process as easy as possible. You will be notified if there are any unforeseen changes to the schedule. Please call the Health Office with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frances Jerolimo, RN
School Nurse
203-794-8704
jerolimof@bethel.k12.ct.us

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 **Monday, March 13, 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

Art Walk Parent Volunteer Sign Up

Child's Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

I _____ am available to help hang up artwork on **Monday, March 13, 2017** from _____ to _____ time.

Phone # / e-mail contact _____



Ava R.



Spencer K.



Madalyn M.

Ralph M.T. Johnson School is pleased to invite you to the
17th Annual Art Walk

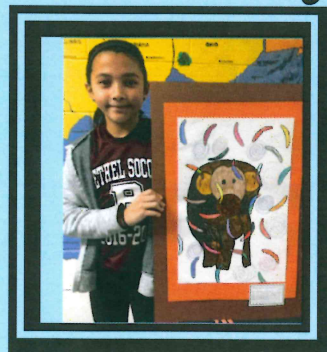
Thursday, March 16, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

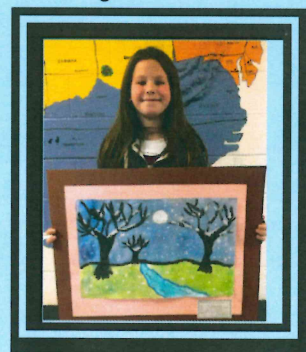
At Johnson School

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

Come out and enjoy the festivities!



Jordan O.



Grace P.



R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL
RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD



PTO CORNER

PTO membership and directories still available! For only \$15 you will be a member, and that money 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!

Thanks to everyone that attended Bethel's town budget meeting. Our schools need our voices! Upcoming dates to put on the calendar:

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

Updates on Fundraisers:

- **READING ROCKSTARS!** Going on through 3/17
 - 3/13 Dress up like your favorite book character.
 - Don't forget to send in your pledge sheet.
- 3/15 Spring Fling! Don't forget to send in the permission slip.
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!
- COMING SOON, so be on the lookout for the fliers with all the info!
 - 3/6-3/27 Spirit Wear: Check out the flier for all the great stuff!
 - 3/24-4/7 Spring coupon book fundraiser.
- 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, 5th & 6th 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

"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.**

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		
Total											

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT : JohnsonPTO@gmail.com



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