



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

March 24, 2017



March 27–April 7, 2017

Pennies For Patients
(see attached)

March 29, 2017
Winter Fling
3:00–4:30 pm

April 10–14, 2017
Spring Vacation

April 18, 2017
STEM night
6:30–8:30 pm
BHS

April 21, 2017
4th and 5th Grade
Movie Field Trip
Disney's Born in China

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

This letter is to communicate two of the health lessons that will be taught at Johnson school, by our Physical Education and Health teacher Mrs. Jaques. Our Health curriculum, which aligns with the guidelines set by the State of Connecticut, is developmentally appropriate in addressing the topics of Disease Prevention and Human Growth and Development.

Your child's class will be participating in the Disease Prevention lesson, which will be held during the week of May 1st. This lesson mainly talks about germs, how to prevent illness, and includes a brief discussion of HIV/AIDS awareness as it pertains to the disease being passed through body fluids. The lesson includes how to protect yourself when someone is bleeding etc. It does not discuss causes that are developmentally inappropriate for the fourth or fifth grade level.

The Human Growth and Development lesson will be held during the week of May 8th. This lesson focuses on how human bodies change during puberty and what can be expected to occur at this age. This unit completes the mandated curriculum requirements set by the state.

Boys and girls will attend separate sessions for the Human Growth and Development lessons. We believe these lessons are an important part of your child's learning.

However, if you do not want your child to participate in the Disease Prevention or the Human Growth and Development lesson, please contact Mrs. Jaques in writing by April 7, 2017.

If you have any questions about the Health Curriculum, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jaques (jaquess@bethel.k12.ct.us) or me via e-mail or telephone.

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

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

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

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!)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAMS AS THEY MOVE ON TO THE WORLD COMPETITION!



We can't hide our JOHNSON PRIDE!

R.M.T JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

David W. Deaken Educational Park
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Bethel, CT 06801

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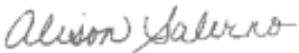
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Sincerely,



Alison Salerno

Principal



"Our primary purpose is to improve student achievement"



Pennies For Patients

Johnson School will again be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" Program during the weeks of **March 27 – April 7, 2017**. Last year your generous donations raised \$800.00. We have been supporting this cause for about 8 years now and our school is almost at the \$10,000 donation mark!! Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under 20. Students in our own Bethel Education System have been affected by this cancer. Please donate your pennies, spare change or bills to this worthy cause. Collection boxes will be in each classroom. We will NOT be participating in the online giving. Last year, over 285 local schools in Connecticut participated in this fundraiser. Let's teach our children about the value of community service, the importance of helping others and how they can make a difference in the lives of others by helping to find a cancer cure. It's amazing what a penny can do!



R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL
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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!

Thanks to all that are showing support for our budgets! Our voices are needed.

4/3: Town meeting

Fundraisers:

- 3/6-3/27 Spirit Wear: Check out the flier for all the great stuff!
- 3/24-4/7 Spring coupon book fundraiser.
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!
- COMING IN MAY: Screen free week, Mother's Day plant sale, Book Fair

Upcoming PTO Events:

- Winter Fling new date 3/29!
- STEM Night 4/18 at the High School.
- COMING IN MAY: Screen free week, 5th & 6th grade dance.
- PTO meetings:
 - 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

Lions, Elephants, and Giraffes...Oh My!



On Thursday, May 18th the fourth grade will be visiting the Bronx Zoo! The cost of this educational fun filled day is \$45 per student. This cost includes coach bus transportation and the entrance fee to all zoo exhibits. Permission slips are due back by Friday, April 7th.

We will be leaving Johnson School at 8:20am and returning at approximately 3:30pm. Due to the late arrival back to school, students will need to be picked up from Johnson. We will share updates on the Johnson Parent Network Facebook Page and through Remind 101. Please utilize the directions on the back of this form to sign up for the Remind 101 text messages.

We are excited to be able to invite parents/guardians to accompany us to the zoo (no siblings). The cost per chaperone is \$45. If interested, please check the box on the form below. Chaperones will be notified by the end of April.

Details pertaining to lunch, what to bring, and what not to bring will be shared at a later date.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Fourth Grade Team

My child _____, has permission to attend the Fourth Grade Field Trip to the Bronx Zoo on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

____ I have enclosed \$45 cash or check (written to, JES Activity Fun).

____ I am interested in chaperoning the trip to the Bronx Zoo.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Parent Email



Sign up for important updates from 4th Grade ZOO.

Get information for Ralph M. T. Johnson School right on your phone—not on handouts.

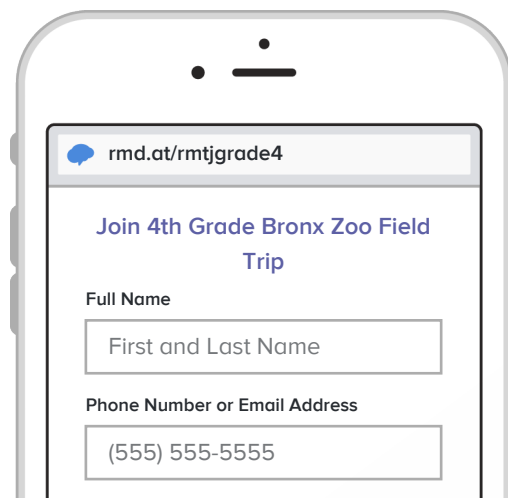
Pick a way to receive messages for **4th Grade Bronx Zoo Field Trip**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/rmtjgrade4

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@rmtjgrade4](https://rmd.at/rmtjgrade4) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@rmtjgrade4](https://rmd.at/rmtjgrade4) to **(732) 606-4327**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/rmtjgrade4 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Family and Friends, please join us for
**THE BETHEL WINTER GUARD
FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT**

**FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2017
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM • BMS GYM**

FREE ADMISSION!

**RAFFLES! • PIZZA FOR PURCHASE! • GUARD INFO & SWAG!
COME LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPORT OF THE ARTS!**

*Don't miss the Jr., Jr & Varsity teams
perform their shows:*

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Flare!
and

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME



**TO DONATE A RAFFLE ITEM
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT LISA QUILLINAN**

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