



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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March 31, 2017



March 27–April 7,
2017

Pennies For
Patients
(see attached)

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

April 25, 2017
Spring Photos

**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,

The purpose of this communication is to share information about two of the upcoming 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.

Although students will learn about the basic male and female anatomies, they will attend separate sessions for the Human Growth and Development lessons. 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.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Town Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017 (next Monday)

7:30 PM at BHS

Babysitting will be provided

The next step in the budget process is the Town Meeting.

The purpose of the town meeting is to approve a budget and set the date for the referendum (or vote) of the budget.

By Town Charter, at that meeting Bethel residents can only reduce the amount recommended by the Board of Finance, not increase it. Residents who are registered voters can vote to support or reject any motions made at the meeting. Once

a budget is approved the date for the referendum will be set. **The Town Meeting is scheduled for next Monday, April 3rd at 7:30 PM at Bethel High School Auditorium.**

Babysitting will be provided. This is an important meeting for parents and community members to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Rockwell/Johnson School Renovation Project Community Forum - Wednesday, April 5th at 7 PM in the Johnson School Media Center. This Community Forum will be to garner parent and community input on the design. We will also be providing an overview on how we arrived at the option selected. This will be the first of several forums.

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!)



Veem os proximos eventos na
nossa escola!

<https://youtu.be/-ZySLykBp0s>



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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 still needed.

4/3: Town meeting 7:30 @ BHS (babysitting available)

Fundraisers:

- 3/24-4/7 Spring coupon book fundraiser. If you're not interested in purchasing the coupon book, don't forget to turn it in!
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!
- COMING SOON: Screen free week, Mother's Day plant sale, Book Fair

Upcoming PTO Events:

- STEM Night 4/18 at the High School.
- 5th & 6th grade social 5/19 at BMS from 2:45-3:45.
- 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

We will be creating a “Little Free Library” at Johnson School



This library belongs to everyone!

Take a Book, Leave a Book

If you see a book you would like to read, feel free to take it with you.
Return it to this Little Free Library when you are finished.

Are you in the mood for Spring Cleaning?

Give Books!

Keep this Little Free Library operating by donating two gently used books.
Bring them to your Media Morning.

**Students: For your kindness, you will receive a ticket to be
the first ones to select a “new” book from the library.**

If you have any questions please contact:

Alana Weinberg: Weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us

Linda Siladi: SiladiL@bethel.k12.ct.us



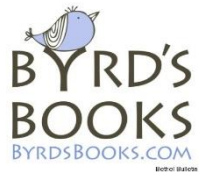
BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Supporting Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in Learning



HONOR A TEACHER, EDUCATOR OR MENTOR WHO HAS TOUCHED YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

A donation of **\$25** to the Bethel Education Foundation provides your honored teacher or special mentor with a **personalized certificate** and a **\$10 gift card to Byrd's Books** delivered to their classroom/school during teacher appreciation week and their name listed as an honoree on the BEF website!



Return this portion with your check (payable to Bethel Education Foundation) **by Wednesday, April 26th**
to your child's school or mail to the BEF (Bethel Education Foundation, PO Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801)

HONOR A TEACHER PROGRAM

Please accept my donation of \$_____ (\$25 each) in honor of someone special!

If honoring more than one person, please complete multiple forms (or write on the back of this portion)

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's School/Affiliation: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____

Your Email: _____

Your name to be listed on the certificate: _____

(example: The Smith Family)

Brief Note for Certificate: _____

15 word max. (example: Thank you for inspiring Shawn and teaching him how to code robots!)



In celebration of Earth Day, Johnson School will be going to the AMC Theater in Danbury on Friday, April 21st to watch *Disneynature's Born in China*.

This film gives our students the opportunity to observe animals within their natural habitat. Our 4th grade science classes have investigated animal behavior, how they sense and respond to danger, and adapt for survival. Our 5th grade classes have examined food webs and ecosystems. They have explored the effect newly introduced species have on the balance of an ecosystem.

We will be leaving Johnson School at 9:15 and returning at 11:45. The cost of the trip is \$9 per student, which includes the movie ticket and transportation.

My child _____, has permission to attend the Johnson School Field Trip to see Disneynature's Born in China at the AMC Theater in Danbury on Friday, April 21st.

___ I have enclosed \$9 cash or a check (made out to, JES Activity Fund)

-----Parent Signature

-----Parent Email

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.

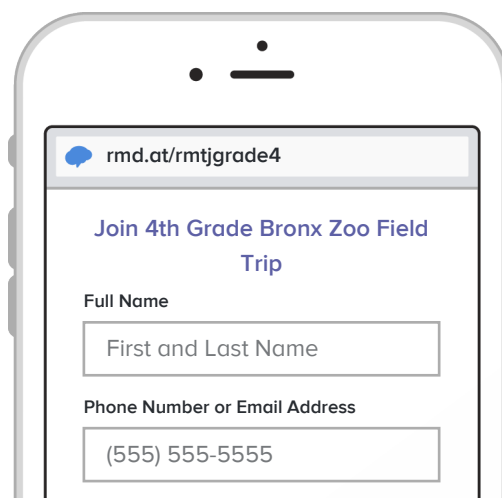
Pick a way to receive messages for **4th Grade Bronx Zoo Field Trip**:

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.

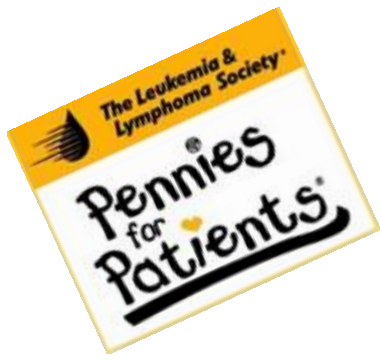
Text the message [@rmtjgrade4](#) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@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.



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!



SUMMER'S BEST is here!

We are offering many new and exciting programs for Johnson students... along with some tried and true summer favorites! Tests your skills at Robotics with Ms. Claridge or challenge her and teammate in Four-Square and more. Join Mr. Schrader for Wilderness Survival and Project Adventure or make and blast off rockets with Mr. Ford. Enjoy art with Ms. McCue or join a Band Camp! Check out the online brochure for all programs offered.

Online Registration: Registration for Summer's BEST enrichment programs will take place online (only) this year. At 8:00 am on Monday, April 24th you will be able to access the online registration link on the Bethel Public Schools website. Go to www.bethel.k12.ct.us and look under the For Parents tab for "Summer's BEST/ Summer School Program". You can now view all the amazing course offering for the summer at this site.

A few notes about registration:

1. Registration will open at 8:00 am on Monday, April 24, 2017.
2. Each section of the registration form must be filled in. If you do not plan to take a program during any given session, choose "None"
3. Courses that are filled will not show on the drop-down list.
4. When you have completely filled in the registration form, hit the submit button. You will receive a confirmation email (to the email address you entered).
5. The confirmation email will have the programs that you registered for and their prices. Carefully add the cost of the programs and remit payment.

Three ways to pay:

1. By Credit Card- If your child is currently a student in the Bethel Public Schools you can pay through your My School Bucks account. You must pay online within 24 hours to hold your program seats.

Go to www.myschoolbucks.com and log into your account. Click on the ACTIVITY FEE option (go to school store), then BROWSE ALL ITEMS. Choose SUMMER'S BEST TUITION and enter the amount due and your child's name.

2. Through the schools- Send payment (cash, check or money order) to school in an envelop clearly marked SUMMER'S BEST. Payment must be sent into school the following day to hold seats.

3. Through the mail- You may send check or money order (made out to Summer's BEST) to Bethel Public Schools ATTN: Linda Anderson, PO Box 253 Bethel, CT 06801. This must be mailed within 24 hours to hold your seats.

If you have questions, please email Linda Anderson at AndersonL@bethel.k12.ct.us