



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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April 21, 2017



April 25, 2017

Spring Photos

May 2, 2017

Band concert
1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
BMS

May 12-13, 2017

Alice in
Wonderland

May 18, 2017

4th Grade Field
Trip
Bronx Zoo

Dress to Impress!
Spring Photos
are Tuesday!



**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,

Living in the 21st century our children are faced with an ever-changing world where through access to the internet they have the world at their fingertips. How then do we, as educators and parents ensure our child(ren)'s safety? How do we support a student's understanding of technology, the internet, and appropriate use? Parents and educators wrestle with these questions on a daily basis. Therefore, I am cordially inviting and encouraging you to attend a session on **Internet Safety** facilitated by Detective George Bryce of the Bethel Police Department on **Thursday April 27th in the Johnson School Media Center at 6:00 pm.** The purpose of the session will be to educate attendees on the strategies to support internet safety. Detective Bryce's presentation will include latest social media site applications, dangers, and strategies for monitoring our child(ren). I believe this session will be extremely informative and one that no parent should miss out on. Please make every effort to attend this presentation, and make sure to bring student devices.

Have a great weekend.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal



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PTO CORNER

Thank you to the parents that have been supporting our school and town budget!

Fundraisers:

- Spring coupon books need to be returned if you are not purchasing one. We had a great fundraiser!
- 5/11-5/12: Mother's Day plant sale. Details to follow!
- 5/31-6/2: Spring book fair (BOGO!)
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!

Upcoming PTO Events:

- 5/1-5/5: Screen free week is coming! Be on the lookout for all the fun un-plugged activities!
- 5/19: 5th & 6th grade social at BMS from 2:45-3:45.
- Upcoming PTO meetings:
 - 5/16 @ 9:15 am

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!

Want to get involved? All are welcome at our meetings, even our littlest family members.

Contact us: rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com



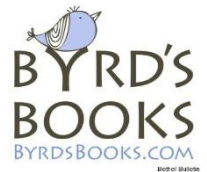
BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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!)

CALLING ALL CAREERS

DO YOU HAVE A CAREER YOU WANT TO SHARE?

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be part of a very special day at Johnson School in Bethel. On June 2nd, Johnson School will have its annual career day. This event will be a chance for professionals to share their careers with Johnson School students. We would like to use this event to expose the students to several different career options that they may be interested in obtaining in their future.

Each participant will be asked to give 3 twenty-minute presentations to a small group of students. The presentations should consist of an explanation of the career and the education and/or training required. If possible, a demonstration or activity for the students to participate in would be an exciting addition. Presenters should plan for about 15 students in each session.

The day will begin with a complimentary "coffee and" for the presenters at 8:00 a.m. The sessions will run consecutively from 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to be a presenter at career day, you can email your response to our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Alana Weinberg, at weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us Please be sure to state what career you will be sharing with the students, as well as a brief explanation of your career.

Please respond no later than Monday May 15th so we can plan accordingly

Presenter's Name: _____

Presenter's Career: _____

Description of career:

Student's Name: _____

Presenter's Email: _____

PTO EVENT



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Mother's Day Plant Sale

Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th
Johnson School Cafeteria
11:00am-1:00pm (during lunch periods)
2:45pm-3:30pm (after dismissal)

There will be a variety of annuals to choose from in the following containers...

6 pack (cube) **\$3.00**

*Flats (8 x 6 pack ~ mix & match) **\$20.00**

4" pot **\$5.00**

*10" hanging basket **\$15.00**

***If your child plans to buy a hanging basket or flat, please arrange for parent pickup that day as it will be difficult for these items to be transported home by bus. We will hold these purchases in the cafeteria.**

Cash and check (payable to Johnson PTO) will be accepted during the sale.

Contact twachnuik@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to help during the plant sale. We will need a number of volunteers to help the children make their plant selections and bag them up for transport home.

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



with Anthony DePoto, Erin Volpintesta & Rachel Volpe

From the team who brought you *Annie Junior*, *Into The Woods Junior*, and *Seussical the Musical* comes two EXCITING summer shows!



Summer 2017 Theatre Productions!

Hairspray The Musical

Directed by Anthony DePoto and Music Direction by Erin Volpintesta
Performances July 29th and 30th at Bethel High School!

Have your young performer be a part of the Tony Award winning musical Hairspray as they dance their way into Baltimore with Corny Collins, Tracy Turnblad and The Nicest Kids In Town.

Registration: Sign ups begin 4/24. Limited space available! Click [HERE](#) to register*!

Or go to www.bethel-ct.gov (click on the Park and Rec Dept. and on the right hand side will be a link to "Online Registration")

Audition May 6&7 1-4 (*auditions are for registered participants. Everyone gets a part!*)

Ages: 11 to 18 Years Old

Tuition: \$350 Per Child (Non-Bethel residents pays additional \$15)

Schedule: May 15-July 30th Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 6pm-9pm in the General-Purpose Room of the Municipal Center.

Peter Pan Jr.

Directed by Rachel Volpe & Produced by Erin Volpintesta and Anthony DePoto
Performances August 11th and 12th at Bethel High School!

Come join the magical fairies, Lost Boys, Pirates, Mermaids, Darling Family, Hook, Tink and Peter Pan as they bring Neverland to life! #pixiedust

Registration: sign ups begin 4/24. Limited space available! Click [HERE](#) to register*!

Or go to www.bethel-ct.gov (click on the Park and Rec Dept. and on the right hand side will be a link to "Online Registration")

Ages: 6 to 13 Years Old

Tuition \$335 (Non-Bethel residents pays additional \$15)

Schedule: June 19th- Aug 5th. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm in the General-Purpose Rm of the Municipal Center

*If you need assistance registering please call 203-794-8531**

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our **FUNDrive™** **Saturday April 22nd**
will be held at: **9:30 am – 11:30 am**

Bethel High Upper Parking Lot

and will benefit:











**Bethel High
School Band &
Guard**

learn more:

Kristin Sprock
kristinsprock@att.net

FUNDrive™
 **savers**

we accept:

-  CLOTHING
-  SHOES
-  BEDDING / TOWELS
-  ACCESSORIES
-  CDS, DVDS, BOOKS
-  ELECTRICAL ITEMS
-  TOYS & GAMES
-  KITCHEN ITEMS
-  KNICK-KNACKS
-  SPORTING GOODS

Summer Playground Camp 2017

Registration begins **Monday, April 24, 2017** at the Parks & Recreation office during regular business hours from 9:00a.m – 4:30p.m. or on-line at www.bethel-ct.gov.

Non-residents may register starting Monday, May 1, 2017.

You MUST be registered a minimum of 2 weeks prior to camp session!

SPACE IS LIMITED DON'T Wait!!!

A camp day may exist of indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, games, offsite trips, as well as onsite entertainment and activities. All participants will receive a schedule of events, permission slips and information about the program.

Weekly Pricing

All Camps run for 6 individual weeks. You will be able to register by the week.

A Discount of \$25 per week will apply if registered for more than 2 weeks.

Additional children will receive a \$25 discount per week – **multi-week discount does not apply.**

Playground camps are for Bethel residents and Non-residents for an extra fee of \$15.00

Camp Dates:

Week #1 June 26-June 30

Week #2 July 3-July 7 *

Week #3 July 10-July 14

Week #4 July 17-July 21

Week #5 July 24-July 28

Week #6 July 31-August 4

***NO CAMP TUESDAY, JULY 4TH**

CAMP	AGE/GRADE	LOCATION	HOURS	EXTENDED DAY/FEE
PRESCHOOL CAMP Fee per week: \$125 Week 2 fee: \$100 no camp on 7/4	3-5yrs by Dec. 31, 2017 Must be potty trained.	Johnson School	9am –12:00pm	Mon.- Fri. 12-2:00pm Fee per week: \$85 Week 2 fee: 70
JUNIOR CAMP Fee per week: \$175 Week 2 Fee: \$150 no camp on 7/4	Entering grades 1 – 3	Rockwell School	9am – 3pm	Mon.-Fri. 8-9am Fee per week: \$40 Week 2 fee: \$35 Extended am drop off is at Middle School
SENIOR CAMP Fee per week: \$175 Week 2 Fee: \$150 no camp on 7/4	Entering grades 4 – 6	Middle School	9am – 3pm	Mon.-Fri. 8-9am Fee per week: \$40 Week 2 fee: \$35 Extended am drop off is at Middle School
TEEN CAMP Fee per week: \$175 Week 2 Fee: \$150 no camp on 7/4	Entering grades 7 – 9	Municipal Center	9am – 3pm	NO EXTENDED DAY AM OR PM

Summer's Best and Summer School

Fee: \$115 – if arriving at 12 noon (**if you will be arriving at noon, please contact office to register**)

Financial Aid

Many people find themselves facing temporary or even long term financial hardship, making it seem impossible to afford the costs of an activity for their child/children. If you would like to apply for a partial scholarship, please let Parks and Recreation know you need help.

Assistance is available by making an **appointment** to see the Director of Social Services, Jennifer Lawlor. This can be done by calling 203-794-8537 or send an email to lawlorj@bethel-ct.gov at Social Services. You must provide proof of residency as well as financial documentation to be considered for financial aid. After doing this, please bring the letter from Social Services to the Parks and Rec. Dept. to register your child for camp.

Please Note: Effective January 2016 we will only be offering assistance for **one class/program per child** for each Parks and Recreation Session: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Regarding Camp assistance, partial scholarships may be available for working families in need of childcare.

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.

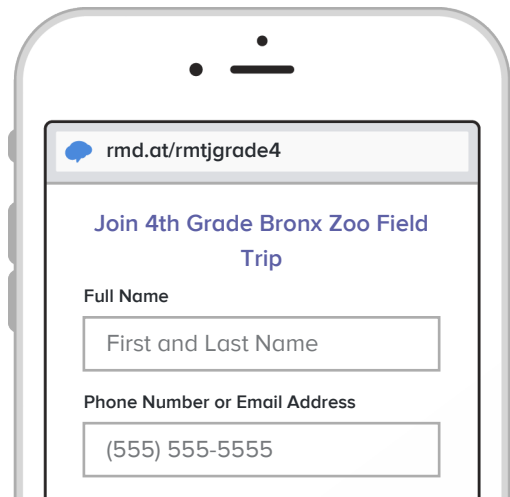
Pick a way to receive messages for **4th Grade Bronx Zoo Field Trip**:

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.