



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

September 29, 2017



**Oct 2-5, 2017**  
**Spirit Week!**  
(see attached flyer)

**Oct 4, 2017**  
**Go Math**  
**Workshop**  
(see attached flyer)

**Oct 6, 2017**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Professional**  
**Development**  
**Day**

**Oct 9, 2017**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Columbus Day**

**Oct 17, 2017**  
**PTO Meeting**  
**9:15 am AND**  
**7:00 PM**

**Oct 24, 2017**  
**Pumpkin**  
**Decorating**  
(see attached flyer)

**Oct 25-27**  
**2017**  
**Early**  
**Dismissal**  
**12:20 PM**  
**Parent/Teacher**  
**Conferences**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

As the month of October is upon us, it is important that we work together to maintain our children's routines. As research supports, students thrive on consistency and routine. It is only through consistency and routine that learners grow to understand our expectations, act responsibly, and meet their goals. If we are to teach our children responsibility, we must allow them to experience the natural consequences of not being responsible. For example, if a student forgets his/her instrument or homework, and we "save them" by dropping it off at school, we have not embraced an important teachable moment. Actions have consequences and it is only through trial and error that children learn, grow, and become mature, responsible adults. Of course it is understandable that our natural inclination as parents is to jump in and rescue them.

I offer you this for consideration, "What are we teaching our children if we take the responsibility for their actions for them? Aren't we sending a clear message that they cannot do it, so we must do it for them?" Setting up children for success includes proactively planning. Some examples of successful strategies include:

- Creating a checklist with your son/daughter that is kept in a visible location that he/she checks before leaving for school. In this way, you will be providing support while allowing him/her to take ownership for their belongings. This will yield a sense of empowerment and pride.
- If forgetting homework is an issue, consider reminding your child to check off the homework in their agenda book from the night before, and having them place it in their backpack.
- If you find that your child is running around in the morning looking for shoes, instruments, backpacks, or other school related items, setting up a specific location and placing those items there from the night before will help out with the hustle and bustle of getting everyone out and on time in the morning.

Finally, know that children will make mistakes, will forget items, etc., and it is our job to teach them responsibility and be accountable for their actions. Let's work together to empower our children and give them the skills they need to succeed. If you would like any specific advice or have further questions, our guidance counselor, Mr. Melo would be happy to help. He can be contacted at [meloj@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:meloj@bethel.k12.ct.us).

Have a wonderful weekend.

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno

Principal

# Town of Bethel – Meeting Dates for Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects

The Board of Selectmen set the dates for the Public Hearing and Town Meeting for the projects:

- **September 25, 2017 - Public Hearing at 7:00 PM at Bethel High School**
- **October 10, 2017 - Town Meeting at 7:00 PM at Bethel High School**

**Childcare will be provided.**

**The Public Hearing** allows the community an opportunity to speak to the Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects.

**The next step in the process is the Town Meeting.** The purpose of the town meeting is to approve/reject the **Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects** and, if approved, set the date for the referendum (or vote) for the **Johnson & Rockwell School Renovation Projects**.

Residents who are registered voters can vote to support or reject any motions made at the meeting.

*Please join the Parent  
Advisory Council for  
parents/guardians of  
students with disabilities*

*All are welcome!*

OCTOBER 11, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Building  
Board of Education Conference Room

We will review the results of the parent survey and plan for meaningful workshops to support topics of interest. Your opinion matters!!

Please RSVP to Susan Budris, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services at [203-794-8616](tel:203-794-8616).

Hope to see you on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **PLUMTREES SCHOOL 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**OCTOBER 1, 2017  
Noon to 2:00 pm**

History Presentation by Patrick T. Wild, Town Historian, at 12:00 and 1:00 pm.

Historic Games and Crafts

Refreshments

For more information please call, [203-791-1010](tel:203-791-1010) or email: [shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com](mailto:shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com)



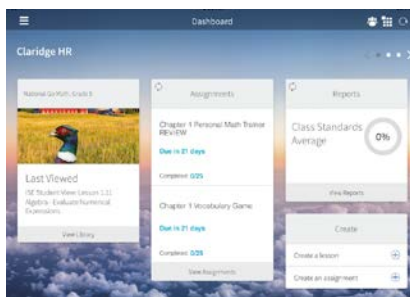
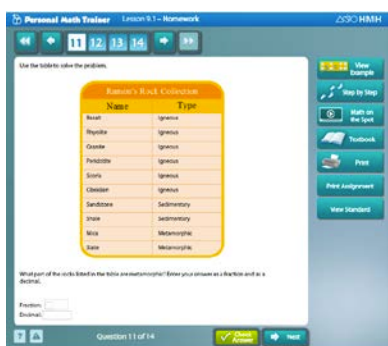
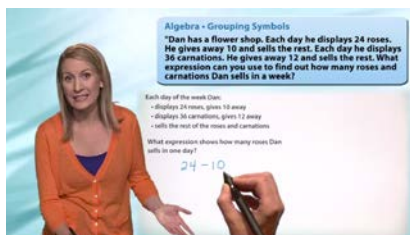
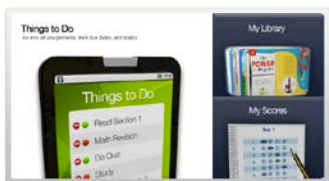
Find us on  
**Facebook**

**Johnson Parent  
Network**

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

# Let's Kick Off Johnson Pride With **SPIRIT WEEK!** October 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Monday 10/2/17 superhero DAY	It's a bird, it's a plane, nope...it's Superhero Day! Today you can dress like your favorite superhero.
Tuesday 10/3/17 Sports DAY	Sports Day! What's your favorite sports team? Show us by wearing something that represents your team!
Wednesday 10/4/17 Hat DAY	Hats off to a great 2017-2018 Johnson School Year, but first let's keep our hats ON for the day in school!
Thursday 10/5/17 Johnson Pride DAY	Show your JOHNSON PRIDE by wearing Johnson spirit wear or school colors (yellow and blue) today!
Friday 10/6/17 NO SCHOOL	No School! Enjoy a long weekend!



# Go Math for Parents

## *A Guide to the Online Resources*

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

Johnson School  
Media Center

A workshop open to parents and  
Johnson School students

Feel free to bring a laptop (or you  
may use one of our Chromebooks)

We will explore the many different  
online activities that are available  
with our GoMath program!

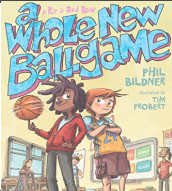

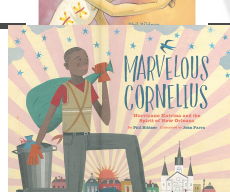
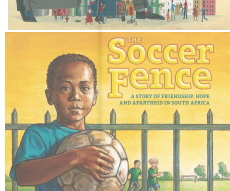

Presenter: Mrs. Mary Liquori  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher



# AUTHOR PHIL BILDNER IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

Friends and Families,

Award-winning author, Phil Bildner will be visiting R.M.T. Johnson School on Tuesday, November 28th. If you would like to purchase a personally autographed book, please fill out this form.

<b>Name</b>		<b>Teacher:</b>		<b>Grade:</b>	
<b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:</b> Byrd's Books			<b>DUE DATE:</b> Monday, October 23rd		
BOOK TITLE		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL	PERSONALIZE BOOK TO: (first name only)
	<b>A Whole New Ballgame</b>	hardcover			
	Book one in the Rip & Red middle grade series about a fifth grade class and a fifth grade basketball team.	18.00			
	<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	hardcover			
	In book two of the Rip & Red middle grade series, a new student joins the class and the team.	17.00			
	<b>Tournament of Champions</b>	hardcover			
	In book three of the Rip & Red middle grade series, the basketball team takes an unforgettable road trip	18.00			
	<b>Martina &amp; Chrissie</b>	hardcover			
	A non-fiction picture book about tennis legends Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.	18.00			
	<b>Marvelous Cornelius</b>	hardcover			
	A modern folktale about a sanitation worker set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.	18.00			
	<b>The Soccer Fence</b>	hardcover			
	A historical fiction soccer story set in South African during the final days of Apartheid.	18.00			
	<b>Twenty-One Elephants</b>	hardcover			
	A historical fiction story set in the 19th Century about the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.	19.00			
			<b>QTY</b>	<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>	
<b>BOOK ORDER TOTALS</b>					



**2017**

**BETHEL COMMUNITY**

**FLU CLINIC**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**BERRY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

Flu Vaccines will be available for ages 6 months and older. Preservative-free, Quadrivalent inactivated Flu vaccines, and High-Dose for ages 65 years and older, will be available.

**Please bring your medical insurance card** - Insurances that will be billed directly are:

**Aetna, Anthem BC/BS, ConnectiCare, Healthy CT, Harvard Pilgrim, Oxford, Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage Plans with Aetna, Anthem BC/BS, ConnectiCare, & Wellcare**

- No charge for Vaccines for ALL CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER
- No charge for children 18 years or younger who are Medicaid or Husky A/B enrolled, has no health insurance/self-pay, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or under-insured
- If you do not have a participating insurance plan, payments will be accepted by cash, check, health savings account or credit card. **Bethel VNA is NOT a preferred provider for flu vaccines for Cigna or United Health Care (including Secure Horizons).** For more detailed information about Seasonal Influenza vaccines, visit [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov)
- **For a complete listing of other local flu clinics, please visit: [Bethelvna.org](http://Bethelvna.org) or call us at 203-792-0864. Like us on Facebook, and ASK FOR US BY NAME for all your Home Health needs.**

# PTO EVENT



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## PUMPKIN DECORATING!

*Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> after school*

*Pick up 4:00 p.m.*

*\$8 per student*

*RSVP required by Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

- *Pumpkins are pre-ordered so we cannot accept walk ins on the day of the event.*
- *Parent Portal accounts must be updated for students to attend after school events.*

*Please contact Joni Ann Petruzzellis with any questions*  
*tsantoianni@gmail.com*

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin decorating Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, pick up 4p.m.  
\$8 per student, RSVP required by Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Please make checks payable to: **Johnson PTO**

# PTO VOLUNTEERS



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## Volunteer/Chairperson Opportunities 2017-2018

PTO EVENT/FUNDRAISER	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
Reading Jamboree	9/27		
Scholastic Book Fair	9/25-9/29	Rebecca Chamberlain & Christine Cohen	
Fall Fundraiser – Yankee Candle **	9/8-9/22	Amber Kane	
Fall Spirit Wear **	September	Jill Kurtz	
Pumpkin Decorating	10/24		
Veteran's Day Celebration	11/9		
Toys for Tots Giving Tree	12/4-12/15		
Holiday Shoppe – open during lunch	12/5-12/7		
Author Visit	February		
Reading Rock Stars **	TBD	Cathy Prisco & Judi Zalaznick	
Spring Spirit Wear **	March	Jill Kurtz	
Spring Fundraiser – TBD **	March		
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week	5/7-5/11		
Screen-Free Week	4/30-5/4	Pnina Flynn	
Mother's Day Plant Sale	5/10 & 5/11		
Scholastic Book Fair	5/30-6/1	PTO Board	

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CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY EVENTS	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic	June		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Breakfast	June		

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	CHECK
Floating Volunteer - to be contacted when extra help is needed	
Baking Committee ** - baking for events throughout the year	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Events/opportunities that can be coordinated outside of school hours.*

*Events and event dates are subject to change.*

*Please contact Christine Cohen at [cacohen10@gmail.com](mailto:cacohen10@gmail.com) or at*

*[RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com) with volunteer questions.*

***Thank you for supporting Johnson School!***



**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**  
**Early Childhood Program**  
**Bethel Public Schools**  
**Berry School**



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## Pre-School Screening

Are you concerned that your child may be experiencing difficulties or delays with talking, play skills, problem solving skills or making their needs known?

If so, you and your child (3-5 years old) are encouraged to participate in a Circle of Friends screening. While meeting the staff to discuss your concerns or ask questions regarding your child's development, your child will take part in informal play activities that include songs and motor activities.

The preschool team includes the Supervisor of Special Education, Preschool Special Education Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and School Social Worker.

Screening dates for the 2017-2018 school year are  
Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45

October 18, 2017  
November 29, 2017  
January 17, 2018  
February 28, 2018  
March 28, 2018  
April 25, 2018  
May 30, 2018

If school is closed because of inclement weather, the pre-school screen will be cancelled.

Pre-registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcomed.  
For more information, please contact Kate Coffey at 203-794-8679.