



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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October 5, 2017



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 19, 2017
Grade 5 Health Fair

Oct 24, 2017
Pumpkin Decorating
(see attached flyer)

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

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Caregiver(s),

STEM UPDATE!

We have been busy, busy, busy honing our skills with making observations and representing data in graphical displays!

In fourth grade, the students have been learning to look for evidence of energy transformations in their environments. They have been studying circuits and I must admit, watching their “light bulbs” go off has been “enlightening” for all of us. 😊 You can support your fourth grader at home by encouraging them to look for places where energy is transformed into heat, light, and sound in their homes. You can take it even further and help them take apart old or broken appliances. Kids love to see how the insides of every day items work.

In fifth grade, students have finished their studies of gravity and are beginning to explore the patterns of orbits and revolutions of the Earth, Moon, and Sun. They will be looking at the changes in the night sky by studying constellations as well as looking for patterns in the daily changes in length and direction of shadows. You can support your young astronomer at home by encouraging them to “look up!” Greek and Roman mythology is closely tied to the constellations and a huge hit with upper elementary students. Help your child look for the patterns that the astronomers studied long ago!

Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

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 11th.

MIREN LOS EVENTOS QUE VIENEN PRONTO A NUESTRA ESCUELA!

[CLICK HERE](#)



 Find us on Facebook
Johnson Parent Network

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



We can't hide our Johnson Pride!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN SPIRIT WEEK!

IMPORTANT

- Please DO NOT park in the emergency lane in front of the school, even if you are only coming in for a brief moment! For the safety and security of our staff and students, this lane must be kept clear **at all times!** Please park in a designated parking space.
- If your child is going to be absent you **MUST** call the attendance line in addition to sending in a note. Dial the main number and press option #1.
- If your child is tardy, you must park and walk them in to the main office and sign them in. Please **DO NOT** drop off your child and leave. Our school day begins promptly at 8:15 am. If you are unsure if your child is tardy, please park and come in.
- **SAFETY REMINDER!** Our driveway is one way in and one way out! Please note the one way arrow.
- If there is any change to your child's dismissal, please make sure you send a note! Please indicate first AND last name of student as well as first AND last name of the person responsible for picking up. A copy of our dismissal note can be found [HERE](#).
- **REMINDER!** Grade 4 activity is Mon/Wed. Grade 5 Tue/Thurs. If your child plays an instrument, please make sure they are prepared. We will no longer call home for forgotten instruments.

Thank you!



The students and staff of
R.M.T. Johnson School

would like to invite you to join us as we honor our veterans with
“A Veterans Day Musical Salute”

This very special event will feature patriotic music and readings about the history and importance of Veterans Day.

Our Johnson School students have already started preparing for our celebration!

Please mark your calendar for

November 9, 2017

9:00 am

This event will take place at

BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

600 Whittlesey Drive

We hope you can join us for our “Veteran’s Day Musical Salute”

Please invite any family and friends who are veterans to join us for this tribute! Please RSVP no later than November 1, 2017.

Student Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Veteran’s Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

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

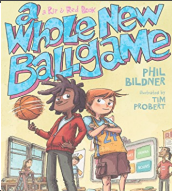
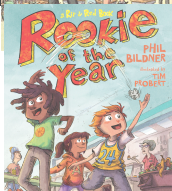


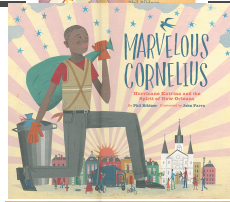
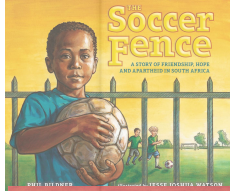

Tuesday, November 28th. If you would like to purchase a personally autographed book, please fill out this form.

Name	Teacher:	Grade:
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Byrd's Books	DUE DATE: Monday, October 23rd
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BOOK TITLE	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL	PERSONALIZE BOOK TO:
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(first name only)

	A Whole New Ballgame	hardcover	18.00			
	Book one in the Rip & Red middle grade series about a fifth grade class and a fifth grade basketball team.	paperback	8.50			
	Rookie of the Year	hardcover	17.00			
	In book two of the Rip & Red middle grade series, a new student joins the class and the team.	paperback	8.50			
	Tournament of Champions	hardcover	18.00			
	Martina & Chrissie	hardcover				
	A non-fiction picture book about tennis legends Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.	picture book	18.00			
	Marvelous Cornelius	hardcover				
	A modern folktale about a sanitation worker set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.	picture book	18.00			
	The Soccer Fence	hardcover				
	A historical fiction soccer story set in South African during the final days of Apartheid.	picture book	18.00			
	Twenty-One Elephants	hardcover				
	A historical fiction story set in the 19th Century about the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.	picture book	19.00			

QTY TOTAL PRICE

BOOK ORDER TOTALS

PTO EVENT



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PUMPKIN DECORATING!

Tuesday, October 24th after school

Pick up 4:00 p.m.

\$8 per student

RSVP required by Tuesday, October 17th

- *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
tsantojanni@gmail.com*



Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

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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 th Grade Picnic	June		
5 th 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 or at

RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com with volunteer questions.

Thank you for supporting Johnson School!



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
Early Childhood Program
Bethel Public Schools
Berry School



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.