



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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October 13, 2017



Oct 17, 2017
PTO Meeting
7:00 pm

Oct 19, 2017
Grade 5
Health Fair
(see attached flyer)

Oct 24, 2017
Pumpkin
Decorating
(see attached flyer)

Oct 25, 26, 27
2017
Early
Dismissal
12:20 PM
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Nov 2, 2017
Picture
Retakes

Nov 7, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Professional
Learning Day

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

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for October 25th, 26th, and 27th. Please note, your child's conference is scheduled with his/her homeroom teacher. If you wish to meet with a different teacher in the dyad/triad partnership, please let your child's homeroom teacher know. Additionally, at Johnson school we ask that students attend and participate in the conferences. Therefore, please be sure to bring your son/daughter with you to this very important meeting. There will be an early dismissal for all students on all 3 days. **DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 12:20 PM ON OCTOBER 25TH, 26TH, AND 27TH.** Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/guardians, as you are an integral part of our learning team. It is essential to keep yourself involved and informed about all of the programs that take place during the year, making your child's school experience a memorable one. The most important contact for the parent/school partnership will be your child's teacher. Please make sure to sign up for your conference if you haven't done so already.

I am looking for volunteers to join me for a focus group that will review and discuss one of our school's goals "to ensure grading practices are clear to parents/guardians". If you are interested in participating, please email me salerno@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Next week, our PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday October 17th in the teacher's lounge at 7:00 pm. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Very truly yours,

Alison Salerno

Principal

Important!

*Town Referendum for the
Johnson and Rockwell School
Renovation projects
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
6: 00AM - 8: 00PM*

Halloween Update!

Children can wear costumes to school on Tuesday October 31st. Please make sure costumes are age appropriate! **NO** masks are allowed, and please **NO** violent or frightening costumes that can distract from the educational environment. Thank you.



**MIREN LOS EVENTOS
QUE VIENEN PRONTO A
NUESTRA ESCUELA!**

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Johnson Parent
Network

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



WellnessFair

Johnson School 5th Grade Health & Wellness Fair



9:30 a.m. - 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 19, 2017

In celebration of Student Well-Being,

Sodexo will be featuring the following wellness booths during the event:

ACHIEVEMENT : **Cyber Safety** - Danbury Women's Centers will show students how to make good choices with social media and the internet, an interactive "Jeopardy" style game.

EFT "Tapping" Therapy with Katie Coffey - EFT Tapping works like emotional acupressure to quickly, gently and easily release the negative emotions and beliefs that are at the root of all of our problems and pain.

ACTIVITY: Yoga with Aline Marie

SPECIAL GUEST: Joe Moravsky "The Weatherman" from American Ninja Warrior will talk to students about his experiences and living a fit life.

COMMUNITY: Bethel Police Corporal Lynn Morris will speak to students.

Therapy Dogs Wallace and Abby will be available for students to meet. Students will find out about the duties that these specially trained dogs have.

NUTRITION: The Teal Pumpkin Project Do you know about common food allergies and how they might affect your friends or family members? Kate Murphy of Sodexo will present this timely topic.

Sugar Busters with Amanda and Michelle, Sodexo Registered Dietitians – Do you know how much sugar is in the foods you eat? You'd be surprised!

Amanda Riley, Sodexo Education,
203-794-8722, riley.a@bethel.k12.ct.us


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Odyssey of the Mind 2017-2018

What is Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM)?

OOTM “is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.”¹

Who can participate?

All students are eligible to help form teams! Each team is made up of 5-7 students. A team cannot compete if it has more or less! Parents and coaches are NOT allowed to give ideas, so the team members must make the commitment to create, design, build, and execute the plans. Parents and coaches can help guide with safe practices and handling big equipment, but this is primarily student driven.

What is the time commitment?

Odyssey teams work together to come up with meeting times outside of school hours as well as project timelines/goals in order to get their projects complete. This can mean meeting every so often, or up to a few times per week, especially as the competition day comes closer. Team members should also be willing to work on their projects individually at home, as a lot of time goes into building the props, costumes and pieces to bring the entire project together. All team members must commit to being at the State Competition on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

There is an optional Team Building Workshop “Odyssey Day” on November 11th as well. Each team can decide if they would like to attend this workshop.

“Our Primary Purpose is to Improve Student Achievement.”

What is the main goal of OOTM?

The teams will choose from a list of 5 projects and compete in a state competition on March 17, 2018. This is the major portion of the project. The second part is a Spontaneous Problem that the students will not know anything about until the day of the competition. This is a fun time for the teams to work together to figure out a brand new problem, being scored on their teamwork, creativity, and completion.

What else does a team need?

Each team **must have a Coach** (two preferably), a Volunteer, and a Judge. Coaches will lead the meetings and help keep the teams focused without giving them help to solve their problems. Coaches also coordinate the meeting scheduling and complete all paperwork necessary for team registration. There are 2 optional (but encouraged) Coach Training dates, October 28th or January 6th. Coaches must also complete a background check through the Bethel Public Schools.

In addition, a Volunteer and a Judge needs to give their time on the day of the state competition. Without these, teams are fined for non-compliance with rules. Volunteers are expected to serve for a few hours either the night before or the day of the competition. You can choose your time and location typically to try to work around your teams' competition times. Judges will need to attend a Judge Training on Saturday March 3rd. They will commit to judge a block of time for a certain project or area. Scheduling can be a bit trickier so often a judge is not able to see some or all of their teams' competitions.

How much does OOTM cost?

The program cost is about \$60 per student. In addition, there will be expenses for props, costumes, etc. however it is expected that the majority of these items are recycled. Each problem has a maximum dollar amount that can be spent towards solving the problem.

How do I sign my student up?

Depending on interest and the number of volunteers, there will be a lottery to form teams. If there are enough students to form a team, the student of a Coach, Volunteer or Judge will have a guaranteed spot on the team. Fill out the attached interest form (do not include payment at this time) and we will create teams based on the interest. Forms must be received by Friday, October 20, 2017.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, you can contact our District OOTM Coordinator Jill Kurtz at KurtzJ@bethel.k12.ct.us or visit the main program website at <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/> ¹



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Odyssey of the Mind

Student: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to be a: _____ Coach (Training 10/28/17 or 1/6/18)

_____ Judge (Training 3/3/18)

_____ Volunteer

FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th

My student will commit to being an active participant of an OOTM team and compete at the State Championships on Saturday, March 17, 2018. No need to send payment at this time. You will be contacted if there is enough interest to form a team. This form is not a guarantee that your student will be placed on a team.

(Parent Signature)

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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

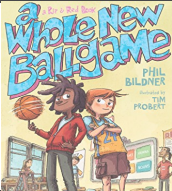
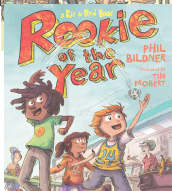


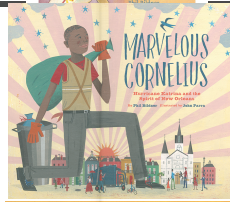
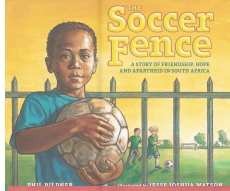

Tuesday, November 28th. If you would like to purchase a personally autographed book, please fill out this form.

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)

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

	QTY	TOTAL PRICE	
BOOK ORDER TOTALS			



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: _____



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PTO CORNER

Yankee Candle went well! Many thanks to everyone who sold!

Spirit Wear – Our order is with the printer and should be completed in the next few weeks.

Book Fair & Scoop Social were a great success – Thanks for your support!

Box Tops Collection on Friday, 10/13! The top class in each grade will receive a prize.

School Store is open every Thursday morning!

Upcoming PTO Events:

- **Can you help?** The 5th grade Health Fair needs volunteers on Thurs, 10/19 from 1-2:30.
- Pumpkin Decorating: Tuesday, 10/24 @ 3pm
- Veteran's Day Celebration: Thursday, 11/9 – Please return your RSVPs!
- Toys For Tots: 12/4 - 12/15
- Holiday Shoppe: 12/5 - 12/7

PTO Meetings:

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 - **!! CHANGE !! 10/17 @ 7pm ONLY**
 - 11/21 @ 9:15 am
 - 12/19 @ 9:15 am
 - 1/16 @ 9:15 am
 - 2/27 @ 9:15 am
 - 3/20 @ 9:15 am
 - 4/24 @ 9:15 am
 - 5/15 @ 9:15 am

Have questions, ideas or want to be involved? The PTO is a very family-friendly organization and all are welcome! Contact us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

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
tsantoianni@gmail.com*



Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

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



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND



Bethel Chamber of Commerce BUILDING A BETTER BETHEL

PRESENT

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017

6:30-9:30pm

Michaels at the Grove 42 Vail Road, Bethel

\$30 in advance \$40 at the door

hors d'oeuvres included beverages additional

An evening to Support Bethel Schools

with SHOPPING, DANCE LESSONS, MUSIC and RAFFLES

SHOP WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

- Arthur Murray Danbury Dance Center
Byrd's Books
Mary Kay Cosmetics
and more!

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BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION & BETHEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – LADIES NIGHT OUT

Order your tickets online or return this portion with your check (payable to Bethel Education Foundation) by FRIDAY, NOV. 3rd

Mail: P.O Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801 or return to your child's school marked for BEF

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

YES! I can't wait to attend.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s).

Sorry, I can't make it! Here's a donation to support grants in our schools \$ _____

An e-mail confirmation will be sent once payment is received.



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.

Boys and Girls Basketball League

REGISTRATION FOR IN-TOWN BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 5th, ONLINE OR AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AND WILL END ON NOVEMBER 10TH

The Bethel Parks and Recreation Department is taking basketball registration for boys and girls in grades 2-8. The program is designed to introduce the game of basketball in a fun and positive environment. The season will begin on Saturday, December 2nd and will run through the end of February 2018. Schedule is subject to change based on registrations.

Practice days/times for grades 2 – 8 are subject to coaches and gym availability. The coaches' only meeting will take place on Saturday, November 11th for team selection and players will be contacted before November 28th regarding team placement. **Coaches are still needed please contact the office.**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COACH OR TEAMMATE REQUESTS HONORED AS IT IS TOO DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 PARTICIPANTS. We will ask days that your child cannot practice, but there is NO guarantee we can accommodate the request as practices are based on coaches availability.

BOYS LEAGUE

Senior League: A league for boys in grades 7 & 8. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, or 12:00. Full court games will take place at Bethel High School.

Junior League: A league for boys in grades 5 & 6. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

4th Grade League: A league for boys in 4th grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 8-11 a.m. depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

3rd Grade League: A league for boys in 3rd grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 p.m. depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

2nd Grade League: A league for boys in 2nd grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 p.m. depending on number of teams at Berry School.

GIRLS LEAGUE

Senior League: A league for girls in grades 6 - 8. If enough players are registered teams will be created. If we do not get enough players to form a minimum of 4 teams, we will run a two hour clinic from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Municipal Center.

Junior League: A league for girls in grades 4 & 5. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

2nd and 3rd Grade: A league for girls in grades 2 & 3. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. depending on number of teams at Berry School.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

9TH-12TH Grade: This is a Bethel Parks & Recreation basketball league for high school boys and girls. Open gym will begin in December, and games in January. Times will be announced in late November. Open gym and all games are at the Bethel Municipal Center. All Games are played on Sundays. **First open gym will be Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center. We will also have weeknight open gyms on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30-10:00 p.m., dates for weeknights will be given out on December 3rd.**

BASKETBALL FEE: \$ 80.00 Individual \$130.00 Family Fee



**LAST DATE TO REGISTER IS Friday, November 10th
AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST AND
A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.**

BETHEL RESIDENTS ONLY



All parents interested in coaching or helping out with any sports MUST be certified by the NYSCA. You may renew, add a sport or take the initial clinic online. You will need your membership number if you're currently certified. You can find out how to get certified by going to our website: www.bethel-ct.gov