



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

October 27, 2017



Nov 2, 2017
Picture Retakes

Nov 7, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Professional Learning Day

Nov 9, 2017
Tribute to Veterans
9:00 am
BMS
(see attached flyer)

Nov 16, 2017
STAR WARS
Jedi Training
6:00-8:00 pm
(see attached flyer)

Nov 21, 2017
PTO Meeting
9:15 am

Nov 22, 2017
Early Dismissal
12:56 pm

Nov 23-24, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess

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

It was wonderful to see so many parents during conferences this week. As you know, research shows students with parents who are involved in their child's school tend to have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance. We at Johnson school strive to work collaboratively with families to ensure the academic, social, and emotional growth of our students.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY: I would like to take this opportunity to raise your awareness about safety and offer some precautionary measures. Before your little Ghouls and Goblins take off for trick-or-treating, be sure to safeguard them against some Halloween hazards. The safest way to enjoy Halloween is to consider trick or treating at a community party or organized event. If going door to door, its always safest in groups, rather than alone.

Some additional safety tips:

- Wear a simple costume to avoid trips or falls. Avoid long, trailing hems, scarves, or accessories.
- Make sure that costumes including wigs, masks, or beards are flame retardant. Remind students to stay away from open flames from candles and Jack 'O Lanterns.
- Make up is better than a mask. A mask can narrow a child's view. If your child plans on wearing a mask, make sure to enlarge the eye holes.
- Remind children to walk on sidewalks, not streets, and to be careful when crossing the street.
- Flashlights are important tools! Children must see clearly where they are going and it also helps motorists see them!

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs Harding and Mrs. Schrader for being our BOX TOP WINNERS!
Keep clipping those box tops!

MIREN LOS EVENTOS QUE VIENEN PRONTO A NUESTRA ESCUELA!

[CLICK HERE](#)

VEEM OS PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS NA NOSSA ESCOLA!

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



Winter Johnson School Intramural Clubs

Johnson School offers a variety of clubs to our 4th and 5th graders. Winter intramurals will begin the week of December 11th and run for 10 weeks. Please be aware of each club's dates, times, and fees. Each club has a location listed and all dismissals will be from the cafeteria door. The fee per club is \$30 and some clubs have an additional materials fee.

Sign-ups will be completed electronically via a google form and no payment will be taken. Please enroll your child(ren) by **Wednesday, 11/1**. Please note, clubs fill up quickly. Emails will be sent to each family stating what club(s) you were enrolled in by **Sunday, 11/5** stating the total cost owed. Payment in the form of check or cash is due by **Wednesday, 11/8** or the spot will be given to a student on the waitlist.

Monday Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12

Tuesday Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27

Wednesday Dates: 12/13, 12/20, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21

Thursday Dates: 12/14, 12/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

Friday Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 1/5, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2

*Snow dates will be added as needed to allow for 10 sessions.

The google form can be completed here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpwGC3Y_yEquMBWx8ZJjek3ULJFV33g4yVPGLwsXnEpGtGrQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Questions? Please email Coach Claridge at: claridgen@bethel.k12.ct.us

Monday AM

Kickball- Gymnasium: Mondays from 7:15-8am. Join Coach Claridge and your friends for a relaxed game of kickball. Students of all skill levels will work to improve their kicking and fielding and learn how to be great teammates. (Max = 20 students)

Monday PM

Wiffle Ball- Gymnasium: Mondays from 3-4pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in one of America's favorite backyard games. Join Coach Claridge and your friends to learn how to hit and field like the pros. (Max = 20 students)

Just Dance- Room 25: Mondays from 3-4pm. Come dance with your friends and Mrs. Claridge. Get your groove on to the latest radio hits with some fun, silly songs in the mix. All dance backgrounds welcome. (Max = 15 students)

Knitting and Looming- Music Room: Mondays from 3-4pm. Do you want to learn how to sew with a sewing machine? Are you also someone who wants to learn beginner knitting? Ms. Carpentier's club will combine both interests and use looms to make hats, scarves, phone cases, or bags! Materials fee of \$20. (Max = 12 students)

Prodigy- Media Center: Mondays from 3-4pm. Students will play Prodigy with their friends. Prodigy is an online adaptive math game where students can customize avatars and send them off to the Wizard Academy to prepare for battle. As students progress in their math skills, so do their avatars, learning new spells to use against enemies. Come join Mrs. Anastasakis, meet new friends, and join in on the fun! (Max = 25 students)

Karaoke- Room 30: Mondays from 3-4pm. Join Ms. Greenfield and your friends to sing along with the latest radio hits with some fun, silly songs in the mix. (Max = 25 students)

Crafts- Science Room: Mondays from 3-4pm. Join Mrs. Bedriy and participate in fun crafts and activities to utilize your creativity. Project ideas include, but are not limited to: duct tape crafts, paper weaving, Model Magic, water color, string/yarn crafts, decoupage, etc. If you have an idea of a craft to make, we'd love to hear about it! Materials fee of \$10. (Max = 20 students)

Tuesday AM

Wiffle Ball- Gymnasium: Tuesdays from 7:15-8am. Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in one of America's favorite backyard games. Join Coach Claridge and your friends to learn how to hit and field like the pros. (Max = 20 students)

Tuesday PM

Basketball- Gymnasium: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Get a head start on the season by practicing with Coach Claridge and your friends. Students participate in fun drills and simulated games. (Max = 15 students)

Johnson Dance Team- Front ½ of Cafe: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Join Mrs. Schrader to stretch and dance to music while having fun with your friends. Students will perform at Johnson Pride ceremonies and cheer for Johnson Pride throughout the school. Materials fee of \$10 to cover the cost of a t-shirt. (Max = 20 students)

Level I Chess- Room 17: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. This club is for students who want to learn how to play chess. It is for students who have never played the game or have extremely limited experience. Join Mr. Mo to learn about the different pieces, how they move, board setup and basic strategies. (Max = 24 students)

Cooking- Back ½ of Cafe: Tuesdays from 3-4:30pm. Would you like to be a chef? Learn to create simple, healthy snacks. Join Mrs. Rizzo and create some culinary masterpieces- healthy smoothies, fruit kabobs, and more. Materials fee of \$30. (Max = 12 students)

Legos/Board Games- ½ of Media Center: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Join Mrs. Danner to work on collaboration and cooperation with friends using board games and Legos. Take part in some friendly competition, learn game playing strategies, and build Lego creations. Feel free to bring board games that you would be interested in using during club time! (Max = 25 students)

Magic The Gathering- ½ of Media Center: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Come and learn to play the fantasy trading card game Magic The Gathering with Mr. Weed. Command awesome creatures and powerful spells from across the Multiverse and become a Planeswalker! (Max = 25 students)

Needlepoint and Cross Stitch- Science Room: Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Mrs. Bedriy will help you become a designer with different kinds of embroidery. There are so many things you can make: charms for your backpack, hand stitched gifts, purses, pillows, and even decorations for your clothes! Materials fee of \$10. (Max = 12 students)

Wednesday AM

Floor Hockey- Gymnasium: Wednesdays from 7:15-8am. Play scrimmage floor hockey with Coach Claridge and your friends to start your day off on the right foot. (Max = 12 students)

Wednesday PM

Patchwork Sewing Club- Music Room: Wednesdays from 3-4pm. Learn the art of patchwork quilting and hand sewing from Mrs. Rogers while creating a small quilt of your own design. Returning students can learn additional techniques such as hexagon piecing and fabric appliqué. Materials fee of \$20. (Max = 12 students)

One Stroke Painting- Science Room: Wednesdays from 3-4pm. This beautiful technique of painting will show you how easy it is to create a real masterpiece. Mrs. Bedriy will show you some secrets that you can use to paint gorgeous flowers, birds and even landscapes! You will wow your parents and friends by making your own cards and decorations! Best of all- there is no fear of making a mistake in this kind of painting. It's so easy to fix by just

painting over it again and again! Acrylic paints, brushes and paper will be provided. Materials fee of \$10. (Max = 12 students)

Thursday AM

Basketball- Gymnasium: Thursdays from 7:15-8am. Get a head start on the season by practicing with Coach Claridge and your friends. Students participate in fun drills and simulated games. (Max = 15 students)

Thursday PM

Kickball- Gymnasium: Thursdays from 3-4pm. Join Mrs. Claridge and your friends for a relaxed game of kickball. Students of all skill levels will work to improve their kicking and fielding and learn how to be great teammates. (Max = 20 students)

Slammo Ball- Cafe: Thursdays from 3-4pm. Come learn one of the hottest new games! Come play this fast-paced volleyball style game with Coach Claridge. Teams of 2 volley back and forth hitting a ball into a circular net until a team is unable to return the ball. Students will improve hand-eye coordination and catching and throwing skills. (Max = 15 students)

Level II Chess- Room 17: Thursdays from 3-4pm. This club is for students who already know the basics of chess (the pieces, how they move and board setup) and want to learn new strategies. Join Mr. Mo to learn various opening, middle and end strategies. (Max = 24 students)

Prodigy- Media Center: Thursdays from 3-4pm. Students will play Prodigy with their friends. Prodigy is an online adaptive math game where students can customize avatars and send them off to the Wizard Academy to prepare for battle. As students progress in their math skills, so do their avatars, learning new spells to use against enemies. Come join Mrs. Anastasakis, meet new friends, and join in on the fun! (Max = 25 students)

Friday AM

Friday PM

Physical Education Club- Gymnasium: Fridays from 3-4. This club will continue for students who are already enrolled. No new enrollments are being accepted at this time.



This year Johnson School Students will continue the tradition of participating in the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement taking place each year during Computer Science Education Week. The 2017 Computer Science Education Week will be **December 4-10**. Students will interact with Hour of Code experiences during their scheduled computer class time. This event highlights the importance of learning computer science which helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt to showcase your love of code, you can use this link: <https://www.customink.com/g/wzk0-00b7-ecay> We offer a variety of colors as well as short sleeve and long sleeve. You can also learn more about The Hour of Code by visiting: <https://hourofcode.com/us> Please feel free to contact me, torpeyj@bethel.k12.ct.us, with any questions or suggestions to enhance our celebration of coding.



STAR WARS

DO YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL THE FORCE?
THINK YOU CAN BEAT YOUR PARENTS AT STAR WARS TRIVIA?
YOU'RE WELCOME TO DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FOR...

JEDI TRAINING AT JOHNSON SCHOOL THURSDAY, NOV. 16TH FROM 6-8PM

A FAMILY EVENT AIMED FOR STUDENTS K & UP - THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF.
ENTER THE DOOR PRIZES FOR A CHANCE TO GO HOME WITH STAR WARS GIFTS!

*JEDIS ARE THE GUARDIANS OF PEACE IN THE GALAXY.
JEDIS USE THEIR POWERS TO DEFEND AND PROTECT,
NEVER TO ATTACK OTHERS.
JEDIS RESPECT ALL LIFE, IN ANY FORM.
JEDIS SERVE OTHERS RATHER THAN RULE OVER THEM,
FOR THE GOOD OF THE GALAXY.
JEDIS SEEK TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES
THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING.*

THIS IS A JOHNSON SCHOOL EVENT WITH ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORTING JOHNSON'S PBIS PROGRAM.

JOHNSON JEDI TRAINING -- NOV. 16TH

RETURN THIS SECTION OF THIS FORM TO SCHOOL
BY NOV. 13TH TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

STUDENT'S NAME _____

HOMEROOM _____

TOTAL STUDENTS _____ x \$10 = _____

ADULTS ARE FREE IF ACCOMPANIED BY A STUDENT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JOHNSON ACTIVITY FUND





R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL

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PTO CORNER

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Toni Ann Petruzzellis and the Pumpkin Decorating volunteers for a fantastic event!

Yankee Candle pickup is after school on Monday, 10/30th until 5:30pm.

Spirit Wear orders will be coming home next week!

Box Tops – We received \$781.15 in box tops during this collection – Thank you!!

Our winners are: Mrs Harding's 5th grade class (870 box tops) and Mrs Schrader's 4th grade class (803 box tops). Way to go! Both classes earned gift certificates to the school store! Woo Hoo!

School Store is open every Thursday morning. 😊

Upcoming PTO Events:

- **Can you help?** Looking for teen/adult volunteers for Star Wars night.
- Veteran's Day Celebration: Thursday, 11/9 at 9am @ BMS
Breakfast for Veterans to follow the ceremony - Please return your RSVPs!
- Star Wars Night: 11/16, 6-8pm
A family event (not a drop-off) with stations for school-aged children.
- Toys For Tots: 12/4 - 12/15
Donation bins will be available for new, unwrapped toys.
- Holiday Shoppe: 12/5 - 12/7

Fundraisers:

- **Box Tops** – Keep clipping and saving!
- **Amazon Smile** – Set up your Amazon smile to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO. 😊

PTO Meetings:

- 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

RMT Johnson School

We want your plastic bags!

The plastic film recycling challenge

Every year hundreds of schools across the nation compete against each other to recycle the most plastic film. In addition to providing a better understanding and appreciation for the importance of recycling, Trex will happily donate a high-performance composite bench to the winning school, and bestow honorary awards to every school that participates.

The challenge begins on America Recycles Day, November 15th, and lasts until April 15th. Let's be more than a participant! Let's be a winner!

Recycle CLEAN, dry, PLASTIC BAGS and FILM PACKAGING

Did you know? A wide variety of plastic bags, films, and wraps can go in plastic bag recycling bins at your favorite grocery store or retailer. **These items can NOT go into curbside recycling bins.** To find out more about plastic film recycling visit: plasticfilmrecycling.org

Bring clean, dry, plastic bags and film packaging to school and place it in the special collection container.



Retail Bags



Produce Bags



Bread Bags



Bubble Wrap



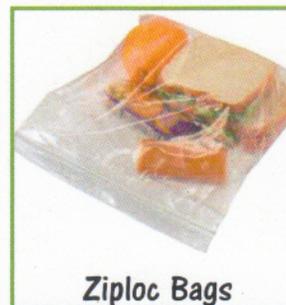
Case Wrap



Packaging Wrap



Dry Cleaner Bags



Ziploc Bags

This is important!
All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

NO - frozen food bags

NO - prewashed salad mix bags

NO - degradable bags

NO - compostable bags

Important! DO NOT put loose plastic bags in with your household single stream recycling. Plastic bags, also called plastic film, cause machinery to break down at the processing facility. Plastic Film can be recycled at the grocery store or participating retailers if you wish not to participate in this school program.



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: _____ **Homerom:** _____

Veteran’s Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND



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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

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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.



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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.