



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

November 3, 2017



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

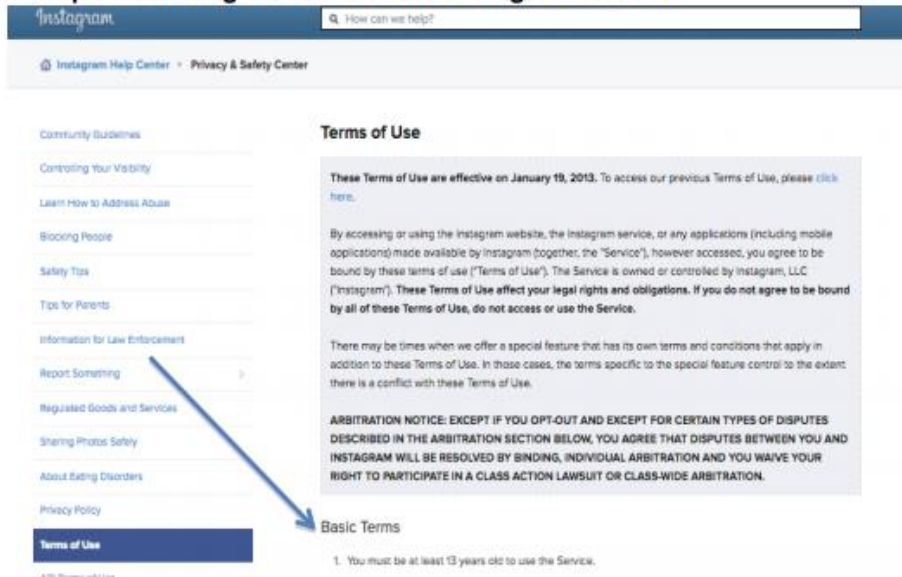
Nov 22, 2017
Early Dismissal
12:56 pm

Nov 23-24, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess

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

Over the past several weeks the issue of social media usage by 9-11 year olds has become an area of focus at Johnson School. Most, if not all social media sites and apps require students to be 13 years of age to sign up. That said, social media usage by fourth and fifth graders is not appropriate. Sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, and Whisper are not suitable for children at this age. Although some sites such as YouTube and Minecraft are popular and often accessed, parents need to be particularly vigilant as they offer an opportunity to chat with strangers and potential predators. Additionally, texting, iChat, and iMessaging all leave a digital footprint and has the potential for misuse, which is why it is particularly worthy of increased parental supervision. Please join me in a commitment to keeping our children safe. Many children don't realize the consequences that come with social media. They underestimate how easily accessible their information is, and can forget that others are watching their online activity.

Example illustrating the Terms of Use and Age Limitations:



Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Important Reminder!

 SNOWFLAKES WILL SOON BE FLYING!

As the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. We do continue to go outside for recess (and fresh air! 😊)

Is your child in need of a winter coat? If so, please contact Kate Coffey at coffeyk@bethel.k12.ct.us



MIREN LOS EVENTOS QUE VIENEN PRONTO A NUESTRA ESCUELA!

[CLICK HERE](#)

VEEM OS PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS NA NOSSA ESCOLA!

[CLICK HERE](#)



EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:

It is very important to have a plan in place for your child should the superintendent close school early due to inclement weather. Children become very anxious if they don't know where they should go due to an unexpected early closing.

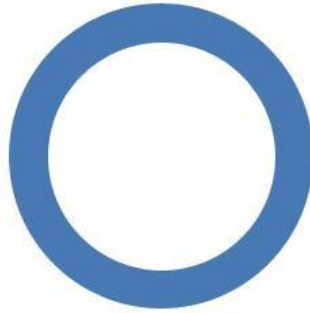
Thank you for your help.

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

 Find us on Facebook

JOHNSON
PARENT
NETWORK

School delay notices are published on radio, television, Twitter, and the Bethel Public Schools website. Follow the Superintendent, Dr. Carver, at @BethelCTSuper to be the first to know when school is delayed or canceled in bad weather. Channel 3, 6, and 8 also offer you the ability register to be notified via text for school delays and closings when reported. Please note as a reminder: When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather or have an unscheduled early dismissal due to forecasted inclement weather for the afternoon, the "School Delayed" "Schools Closed" or "Early Dismissal" announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations and websites in the morning: WLAD AM Danbury 800 on the dial WINE AM Brookfield 940 on the dial WICC AM Bridgeport 600 on the dial WEBE FM Bridgeport 108 on the dial WEZN FM Bridgeport 100 on the dial TV Channel 3, TV Channel 8, & TV Channel 6. Bethel Public Schools Website – www.bethel.k12.ct.us Connecticut Weather Website – www.ctweather.com



WorldDiabetesDay

Tuesday, November 14th, 2017

Please join the Bethel Schools in wearing **BLUE** on **TUESDAY, November 14th** to celebrate World Diabetes Day, which has been spreading awareness since 1991.

Did you know?

- *350 million people in the world have diabetes.
- *Approximately 80 people per day are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).
- *Celebrities affected by diabetes: Halle Berry, Jay Cutler, Nick Jonas, Ray Allen, Bret Michaels and more.

Helpful Hints for a Healthy Lifestyle:

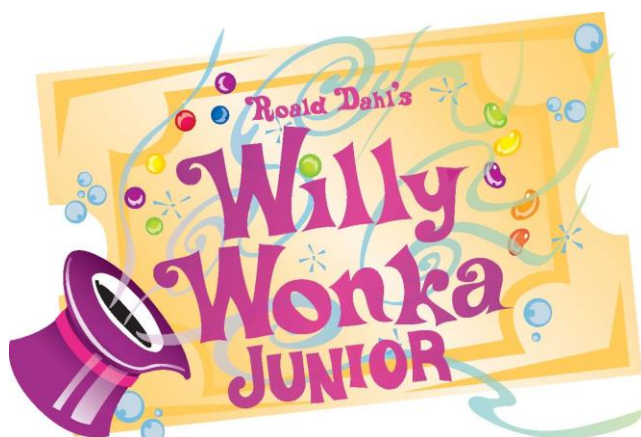
- *Start your day with a healthy breakfast!
- *Get exercise DAILY!
- *Eat healthy and watch your sugar intake!
- *Be aware of how your friends are acting: sluggish, tired, etc. and always stick with a buddy!
- *Regular wellness visits to your doctor are a must!

***Feel free to tweet the information and include
#WDD!***



Attention Johnson School families and students!!!

We are excited to announce our upcoming spring musical:



Directed by Anthony Depoto
Music Direction by Erin Volpintesta

Auditions will take place in late February (Dates TBA)

Rehearsals will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-4:30 March-May

Performance dates: May 18th -19th at Bethel Middle School

This year the production will have **limited enrollment.**

(65 actors and 15 tech/backstage assistants)

Participants will be selected based on the first 80 students to get their registration in.

Registration will begin in early February.

Participation fee: \$50

More info to follow!!!





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!

Thank you to our Box Tops, Spirit Wear and Yankee Candle volunteers!

Yankee Candle orders will be distributed on Monday, 11/6, after school until 5:30pm.

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 gam @ 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** –We've earned over \$700 this year so far! 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



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!

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAMPION SPONSOR



www.IngersollAuto.com

reserve your ticket online

www.BethelEdFoundation.org



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.

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!



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.



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.