



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respectful, Ready, Responsible, Proud

November 10, 2017



**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**

**Nov 28, 2017**  
**Author Visit**

**Dec 4-15,**  
**2017**  
**Toys for Tots**  
**Giving Tree**

**Dec 8, 2017**  
**Professional**  
**Learning**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**12:56 pm**

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

On Thursday, Johnson School gathered together to honor our servicemen and women to remember the sacrifices they have made, and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, and country. We thanked our veterans publicly, sharing poems and offering words of gratitude. We welcomed our keynote speaker, Lt. Colonial Dan Smith, who addressed our school community. Our guests were then invited to a breakfast sponsored by our PTO.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the following people who helped to make our Tribute to Veterans such a special event: Miss Carpentier (coordinating music), Mrs. Clayton (practicing and rehearsing), Mr. Barnabo and Mrs. Pontonio (coordination of Cub Scouts and Pledge of Allegiance), Johnson School PTO (refreshments), and Mrs. Reynolds (set up and coordination).

Please take a moment over the weekend to talk to your child(ren) about the Tribute to Veterans. Consider asking your child to share what he/she learned from our keynote speaker and why we celebrate Veterans Day.



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](mailto: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.

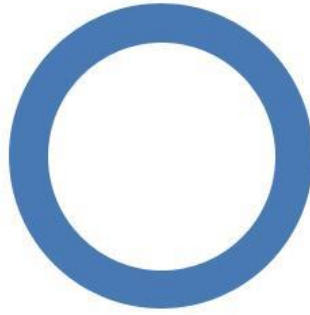
*Thank you for your help.*

*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](http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us) Connecticut Weather Website – [www.ctweather.com](http://www.ctweather.com)



# WorldDiabetesDay

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please join the Bethel Schools in wearing **BLUE** on **TUESDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup>** 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!***



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](mailto: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. 16<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## JOHNSON JEDI TRAINING -- NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup>

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*

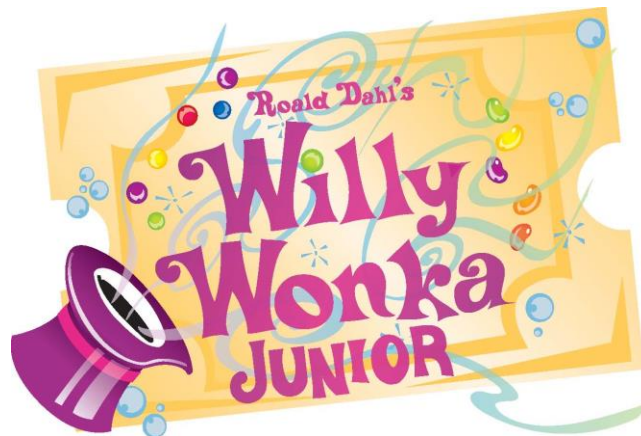
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JOHNSON ACTIVITY FUND





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 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**





## **PTO CORNER**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Amanda Kadar and Paige Lockwood for our Veterans Day Breakfast.

Thank you to Amber Kane for coordinating our Yankee Candle fundraiser.

And thank you to our PBIS breakfast volunteers!

**Yankee Candle** orders are still available for pick up! Don't forget to swing by and grab them!

**Toys for Tots** donation bins will be located in the lobby from 11/28-12-8. Your child can drop off their unwrapped toy donations when they arrive at school.

**School Store** is open every Thursday morning. 😊

### **Upcoming PTO Events:**

**Can you help?** Looking for teen/adult volunteers for Star Wars night. Also looking for volunteers to help receive Toys for Tots donations each morning from 11/28-12/8. Contact us at [rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com) if you can help!

- Star Wars Night: 11/16, 6-8pm  
A family event (not a drop-off) with stations for school-aged children.
- Toys For Tots: 11/28-12/8  
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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>, and lasts until April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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



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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.