



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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November 17, 2017



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

Nov 28-Dec 8, 2017
Toys for Tots Giving Tree

Nov 28-Dec 8, 2017
Coat Drive

Dec 6, 2017
Orchestra Concert
BMS
7:00-8:00 pm

Dec 5-7, 2017
Holiday Shop
11:00-1:00 pm

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

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

With the introduction of the Next Generation Science Standards, assessment of student work has gone through a major transformation as well. Gone are the days where a student's grades are solely based on their ability to memorize and recall scientific facts. In today's science classroom students are engaged in the real work of scientists and engineers, studying phenomena and working collaboratively to make sense of the natural and designed world. Teachers have been working hard to calibrate their expectations of the students' work in the classroom and provide targeted feedback to learners as they develop their skills. We have developed common rubrics that are used by classroom teachers to communicate the expectations for mastery as well as assess student progress. In order to honor the natural progression of learning (moving from learning the skill, to practicing the skill with guidance, to independently practicing the skill) the following guidelines have been developed for assessing each of the science and engineering practices. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our STEM Instructional Coach for grades K-8, Kit Nielsen nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us.

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
(Student) can meet the expectations with appropriate tools/resources, teacher scaffolds and feedback.	(Student) can meet the expectations with appropriate tools/resources, and teacher feedback.	(Student) can meet the expectations with appropriate tools/resources independently.

Due to the Thanksgiving break, we will not be distributing a newsletter next week. Please remember Wednesday November 22, 2017 is an early dismissal day. There will be no intramural clubs or after school program. Johnson school will dismiss at 12:56pm.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families.



gobble 'til
you wobble!
HAPPY TURKEY 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



MIREN LOS EVENTOS QUE VIENEN PRONTO A NUESTRA ESCUELA!

[CLICK HERE](#)

VEEM OS PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS NA NOSSA ESCOLA!

[CLICK HERE](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

The Plumtrees school will hold its annual holiday *OPEN HOUSE* and *SING-A-LONG* on Saturday December 9, 2017 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Music, refreshments, and a visit from

****Santa****

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



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PTO CORNER

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Star Wars Night volunteers for a fantastic night of fun!

Winter Coat Drive - Hats, gloves, scarves – Oh, my! Send them in starting Monday!
School Store is open every Thursday morning. 😊

Upcoming PTO Events:

Can you help? Seeking volunteers to help receive Toys for Tots donations each morning from 11/28-12/8. Also looking for volunteers to help with our Holiday Shoppe.
Please contact us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com if you can help!

- Winter Coat Drive: 11/20-12/8
Donate gently used or new coats, gloves, hats and scarves in the lobby.
- Toys For Tots: 11/28-12/8
Donation bins will be available in the lobby for new, unwrapped toys.
- Holiday Shoppe: 12/5 - 12/7
Open during lunchtime! Cash or check (payable to PTO).

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

PTO EVENT



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WINTER COAT DRIVE

It's getting cold and there are kids in town who need our help!



What is Needed: We are collecting new or gently-worn winter coats, gloves, hats, and scarves!

Dates: November 20, 2017 – December 8, 2017

Drop Off Location: Please drop off all items in the main lobby at Johnson School

*Any items not used within the Bethel Public Schools will be distributed first to the Bethel community

If you have questions, please email the Johnson PTO @ rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com or Kate Coffey @ coffeyk@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Thank you for supporting Johnson School and the Bethel Community!

Johnson School Holiday Toy Drive



In the spirit of holiday giving, Johnson School will be participating in a Toys For Tots drive. We hope that this project will help build school community as we work together to help those in need.

Here are the details...

The primary mission of the Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots Program, is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children. Johnson School will be helping our local Reserve Unit to collect toys for children within our area.

Johnson students will receive a paper snowflake for donating a toy. We will write their name on the snowflake and use them to decorate our foyer.

The collection box is located in the front foyer. There will be parent volunteers present to assist the children during collection times.

Toys will be collected from Tuesday, November 28th until Friday, December 8th between 7:40-8:10am

Thank you for your participation!
If you have any questions or would like to help during collection times, please contact us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

PTO FUNDRAISING



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Tuesday, December 5th – Thursday, December 7th

In the cafeteria during lunchtime

Dear Parent,

Believe Kids Polar Pals Holiday Shop is coming to Johnson School!

Tuesday, December 5th through Thursday, December 7th parent volunteers will assist children while shopping to allow them to enjoy the spirit of giving. We offer over 100 different gifts that can be purchased for as little as \$.25 and up to \$12.00 each. The gift items offered are “kid-selected and mom approved.”

Please ensure that the Gift List Budget Envelope is completed and returned (with cash or check) to the school on the dates above. All checks should be made payable to:
Johnson PTO (Checks made payable to Believe Kids cannot be accepted.)

If you have any questions, please email us at rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

The Johnson PTO

Make your own beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece for your family! We will show you how! Great Family activity!

Hosted by: Bethel Girl Scout Cadette Troop 50712



Sample image –
Flowers will vary

When: Monday, November 20, 2017

Where: Bethel Middle School cafeteria

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$23 per arrangement (you go home with a centerpiece worth over \$50)

Deadline: Register for a place by November 18. Payment accepted at the door. Walk ins accepted if materials are available.

Reserve your space by call/text 203-300-8516 or email zoogirl527@gmail.com.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A GIRL SCOUT TO ATTEND!
ALL ARE WELCOME! CALL YOUR MOTHERS, SISTERS,
NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS! GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY TO DO
WITH THE KIDS!**

Each person must bring their own scissors. This event fills up quickly so please register ahead of time to ensure a space.

Payment info: Checks can be made payable to Troop 50712 and mailed to: Lori Mott, 6 Raven Crest Drive, Bethel, CT 06801 or brought to the event.

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.



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.