



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

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December 22, 2017



**Dec 25-Jan 1,
2018**

**Holiday Recess
NO SCHOOL**

**Jan 9, 2018
Band Concert
BMS
7:00 PM**

**Jan 12, 2018
NO SCHOOL
Professional
development**

**Jan 15, 2018
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther
King Day**

**Jan 16, 2018
PTO Meeting
9:15 AM**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

One area of focus on the Bethel Public Schools Strategic Plan is STEM. The intent of this goal is to provide systematic and sustained opportunities for authentic STEM experiences so that students can develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as to expose and engage all students in potential college and career pathways. It is therefore, that I would like to take this opportunity to update you on Johnson School's progress within this realm. Please find the note from our STEM Coach below.

A Note from the STEM Coach, Kirsten Nielsen

When I work with the students, you often hear me exclaim "You have made my little science-y heart so happy!!" I wanted to take a moment and share those celebrations with you! We are 1/2 way through our second full year of implementing the Next Generation Science Standards in Johnson School and I already see tremendous shifts in the students ability to make sense of science. They are highly engaged in the science lessons, taking risks and working with a sense of purpose to construct new understandings. In fifth grade, our students have been using investigations and simple models to construct an evidence based answer to the question, "Does matter still exist, even if we can not see it?". When confronted with the challenge of applying their understanding of the properties of matter to an engineering challenge, not only did they rise to it, but they attended to the work with curiosity and precision. My little science-y heart was happy indeed!

In fourth grade, we recently analyzed the scientific arguments of students who investigated the relationship between energy and speed. We were delighted with the students ability to make clear, concise claims supported by relevant evidence from their investigations. While this makes my "science-y" heart leap, the real celebration started when we read their reasoning. The students demonstrated their conceptual understanding through their explanations of changes in the cars "stored and motion" energy. Conceptual understanding of the science is the heart of the NGSS standards, allowing students to retain knowledge over time and apply that knowledge to new situations. It's a privilege to work in a district that deeply values STEM education and a joy to work with your children each day.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to the New Year.

Very truly yours,

Alison Salerno

Principal

Important Reminder!

SNOWFLAKES ARE FLYING!

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](#)



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



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!

Michele Russo and Naomi Hambrecht for this week's staff appreciation coffee cart!

School Store is open every Thursday morning. 😊

Fundraisers:

Don't forget to consider Smile and Box Tops during your holiday shopping and cooking!

- 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:

- 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

2nd ANNUAL BHS BASKETBALL PEP RALLY



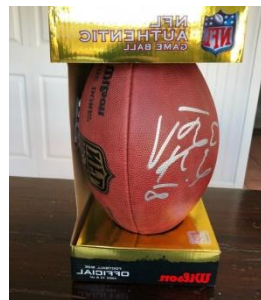
Where: Bethel High School Cafeteria & Gym

When: RESCHEDULED Saturday Dec 23rd . Pasta Dinner 5-6pm, Pep Rally 6-8pm

Tickets: \$5 adults, \$2 students.

Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door

- Pasta/Salad/Bread and Drinks
- DJ Music, Player Skills Competition and Team Scrimmage
- Bethel High Cheerleaders
- Raffle Prizes - Spirit Wear, Super Fan Shirts, D&D gift baskets, Gift cards (gas, food, restaurants and etc.) and more.....
- Silent Auction
 - Peyton Manning autographed football
 - 4 - Nets/Knicks tickets – December 14, 2017 – Section 17, Row 9
 - Yankees/Mets tickets – great seats, game options
 - 2 - Rangers tickets – great seats, game options, Section 112, Row 12, behind goal
- Half-Court Shot Contest
- The BHS “Bean Bag Toss”
- Team Bake Sale
- Possible Special Appearance.....by?





The Early Childhood Program
of the
Bethel, CT Public Schools

OPEN HOUSE

January 10, 2018 7:00-8:00 p.m.
in the
Berry School Media Center

Come join the preschool staff to obtain information about the program for the 2018-2019 school year. Brochures will be available at Berry, Johnson and Rockwell Schools. Applications will be available at the open house and the main office of Berry School after January 10th.

Snow date January 17, 2018
The Open House is an adult only event

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 203-794-8677**