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March 16, 2018



Mar 20, 2018

PTO Meeting

9:15 am

Mar 21-22

2018

**Parent/Teacher
Conferences**

**EARLY
DISMISSAL**

12:20 pm

Mar 30, 2018

**Good Friday
NO SCHOOL**

April 7, 2018

Barnum Ball

6-11:30 pm

**Ethan Allen
Hotel**

April 16-20,

2018

**Spring Break
NO SCHOOL**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Over the past few weeks, I have had several conversations with parents and students pertaining to social media usage. Students are inundated with social media, gaming, texting, and more. Now more than ever, parents are faced with making decisions about what age is appropriate for their child to have a Facebook or Snap Chat account, should a child be allowed to go on You Tube, where and when should a “tween” be allowed to use the Internet? The answer to all of these questions is veiled in the question of purpose, age appropriateness and supervision.

I am a firm believer that no fourth or fifth grade student should be on social media sites or apps such as Facebook, Snapchat, Yik Yak, Kik, Vine, and/or OVoo. These sites are not only inappropriate for tween usage but they have clear age restrictions. (See below.)

Snapchat: “You affirm that you are at least 18 years old (or the age of majority where you live) and are competent and authorized to agree to and abide by these Terms.”

Facebook: “Facebook requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). Creating an account with false info is a violation of our terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13.”

OVoo: “Like many other sites, apps and games (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram) OVoo’s Ts&Cs specify that it is for over 13 only.” **Additional information: The minimum age to open an account on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, and Kik, is 13. For Vine and Yik Yak it's 17. YouTube requires account holders to be 18.

As Bethel Police Detective Sergeant Bryce asked parents and community members at our recent Parent University, “Would you allow your child(ren) to go to New York City unsupervised?” Why then, would you allow your child(ren) to go on the Internet and social media unsupervised?” I must concur with Detective Sergeant Bryce and express my sincere concern for our children. Children do not belong on these sites/apps nor should they be allowed to surf the Internet unsupervised. Further, many video games such as Minecraft have options to chat with other players. This is not a safe option for our children as they do not know with whom they are chatting. In effect, they could be talking to an adult posing as a child. We must be wary of strangers online. Child predators often go to these gaming and social media sites to meet up with unsuspecting children. We must be vigilant about supervising and protecting our children.

If you have any questions about Internet Safety please feel free to reach out to our technology teacher, Ms. Torpey at torpeyj@bethel.k12.ct.us.

Very truly yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

STEAM!

Please mark your calendars for our second annual STEAM Expo being held at Bethel High School on April 26, 2018 from 6:00-8:30.

We will have numerous exhibits, interactive displays, and presentations from our K-12 students, teachers, businesses, and community members. Find out more information on our [STEAM Expo website](#).



Beginning next week, you should receive information to take our parent/guardian survey. This anonymous survey seeks to gather information on parent perceptions related to school climate and building practices. We will use this information for improvement purposes. This survey should take you approximately 3 minutes. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated.

Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!
[CLICK HERE](#)

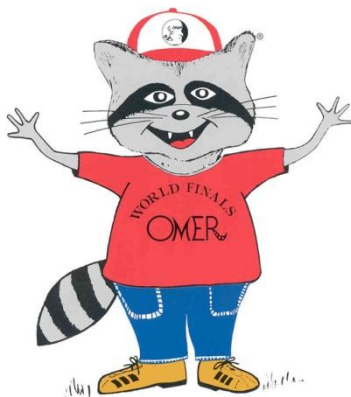
Veem os próximos eventos na nossa escola!
[CLICK HERE](#)



Good Luck to the Johnson Odyssey of the Mind Teams at the State Competition on Saturday!

Austin Kurtz
Nate Geist
Michael Horvath
Nathan Wood
Mateo Romero
Sam D'Amico
Josh Heyel
Aiden Musser
Tristan Krizan
Alekhya Daggupati
Andrew Zweig

Bond Smith
Srirama Desiraju
Preethika Shenoy
Alexa Brady
Zane Hambrecht
Eli D'Amico
Sam Weissmann
Valentina Pepi
Dougie Summa
Jaden Krystopa



Johnson School Celebrates Youth Art Month!

March is Youth Art Month, and is a time when educators across the nation promote the visual arts and art education in our country. Congratulations to the following Ralph M.T. Johnson School students, 5th grade students Greta B., Emma H. and Kailee M., and 4th grade students Claire F., Drew L., Preethika S. who have each had an outstanding work of art selected to be a part of the 2018 Connecticut Art Educator's Association Youth Art Celebration.

The CAEA Youth Art Celebration is a K-12 art show for all students in Connecticut. Their work will be on display at the Central Connecticut State University Art Gallery and Fine Arts Center, in New Britain, Connecticut, from March 5th – April 6th 2018. The Opening reception was on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 2:00– 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your outstanding efforts and congratulations on this achievement!!



Please consider giving us your feedback about this year's Art Walk & Choral Review.

ART survey is listed first and Music survey is below. Thank you!

Your Name: _____ Student's Name: _____ Teacher _____

Johnson School ART Survey

1. Does your child report that they enjoy ART at Johnson School?

Always Mostly Somewhat Rarely

2. After viewing their artwork at the annual Arts Walk, do you feel that their artistic skills have improved through their time spent in the Johnson School Art program?

Very Much Somewhat Not Much Not at All

3. Do you have suggestions for improving the art program at Johnson School?

Your Name: _____ Student's Name: _____ Teacher _____

Johnson School MUSIC Survey

1. Does your child report that they enjoy MUSIC at Johnson School?

Always Mostly Somewhat Rarely

2. After hearing their performance at the annual Arts Walk, do you feel that their music skills have improved through their time spent in the Johnson School Music program?

Very Much Somewhat Not Much Not at All

3. Do you have suggestions for improving the music program at Johnson School?



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PTO CORNER

Thank you to:

Michele Russo for chairing our Spirit Wear, Kathy Miller for coordinating our Box Tops, and Jill Kurtz for running our Spring bulbs fundraiser!

School Store is open every Thursday morning!

Box Tops winners are Mrs. Wiklund's and Ms. Basher's classes. Congratulations!!

Board Nominations will be accepted soon. Please consider filling a position to support our kids and fabulous Johnson staff! Contact a current board member or email the PTO for more info.

Upcoming Events – Volunteer to help by emailing rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com !

- Mother's Day Plant Sale – We need a Chairperson to train so that this event can continue forward for next year. Please reach out if you'd like to help!
- 5th & 6th Grade Social @ BMS
- BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
- 5th Grade Picnic
- 5th Grade Moving Up Breakfast

Fundraisers:

- Flowers for Spring! –Online ordering is available until June 1st. Keep selling!
- Spirit Wear orders are being processed and will be fulfilled in April.
- Box Tops –We've earned over \$900 this year so far! Keep clipping and saving!
- Amazon Smile – Set up your Amazon smile to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO. 😊

PTO Meetings:

- 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

SAVE THE DATE

The fourth grade will be visiting

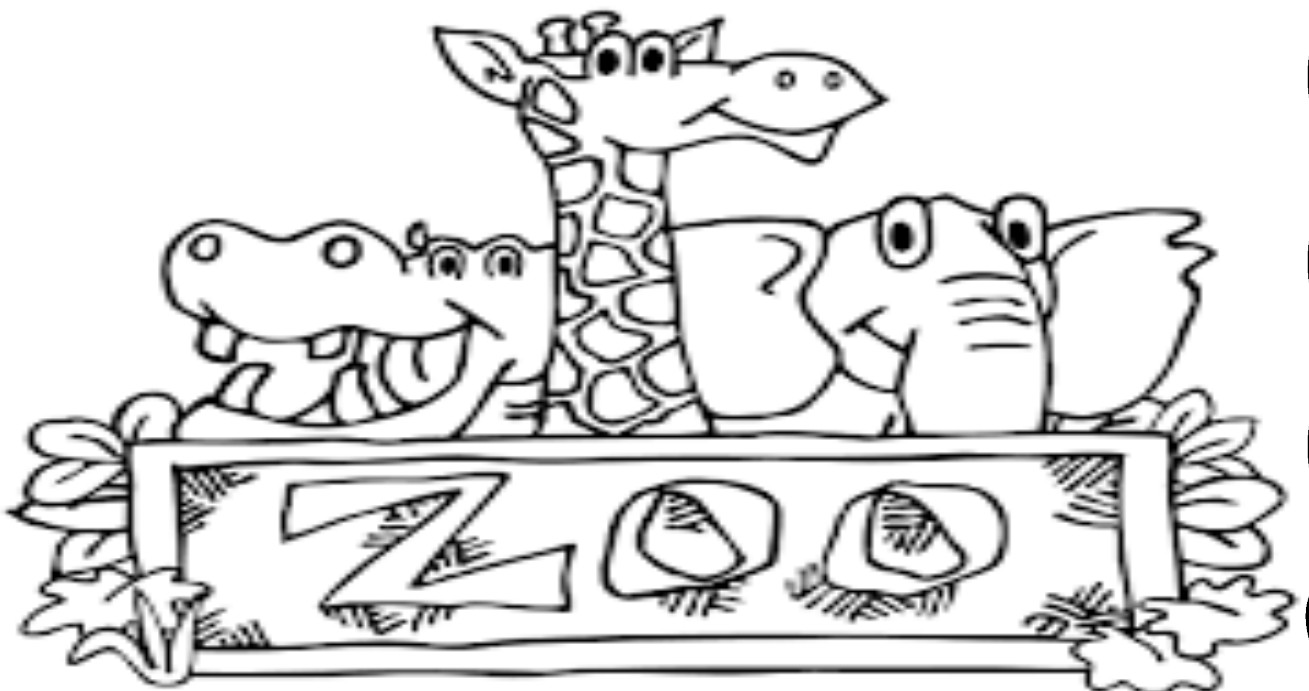
The Bronx Zoo

on Tuesday, June 5th.

The fee for students and
chaperones is \$45.

All parents are welcome.

We will be leaving Johnson at 8:20am
and returning at approximately 3:30pm.
Parents will need to pick up their child from Johnson





PICK A PROJECT !

LEARN !

HAVE FUN !

STEM ROCKS!



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

EXPO 2018

APRIL 26TH 6:00- 8:30

K-5 PRESENTERS WANTED!

[Click here to find out more information on the EXPO website](#)

**QUESTIONS!
CONTACT ME**

Kit Nielsen

nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us

BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
INVITES YOU TO THE 12TH ANNUAL BARNUM BALL

AN EVENING IN OLD HOLLYWOOD

A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

ETHAN ALLEN HOTEL

ALL INCLUSIVE 6:30-8:30PM

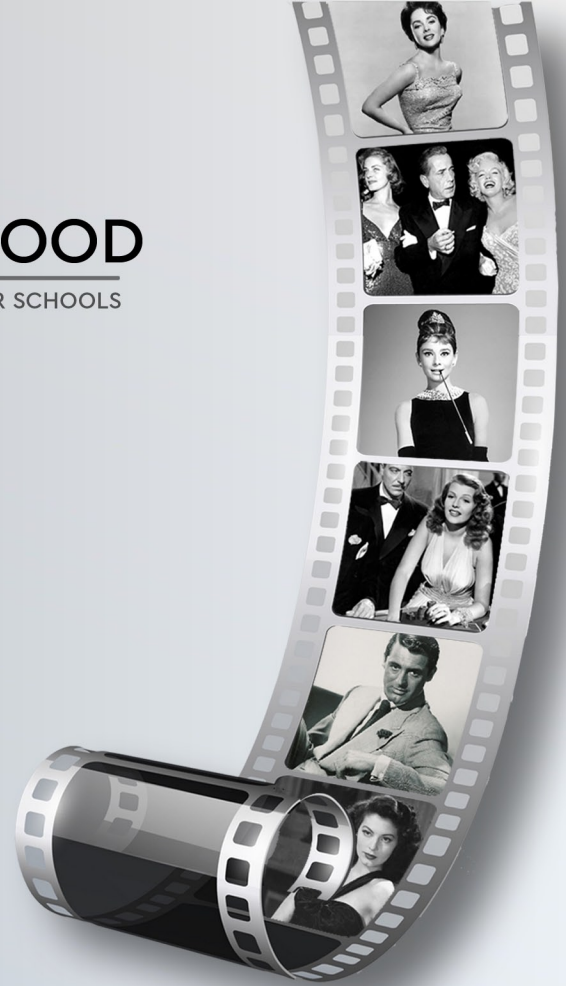
BEVERAGES ADDITIONAL AFTER 8:30PM

DINNER, DANCING, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

\$80 PER PERSON \$750 TABLE OF 10

UPGRADE TO THE VIP PACKAGE!
FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$50 PER PERSON
AND PARTY LIKE A STAR FROM 5:30PM!
DETAILS ONLINE

WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG



**YOU DON'T NEED TO ATTEND THE BALL TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!
GO TO WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG TO LEARN HOW TO BID ON THE SILENT AUCTION ONLINE**

THANK YOU
TO THIS YEAR'S
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Morgan Stanley



ORDER YOUR TICKETS TO THE BARNUM BALL
ONLINE OR SEND THIS PORTION TO SCHOOL
WITH YOUR CHECK BY TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH.

NAME _____

*Please list each name for this reservation
If purchasing a full table, please include all names on the back of this form*

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

An email confirmation will be sent once payment is received

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

DINNER SELECTION # _____ HERB CRUSTED TILAPIA
_____ BISTRO STEAK WITH PORT WINE DEMI GLAZE
_____ ROASTED VEGETARIAN NAPOLEON

PAYMENT # _____ TICKETS X \$80 = \$ _____
 TABLE OF 10 = \$750
you can include separate checks / please list names on the back of this form
 UPGRADE TO VIP PACKAGE - \$50 PER TICKET = \$ _____
 ROUND UP TO SUPPORT SCHOOL GRANTS

TOTAL: \$ _____

MAIL TO: PO BOX 92, BETHEL, CT 06801
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