



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

*Respectful, Ready, Responsible, Proud*

*April 6, 2018*



**April 7, 2018**

**Barnum Ball**

**6-11:30 pm**

**Ethan Allen  
Hotel**

**April 11, 2018**

**Annual Town  
Referendum**

**April 16-20,  
2018**

**Spring Break  
NO SCHOOL**

**April 24, 2018**

**Spring Picture  
Day**

**April 24, 2018**

**PTO Meeting  
9:15 am**

**April 25, 2018**

**Grade 5  
Panoramic Pic**

**April 30-May 4,  
2018**

**Screen Free  
Week**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

In May all Johnson School students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and English language arts/literacy. Fifth grade students will be taking the Next Generation Science pilot test at the end of April. This is the state mandated test that replaces the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) in those areas. The assessment will be taken on a computer and will be untimed. Students will work at their own pace to complete each segment of the assessment.

We will begin administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will test in a one hour window and attend regular classes for the rest of the day. We hope to have all testing completed by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Make-ups for students who are absent will occur as soon as students return.

Prior to testing students will be given an opportunity to view the practice test and the training test. If you would like to view this test with your son or daughter you may access the practice test at <http://ct.portal.airast.org/training-tests/>.

Both schools and parents will receive information about individual student performance. We use the Smarter Balanced Assessment, as well as other measures, to improve programming for students. It is very important that each of our students gives his/her best effort and truly demonstrates his/her ability.

On the days we are testing we urge you to have students to school on time, well rested, and ready to participate. While students will be testing on a computer, there is no other technology allowed in the testing rooms. Please remind your son or daughter to leave phones and iPods stored in their backpacks during testing.

More information about the Smarter Balanced Assessment may be accessed on the Smarter Balanced website at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at [salerno@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:salerno@bethel.k12.ct.us).

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

# Summer's BEST 2018 has arrived!



The Bethel Public Schools will be offering many new and dynamic programs. We hope to create a summertime adventure of discovery, fun, and learning that will build knowledge and enrich your child. The goal of the summer program is to encourage children to explore new skills, talents, and interests as well as maintain and sharpen academic skills, boost academic confidence, and reinforce the value of education.

The Enrichment programs are self- funding. The cost of each program is set to cover the cost of the teacher and the materials. You will be sending your child to a fun, safe, educational program.

Check out the brochure at the link below.

[http://bethel.k12.ct.us/resources/summers best summer school program](http://bethel.k12.ct.us/resources/summers%20best%20summer%20school%20program)

## Reminder:



The **Annual Town Referendum** or vote on the school and town budget has been set for **Wednesday, April 11, 2018.**

**Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

**Veem os próximos eventos na nossa escola!**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**





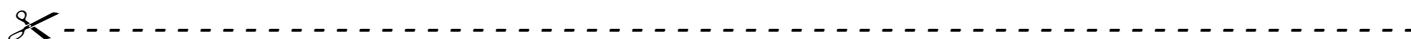
# BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Supporting Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in Learning*



## HONOR A TEACHER, EDUCATOR OR MENTOR WHO HAS TOUCHED YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

A donation of **\$25** to the Bethel Education Foundation provides your honored teacher, educator or special mentor with a **personalized certificate** and **\$10 in Bethel Bucks** delivered to their classroom/school during teacher appreciation week and their name listed as an honoree on the BEF website!



**Return this portion with your check** (payable to Bethel Education Foundation) **by Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** to your child's school or mail to the **BEF** (Bethel Education Foundation, PO Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801)

### ***HONOR A TEACHER PROGRAM***

**Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 each) in honor of someone special!**

*If honoring more than one person, please complete multiple forms (or write on the back of this portion)*

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's School/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name to be listed on the certificate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(example: The Smith Family)

Brief Note for Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

15 word max. (example: Thank you for inspiring Alex and teaching him how to code robots!)



# R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL

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## PTO CORNER

**School Store** is open every Thursday morning!

**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](mailto: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

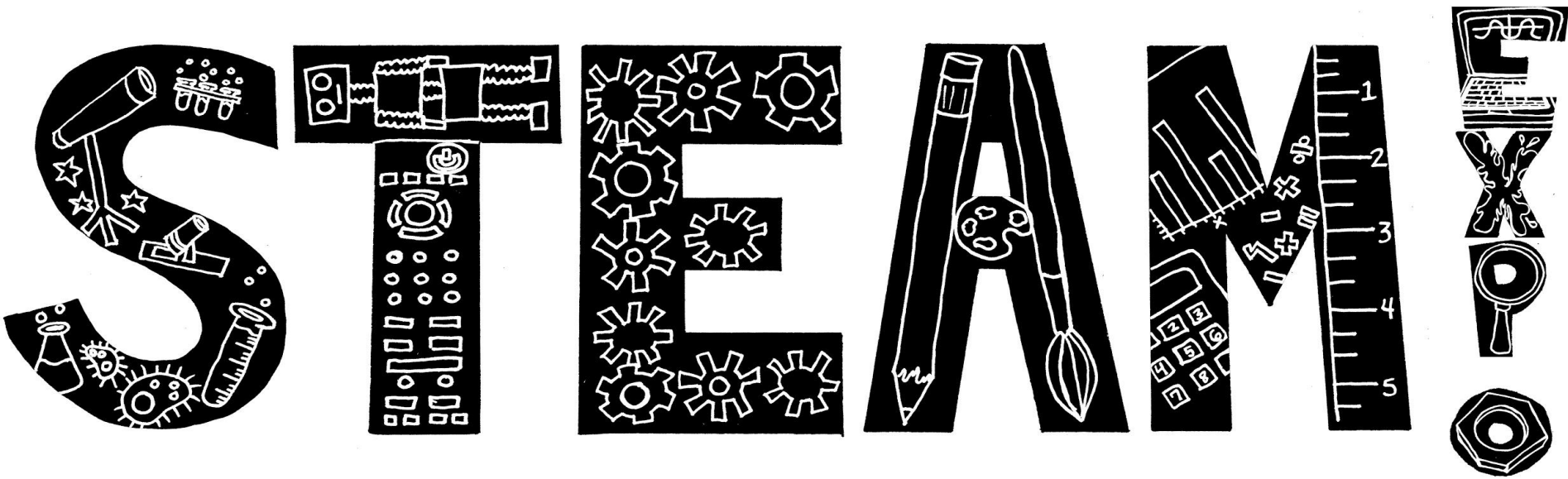
### **Fundraisers:**

- Flowers for Spring! –Online ordering is available until June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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:**

- 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)



*Preparing Bethel students for tomorrow's careers!*

Bethel High School

April 26, 2018

6:00-8:30 pm

Direct any questions to Mrs. Barbara Donaghy at [donaghyb@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:donaghyb@bethel.k12.ct.us)

Join us at the STEAM Expo  
Science - Technology - Engineering - Arts - Math

featuring ***demonstrations***, ***exhibitions***,  
and ***presentations*** from students,  
teachers and businesses

Keynote speaker - Mr. William Heher,  
BHS teacher & owner of [Sweetlife Farms](#),  
will be speaking from 6:00-6:15 pm  
in the Auditorium

# HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our **FUNDrive**<sup>TM</sup>  
will be held at:

**Bethel High School  
Upper Parking Lot**

**Saturday April 28, 2018  
9:00 – 11:00 am**

and will benefit:

**Bethel High  
Marching Wildcats  
(Band & Guard)**













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learn more:

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**FUNDrive**<sup>TM</sup>  
 **savers**

**we accept:**

-  CLOTHING
-  SHOES
-  BEDDING / TOWELS
-  ACCESSORIES
-  CDS, DVDS
-  ELECTRICAL ITEMS
-  TOYS & GAMES
-  KITCHEN ITEMS
-  KNICK-KNACKS
-  SPORTING GOODS