



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respectful, Ready, Responsible, Proud

April 13, 2018



**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, 2018  
Band Concert  
BMS – 7:00 pm**

**April 30-May 4,  
2018  
Screen Free  
Week**

**May 2, 2018  
Skyzone Night  
4:00-8:00 PM**

**May 10-11,  
2018  
Mothers Day  
Plant Sale**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Our children's connection to media is everywhere, coming from more sources and more screens than we probably remember when we were kids: TV, movies, and video games, handheld games, computers, cell phones, iPads, iPods, watches, etc. There are many wonderful uses for media that provide conveniences and education for our families and us. There are also dangers in media use that as parents and educators, we are tasked to protect our children from. With all of the amazing advances in technology, we cannot forget to make advances in how we protect our children from media that is not age-appropriate.

It's important to remember that children's brains are not fully developed, specifically the part of the brain (pre-frontal cortex) responsible for critical thinking, judgment, problem solving, and impulse control. When a child or adolescent views media showing violence, sexual content, or harmful stereotypes, their own ideas, feelings, and behaviors are impacted. Without some guidance from a trusted grown-up, repeated exposure to these kinds of media may lead to an increase in aggression and a decrease in empathy.

**Quick tips for setting media guidelines:**

- Limit the amount of screen time to 1-2 hours a day (or less if you notice it is negatively impacting your child).
- Model screen-free times/activities (like dinner time, for example).
- Keep children's bedrooms free of screen media (no TV, game systems, laptops, iPads, cell phones, etc.).
- Preview media that your child is interested in before you allow them to view/play it.
- Co-view media (if appropriate) with your child and discuss the content - this will help them develop critical thinking skills.
- Do your research about social media websites. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Musically, and Snap Chat ***are not appropriate*** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. *Remember, these sites have terms of use, which are typically for ages 13 and up.*
- Stick to the rating recommendations. They exist for a reason.
- Use your parental judgment. Your children are counting on you!

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)

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

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

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

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



## A message from Ms. McCue



*Congratulations to **Ryan Zabala**, who has been honored as a Regional Winner for this year's Annual Recycle Poster Contest!! Ryan has been invited to the Award's ceremony to be held on April 25th. At this ceremony they will reveal the prize and place that he has won!! Congratulations Ryan! Stay tuned to find out more about our Bethel TOWN Recycling Poster Contest winners to be announced soon.*



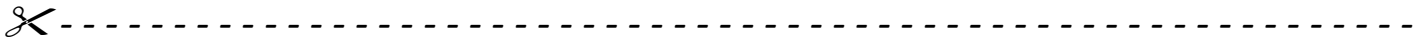
# BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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: \_\_\_\_\_

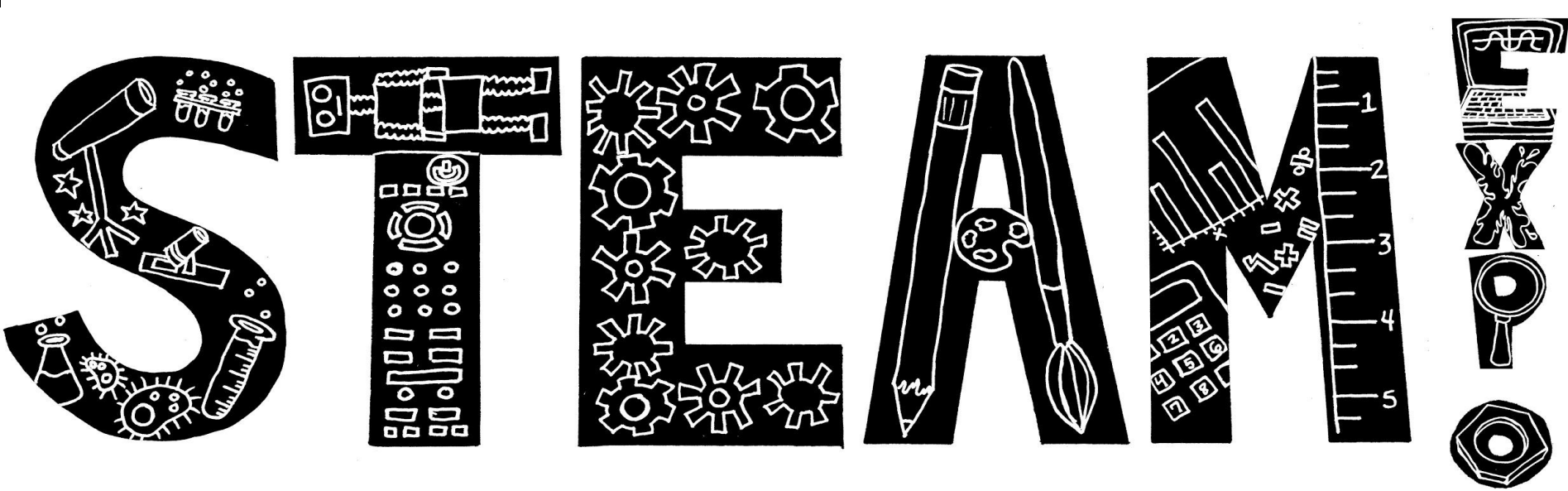
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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!)



*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



**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL**  
**RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD**



## **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)

# Summer Playground Camp 2018

Registration begins **Monday, April 23, 2018** at the Parks & Recreation office during regular business hours from 9:00a.m – 4:30p.m. or on-line at [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov).

Non-residents may register starting Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

**You MUST be registered a minimum of 2 weeks prior to camp session!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED DON'T Wait!!!**

A camp day may exist of indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, games, offsite trips, as well as onsite entertainment and activities. All participants will receive a schedule of events, permission slips and information about the program.

## Weekly Pricing

All Camps run for 6 individual weeks. You will be able to register by the week.

A Discount of \$25 per week will apply if registered for more than 2 weeks.

Additional children will receive a \$25 discount per week – **multi-week discount does not apply.**

Playground camps are for Bethel residents and Non-residents for an extra fee of \$15.00

## Camp Dates:

Week #1 June 26(Tuesday)-June 29

Week #2 July 2-July 6 \*(No Camp July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Week #3 July 9-July 13

Week #4 July 16-July 20

Week #5 July 23-July 27

Week #6 July 30-August 3

**\*NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

CAMP	AGE/GRADE	LOCATION	HOURS	EXTENDED DAY/FEE
<b>PRESCHOOL CAMP</b> Fee per week: \$125 <b>Week 1 &amp; 2 fee: \$100</b>	3-5yrs by Dec. 31, 2018 <b>Must be potty trained.</b>	MUNICIPAL CENTER	9am –12:00pm	Mon.- Fri. 12-2:00pm Fee per week: \$85 Week 1 & 2 fee: \$70
<b>JUNIOR CAMP</b> Fee per week: \$175 <b>Week 1 &amp; 2 fee: \$150</b>	Entering grades 1 – 3	MIDDLE SCHOOL	9am – 3pm	Mon.-Fri. 8-9am Fee per week: \$40 Week 1 & 2 fee: \$35 <b>Extended am drop off is at Middle School Cafe</b>
<b>SENIOR CAMP</b> Fee per week: \$175 <b>Week 1 &amp; 2 fee: \$150</b>	Entering grades 4 – 6	MIDDLE SCHOOL	9am – 3pm	Mon.-Fri. 8-9am Fee per week: \$40 Week 1 & 2 fee: \$35 <b>Extended am drop off is at Middle School Cafe</b>
<b>TEEN CAMP</b> Fee per week: \$175 <b>Week 1 &amp; 2 fee: \$150</b>	Entering grades 7 – 9	MUNICIPAL CENTER	9am – 3pm	NO EXTENDED DAY AM OR PM

## Summer's Best and Summer School

Fee: \$115 – if arriving at 12 noon (if you will be arriving at noon, please contact office to register)

## Financial Aid

Many people find themselves facing temporary or even long term financial hardship, making it seem impossible to afford the costs of an activity for their child/children. If you would like to apply for a partial scholarship, please let Parks and Recreation know you need help.

Assistance is available by making an **appointment** to see the Director of Social Services, Megan Alworth-Khazadian.

This can be done by calling [203-794-8537](tel:203-794-8537) or by sending an email to Megan at [alworth-khazadianm@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:alworth-khazadianm@bethel-ct.gov). You must provide proof of residency as well as financial documentation to be considered for financial aid. After doing this, please bring the letter from Social Services to the Parks and Rec. Dept. to register your child for camp. **Please**

**Note:** Effective January 2016 we will only be offering assistance for **one class/program per child** for each Parks and Recreation Session: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Regarding Camp assistance, partial scholarships may be available for working families in need of childcare.

# 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)**













learn more:

Kristin Sprock  
(203) 619-3552  
kristinsprock@att.net

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

we accept:

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