# Jayhawk Journal



#### Week of March 11th - 15th

#### Principal's Corner

March is Reading Month was off to a great start this week! It was fun to see so many students dress up for the various Spirit Days. I want to thank the teachers and students for the amount of effort they put into the I-Ready Reading Test this week. Our scores made tremendous gains, it was great to see students and teachers working together to discuss data and set goals. Let's enjoy the next 2 weeks before break!

-Mr. Traub

#### Staff Member of the Week:

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Gonyou for being voted this award by her colleagues this week!

Mrs. Gonyou is a Paraprofessional for our RISE Program here at Johnson. Mrs. Gonyou is always super supportive of her fellow staff members and is incredibly dedicated to her job. She is a champion for all of the students that she works with. She goes above and beyond and always is able to help with anything. She cleverly finds a way to spread cheer, laughter, and song wherever she may go!

#### **PBIS Updates**

This week we focused on our expectations following our SOAR Matrix for the bathrooms. Please see the attached Matrix. Parents, just a reminder that we will be doing our Trimester SOAR Celebration on Tuesday, March 12th. All students who have gone the trimester without 3 minors or one major infraction will be able to participate. SOAR Clubs will also be at the end of the month, all students who have 15 SOAR Bucks will be able to participate in our clubs that will be held on Friday the 22nd.

#### **Points of Pride**

- ⇒ We had our first ever Day of Music with CHS Band and Vocal Students!
- ⇒ A student was nominated for Student of the Week from every single classroom this week!
- ⇒ Our staff and students have worked very hard on having data talks for our I-Ready Reading Test. Our Median towards the Typical Annual Growth went up 32% from December to March!



## <u>Planning for the future:</u> March 2024

- PTA Meeting 3/146 p.m.
- Family Bingo Night
   3/14 Cafeteria 7 p.m.
- Frost Open House 3/20
- Spring Break 3/25 -3/29

#### Week At A Glance

Monday 3/11

Tuesday 3/12

Wednesday 3/13

Thursday 3/14

Friday 3/15

#### My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

I get to work with such fabulous people!

#### Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel:

Up North

Foods:

Italian

Color:

Orange

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

Chicago PD

Sports Team:

**Green Bay Packers** 

**School Subject:** 

Reading

#### Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Gonyou

#### My hobbies:

Reading and gardening.

#### **PTA Updates**

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## Youth Making A Difference

Students participating in YMAD, please have projects turned in on Thursday, March 21st or on Wednesday, April 3rd to the office. A PTA representative will collect them. We can't wait to see all the amazing projects!

Participants mark your calendar for the YMAD celebration on Wednesday, April 24th.

Johnson PTA now has an email! If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:johnsonupperpta@gmail.com">johnsonupperpta@gmail.com</a>.

We need you! If you are interested in a position on the PTA board for next school year, please email <a href="mailto:johnsonupperpta@gmail.com">johnsonupperpta@gmail.com</a> and a member of the nominating committee will be happy to help.

#### **Transportation Appreciation**

The Livonia PTSA Council is collecting donations for the 130 Transportation, Maintenance, & Warehouse staff members in the district. Families can purchase items from our Amazon wish list or make a monetary donation through our Memberhub site.

Amazon http://tiny.cc/dbmzwz

Memberhub http://tinyurl.com/mr3yud24

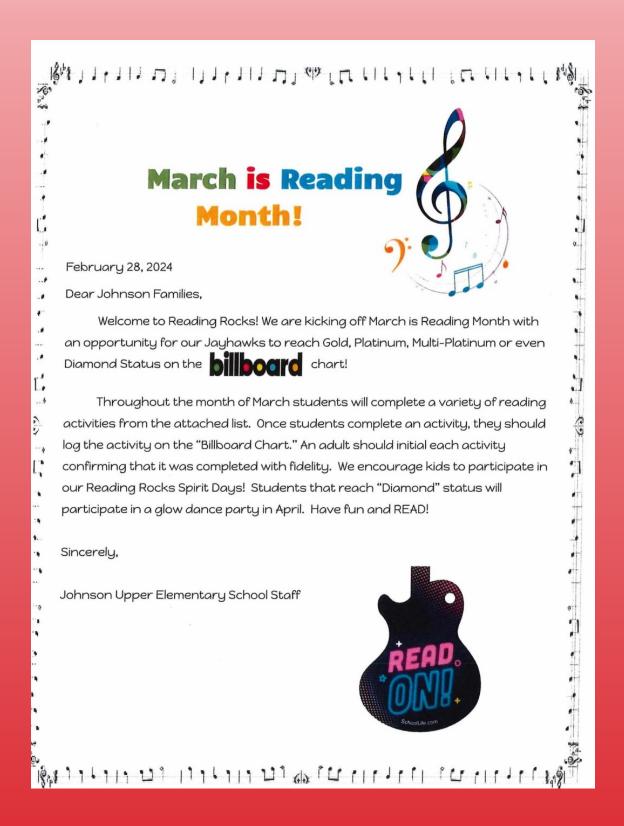
We will be hosting a Bingo Night here at Johnson right after our PTA Meeting on March 14th. We look forward to having some family fun once again!

Don't forget to order your yearbook through Treering! Click here - We look forward to seeing you on March 14th at our next monthly meeting.

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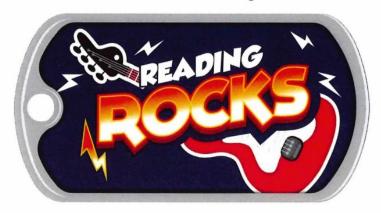


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#### Johnson Upper Elementary School 2024 March is Reading Month

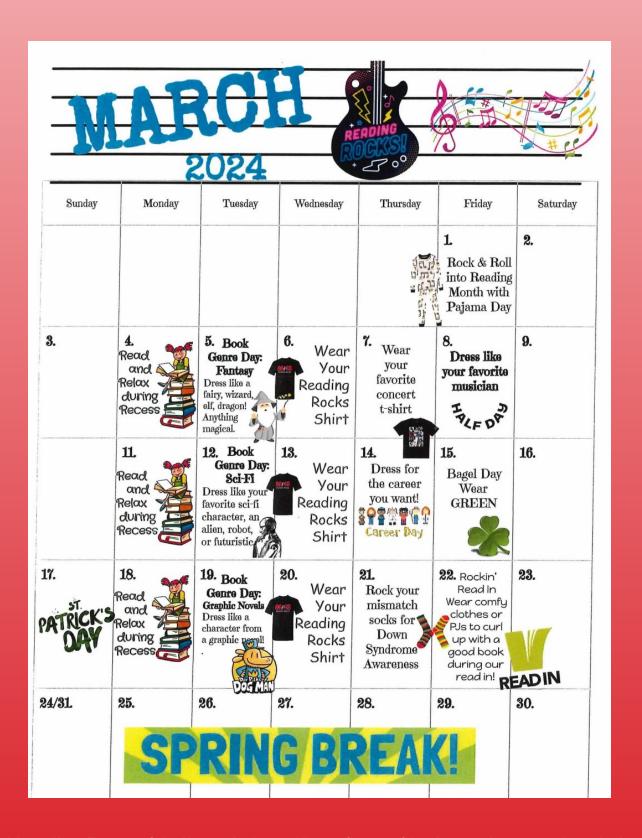


<u>Directions</u>: Complete activities from the list below to have your album go Diamond on the charts. Fill out your Billboard Reading chart and earn awards each time your album goes Gold, Platinum, Multi-Platinum and Diamond. Students who "Go Diamond" will be invited to Johnson's "Glow Party" sometime in April. Listed Below are the activities you can choose from to help your album Go Diamond.

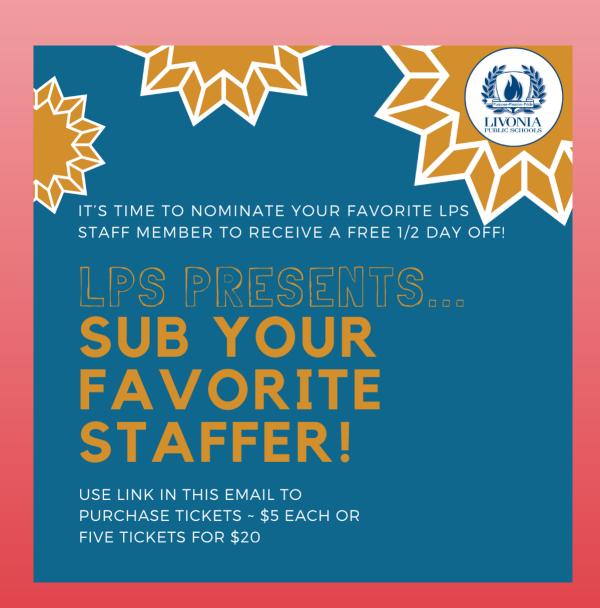
- Read for 30 minutes (have a parent or teacher initial your chart)
- Participate in a school spirit day (Limit: 3)
- Submit a bookmark design for the bookmark contest
- Complete a "VIP Pass" report on a famous musician (Limit: 3)
- Complete a "Backstage Pass" on a famous musical place (Examples- Dollywood, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Nashville, New Orleans, Broadway, etc.) (Limit: 3)
- Participate in "Read and Relax"
- Design an "Album Cover" for a book you love
- Create a "Soundtrack" for a book you love. Choose at least 3 songs. Describe the scene and how the song fits into that scene.

\*Copies of the Reading Month Activity sheets (VIP Pass, Backstage Pass, Album Cover, and Bookmark Contest) can be found in the LMC.

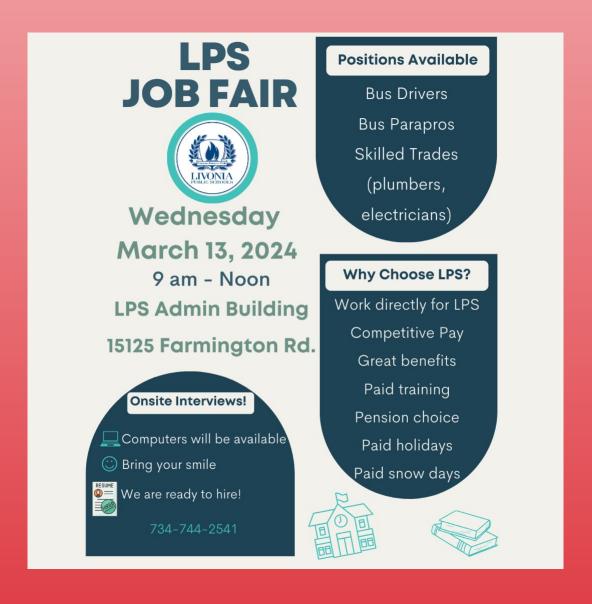
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E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! (livoniapublicschools.org)

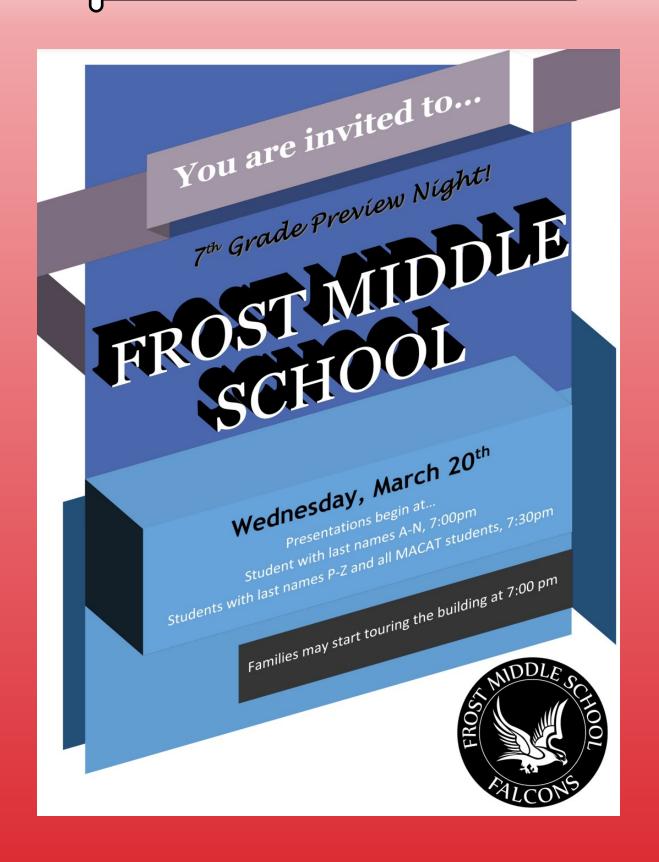


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#### Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU March 2024



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#### FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

14041 Stark Road ● Livonia, MI 48154-5475 ● Phone: (734) 744-2670

Shanan Wheeler, Principal • Brian Jensen, Assistant Principal

February 21, 2024

Welcome future Falcon families!

We are so excited to invite our newest Falcons and their families to attend our Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Night held on Wednesday, March 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The evening will consist of a presentation in our cafeteria with introductions to key Frost staff members, and a summary of course offerings, academic programs, and extracurricular activities. Families will also have the opportunity to tour the building self-led, or with a student guide. **Students will last names beginning with the letters A-M will start the evening in the cafeteria and tour the building afterward. Students with last names beginning with letters N-Z will tour the building until 7:30 pm, then meet in the cafeteria for the presentation.** The building will be open to all families until 8:30 pm.

The Frost staff including department chairs, counselors, and all student support professionals will be present and happy to greet you as you explore our classrooms, common spaces, and elective offerings. Prospective sixth grade students will view a counseling presentation at Johnson the day before preview night, which outlines the scheduling process. If you or your students have additional questions, Preview Night is the perfect opportunity to have them answered!

At Frost Middle School we are committed to providing a variety of programs to meet the needs of every student. In addition to our required academic courses, we offer Accelerated Math 7 and Honors ELA to students who qualify, and World Language Adventures for students interested in exploring language before selecting one for high school credit during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Frost offers a wide variety of elective courses including Project Lead the Way (S.T.E.M.) options, Concert Band, Orchestra, Choir, Fundamentals of Guitar, Visual Arts, Peer Connections, Foods classes, Tools & Materials Processing, Stage and Performance, Creative Writing, Physical Education and more.

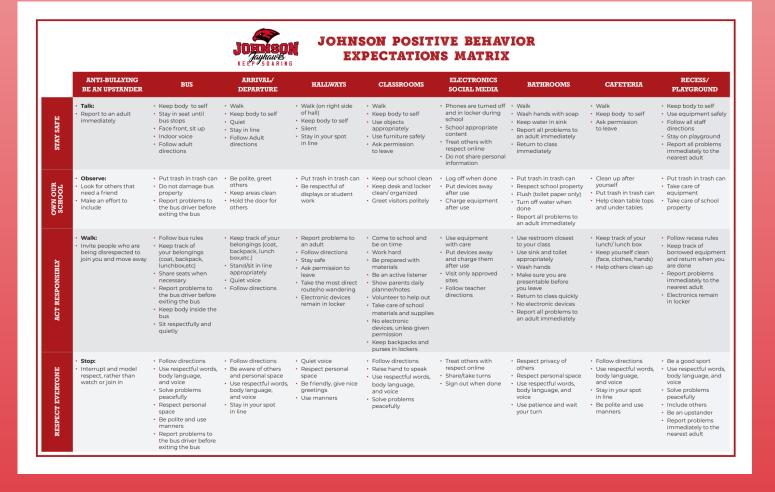
To provide more opportunities for students to feel connected to the school environment, Frost offers opportunities for students to participate in student government, sports, and several after-school and Falcon Time clubs. Frost is an exemplar PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) school, which offers our students the opportunity to earn rewards and activities as they demonstrate behavior that is safe, responsible, and respectful within the school community.

As always, we are thrilled to open our doors to families and share a look at what Frost Middle School has to offer! We welcome all future Falcons to attend!

Be safe and well,

S. Wheeler

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# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

# JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

#### **Customize Your 2 Free Pages**

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

# treering

#### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode: 1016976710002014

Regular price: \$18.71

Create Custom Pages by: Mar 29



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Spring Pictures are almost here and we need your help! We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help manage students for our spring pictures on March 19th. Volunteers receive a discount coupon and our gratitude! Please reach out to the office if you are available and at what time. At this point, we could use two morning volunteers and two afternoon volunteers.

SACC Registration: Attention families who may be in need of before— and after-school childcare next school year! The School Aged Childcare (SACC) Program will start a staggered registration online later this month. Please visit the webpage for all of the important details:

https://www.livoniapublicschools.org/parents/overview

Lost and Found: This time of year is when we notice a huge overflow of things in our lost and found. All things have started to accumulate and are in the lobby hanging on our racks. Things like sweatshirts, hats, gloves, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and others are all on display. Please have your student check to see if they are missing anything.

**DROPOFF AND PICKUP TIMES** - Students cannot be dropped off for school in the morning prior to 8:15am. This is when the doors open for breakfast and when staff is available to supervise students. Prior to this time, all school doors are locked. Students are not to be left unattended, arrangements must be made. Also, dismissal is at 3:30pm daily and at 11:45am on half days. It is required that all students who are picked up in the car loop be picked up no later than 3:45pm. Staff is not available to supervise students beyond that time. The district offers a SACC program for those students that cannot be picked up by 3:45pm. Please contact SACC at (734)744-2966 to make arrangements.

**COMMUNICATION** - The beginning of the day and the end of the day are always busy times in the school office. At Johnson, we realize there are always unexpected circumstances that arise and we will do everything in our power to accommodate unplanned interruptions. We also ask parents to call the office after 9:00am and prior to 3:00pm if they are making alternate transportation arrangements for their students' trip home. Teachers frequently use the end of the day time for classroom reorganization, recess and/or specials and catching up to a class can be a challenge. We appreciate your help. The office phone number is (734)744-2740.

**OFFICE HOURS -** Mr. Traub, Principal and Mrs. Samouelian, Assistant Principal, are available via email, telephone and in person. If you have any questions or concerns, please set an appointment to discuss your situation privately with one of our Administrators. The Johnson school office is open M-F from 7:45am to 4:15pm. Teachers are generally unavailable during the day as they are teaching. If you have a concern, please reach out to teachers via email or contact the office directly at (734) 744-2740 Students will not be permitted back into the building for forgotten items once the office is closed for the day!

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EMERGENCY CARD INFORMATION - It is required that each family review the emergency contact information that is on file at Johnson. You can view this information in parent connect. WHY? in the event of an emergency, sick child, severe weather, we may need to reach you. The process to verify your emergency contact information is correct is simple. Simply log into Parent Connect and follow the prompts.

**ATTENDANCE LINE** - It is vital for academic success that your student be in attendance daily, ready to learn. If your student is absent on any given day, please contact the school office and let them know. This helps reduce phone calls home to verify a student's absence and it helps keep accurate attendance records. A reminder, if a student has a fever or has vomited, they are not to return to school for 24 hours once the fever is gone and/or vomiting has stopped. In this time of concern over congested or cold/coughing students still coming to school, we will leave this judgment to the parents. We simply ask you to make sure your student is healthy and not a distraction to the learning environment. Thank you for your cooperation. The attendance line is available at (734) 744-2740 ext 1.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL - Oftentimes a student will come to the office with a medical need. The office staff is able to dispense medication as needed as long as the medication is: 1) Delivered to school by a parent in the original unopened package or prescription container, {NO MEDICATION can be brought to school by students} 2) As long as there is an individual, signed medical authorization on file for each medication {form available in the office and online} Medication includes but is not limited to cough drops, aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, prescription drugs, creams, lotions, vitamins, inhalers, EpiPens, etc.... We cannot administer any medication that is not listed on file in the office. Please reach out to Jill Jablonski in the office to set up a time to bring in medications and to review your student's medical needs when they are in the building.

**BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK (BIAB)** - We work in conjunction with BIAB to provide weekend meals to those families in need of food assistance. If this is something you would like to participate in, all you have to do is fill out the form that came home with students today or simply contact the office at (734) 744-2740 and we will sign you up. Delivery will begin the following week.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - JOHNSON has a Facebook page filled with stories of our daily student activities/ projects/concerts and general shenanigans. Be sure to like our page to see our students and staff in action! In addition, Johnson is fortunate to have an amazing PTA and they have a facebook as well! Information about how to join the PTA, events, volunteering, contributing and general information are included in the welcome packet.

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."

- E.E. Cummings