Jayhawk Journal



Week of April 8th - 12th

Principal's Corner

April Showers, bring May Flowers! Looking forward to seeing what beautiful things grow both inside and outside of this building this Spring. Please make sure that you saw the email about the Solar Eclipse on Monday. Safety glasses will be provided, please let your teacher know if you would like to opt out. MSTEP begins next week, read over the MSTEP Update section, as well. Looking forward to another great season!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Taylor is a paraprofessional here at Johnson. She is always ready to jump in and help with anything that is needed. She helps with all kids and meets their needs. She always has a smile on her face and is so kind to everyone. She is a tremendous colleague who will always find a way to help a friend in need. She is flexible, dedicated, and it truly is a pleasure to have her in our building!

MSTEP Updates

This week we will begin MSTEP Testing in both 5th and 6th grades. The window will be open starting next week and will run until May 17th. This was a part of our SOAR Assembly this week. Please make sure students get good sleep, eat a great breakfast, and do their best on the upcoming tests. Your teacher will email you more specific information regarding when your student will be testing in their rooms during this time. We have had a great year, let's now take the time to show it!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Ability Acceptance and Inclusion Month is off to a great start!
- ⇒ We were able to hold the Battle of the Books this week for 5th and 6th grade!
- ⇒ PTA put together another fun night at Skating Station for our students!
- ⇒ We were able to have a SOAR Assembly to look over March data and set goals!



Planning for the future:

<u>April 2024</u>

- PTA Meeting 4/8
- Reading Month Glow Dance Party 4/11
- Outdoor Classroom
 Unveiling and Activity
 Night 4/17
- Bagel Day 4/25
- No School 4/26

Week At A Glance

Monday 4/8

Tuesday 4/9

Wednesday 4/10

Thursday 4/11

Friday 4/12

My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The staff and students!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel:

Anywhere!

Foods:

Pizza and Tacos

Color:

Blue

College:

UofM

TV Show:

Law and Order SVU

Sports Team:

Detroit Tigers

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Taylor

My hobbies:

Bowling, spending time with my family, and hanging with my dog, Phil!

PTA Updates

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Youth Making A Difference

Students participating in YMAD, please turn in your projects to the office this week. 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 at Churchill High School at 6 p.m..

Johnson PTA now has an email! If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact us at johnsonupperpta@gmail.com.

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

Solar Eclipse Glasses

Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate and participate with PTA this year. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to buy Solar Eclipse Glasses for all students to safely use on Monday, the 8th!



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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU April 2024

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MICHIGAN SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM NO COST FOR MEAL **ALL ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF SIDE ITEMS AND MILK** **COST FOR MILK ONLY: 0.60** THIS MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				03/28 SPRING BREAK CONTINUES THROUGH 03/29/2024	03/29	UPPER EL 3 rd OPTIONS Turkey & Cheese and Ham & Cheese Wraps Offered Daily
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STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

33500 SIX MILE RD 6:00PM

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MICHIGAN ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES WILL BE JOINING US

UNIFIED STUDENT ATHLETES ALSO WELCOME!

YOUR SPECIAL ATHLETE WILL PARTICIPATE IN SOME FUN WITH SHS ATHLETES WHILE YOU ARE IN ATTENDENCE.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR ATHLETE IS WEARING TENNIS
SHOES AND BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE

If you plan on attending and if you will be bringing a student athlete with you:
Please email Bethe Warrick, Student Services Coordinator jwarrick@livoniapublicschools.org

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April is Ability Acceptance & Inclusion Month

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1 You are a Piece of Johnson the puzzle. Design your puzzle piece to represent you. Turn it into the office by Friday, April 12.	2 Light it up BLUE! Wear blue from head to toe to celebrate autism acceptance.	3 Wear an ability acceptance shirt Play with someone new at recess	4 Social Awareness Day: Dress to match a group of friends, a teacher, a class. Include someone new.	5 Proud to be a Jayhawk Sport your Jayhawk Pride in our school colors!		
8 Blue + Yellow: The official colors of down syndrome awareness. Rock your blue + yellow today!	9 Wear RED to show your love and support for ALL students at Johnson.	Wear an ability acceptance shirt Invite a new friend to sit with you at lunch	11 Sensory Friendly Day: Dress up today in your most comfortable + favorite clothes	12 Proud to be a Jayhawk Sport your Jayhawk Pride in our school colors! Turn in your puzzle pieces		
Neurodiversity To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, Wear rainbow or tie-dyed clothes to school	16 Be an inclusion superhero - Wear your cape!	Wear an ability acceptance shirt Go out of your way to compliment someone today	18 Walk a mile in someone else's shoes. Wear mismatched shoes	Proud to be a Jayhawk Sport your Jayhawk Pride in our school colors!		
22 Magnificent Mind Monday: wear a fun hat or wild hair!	2 We are One Team Wear your favorite jersey	24 Wear an ability acceptance shirt Have courage and try something challenging today	25 Come as you are- Be comfortable as you! Wear your pajamas	26 NO SCHOOL		
29 What's your passion? One characteristic of autism is to show incredibly focused passion for topics of interest. Dress up to show something you love! 30 Wear an ability acceptance shirt Share one of your talents with someone						

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Johnson Upper Elementary has a school store for our RISE (Reaching Independence through Special Education) students. Throughout their day, they earn dollars to spend in the store. Students can earn dollars in their classroom for showing Johnson's expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe as well as during their specials.

Each class has a time scheduled each week for students to come to shop with the money they have earned throughout the week. Students practice carrying a wallet, counting how much money they have, looking for items that they can afford, carrying their items to the cashier, and counting out the correct money to give to the cashier for their purchase(s).

Our school store is run entirely on donations. We are looking for 4th-6th grade age appropriate items. If you are ever cleaning out the house or going through old stuff, take a trip to the dollar store or dollar spot at Target - please keep us in mind for anything you come across that you feel our students may enjoy. If you wish to donate, you may send in a bag with your student - just make sure his/her teacher knows the items are for the school store.

- Small bags of chips, crackers, cookies *these are very in demand + needed
- Small cans/bottles of soda or sports drinks *these are very in demand + needed
- Candy *these are very in demand + needed
- Bubbles
- Toy Cars
- Fidgets
- Water Bottle Stickers
- Legos
- Books
- · Theraputty, Slime, Kinetic Sand
- · Sports related items trophies, helmets, trinkets
- · Art Supplies pens, markers, colored pencils, stickers, etc.
- Happy Meal Toys

Thank you for your support,

Johnson RISE team

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2023 M-STEP Results

In 2023 on M-STEP, Niji-Iro students on average scored higher than the Livonia Public Schools average in each grade in both ELA and Math.

MiSchoolData Index Score

Niji-Iro is the only school in Livonia and one of very few schools in the State of Michigan to receive an overall index score of 100. Essentially, Niji-Iro met targets in student growth, proficiency, English Learner progress, and attendance.

Earning High School Credit

Our 5th and 6th grade students take the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) test each spring. Niji-Iro students who received an average of Novice 4 or higher will receive two foreign language credits for high school. Students who received an average of Novice 2.5 or higher will receive one credit.

6th Grade:

- 100% of students received at least 1 high school credit
- · 82% received 2 high school credits

5th Grade

- 95% of students received at least 1 high school credit
- 75% of sudents received 2 high school credits

Benefits of Staying Through Sixth Grade

Our sixth grade students showed even more impressive results. For the past two years, in ELA, Niji-Iro sixth graders have scored higher than the average of any other district in Wayne, Oakland, or Macomb counties. In Math they scored higher than all other districts in 2022, and all but five in 2023.

For more information, visit us at www.livoniapublicschools.org/niji

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 6:00-7:00 P.M.

36611 CURTIS RD. LIVONIA, MI 48152

Come learn about Niji-Iro's unique dual-immersion program, speak with current teachers and parents, and get registration information!

Interested in Niji-Iro but can't make it? Call 734-744-2785 to schedule a tour!

Language proficiency test required for students in grades 1-6.



WHERE STUDENTS BECOME BILINGUAL, RESPECTFUL AND GLOBALLY-MINDED INDIVIDUALS IN A DYNAMIC DUAL-IMMERSION SETTING

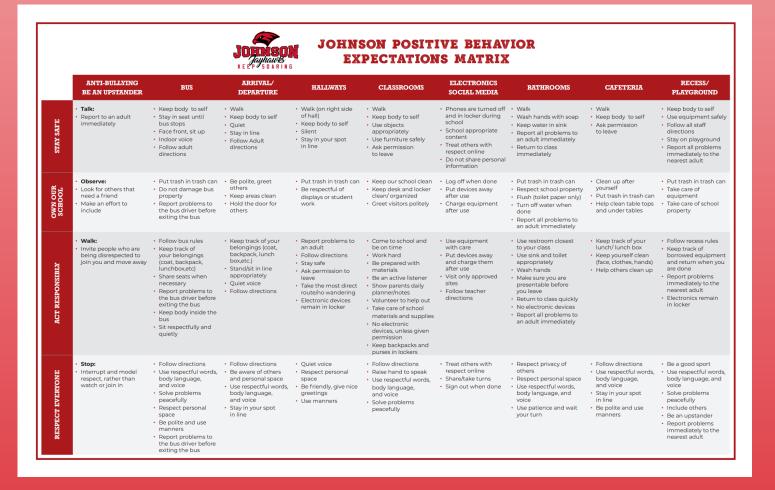
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E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! (livoniapublicschools.org)



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April is Ability Awareness Month: This month we will be focusing on celebrating all of the various abilities that our students have here at Johnson. We look forward to bringing awareness to our students!

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.

"Don't let the mind limit what an able heart can do."

- Robert M. Hensel