

Jayhawk Journal



Week of May 20 - 24

Principal's Corner

And just like that, we have somehow finished our last full week of school! So many great things going on in the building. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who donated or helped out with our PTA to put together Staff Appreciation Week. This staff is full of amazing people, it is great to watch an amazing community who feels the same way. We truly thank you all for what you do, your support means everything!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Rice is a 5th Grade Teacher here at Johnson. Mrs. Rice has such a unique relationship with this building as she has been a student, an intern, and now is a teacher here! Mrs. Rice has a calm demeanor and can make adjustments on anything that is needed throughout the day. She is a great colleague, works well with others, and gives her all to her students. We are so lucky to have her!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on using our SOAR Expectations in the class. Please see the attached Matrix. As we wrap up the year, there are still things to work for. We will have our final SOAR Clubs that take place on Friday, May 31st. It will be an hour long and will cost 15 SOAR Bucks to get in. In addition, we will have the SOAR Celebration the first week of June for those who earned it for the Trimester. Since this Friday is a half day, we will raffle off a chance to be Principal and A.P. for the day!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our PTA spoiled us with a wonderful week for Staff Appreciation!
- ⇒ Students wrapped up MSTEP and I-Ready Testing giving it their all. We are so proud of the effort they put in!
- ⇒ We were able to celebrate our 6th Grade Service Squad this week!
- ⇒ Our Peer Program had another event with Popsicles with Peers outside!



Planning for the future:

May 2024

- Half Day a.m. 5/24
- No School 5/27 and 5/28
- Field Day 5/29
- Field Day (Backup date if rain) 5/30
- SOAR Clubs 5/31

Week At A Glance

Monday 5/20

Tuesday 5/21

Wednesday 5/22

Thursday 5/23

Friday 5/24 Half Day

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Getting to know all of the students and staff!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Anywhere with a lake!

Foods:

Pasta Salad

Color:

Yellow

College:

Michigan

TV Show:

Survivor

Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Rice

My hobbies:

Hiking, painting, hanging out with my friends and family.

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PTA Updates

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Thank you to all who were able to donate and support Staff Appreciation Week! We are grateful for the support and look forward to doing this again next year!

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

Spree tickets are on sale! When you purchase through our link, Johnson PTA receives a portion of the sales! <https://bit.ly/SpreeJohnson24>

Slate for 24/25 PTA Officers:

President: Julie Turk

Treasurer: Megan Moore

1st Vice President: Kim Staber

2nd Vice President: Erin Kosinski

Rec. Secretary: Jenny Morgan

Corr. Secretary: Danielle Pelc

- We look forward to seeing you at our PTA Meetings in the Fall. Thank you for all those who attended this year!

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Show Your Appreciation with Star Awards!

The LPS Education Foundation is again offering Star Awards for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2024!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is May 6 - May 10! Are you looking for a unique way to thank a Livonia Public Schools staff member? A Star Award honors **any** LPS employee who has made a difference in a student's, family's or fellow staffer's life.

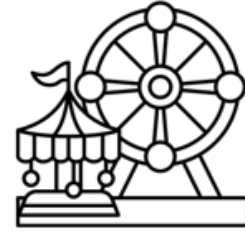
For a \$25 donation to the LPS Education Foundation, a personalized, color certificate will be presented to your honoree, and they will receive recognition on the Foundation's website and social media platforms as well as the district's social media platforms. The certificate will be personalized with your praise to show this LPS employee how much they mean to you!

Please click on the link below to send a Star Award to an awesome LPS staff member!

<https://bit.ly/LPSEF-StarAward>

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Spree Ride Tickets Presale 2024

The Livonia Spree runs from June 25- June 30, 2024.

*Tickets are NOT valid on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Each pre-sale voucher is \$25 + \$3.25 convenience charge. Vouchers are valid for Tuesday-Saturday June 25-June 29. Wristbands are NOT valid on Sunday. Height Restrictions apply for some rides. Not negotiable/no refunds.

When you purchase your voucher from Johnson PTA, you receive a discount from the normal \$35 per ticket cost if you were to purchase tickets at the Spree AND Johnson PTA receives a portion of the sales!

All tickets sales are online and credit card only this year. No cash will be accepted.

On sale NOW through Monday, June 24 at 11:59 PM. (eastern standard time)
After purchasing, patrons must present a printed or digital voucher and all barcodes must be clearly visible. Again, vouchers CANNOT be redeemed on Sunday.

To purchase your vouchers and to support Johnson PTA,
please scan or go to

<https://bit.ly/SpreeJohnson24>



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[E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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BASKETBALL CAMP FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PLAYERS

THURS, JUNE 20, 2024 | 9 AM - 12 PM | CALIHAN HALL | UNIV. OF DETROIT MERCY

One day clinic for any special needs players ages 10 & older to learn and develop basketball skills. All abilities are welcome.

- Athletes w/trainable mental impairment (TMI), educable mental impairment (EMI) & other developmental or physical disabilities
- Fundamental basketball training will take place inside historic Calihan Hall on Dick Vitale Court
- Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and watch. A room will be available
- Camp T-shirt
- Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 18
- Fee \$15 (families who may need financial assistance can inquire about camp sponsorship at 313-585-4786)



CAMPER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Adult Name:		Address:	
City/State/ZIP:		Phone Number:	
Email Address:			
Emergency Contact:		Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Participant Name:	Date of Birth:	Gender:	Shirt Size:
Please list any allergies:			

☐ Please check here if you have a physical disability and need accommodation in order to fully participate in any activity. Someone will contact you further to discuss your specific needs.

PAYMENT INFORMATION - \$15 PER CAMPER

☐ Check Enclosed (make payable to Detroit Mercy Athletics)

Credit Card: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ Amex

Name: _____

Address: _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CSC/CVV: _____ ZIP: _____

Signature: _____

Payment can be completed securely online at:
www.DetroitTitans.com/SpecialNeedsCamp

VOLUNTEER OR CAMPER SPONSOR FORM

☐ I would like to volunteer to help work at the camp

☐ I would like to sponsor a camper (\$15)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PARTICIPANT WAIVER AGREEMENT

University of Detroit Mercy staff or media may take pictures or video of participants or volunteers enjoying the activities for use in marketing and promotion of the programs. If I do not grant permission for this, I will send a letter to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics expressing my wishes.

Waiver: I, the undersigned, understand that participation in this activity or program is completely voluntary and that the activity or program being offered is for the benefit of the participant. The University of Detroit Mercy and the Titan Club shall not be liable for any claims, injuries, or damages, of whatever nature, incurred by the participant which are directly or indirectly attributable to the negligence, whether passive or active, of the University of Detroit Mercy or Titan Club, or their agents, volunteers, and employees, arising out of, or in connection with the activity or program. On behalf of the participant,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return form to:

Detroit Mercy Athletics - Special Needs Camp
4001 W. McNichols Rd.
Detroit, MI 48221



www.DetroitTitans.com/SpecialNeedsCamp

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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU May – June 2024

04/28	04/29 QUESADILLA (38g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) SOY-PBJ (28g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) Fritos (16g Carbs)	04/30 MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) SOY-PBJ (28g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) Fritos (16g Carbs)	05/01 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs SOY-PBJ (28g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) Fritos (16g Carbs)	05/02 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (8g Carbs) SOY-PBJ (28g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) Fritos (16g Carbs)	05/03 HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbs) Chips (20g Carbs) Carnival Cookie (24g Carbs) Fruit/Veggie SOY-PBJ (28g Carbs) Cheese Stick (2g Carbs) Fritos (16g Carbs)	05/04
05	06 CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE	07 PANCAKE&SAUSAGE ON A STICK (21g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	08 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE	09 CHICKEN DRUMSTICK (6g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	10 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) MUNCHABLE	11
12 	13 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	14 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	15 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	16 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	17 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)	18
19	20 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (13g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	21 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	22 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	23 CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Beans (11g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)	24 HALF DAY MEMORIAL DAY RECESS NO LUNCH SERVED	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY RECESS 	28 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	29 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	30 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (8g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	31 HOT DOG ON BUN (33g Carbs) Chips (20g Carbs) Carnival Cookie (24g Carbs) Fruit/Veggie YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)	06/01

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JOHNSON POSITIVE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

	ANTI-BULLYING BE AN UPSTANDER	BUS	ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE	HALLWAYS	CLASSROOMS	ELECTRONICS SOCIAL MEDIA	BATHROOMS	CAFETERIA	RECESS/ PLAYGROUND
STAY SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk: • Report to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Stay in seat until bus stops • Face front, sit up • Indoor voice • Follow adult directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Quiet • Stay in line • Follow Adult directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk (on right side of hall) • Keep body to self • Silent • Stay in your spot in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Use objects appropriately • Use furniture safely • Ask permission to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phones are turned off and in locker during school • School appropriate content • Treat others with respect online • Do not share personal information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Wash hands with soap • Keep water in sink • Report all problems to an adult immediately • Return to class immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Ask permission to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Use equipment safely • Follow all staff directions • Stay on playground • Report all problems immediately to the nearest adult
OWN OUR SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe: • Look for others that need a friend • Make an effort to include 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Do not damage bus property • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite, greet others • Keep areas clean • Hold the door for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Be respectful of displays or student work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our school clean • Keep desk and locker clean/ organized • Greet visitors politely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log off when done • Put devices away after use • Charge equipment after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Respect school property • Flush (toilet paper only) • Turn off water when done • Report all problems to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after yourself • Put trash in trash can • Help clean table tops and under tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Take care of equipment • Take care of school property
ACT RESPONSIBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk: • Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow bus rules • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box, etc.) • Share seats when necessary • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus • Keep body inside the bus • Sit respectfully and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box, etc.) • Stand/sit in line appropriately • Quiet voice • Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report problems to an adult • Follow directions • Stay safe • Ask permission to leave • Take the most direct route/no wandering • Electronic devices remain in locker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school and be on time • Work hard • Be prepared with materials • Be an active listener • Show parents daily planner/notes • Volunteer to help out • Take care of school materials and supplies • No electronic devices, unless given permission • Keep backpacks and purses in lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment with care • Put devices away after use • Visit only approved sites • Follow teacher directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use restroom closest to your class • Use sink and toilet appropriately • Wash hands • Make sure you are presentable before you leave • Return to class quickly • No electronic devices • Report all problems to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your lunch/ lunch box • Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands) • Help others clean up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow recess rules • Keep track of borrowed equipment and return when you are done • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult • Electronics remain in locker
RESPECT EVERYONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop: • Interrupt and model respect, rather than watch or join in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Respect personal space • Be polite and use manners • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Be aware of others and personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet voice • Respect personal space • Be friendly, give nice greetings • Use manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Raise hand to speak • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others with respect online • Share/take turns • Sign out when done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect privacy of others • Respect personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Use patience and wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line • Be polite and use manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good sport • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Include others • Be an upstander • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult

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Field Day Is Coming Up: We will have field day on Wednesday, May 29th. To volunteer, use this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CA5A62BA46-49410307-johnson>

Moving or New School This Fall: For this upcoming fall, if you are moving or attending a different school not located in Livonia Public Schools, please email our school secretary at cmalliak@livoniapublicschools.org so we can make sure your child's educational files are prepared for your child's next school and we can accurately account for this in our projected enrollment and staffing plans.

Testing Wrap-Up Reminder: The last month has been known as testing season for our students. We have now successfully wrapped up M-STEP, Mi-Access, and I-Ready Testing for all of our students. These tests are vital for our school to measure growth and progress from year to year. We wanted to say a big thank you to all staff and students who have put in a great effort to make this happen. Updates on scores from testing will be communicated to parents as we wrap up the school year. It was a great year, and we are looking forward to seeing our scores!

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 wait for the opportunity. Create it."

- George Bernard Shaw

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