

Jayhawk Journal



Week of June 3-6

Principal's Corner

Some way, somehow, I am writing my final newsletter for the year. I want to take the time and thank our staff, students, and community members that make this the place to be. I am so thankful to have another year here, another year of memories shared with all of you! We wish you all a wonderful Summer, we hope it is full of everything you and your family need. Until next time Jayhawk Family, always Keep SOARing!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Rivera is our P.E. Teacher here at Johnson. She is committed to doing everything that she can to help out here at Johnson. From running the car and bus loops, to lending support for an idea or committee, there is so much she is a part of. We would like to thank her for an amazing field day this week, job well done! We are lucky to have her as part of our staff. Thank you for all that you do!

6th Grade Clap-Out

We started a new tradition 3 years ago with our staff and students clapping out our current 6th grade students. We are going to make that a Johnson Tradition for years to come. Our clap-out will begin indoors around 11:10. No parents will be allowed in the building, we instead ask that you clap your students out as they walk outside the Johnson archway around 11:15.

All parents may form a line outside the archway and students will see your faces as they leave the school. A more detailed email will come out this week which will describe parking situation and dismissal procedures for our current 6th grade parents. We look forward to carrying this on with our 6th graders and their families!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ We had a great day for Field Day!
- ⇒ Our last day of SOAR Clubs was a blast for all of our students!
- ⇒ The Class of 2024 was able to make it through Johnson and we sent them on their way with an amazing Clap-Out!



Planning for the future:

June 2024

- SOAR Celebration 6/3
- 5th Grade Field Trip 6/4
- 6th Grade Party 6/5
- Half Day a.m. 6/6
- Last Day of School 6/6
- 6th Grade Clap-Out 6/6 11:15 a.m.

Week At A Glance

Monday 6/3

Tuesday 6/4

Wednesday 6/5

Thursday 6/6 Half Day

6th Grade Clap-Out

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Working with all the kids and staff. This is the best place to work!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

My Imagination

Foods:

Italian

Color:

Green

College:

Colorado State

TV Show:

Abbott and Costello

Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

Science

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Mrs. Rivera

My hobbies:

Outdoor sports, hiking, studying theoretical physics.

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PTA Updates

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Thank you to all who were able to donate and support our end of year celebrations! 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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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Learning in L-Town

SUMMER OF 2024

Community Learning Fridays

Free, fun summer learning for LPS students!

July 12 Wildlife Safari
Families can view and touch various unique animals and learn interesting facts about each one!
Churchill High School Performing Arts Center

July 19 Greenmead
Step back in time with a tour of the village and grounds at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park.
Greenmead Historical Park
20501 Newburgh Rd.

July 26 Ann Arbor Hands On
10 hands-on stations that are geared toward science. Families will be able to move through the stations at their own pace!
Emerson Middle School
29100 W. Chicago

August 2 Scholastic Book Fair
Book fair and group read-in with special guest characters! Each child will receive two free books!
Coolidge Elementary
30500 Curtis Rd.

Look for emails to sign up throughout the summer!

LPS is partnering with community groups to provide fun family activities on Fridays throughout the summer!

These sessions are free, but space is limited and registration is required. Sign-ups with further details (including times) for each event will be emailed throughout the summer.

Geared toward children ages 5 and up. Participants must be LPS students. Parents must remain on-site with children at all times.

Questions? Email: FamilyFridays@livoniapublicschools.org



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2023 - 2024 School Year
www.livoniapublicschools.org



IMPORTANT: Bus Transportation Request for 2024-2025

Good Afternoon LPS Families,

As we begin to draw the school year to a close, we are busy planning for the 2024-2025 school year and would like to request your assistance!

If your child will need, and is eligible for, bus transportation, please follow the instructions below to make your request in Parent Connect.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

To assist us with building the bus routes with anticipated limited staff/drivers, we ask that you **ONLY** request transportation if your family plans to utilize the service on a regular basis (you plan to use the bus M-F or plan to use the bus for part of the week: M, W, F, for example). Please do not request transportation as a “back-up plan” if your family does not intend to utilize the service. We appreciate your thoughtful approach to making your request.

If your child has transportation via an IEP, you do not need to register, as those arrangements will be made separately for your child.

Livonia Public Schools provide bus service for students who live more than 1.0 mile from school (grades K-6) and more than 1.5 miles for grades 7-12, as determined by the district’s routing software mapping system.

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IMPORTANT:

If your child will be in the ACAT, MACAT, MSC or CAPA magnet programs next year, please make your transportation request by [CLICKING ON THIS FORM](#) instead of filling out the update on Parent Connect.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Log into Parent Connect (you may access from the LPS website, under the Parents tab or via your school website's Parents tab). *This process is most easily completed on a computer, rather than on a cell phone.*
2. Once you are logged in, click on the "Back to School Checklist" red link at the top of the screen.
3. From there, click on the "Update Information" button next to the "Updates Incomplete" message that appears in red.
4. Click on "Transportation," then select "Yes" from the mini-dropdown menu in the center of the screen.
5. Click on "Updates Complete" and then "Return to main menu" at the top left. Your request will automatically be submitted to our Transportation Department. Routes will be posted in late August in Parent Connect, under the Transportation section.

Thank you for assisting us with our pre-school-year planning!

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Support the Art Program

Order keepsakes from the Artsonia gift shop with student artwork imprinted.
20% of all Artsonia orders are donated to the school art program.



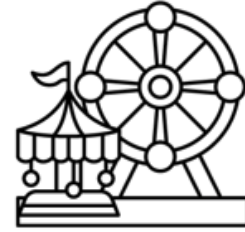
Scan the QR code on art labels to view the art online & order keepsakes.

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



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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, lunchbox, 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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Yearbook Update: The link to purchase a yearbook is <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016976710002014> . They can still be ordered, but the yearbook will be shipped to your house and you will have to pay shipping since the deadline has passed. Those who ordered yearbooks on time will receive their yearbooks this week (Wed or Thurs).

6th Grade Clap-Out: We will have our 6th Grade Clap-Out on Thursday, June 6th. Parents we ask that you arrive at 11:00, students are out around 11:15. More specific details will be emailed early this week.

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.

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.

"Work hard, dream big, never give up!"

- Anonymous

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