

# Jayhawk Journal



**Week of September 16 - 20**

## Principal's Corner

There is something about Fall that makes it my favorite time of year. From catching a football game, to the Cider Mills, to a fresh start of the school year, I just feel that it can't be beat. I hope you are enjoying the first 3 weeks of school as much as I am, we are going to make great memories this year! Thank you all for your continued support as we work together to create something special!

-Mr. Traub

## Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Weber is a paraprofessional here at Johnson. She has been a part of our team for many years, and is always great at what she does, no matter what her title is. She has a passion to find what helps students, and puts in a great effort to make that happen. She has a great attitude and gets along well with all staff and students in our building. We are so lucky to have her on our team!

## PBIS Updates

This week we took the time to go over a new area of focus from our SOAR Matrix (please see attached), which was arrival and departure. We were able to discuss expectations over the morning announcements, and teachers were able to have those discussions in class, as well. Our school PBIS Team will be meeting to kick off the school year and check-in this week. We will be looking for parents to be a part of our team for the year, so please look for further information coming soon.

## Points of Pride

- ⇒ We kicked off our year with a great assembly called Inspire by Zach Gowen!
- ⇒ Our first PTA Meeting was successful and we began our preparations for the Johnson Color Run on October 18th!
- ⇒ Students still love our Friday Tradition of dancing in the cafeteria for lunch!

## Planning for the future:

### September 2024

9/19 - Virtual Curriculum Night

9/24 - Dine-In or Dine-Out for PTA at Applebee's

### October 2024

10/1 - No School

## Week At A Glance

Monday 9/16

Tuesday 9/17

Wednesday 9/18

Thursday 9/19

Friday 9/20



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

The wonderful staff and amazing kids!

**Some of My Favorite Things:**

**Place To Travel :**

Florida

**Foods:**

Cheesy Potatoes

**Color:**

Purple

**College:**

U of M

**TV Show:**

Jeopardy!

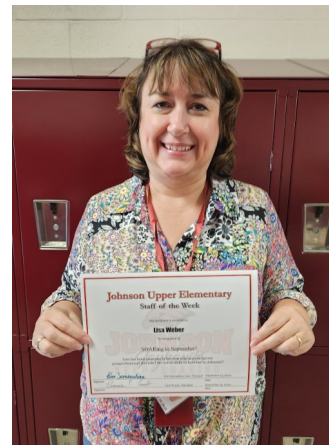
**Sports Team:**

Detroit Tigers

**School Subject:**

Math

**Staff Member of the Week**



**Mrs. Weber**

**My hobbies:**

Bowling and Euchre.

# PTA Updates

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Don't forget to join PTA! When you join the Johnson PTA, you are showing your support for our students and staff. It does NOT mean you need to volunteer. Please become a member today.

<https://johnsonelementary.givebacks.com/>

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out <https://www.johnsonupperspiritwear.com/> to order some Johnson clothing today.

Feel free to reach our PTA at [johnsonupperpta@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonupperpta@gmail.com) with any ideas or questions you may have.

## PTA Dine-In 9/24/24

Please mark on your calendars the opportunity to Dine-Out or Dine-In at Applebee's Westland for our PTA on Tuesday, September 24th. A portion of the proceeds will go back to Johnson PTA. Applebee's is located at 36475 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185 . Looking forward to seeing you there!

--Save the date for our next PTA meeting on October 7th at 6 pm. We can't wait to share what we have planned for this fall!

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## Johnson Upper Elementary School

Today begins a very important and fun way to raise money for students of

### Johnson Upper Elementary School

We want to promote a healthy lifestyle to our students. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting the Johnson Upper Elementary Color Run. We have teamed up with *Get Movin'@* to make this event fun and profitable with online mobile friendly technology!

This is our ONE big fundraiser for the year! All funds raised during this event will go directly to our school through classroom supplies, field trips, special assemblies, SOAR store and celebrations, Reading Month, staff appreciation, and more. Please help us reach our goal by sharing your student's webpage with friends and family via social media, text messages, and email. We truly appreciate your support!

#### Follow these 3 Simple Steps to get to goal fast!

1. First [Register](#) or re-[Login](#) to your parent dashboard and complete your child's student webpage with a PICTURE at [getmovinfundhub.com](http://getmovinfundhub.com).  
*School Identifier: 64eb691096aeb*
2. Make an online donation using the red Donate button right away
3. Share with friends and family, they want to help!
  - Send 5-8 emails and/or text messages
  - Post Facebook or Twitter
  - Help your child reach their goal in 24/48 hours



#### Student Goals!

- Our goal is to have 100% of all students registered online! It's easy, FREE, and takes few quick minutes!
- Each student is encouraged to raise \$50.00
- Be an Overachiever Superstar by raising \$150.00

### OUR TOTAL SCHOOL GOAL is \$20,000.00

#### Event Details:

- **Event Date:** [October 18, 2024](#)
- **Final Donation due date:** [10/24/2024 11:59 PM](#)
  - Donations in the form of cash & checks (in-school donations), should be turned in to the school office.
  - Please make checks payable to: Johnson Elementary PTA

**\*\*See other side for our awesome incentives\*\***



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## Student Rewards and Incentives

Johnson Upper Elem. School has fantastic STUDENT INCENTIVES for all students to earn!

We're offering Rewards and Incentives for individuals, classrooms, and an incentive for the entire school to enjoy as a team. Incentives were created to reward all students!

### WHEN WE RAISE:

Register and share info- receive a waterproof Johnson sticker and sunglasses

Raise \$25- candy prize

Raise \$50 – Jayhawk croc charm

Raise \$100- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize + candy prize

Raise \$125 - Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

Raise \$150- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

Raise \$175- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

Raise \$200- Raffle ticket to enter to win a prize

~Highest overall earner for each grade (one in 5th, one in 6th) will be principal and assistant principal for the day

- Highest earning 5th grade classroom- choice of pizza, popcorn or ice cream party
- Highest earning 6th grade classroom- choice of pizza, popcorn or ice cream party
- Highest earning classroom overall- extra recess for 1 day
- Top 2 highest raising classroom teachers each get a \$75 Amazon gift card. Teacher must be a PTA member.

Raise \$20,000- We will do something fun! (Last year Mr. Traub and Mrs. Samouelian were pied)

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Order Your **YEARBOOK**



Save 10% when you order by September 30.

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

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## Hand feed Monarch butterflies and release your own at **George's Livonia Gardens** Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 21st & 22nd

### EVENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Feed the butterflies to prepare them for their long journey to their over-wintering site in Mexico. Learn about their migration route, over-wintering behavior and return.
- Receive your own Monarch butterfly to release in a personalized keepsake envelope with the tag number, tracking info, and websites with information about their incredible journey.
- Seed ball activity for children under 13
- Cider and donuts



**Cost: \$18.00 per ticket**  
**Sessions: 9/21 Saturday**  
**@ 11:00am and 2:00pm,**  
**9/22 Sunday @ 1:00pm**

*All guests must have a ticket to attend. Free admission for children under 2 years old, accompanied by a ticketed adult.*



### ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - PURCHASE ONLINE OR IN STORE BY SEPT. 15TH

Eventbrite link for online purchase is on our Facebook Page!

Purchase tickets in store or by phone at:

**George's Livonia Gardens**

31405 7 Mile, Livonia, MI 48152 // 248-476-6719

georgeslivoniagardens@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/GeorgesLivoniaGardens









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## Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU September 2024

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				**UPPER EL 3 <sup>rd</sup> CHOICE OPTIONS** Turkey & Cheese and Ham & Cheese Wraps Offered Daily		
09/01	02  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	03 <b>MINI CORN DOGS</b> (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	04 <b>DOMINO'S DAY</b>  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	05 <b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	06 <b>CHEESE BOSCO STICKS</b> (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	07
08	09 <b>NACHO SUPREME</b> (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) <b>GRILLED CHEESE</b> (31g Carbs)	10 <b>CRUNCHY TACO STICK</b> (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) <b>GRILLED CHEESE</b> (31g Carbs)	11 <b>DOMINO'S DAY</b>  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs <b>GRILLED CHEESE</b> (31g Carbs)	12 <b>MEATBALL SUB</b> (26g Carbs) Fruit/Vegetable (Carbs Vary) <b>GRILLED CHEESE</b> (31g Carbs)	13 <b>CHEESY BREADSTICKS</b> (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) <b>GRILLED CHEESE</b> (31g Carbs)	14
15	16 <b>SOUTHWEST PULL-APART</b> (33g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) Fruit <b>MUNCHABLE</b>	17 <b>CHICKEN NUGGETS</b> (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) <b>MUNCHABLE</b>	18 <b>DOMINO'S DAY</b>  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs <b>MUNCHABLE</b>	19 <b>ROTINI W/MEAT SC</b> (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) <b>MUNCHABLE</b>	20 <b>CALZONE</b> (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	21
22 <i>Autumn Begins</i> 	23 <b>PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES</b> (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) <b>TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS</b> (17g Carbs)	24 <b>TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS</b> (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) <b>TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS</b> (17g Carbs)	25 <b>DOMINO'S DAY</b>  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs <b>TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS</b> (17g Carbs)	26 <b>TACO IN A BAG</b> (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) <b>TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS</b> (17g Carbs)	27 <b>CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH</b> (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) <b>TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS</b> (17g Carbs)	28
29	30 <b>PIZZA CRUNCHERS</b> (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit (Carbs Vary) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	10/01 <b>NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	02 <b>DOMINO'S DAY</b>  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	03 <b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	04 <b>CHEESE BOSCO STICKS</b> (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) <b>YOGURT PARFAIT</b> (38g Carbs)	05

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**ICHAT:** Our parent volunteers are awesome and we could not do it without you! If you will be volunteering at Johnson or driving students for field trips, LPS requires you to have a completed iChat background check approved prior to the event. Completing the form is simple and quick. Go to [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) click on the "Parents" tab, then click on "Forms" and click on the iChat box to access the form.

**Student Emergency Cards:** We ask that ALL Jayhawk families go onto parent connect and review their student information that is listed. Please confirm your emergency contact information. This information is added to the PINK STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD we print for students. Emergency cards will be printed on Tuesday, September 3 and we ask that all data be updated and confirmed by that time. Thank you for helping up keep your kids safe!

**Food Update:** Students will receive free breakfast and lunch from the state of Michigan regardless of income status. If your student would like to purchase snacks from our snack bar, please know that they can use cash or you can put money on their lunch account by going to the "Parent" tab on the LPS web page, then click on "My Payments Plus Student Lunch Accounts" and you can put money on their account for use at the lunch snack bar.

**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!

**SACC:** Affordable School Aged Child Care, is still available at Johnson. Simply call (734) 744-2966 to make arrangements for your students before or after school caregiver needs. SACC opens at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm daily.

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**Transportation:** In order to receive Bus Transportation, you must live in an area eligible for transportation and you MUST apply for transportation. If you believe your student is eligible for transportation, simply apply for bus service following the steps on the attached transportation information form at the end of this newsletter. If you want to see if you have transportation, simply login to Parent Connect and you will be able to see your student's transportation arrangements if they have been completed. If you have applied for transportation and still have not received transportation, we encourage you to reach out to transportation directly at (734)744-2156.

**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)** - FREE weekend meals and snack packs are available for those families that could use a little extra help. Johnson has teamed up with Blessings in a Backpack to offer weekend meal assistance to families that are struggling for whatever reason. A form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience. Simply complete the form and have your student return it to the office. Mid September, delivery will begin.

**Back to school Helpers:** We know that heading back to school and getting back into a routine can be a source of stress for kids and families. We are here to help with those days that are just not going perfect! We have two amazing staff members here to help our students transition back into the classroom. Ms. Dimmer and Ms. Jablonski are here to assist students with those first week jitters and help provide a familiar face. If you have a student that could benefit from their help, please reach out to the office and we will be sure to arrange a conversation to help your student!

**Emergency Drills:** As we head back to school, student safety is always a priority. We will be having several different drills coming up to acclimate the students to emergency procedures. We encourage you to let students know we are working in their best interest and we ask that they follow instructions given by staff during these drills so we can ease their concerns and keep them safe. Thank you for working with your students and supporting our safety drills.

**“Great things often start off small.”**

**- James and the Giant Peach**

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