

Johnston JCC

October 2024

Happy Fall, Johnston Families!

We hope this first month of school has been a positive, pleasant, and reassuring experience for you and your students. We're excited to share some important updates as we continue to build on our school year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Grades 3-5 will have their one night of student-led showcase on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 in an Open House format from 3:30 - 5:45 pm. There is no need to sign up for grades 3 - 5. Why are we trying this format? The student-led showcase empowers students to take ownership of their learning and foster positive parent-child interactions. It's also a time when students demonstrate responsibility for being active participants in their education and show pride in their academic performance by providing a review of their work for their adults. This opportunity allows students to set goals along with their caretakers and teachers in academic and social areas.

Grades K-2/3 combo conferences will be our traditional conferences which will take place over two nights of conferences: Thursday, October 17th, and Tuesday, October 22nd from 3:45-6:30 pm. These 15-minute conferences aim to discuss your child's academic progress and his or her overall school experience. We'll share insights into their strengths, areas for growth, and explore strategies to support their success. Together, we can create a plan to address any challenges and ensure their continued academic development.

We will be using Signup.com again to sign up for Grades K - 2/3 combo classroom conference times. Please look for information to come at a later date.

Safety First

Creating a safe learning environment is our top priority. We regularly practice safety drills to ensure our students and staff are prepared for emergencies. Please be assured that we will communicate with you immediately in the event of a true emergency. Most importantly, please ensure your contact information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus. We've noticed some outdated phone numbers and want to make sure we can reach you promptly in case of an emergency or illness. Please take a moment to verify your phone numbers and email addresses.

School Attendance and Timeliness

Consistent attendance and punctuality are crucial for academic success. Please remember: School begins at 8:22 a.m. Parents/guardians can excuse absences for up to 10 days. Beyond that, documentation is required. Please report absences to the school by 9:00 a.m. If your child is late, please bring them to the office to sign them in.

Traffic and Parking

At times, parking and traffic around Johnston are frustrating, but please help us ensure our students' safety. Traffic and parking rules around schools are created for the safety of our students. Please follow all posted signs. To avoid traffic congestion, a suggestion is to park further away from school and let your child cross the street with a crossing guard, safety patrol member, or a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Never let your child cross between parked cars or mid-block! The school parking lot is NOT a drop-off zone; this is due to the fact that many students cross in front of the lot on the sidewalk. Reducing the traffic in/out allows for our students to walk safely near this parking lot.

As we enter the crisp, autumn months, we encourage you to continue to support your child's learning and growth. By working together as a school community, we can create a nurturing and inspiring environment where students can thrive. Thank you for your continued partnership. Happy Fall!

Respectfully,



MaiKou Heu
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

October 3: Latin Heritage Movie Night 5pm at Johnston
October 12: Mustang Mile
October 17: Picture Retake Day
October 25: No School
October 31: Halloween!

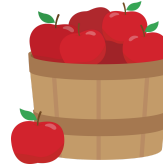
THIS MONTH IN PHY. ED.

The K-2nd Grade students have warmed up and acclimated to our rules, routines, and procedures in the gym. This month we will continue to work on our 8 Locomotor movements (walk, run, gallop, slide, skip, hop, jump, and leap). Then we will start to work on eye hand coordination and tracking through different throwing and catching activities. Both our locomotor movements unit and eye hand coordination unit make great activities for students to work on at home.

This past month the 3rd-5th Grade students have been working hard at developing, teamwork, problem solving, and communication skills with their peers. We are now wrapping up our fitness testing which measures the different Health Related Fitness Components. In the month of October, students will continue to work on improving in those different fitness areas as well as begin the throwing and catching unit.

Also, in the month of October we have some awesome movement opportunities for our students. Up first is the Tough Kids Challenge at Highlands Elementary on Oct. 5th. Shortly after we have our Mustang Mile on Oct. 12th. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Mr. Weinzetl
Weinzetljordan@aasd.k12.wi.us



Welcome to **STEM**



What is STEM?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Together, STEM encourages us to explore, create, and solve problems through hands-on experiences!

STEM in Elementary School

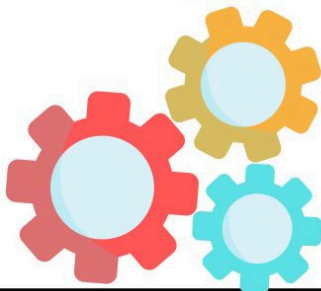
Students will have STEM one time per week for 50 minutes!

Focus:

- critical thinking
- engineering & design
- communication & collaboration
- technology literacy

STEM Experiences

Circuitry
LEGO Education
Project Lead The Way
Geometry, Measurement & Data
3D Printing
Coding & Robotics
Engineering Design Process
Energy & Forces
Space & Flight
Environmentalism



JOIN US!

Save the date for our upcoming annual Family Dinner & Community Resources Night

Date: Thursday, November 21st
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Venue: Johnston Elementary School (Gym/MPR)

Watch out for the flyers with registration forms that will be coming home with the youngest and only.

For questions, please email:
tomorikikelomo@aasd.k12.wi.us OR
abuchmiller@ymcafoxcities.org



SAFTEY PATROL

Week of October 1- October 4

Kayden J Gabby D
Noah G Haven B
Bennett t

Week of October 21 - October-24

Henry C Saleenah T
Elizabeth W Kaylin G
Gabby D

Week of October 7 - October 11

Sebastian P Samantha S
Thomas A Daisy M
Daniel P

Week of October 28- November 1

Ellyanna K Noah G
Samantha S Liam R
Dane S

Week of October 14 - October 18

Aria L Kayden J
Blake L Liam R
Carter B



Counselor
CORNER

October Life Long Skills

Each month I will give you information about the topics that your students will be learning during Lifelong Skills (LLS); LLS are my lessons that all students receive twice a month.

October Topics:

LESSON 1: Positive Friendships
LESSON 2: Bullying Awareness & Prevention

Unity Day
Wed. 10/16

Wear **ORANGE** to show your support for the Anti-Bullying Movement!

Visit: www.pacer.org to learn more!

Lesson Information

Positive Friendships: Students will learn about how to make friends, include others, and respect boundaries.

Bullying Awareness & Prevention: Students learn about the difference between being a bully and being mean. Students will learn strategies to help them as well as when to report.

- **BULLY:** A person who repeatedly mistreats someone daily and targets one specific person. Additionally, there is usually an imbalance of power.
- **BEING MEAN:** Someone who does something unkind on a non-regular basis.

Let's Connect!

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(920) 852-5505

Want to refer your child? Follow QR Code below!

SURVEY FOR GRADES 3-5

JOHNSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Johnston School, in partnership with parents and community, promotes and challenges the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of all children in an inclusive, diverse environment.



2725 E. Forest Street, Appleton, WI 54915 | Phone: (920) 852-5505 | Fax: (920) 852-5506 | MAIKOU HEU, PRINCIPAL
TAMMY L'ABORDE, DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dear Johnston Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our district. Appleton Area School District values input from our community – and we need to hear from your students! Students are important partners as we work to improve our communication, academic program, and overall experience for everyone.

In order to learn more about student experiences at Johnston, we will be asking for student feedback from grades 3-5 via an online survey they will be completing at school. The survey shouldn't take more than 25 minutes to complete. Their feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on: **teacher/student relationships, sense of belonging and school safety.** We will also be surveying students to self-reflect on their social and emotional learning skills in the areas of: **classroom effort, learning strategies, self-management, social awareness, and social perspective-taking.**

If you have any questions about the survey administration, or want to opt-out your student from taking the survey, please don't hesitate to contact us at (920) 852-5505 or labordetammy@asds.k12.wi.us / lorver@asds.k12.wi.us.

3-5 Year Old Developmental Screenings

Appleton Area School District offers free developmental screenings for all children between the ages of Birth-5 prior to Kindergarten.

Children must live in the Appleton Area School District. We encourage all families to come to a screening, preferably before attending 4K.

Parents/guardians do not need to have concerns to schedule a screening.

The Developmental Screening is designed to:

- **Educate** families about typical child development and growth
- **Develop/Expand** awareness of available community resources
- **Identify** young children in need of further assessment

The Screening looks at all areas of child development including:

- How your child talks
- How your child listens
- How your child thinks
- How your child moves
- How your child uses their hands

The district offers many programs and services for children who may need support before kindergarten to achieve school success.

Schedule Your Child's Screening

Contact our Screening Administrative Assistant at (920) 832-6109.

Screenings are held at the Community Early Learning Center, 313 S. State St., Appleton, WI 54911.

Screening appointments are held during the school year from September through March.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact:

Tanya Armstrong
3-5 Developmental Screening Coordinator
(920) 832-6209 ext. 2914
[email](mailto:tarmstrong@asds.k12.wi.us)

We also offer free vision and hearing screenings.

Is your child younger than 3?

Please reach out and we will set up a universal screening with Early Intervention Services (Birth-3).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are collecting box tops for our school! You can download the app on your phone and upload or scan your receipts to earn us points! Just be sure to select Johnston Elementary/ Montessori as your school of choice and all rewards will come directly to us. We hope you can help us by earning rewards for our school!

SCHOOL NURES LETTER

HEALTH SERVICES * P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 * 920-852-5344
Meningococcal Disease

As you may be aware, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) made recent and very important changes to Wisconsin's administrative code (Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 144), which outlines immunization requirements for school entry. This change includes adding Meningococcal ACWY-containing vaccines to the requirements for students entering seventh grade, and a booster dose for eligible students entering 12th grade. This change comes after an increase in meningococcal cases seen in the US. As of March 25, 2024, the CDC reported 143 cases of meningococcal disease in the United States, which is a 75% increase from the same time period in 2023. This is the highest number of cases reported since 2014. The CDC notes that the increase in cases is mainly due to the serogroup Y, which can be prevented with vaccination. For additional information about these vaccines, please discuss with your student's provider or visit CDC Meningococcal Vaccination Information.

October 5th is World Meningitis Day. Meningitis is one of the most common types of meningococcal disease. The observance aims to raise awareness about meningitis, its symptoms, and vaccines that can help prevent it. Visit the World Meningitis Website here to learn more—Meningitis Research Foundation.

What is meningitis?

Meningitis is the swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord (the meninges) and is usually caused by a bacterial, fungal or viral infection.

What are some common symptoms of meningitis?

Fever, headache and stiff neck. There could also be other symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, eyes being more sensitive to light and confusion.

For more information about meningitis and other types of meningococcal disease, please visit the CDC website—CDC Meningococcal Disease




JOHNSTON MUSTANG MILE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
9:00AM

RACE FREE TO ALL FAMILIES!

CLASS WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS EARNS A SPECIAL REWARD!

RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES!
BOUNCE HOUSE
FACE PAINTING

SCAN TO REGISTER!



MUSTANG MILE

RAFFLE

- GAMES (BOARD, CARD, ETC)
- ELECTRONIC GADGETS
- TOYS
- ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES
- OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT
- SUMMER GAMES/TOYS
- WINTER GAMES/TOYS

DONATIONS

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT:

Johnston Elementary
Mondays to Fridays • 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.



Any Questions?
Contact reinholdanna@asds.k12.wi.us

UPCOMING AASD EVENT!

We're excited to announce our upcoming event for AASD parents/guardians, Fall into Wellness, on Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Einstein Middle School. Our event will feature 2 breakout sessions - Appleton Police Department will present about keeping youth safe online and with social media and Community Action for Healthy Living (CAHL) will be presenting on the risks of youth vaping and tips for families, a panel discussion focusing on mental health, with expert panelists offering valuable insights and tips for supporting your youth and family's well-being. We encourage you to attend these discussions and participate in the Q&A sessions.

Additionally, don't miss out on our resource fair, where you can connect with community vendors offering mental health services, AODA information, and other programming available to families within the community. Although the discussions are geared towards grades 3-12, the resource fair will cater to all ages, with a special focus on middle school families. We've planned an engaging lineup of activities and discussions to promote family wellness. Be sure to join us for the chance to win some fantastic door prizes. We're dedicated to promoting family bonding and healthy choices, and we look forward to seeing you at the event!

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of shorts (size XS- XL) for our extra clothes closet!

If you have any that you would like to donate please bring them to the office!

Thank you!



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DO YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK?

Awesome, so do we! Like our page to see updates, events, and fun tidbits!

