Jayhawk Journal



Week of October 7 - 11

Principal's Corner

This week we have so many things to celebrate! I would like to give a huge thank you to our staff that work so hard to make so many things happen for our students. I cannot tell you how happy I am to watch our SOAR Clubs while they are happening, such a great thing put on by our wonderful staff. This was the first club of many throughout the year. Please take the time to talk to your students to see what they enjoyed about it, and come up with a plan to help them earn SOAR Bucks for the next round!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Ms. Rusinowski is our school psychologist here at Johnson. She is in her second year here and brings so many good ideas to the building. She works very hard to support the students, and always goes above and beyond to meet their needs. She is always willing to lend a helping hand with her colleagues. She has a positive attitude and is kind to others, we are so thankful to have her with us!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This week we will have conferences set up.

This is the perfect time to sit with your child's teacher to check-in and see what progress they have made this year. Conferences will take place starting on Wednesday night after school. Conferences will also take place during the morning, afternoon, and evening on Thursday. Please reach out to your teacher to make sure that you have scheduled your conference for this week. We take pride in working with our families to make our students successful!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Spirit Days were a huge hit and students and staff did a great job together!
- ⇒ Our first set of SOAR Clubs happened this week. This continues to be one of the highlights or our building!
- ⇒ Our staff worked well together to utilize our PD Day to look over data, and help tailor resources and curriculum to help our students be successful at school!



Planning for the future: October 2024

10/7 - PTA Meeting

10/9 - Night Conferences

10/10 - Parent Conferences

10/10 - No School.

10/18 - Color Run p.m.

10/18 - Picture Retakes a.m.

Week At A Glance

Monday 10/7

Tuesday 10/8

Wednesday 10/9

Thursday 10/10 No School

Friday 10/11

My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Working with the people that I work with. It is an amazing place to be.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel:

Texas

Foods:

Too picky to have one!

Color:

Yellows

College:

University of Detroit-Mercy

TV Show:

Criminal Minds

Sports Team:

Tigers

School Subject:

Math

Staff Member of the Week



Ms. Rusinowski

My hobbies:

Reading and love to spend time with my family.

PTA Updates

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Thank you to everyone that has joined PTA! There is still time to become a member. 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 with any ideas or questions you may have.

Color Run Update

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your support. We are getting close to our goal, and have currently raised over \$17,000. Let's get those students registered and reach our goal of \$20,000! Thank you to everyone that has registered and donated! We will be asking for volunteers to help with the Color Run. Make sure you have filled out the iChat form so you'll be all set for the year when it comes to helping at the school.

Click here for the ichat form

--Save the date for our next PTA meeting on October 7th at 6 pm. We will be raffling off Target gift cards next week to show our appreciation for joining!

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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. 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
 - o 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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Dear Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success and improved mental health.

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: October 7th-11th Location: Library Media Center

Family Event schedule and location: The fair will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences

There's even more info on our school's Book Fair homepage:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/johnsonupperelementarysch1

While you're there, set up a Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash. Then share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds.

When you fund an eWallet, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called Share the FairTM. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair

Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Happy reading,

Thomas Traub
Principal
Johnson Upper Elementary

PS: Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school!

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HEALTH CHECKLIST

When should I keep my student home from school?

- If your student is running a fever, or has run a fever in the past 24 hours (The CDC states that students be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine prior to returning to school).
- If your student has vomited in the past 24 hours, or is very nauseous.
- If your student has any type of infectious disease (i.e. pink eye, strep throat, head lice, influenza, etc).
- It is more difficult to determine whether your student should stay home when he/she has a runny nose, persistent cough, stomach ache, headache, etc.

Some rules of thumb to consider are:

- Will your students be able to manage his/her symptoms during the 7-hour school day? (Remember, we cannot administer, or allow students to bring and self-administer, "over the counter" meds, such as cough drops, cold medicine, Tylenol, etc).
- Will he/she be able to concentrate on schoolwork, complete assignments, participate in class and the daily routine?
- Are the symptoms likely to infect other students who will be in close proximity?
- Would I want a fellow classmate with the same symptoms to be sitting next to, or across from, my student all day?

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students healthy!

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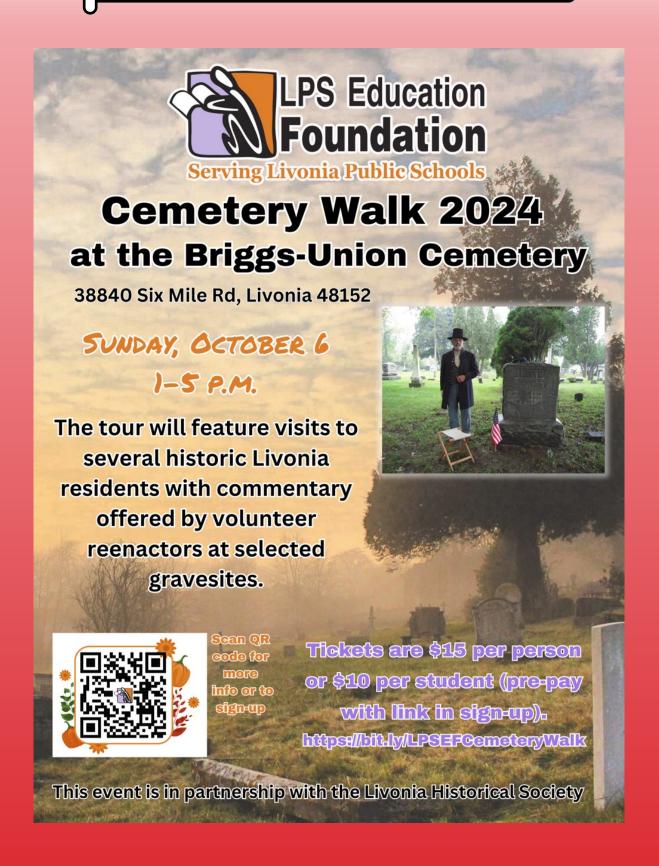
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 11/15/2024

Questions? Send an email to: reflections@livoniaptsacouncil.org

Scan to visit LPTSAC Reflections site for official Rules and Entry Form



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



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D.O. IT FOR DENNY TAKE WHAT YOU NEED STATIONS

Your students are invited to come to the nest to take what they need! This is accessible to every student in the school. If your student needs any of these items, please encourage them to visit the nest and let someone know what they need.

INCLUDED ITEMS

Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, Hair Care Products, Feminine Care Products, Socks, Underwear and more!





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JOHNSON POSITIVE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

	EXPECTATIONS MATRIX KEEP SOURING										
	ANTI-BULLYING BE AN UPSTANDER	BUS	ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE	HALLWAYS	CLASSROOMS	ELECTRONICS SOCIAL MEDIA	BATHROOMS	CAFETERIA	RECESS/ PLAYGROUND		
STAY SAFE	Talk: Report to an adult immediately	Keep body to self Stay in seat until bus stops Face front, sit up Indoor voice Follow adult directions	Walk Keep body to self Quiet Stay in line Follow Adult directions	Walk (on right side of hall) Keep body to self Silent Stay in your spot in line	Walk Keep body to self Use objects appropriately Use furniture safely Ask permission to leave	Phones are turned off and in locker during school School appropriate content Treat others with respect online Do not share personal information	Walk Wash hands with soap Keep water in sink Report all problems to an adult immediately Return to class immediately	Walk Keep body to self Ask permission to leave	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	Observe: Look for others that need a friend Make an effort to include	Put trash in trash can Do not damage bus property Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus	Be polite, greet others Keep areas clean Hold the door for others	Put trash in trash can Be respectful of displays or student work	Keep our school clean Keep desk and locker clean/ organized Greet visitors politely	Log off when done Put devices away after use Charge equipment after use	Put trash in trash can Respect school property Flush (toilet paper only) Turn off water when done Report all problems to an adult immediately	Clean up after yourself Put trash in trash can Help clean table tops and under tables	Put trash in trash can Take care of equipment Take care of school property		
ACT RESPONSIBLY	Walk: Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away	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	Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch boxetc.) Stand/sit in line appropriately Quiet voice Follow directions	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	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	Use equipment with care Put devices away and charge them after use Visit only approved sites Follow teacher directions	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	Keep track of your lunch / lunch box Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands) Help others clean up	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	Stop: Interrupt and model respect, rather than watch or join in	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	Follow directions Be aware of others and personal space Use respectful words, body language, and voice Stay in your spot in line	Quiet voice Respect personal space Be friendly, give nice greetings Use manners	Follow directions Raise hand to speak Use respectful words, body language, and voice Solve problems peacefully	Treat others with respect online Share/take turns Sign out when done	Respect privacy of others Respect personal space Use respectful words, body language, and voice Use patience and wait your turn	Follow directions Use respectful words, body language, and voice Stay in your spot in line Be polite and use manners	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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Book Fair: It will take place from October 7th-11th and will be open during Parent Teacher Conferences. More information will follow this week ahead!

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 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.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

- Mahatma Gandhi