

Jayhawk Journal



Week of October 21 - 25

Principal's Corner

This week we were able to celebrate with our Color Run! A special thank you to our PTA and Volunteers who helped make this happen. Our community reached our goal, and we are so excited to use the money to help plan out a fun school year. We were also able to unveil our new mascot, Jerry the Jayhawk! He has been a great addition to our school and it was so much fun to see him interact with our students during the Color Run. Please check out the upcoming schedule for Spirit Week. So much fun ahead!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Ms. Cleveland is a 5th Grade Teacher here at Johnson. She is an amazing teacher and always does her best for her students. Her fun attitude is contagious and makes our school a happier place to be. The students and staff here at Johnson respect her and love working with her. She has been proving herself to be an academic leader and helpful resource for others. We are so lucky to have her!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on using the SOAR Matrix (see attached) to discuss expectations for electronics and social media. I encourage you to take the time to discuss with your student on how they use the internet or technology to interact with other students. So many things can be discussed about safety and responsibility with students of this age. SOAR Clubs will happen again on Friday, November 1st. It will be 10 SOAR Bucks, so discuss a plan on how your student can earn that this time around.

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our Community reached our fundraising goal of \$20,000. GREAT JOB!
- ⇒ Our new school mascot, Jerry the Jayhawk made his debut for students!
- ⇒ Color Run was an absolute blast! Perfect weather, great staff, students, PTA and volunteers made this event!



Planning for the future:

October 2024

10/24 - Skate Night @
Skatin Station 6 p.m.

10/25 - 11/1 - Spirit Week

November 2024

11/1 - SOAR Clubs

Week At A Glance

Monday 10/21

Tuesday 10/22

Wednesday 10/23

Thursday 10/24

Friday 10/25

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The wonderful students!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Anywhere New

Foods:

Chocolate and Bread

Color:

Green and Pink

College:

Michigan State

TV Show:

Hannah Montana

Sports Team:

Green Bay Packers

School Subject:

ELA and Social Studies

Staff Member of the Week



Ms. Cleveland

My hobbies:

Reading, going to Target.

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.johnsonupperpiritwear.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

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful community for all of your donations. We were able to hit our target of over \$20,000. Your donations will be able to help with so many activities and celebrations for our staff and students throughout the year! Just a quick reminder, that we will be accepting donations all the way up until October 24th.

--Save the date for our next PTA meeting on November 12th at 6 pm.
Congrats to our Target Gift Card Winners: Sam Slack and Pamela Johnson! Thank you for joining PTA!

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Spirit Week October 25 - November 1



Friday October 25 - Michigan vs. Michigan State Day! (What colors are you wearing?)



Monday October 28 - Stand Up 2 Cancer Day (Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness or wear other bright colors)



Tuesday October 29 - Jersey Day (Wear the colors or jersey of your favorite sports team!)



Wednesday October 30 - Fall Frenzy Day (Vests, Flannels....Dress all thing Fall!)



Thursday October 31 - Dress for Halloween (Costumes must be school appropriate, no masks or toy weapons)



Friday November 1 - Relax and Roll Into November (Pajama Day)



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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](#)
 - 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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Livonia Public Schools UPPER ELEMENTARY MENU October 2024

<p>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</p>						<p>03 MACARONI & CHEESE (38g Carbs) Roll (15g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>04 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>				<p>05</p>
<p>06</p>	<p>07 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>08 CRUNCHY TACO STICK (32g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Green Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>09 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES</p>	<p>11 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>12</p>					
<p>13 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK PIRATE THEME </p>	<p>14 BURRITO (41g Carbs) Cilantro-Lime Rice (39g Carbs) Peas & Carrots (10g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>15 CHICKEN NUGGETS (13g Carbs) Roll (19g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>16 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>17  PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SUB (32g Carbs) Fruit/Vegetable (Carbs Vary) MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>18 CALZONE (35g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Fruit MUNCHABLE</p>	<p>19</p>					
<p>20</p>	<p>21 PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BITES (37g Carbs) Potato (30g Carbs) Juice (16g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/ CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>22 TWIN MINI CHEESEBURGERS (30g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>23 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>24 TACO IN A BAG (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) Carrot Coins (6g Carbs) TURKEY/CHEESE STICKS W/ WG CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>25 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH (39g Carbs) Corn (13g Carbs) TURKEY / CHEESE STICKS W/CRACKERS (17g Carbs)</p>	<p>26</p>					
<p>27</p>	<p>28 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (41g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) Fruit (Carbs Vary) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>29 MINI CORN DOGS (24g Carbs) Baked Beans (29g Carbs) Tater Tots (30g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>30 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>31 PUMPKIN PRETZEL (31g Carbs) Cheese Cup (13g Carbs) Green Beans (3g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs) <i>Happy Halloween!</i></p>	<p>11/01 CHEESE BOSCO STICKS (17g Carbs) Dipping Sauce (6g Carbs) YOGURT PARFAIT (38g Carbs)</p>	<p>02</p>					
<p>03 "FALL BACK"  Set Clocks Back 1 Hour First Sunday In November</p>	<p>04 NACHO SUPREME (35g Carbs) Salsa (19g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>05 NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT T</p>	<p>06 DOMINO'S DAY  CHEESE 30g Carbs PEPPERONI 29g Carbs GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>07 ROTINI W/MEAT SC (24g Carbs) Roll (16g Carbs) Broccoli (4g Carbs) Grilled Cheese (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>08 CHEESY BREADSTICKS (28g Carbs) Marinara Sauce (8g Carbs) Sweet Peas (11g Carbs) GRILLED CHEESE (31g Carbs)</p>	<p>09</p>					

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



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NATIONAL PTA
REFLECTIONS

2024-2025

CALL FOR
ENTRIES!

Accepting Imperfection

Explore the arts and express yourself!



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

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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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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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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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.

“Every star shines a little differently.”

- Anonymous

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